

Fort. St. George 12th April 1755.

make in case you stand in need of his Assistance. He I conclude you
those which he intends to make should he find himself in
the same Case. His Intention is if the Rajah makes any
Motion towards Trichinopoly to attack his Place & begs you
will sally out at the same Time & fall upon the Front of his
Army. I am Dear Major Your most Obedient humble

Springham

29 March 1755.

Servant Will Pembold

From Major Hillpatrick to Mr. Du Saupay

Sir

The Intelligence you have favoured me with serves
to strengthen & confirm the good Opinion I ever entertained of
Mr. Du Saupay & to be free with You is what I have been in
daily Expectation of for the Rajah's evil Intentions have been
no secret to me for some Time past.

Your open & Honourable way of acting Sir I think
requires an equal Return from me & I must therefore acquaint
you that as I have from your Informations Reason to apprehend
some Treachery within here, I don't think it consistent
with the Safety of this Garrison to make any Sally during the
Night, the Fidelity of my European Force I am afraid of, &
think I could answer for the Troops of both which I have a
Number sufficient to oppose a much more considerable Force
than the Rajah's were it on the open Plain. The treacherous
Nature of the Rajah gives me Reason to think that it may
not be towards us only his ill Designs are formed and that
you who are more exposed to him may probably be the Object.
In which Case if you should stand in need of any Assistance
from hence let me know, & I am ready to send you any
Force which you think necessary & I can spare, to remain
under your Orders at Springham, but I cannot think of
detaching any from hence in the Night or opening the City
Gates.

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Should I be attack'd in the Night Sir, for in the Day I think it hardly possible I will burn two Blue Lights on the Rocks & fire three Guns in which case any Assistance you can afford me will be very acceptable. I am &c.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
& Governour &c. Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

I am favour'd with your Letter of the 17th Instant, which Nothing could have given me greater Satisfaction, As it did at once calm the Peoples Disquiet and relieve me from great Uneasiness on that Account.

The Allowance of half Ratta will I think be fully sufficient especially as We may now hope in a few Months to see every thing in greater Plenty here, which the Nabob and Myself have been long endeavouring to forward and have taken every Method which appear'd to be conducive to it. It was with no small Concern however, I observe you seem to express some Displeasure that your Orders should not so readily take place here as in other Garrisons, give me Leave to assure you they were punctually complied with, and if I took the Liberty to represent to you the Inconveniences attending them I beg you will do me the Justice to believe Nothing but the most urgent Necessity, the Dangerous Situation of the place, and the utmost Ardour and concern for its Safety could have induc'd me to it. I have Prisoners some of the Mysore Ralloway's head Bramins who I am inform'd have been endeavouring to corrupt our People with Money to deliver him the Fort. I shall order a Court of Inquiry to sit on them to morrow, the Proceedings of which I shall transmit to you & wait your further Orders. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most obed^t & amothol Serv^t W^m Millpatrick.

Trichinopoly
3. April 1755.

To

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Fort St. George 19th March 1755.

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with others from the Garrison - I have just now received the Honour
of your Letter of the 4.th Instant and will carefully avoid all
unnecessary Expence in this Garrison, I will also supply Colonel
Heron with what Stores can be spared from hence. I have

Trichinopoly

13.th March 1755.

the Honour to remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Srs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant M^r Millpatrick

25.th Sent the following Answer to Major Millpatrick's above Letter

To Major Millpatrick

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 13.th If you might with-
out the least scruple have deliver'd up the French Deserters
upon the Demand of the Commandant at Springham and his
promise of Pardon and reciprocally you might have claim'd
our Men and promis'd them pardon for this was plainly our
Design in transmitting you the Copy of the Cartel with Orders
to fulfill the Terms of it. If this has not been done you will put
it in Execution immediately and observe it on all future
Occasions - In the mean time their Subsistence must be paid
by the Company. We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants,

George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney
Robert Orme - Alex. Wynch - William Perceval.

Received a Letter from the French Committee to the President dated
the 21.st Instant Entend N^o 35.

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq^r Govern^r President
String^r Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex^r Wynch
William Perceval

Since last Meeting received the following Letters from
Major

Fort St. George

25. March 1755.

Wednesday
the 26.th

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Major Heron and M^r Newton!

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President,
& Governor &c. Committee at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote to you the 22^d of February that I should begin my march for Madura the 23^d. I accordingly did so, and reached this place yesterday without any material Occurrence, in marching through the different Poligar's Country, We had a great ^{deal} of trouble in passing the heavy Cannon, as the Roads were excessive bad, as well as full of Wood, they had thrown up some breast Works in the narrow places, I imagine at first with a Design to make some Opposition, but on the Army's nearer approach, they abandon'd them, though not without first obliging part of the Sepoys to give them a Fire, which was return'd, but without any Loss to us.

After having pass'd those Woods, We came to a Stone Fort, which had it been quite finish'd would have been of considerable Strength for this part of the Country, the Madura People who were fortifying it, abandon'd it immediately, we found there some Grain, Ammunition, and four Pieces of Cannon; I have left some Troops in possession till I see whether or no it will be possible to settle Affairs amicably with these People.

On advancing the Army towards the Town of Madura, I receiv'd Intelligence that the Garrison had abandon'd it, and retir'd with their valuable Effects and Military Stores to a small Fort about four Coaps from this place, I therefore thought it most prudent to quarter the Army in the Town, till I could judge what further Steps I should take that would be most advantageous for the Company, Few or none of the Inhabitants have left the Place, they seem very well satisfied with the change of their Government.

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Government. Our Arrival here is very seasonable, as the Sandy Fields are now fit to cut, and the Time near, at which the Revenues are collected, so that I hope soon to give you a favourable Account of the Company's Affairs here, as large Summs of Money must be paid, in consequence of our being in Possession of this Place.

The Moravar Colligar's Vazeel joined me on the March and has continued with the Army ever since. He informs me his Master is very desirous of settling his Affairs with the Nabob, and being in Friendship with the English. I have wrote him by the Nabob's Consent, that provided he paid the Revenues & restor'd the Countries he had taken possession of since the commencement of the Troubles, he might be assur'd both of our Friendship and Protection.

From the unsettled State of this Country I am afraid it will be impossible thoroughly to establish the Nabob's Affairs so soon as you may expect, but I beg leave to assure you that no Time shall be lost, as it will be my earnest Endeavours to settle them as speedily, and as effectually for the Company's Interest as I possibly can, and I make no Doubt but they will receive ample Satisfaction from this Expedition; Circular Letters shall be wrote to the different Colligars as well as the People of Tinnevely to come and settle their Affairs with the Nabob, should those not have a proper Effect, I shall march a Military Force to oblige them to it.

The Town of Madura is so very extensive, being much larger than Trichinopoly, that it will require a considerable Body of Men to Garrison it properly, and as in all probability I may be under a Necessity of making different Detachments from the Army, I have wrote to Major Willpatrick

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to desire if he conveniently can, that he would send Sepoys to guard those Villages and order the three Companies I left there to join me.

I have enclosed you General Returns of the Army, and
I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant Alex^r Heron.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President
& Governour &c. Committee at Fort S. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Since writing you the 4th Instant^o have ^{been} obliged to march out with part of the Army to attack a strong Pagoda about four Coas from Maduras, where the late Governour of the Country had retired to with his Force, he had been fortifying it in the best manner he could for some time past; but on hearing of the March of these Troops, He and all his Horse secured themselves by a timely retreat, they carried with them His Elephants, Camels Treasure, and greatest part of his valuable Effects; He left Sepoys to defend the Fort, which fired on us very briskly for some Time, but on returning it with our Cannon and small Arms, they surrendered. We found a considerable quantity of Paddy and other Effects, three Brass and one Iron Cannon, a number of Malabar Guns, Gunjals and a great Quantity of Ammunition; I immediately ordered out Detachments to take possession of two other small Forts, a few Miles distant from hence, I don't hear they have any other place of Strength left.

Eight Months of the last years Revenues have been collected, the other four I hope I shall soon receive, as the Paddy is now cutting.

I have wrote to the People of Tinevelly, and should they

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they not be inclined to accommodate Affairs amicably, and pay the Tribute due to the Nabob, I purpose marching a Detachment of the Army with the Field Artillery to compel them to it.

The Officers and Soldiers have had a great Share of Fatigue on this Expedition, they have represented to me, that it has always been a Custom in the Company's Service, that all plunder taken except Guns and military Stores have been given to them, as a Recompence for the Trouble & fatigue they must necessarily undergo in this hot Climate as I am a Stranger in that particular to your Intentions, & that I might act as cautiously as possible in the Affair, I shall reserve half of the whole till I receive your Answer, if it is agreeable to you they should receive the remainder. I shall have great Satisfaction in giving it to them, as I am well assured of their Earnest Endeavours for the good of the Company's Service.

As you may properly expect the Return of the Army to Trichinopoly sooner than I have Reason at present to think our Affairs will admit of, give me leave Gentlemen to assure you that it has all along been my particular Attention, that the Company should receive all the Benefit possible from this Expedition, and I flatter myself it will fully Answer your Expectation in every Respect, provided I am not limited to too short a Time, but from the late Confusion in the Country, the principal Merchants and many of the other Inhabitants have retired, and as every place must now seem to be in a State of Tranquillity they of course will return, and I shall then be able not only to collect the Sums due, but settle every thing on so good a footing, that the Nabob and the Company may be assured of receiving their Rents regularly for the future more particularly

Trombours

9th March 1755

Writing
To the Honble
and Governor

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particularly as the Nabob has given me full Powers to settle every thing for him.

I expect Money soon from the Natom Colligat, that and all the rest I receive shall be immediately paid in to Mr. Maunsell.

I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Alex. Heron.

Lieut. Col. Presid.
of Fort St. George

A very few Days after I address'd You the 28th Janry, part of the King's Troops march'd towards Marravah, the remainder were detain'd on Account of the King's going to Combiconam, but are now set out to Join the others at Aurandangey; when the whole by Monagee's Account, will amount to 1500 Horse, 2000 Sepoys and matchlocks part of which are Gondimani's and 100 Topasses, with two Guns.

The 21st Ult^o the Nabob came to meet Monagee at Gonde botah with an Intention to dissuade them from their Expedition to Marravah, and to engage some of the Tanjore Horse, to accompany our Troops, to Tinnerelly, but as he found them fully resolv'd on it, and also expected the Assistance of our Troops, from him, he never mention'd the Letter, and they parted upon very indifferent Terms; It is certain the King has both the Mogul's and Nabob's grant of the Country he claims, of the yearly value of four Lack of Rupees, and the Nabob is under much Apprehensions what Measures they may take, if not put in possession of it, and only objects against their endeavouring to take it by Force, at this Time through fear of renewing the Troubles, the present Command-er of Marravah, having always been an Ally of the King of Mysore. I have endeavour'd to persuade them that they may

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may perhaps obtain this Country without using violent Means, and to delay the further march of their Troops, till I can receive your Orders, which they seem the more inclinable to do. I having assur'd them that should the King of Mysore assist their Enemy, the Nabob's Engagements would prevent his giving them any Succour, as they would be the Victors of the Truce.

It is reported the King is going to take into his Service Harrahsing a Jemadar who has long serv'd the King of Mysore he was here a few Days ago and receiv'd Presents of an Elephant &c.^a

I hope to be favour'd with your Orders as soon as you may Judge it proper, as also whether there is a necessity of my continuing longer at this Place, M^r Maunsell having inform'd me that the Army is no longer to be supplied with Money from hence, the receiving and forwarding of which has of late been the Chief of my Business; I am with the greatest Respect Hon^{ble} Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant And^w Newton.

By the foregoing Letter from M^r Newton and one just now receiv'd from the Nabob sent'd in the Country Correspondence No 57 it appears that the King of Tanjore & Tondamons are very much disgusted at the protection granted by Major Maron to the Moravar Colligar who was an Enemy the whole Time of the War to the Nabob and the King of Tanjore, and who keeps possession of Countries taken from them during the Troubles for the Recovery of which this last is now sending his Army.

It was far from our Intention to enter into any Engagements prejudicial to the King of Tanjore, and

Colonel

Tanjore the
4th March 1755.

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Colonel Heron was particularly cautioned in his first Instructions carefully to preserve his Friendship. It is therefore surprising that Major Heron should take such a Step, especially against the Advice of the Nabob, a Step which may prove of the worst Consequence if a timely Remedy is not applied. The Friendship of the Moravar is by no means to be put in the Scale against that of the King of Tanjore and Pondicherry whose Alliance, to say nothing of their past Services is absolutely necessary for the Security of Trichinopoly.

Agreed therefore

That Directions be immediately sent to Major Heron to dismiss the Moravar Vakeel, and acquaint his Master, that he is not to expect our Friendship untill he has restored the Countries he took as well from the King of Tanjore as the Nabob.

That the King of Tanjore be acquainted with the above Resolution, but advised at the same Time to endeavour to regain his Countries from the Moravar by the way of Accommodation in concert with the Nabob and Major Heron, and not to send his Army to attack them as such a Proceeding would be a Breach of the Truce, that Colligar having been an Ally of the French and Mysoreans, who might therefore join him against the King of Tanjore, and even summon us to do the same; at least it would be impossible for us to lend him any Assistance.

And that Mr Newton at Tanjore be ordered to wait on the King to deliver our above Letter and second it.

As Major Heron is in possession of Madura & writes that he does not hear of any Place of Strength left in possession of the Rebels. Agreed that he be directed to leave

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leave a Thousand Sepoys with the Nabob's Officer as
be sufficient to secure the possession and collect
then to return as soon as possible with the Army.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote to advise the
the foregoing Resolutions.

Two Letters from the French Committee to the
N^o. 34 & 35 Read;

The first dated the 18th signifies their consent to
Writers appointed by our Commisaries shall act in
with their Amulda and have a joint & equal Auth^y
with them in cutting the Grain, making the Distric^t
the Inhabitants, guarding the rest selling it if necessary
and receiving the Produce of such Sale and of every other
Revenue usually collected in each Village of the cont^{ry}
Districts.

N^o. 35 dated the 21st Instant advises that as
have found the Reports made to them concerning the
to be false, they have order'd their Detachment to return
diately to Pondicherry.

Two Letters from Mess^{rs}. Maskelyne and Preston
the 22nd & 23rd Instant read, with several Papers inclosed,
enter'd in the proceedings of the Commisaries from N^o. 50
N^o. 56. by which it appearing that the French Gentle
are still industriously wasting Time with frivolous com
it is Agreed to make a fresh Representation on this Subj^t
to the Gentlemen of the Committee at Pondicherry.

Letter from the Governor and Council of Nagas
dated the 9th Instant read enclosing two Copies of a Letter
by them, some of the Articles of which containing Stip
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Doubts and hesitations

Fort St. George 20th March 1755.

Enclosed find 3^d and 4th copies of the same
Treaty as that signed between us and the French requesting
that if those Terms meet with their approbation they will
return us one Copy signed by them.

Letters from Sanarwasahery, Hunter, and Minamed
Punt Tascaldon of Tripoly read, enclosing two Bills for Pag
/777 1/2/ Seven hundred seventy seven and a half, and
Rupees /15,107/ Fifteen Thousand one hundred and Seven,
is further part of the December Hist or Collection

Orderd that the Commissary get Payment of the Bills,
and that the Receiver be directed to remit the remaining Bal-
-lance of that Hist /above 3000 Pagodas/ as soon as possible.

George Ligon
Stranger Lawrence
Henry Lowrey
Robert Orme

W^m March
Will^m Perceval

Sept. 26. March 1760

And the following Letters to Major Heron and M. Neve
Letters to the Nabob and King of Tanjore agreeable to
Morning's Resolutions.

To Alex. Heron Esq. Major of the Honble Company's
Forces on the Coast of Chormandel.

Sir

We are glad to find by your Letter of the 4th Inst
your March to Madurai was attended with no Loss and
you had hopes of large Sums of Money to be paid to
Company. This was our chief Design in the Expedition
must be the first Object always in your View.

Many Reasons make it not proper to Garrison
several Forts in the Madurai and Trincvelly Country
our People you must therefore leave this entirely to the
and as We observe you have wrote to Major Hillpatrick
three other Companies of Sepoys we would have you
a Thousand Sepoys to be under the Order of the Nabob
Officer, and return yourself with the Army to Trichinopoly
as soon as possible.

The Moravar was an Enemy to the Nabob and
King of Tanjore all the War you must on no Account
ever come to any Accommodation with him, on the contra-
soon as you receive this, return the Vakeel to his Master
acquaint him in a publick manner before the Nabob's
the King of Tanjore's Officers that he must never expect
President. If he has restored all the Countries he has
both from the King of Tanjore and the Nabob, and ap-
must at all Times be carefull not to enter into any En-
ments without the concurrence of the King of Tanjore.

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Frequent Representations having been made to us of the
hurt Mangapah the present Linguist in Camp is to the Nabob's
Affairs We recommend to you to make a strict Inquiry into his
conduct and if you find him faulty let him be immediately
discharge the Service. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Bowney
Robert Orme - Alex^r Wynch - William Perceval.

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To Mr Andrew Newton

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 28th January and Ath Instant
You judge very rightly that neither the English nor the Nabob
can assist the King of Tanjore in his Expedition against
Maravah's Country and should the King of Mysore join to
oppose him it might occasion fresh Troubles I have therefore
wrote to endeavour to dissuade them from it. The Moravah's
Vahel has been with Colonel Heron and I hear the King of
Tanjore is displeased at it, wait on him immediately and give him
the strongest Assurances in my name that if any Countenance
has been shown to the Moravah by Colonel Heron it is contrary
to my Intentions, that I have now positively ordered him to send
away the Vahel to acquaint his Master that he is not to expect
any Friendship from us untill he has given full Satisfaction
as well to the King of Tanjore as the Nabob and in general to
enter into no Engagements without the Concurrence of the
King of Tanjore, much left to his Prejudice, untill this Affair
is quite accommodated your Residence at Tanjore will be
necessary. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

George Pigot.

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Received

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Received a Letter from M^{rs}. Mashelgne and Preston dated Yesterday inclosing Copies of the Orders given on both Sides to the Amuldan and Writens for cutting the Grain, Entered in the Proceedings of the Commissaries from N^o 57 to N^o 66.

28. Sent a Letter of this Date to M^{rs}. Mashelgne & Preston as in N^o 66.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to the French Committee agreeable to Resolutions of the 26th Entered in the French Correspondence N^o 36.

29th Received a Letter from Duval Deseyrit Esq^r dated the 26th Inst. advising of his Arrival at Pondicherry in quality of Governor General of all the French Establishments in India. Entered N^o 37.

30 Sent a Letter from the President to Duval Deseyrit Esq^r in Answer to the foregoing Entered N^o 38.

April 1st Sent the following Letter from the President to the Council and Council of Negapatam of this Date inclosing a Copy of a Cartel for the delivering up of Deserters as resolved by the Committee the 26th March.

To the Honble Stephen Vermont Esq^r

President & Gov^r. &c. Council of Negapatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received the Honour of your Letter dated the 9th March with the inclosed Articles proposed to be signed for the delivering up of Deserters. It was our constant Practice to deliver up Slaves upon the Demand of their Masters therefore I think it unnecessary to mention them in the Articles and with Regard to Persons guilty of civil Crimes as Murder &c. it is generally left to the Determinations of the Governours.

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Governours for the Times being to return them or not according to Circumstances; I shall never protect any such Offenders but the Treaty I think should only regard Soldiers & Sailors. I therefore now send you two Copies sign'd by me, upon the Plans of that which I have concluded with the French. If they meet with your Approbation please to put the Dutch Translation into the Columns left for that purpose and return me one Copy sign'd by you keeping the other in your Hands.

Although this Agreement is not yet sign'd and Ratified I have begun to put it in Execution on my part by advising M^r. Dormieux of two Dutch Deserters who came here some Days ago and offering them to be return'd on his Promise of Pardon. As yet I have no Answer from him. I am with perfect Esteem

Y^r Obedient Servant

George Pigot.

Received a Letter from M^r. Desseprits to the President dated the 31st Ultimo as Inserted in the French Correspondence N^o 39.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq^r Gov^r President

Stringer Lawrence Henry Cornney

Robert Orme

Alex^r Weyrick

William Percival

M^r. Desseprits Letter N^o 39 dated the 31st Ultimo is chiefly to communicate to us a piece of News he mentions to have just receiv'd from Springham vizt. That Nandy Rajah the Mysore Dalloway had got together a great Number of Troops and prepar'd four hundred Scaling Ladders with a Design to make an Attempt on Fort St. George; that the

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Representations made to him on that Subject by the French Commanding Officer, far from diverting him from the Enterprise, had serv'd only to breed Disputations between them and him insomuch that there was some Reason to apprehend that he might turn his Arms against their Troops.

The Committee taking the foregoing Circumstances into serious Consideration are of Opinion that there is not much to fear from any Attempt of the Mysoreans upon Trichemopoly, especially when we have the Assistance of the French Troops against them; On the contrary should they make an Attack on either Nation, it would be easy by joining together to oblige them to quit the Country; an Event much to be wish'd for.

Agreed therefore

That Major Hillpatrick be immediately inform'd of this Piece of Intelligence; and Order'd, in case the Mysoreans should attack the French, to join them with as many of our Men as can be securely spied from the Fort, not only to support them against such Attack but if possible to improve the Opportunity to the obliging him the sooner to return to his own Country.

That Mr. Deloyrit be advis'd of the Orders so given to Major Hillpatrick.

And that the same Directions be sent Major Heron to be made use of in case he should find the French at Variance with the Mysoreans on his Return to Trichemopoly.

Just now receiv'd the following Letter from Major Hillpatrick

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
of the Honble Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Son

It is with the utmost Concern I find Myself once more oblig'd to address you on Account of the People of this Garrison, more especially as I have not been favour'd with an answer to my Letter of the 5th Instant. I take the Liberty of troubling you with this - Since my last to you I was inform'd of a Design which the Garrison had to making, to seize the Guns and most considerable Bastions of the Place. I immediately order'd the Train People to stand to the Guns and load the Walls with the Depots and assembled the Military on the Parade. I acquainted them with the Occasion of my assembling them, which they with a general Voice denied, but acknowledged their Intention was to have complain'd to me in a Body, that they could no longer subsist, and were reduc'd to a necessity of Starving. I have confin'd those who were represented to me as principally concern'd in the Affair, and shall Order a Court of Enquiry to sit to morrow, the proceedings of which I shall transmit to you and wait your further Commands. - Even this could no prevail on me to exceed your Orders or supply them with any Money on the Honble Company's Account, but Compassion for their Circumstances which I know to be true as they were represented, induc'd me to furnish them with some from my own Purse.

Judge Gentlemen how uneasy must be my Situation in these Circumstances with a Treacherous and designing Enemy so near, who I am confident would not scruple to take an Advantage of our People's Dissatisfaction. - I am
Yours
Flatter'd

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flatter'd myself my Zeal for the good of the Service was not
unknown to you, and that your Opinion of me as an Officer
was such as to believe I would never have made you a
Remonstrance of the Nature of that, my Letter of the 5.th
Instant contained without the most urgent Necessity - The
utmost end of my Ambition has ever been to have it in my
Power to contribute to the good of the Service, and I now
think it my Duty to inform You that under these Difficul-
ties I am no longer equal to the Task and must entreat
you will relieve me from a command where every Circum-
stance concurs to make me dread the most Sinister Events
both to our Honorable Masters Interest, and my own Character.
The Scarcity of every kind of Provisions in our Bazaar
still continues tho I never since I have had the Honour to
command in this Place suffer'd the least Duty to be laid
on them, the Chief Reason for this I before acquainted you
was owing to our not having for these six Weeks past receiv'd
the last Supply from the Sango Country. I am Honble

Fitchinspdy

26.th March 1755.

Sir & Mrs. Your most Obedient humble Servant

James Hillpatrick.

The Committee think it necessary to remark on the
above Letter that Major Hillpatrick's Representations
of the 5.th March was answer'd without Loss of Time / the
17.th of the same month. It is unluckily that those Orders had
not arriv'd here, I think he might have prevented
the Difficulties caus'd by their Delay on the Road, or at least
not have suffer'd them to rise to so great a height as he
now Represents. It is impossible, but by the Mis carriage
of Letters or the tardiness of the Mircarais, Disappointment
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must sometimes happen, which should then be remedied by the Discretion of the commanding Officer, and the particular Confidence we have always plac'd in Major Hillpatrick might have convinc'd him above all others that We should have approv'd any Step he had taken to prevent so much Disorder. The Terms also in which this last Representation is conceiv'd seem design'd as a Reflection on our Management, which is an unpardonable Piece of Disrespect, he has however prevented the Notice we should have taken of such a Behaviour by desiring himself, to be reliev'd, which it is Agreed to do without Loss of Time, sorry that an Officer who has behaved on other Occasions so much to the Satisfaction of his Superiours, should by his last Act forfeit any part of the Esteem he has before acquired.

The Command of Trichinopoly being a post of great consequence it is now debated, whom it will be proper to invest with it. Colonel Lawrence being desir'd to give his Opinion, mentions Capt. Baillaud as the person most experienc'd and best acquainted with the different Interests of the several Powers, and one at the same Time very high in the Confidence of the Nabit and the King of Tanjore. This last Circumstance may be particularly serviceable in the present Posture of Affairs and upon the whole it is the unanimous Opinion of the Committee that Capt. Baillaud is the fittest Person to succeed to the Command of Trichinopoly, and Agreed that he set out with as much Expedition as possible, and call on the King of Tanjore, (and Pondicherry also if he is in his own Country) to endeavour to remove the Apprehensions they are still under on the Subject of the Maravar by assuring them that We disapprove of this Separation
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morrow for Salabad Jung's Army in Order to pay a Visit to
his Relation beforementioned, He / the President / had prepared
a Letter to be sent by him to Salabad Jung which is now ready
and approved; also one to Mahomed Mohun Saran.

And as the said Meerza Mahomed Cawum has offered
to remain in Salabad Jung's Camp as long as he has an
Opportunity of doing any Service to the Company by sending
Intelligence or otherwise. It is Agreed that one Thousand rupees
be given him for his Expences and that he Act as
Company's Vakeel.

Capt. Howes writes from Arcot that the Morattas having
accommodated their Disputes with the Widow of Brasel Cawn at
Saudgul had decamped towards their own Country.

George Dyer
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Henry Brerney

Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

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Sent a Letter from the President to M. Desseigne of this Date agreeable to yesterday's Resolution, Entered in the French Correspondence No. 40.

Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Hillpatrick agreeable to yesterday's Resolutions.

To Alexander Heron Esq. Major of the
Honble Company's Forces on the Coast of Choromandel
Sir

We wrote to you the 26.th March since which we have fresh Reasons to wish for your Presence at Trichinopoly with the Army, the Mysoreans seeming not to be inclined to remain long in Inaction. We therefore think it necessary to repeat our Directions that you return without Loss of Time, leaving the thousand Sepoys ordered in our last, to guard the Madurai and Tinnevely Countries.

If you should find the French at Variance with the Galloway you are to join them with the Army, endeavour to dislodge the Mysoreans from the Neighbourhood of Trichinopoly and oblige them to return to their own Country.

We hope you ere this removed the Suspicion of the Regency of Tanjore and Tondaman by sending away the Moravians. The Steps you unguardedly took in favour of this last might have been of very fatal Consequence.

We have appointed Capt. Caillaud to succeed Major Hillpatrick in the Command of Trichinopoly; Capt. Polier's Company must therefore come with you to Arcot and Captain Caillaud remain at Trichinopoly in their Stead.

Whatever Plunder is taken may be given to the Soldiers except the Military Stores and Grain which last is absolutely necessary to be reserved as a Store for the Garrison to be kept in the Nabob in those Countries. We are Sir Your most obedt. Servts.
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Browne
Robert Crane - Alex. Wyrick - William Percival.

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To Major Hillpatrick

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Sir

We find by your Letter of the 26th that ours of the 17th had not then reach'd you we now send you a Duplicate for fear of Accidents. If you had had a proper Sense of the particular Confidence we have always plac'd in you, you might have prevented the Complaints of your Men and without putting yourself to the Inconvenience of advancing any of your own Money, by making them on the Company's Account any Allowance you thought necessary. You know very well that We should have concurr'd in whatever you represented to be for the good of the Service and the discretionary Orders you had receiv'd with regard to an Allowance of Batta to the three Company's of Sepoys at the Out posts might have put you in mind that it could never be our Intention to distress our own Soldiers more than those Sepoys.

Our Orders for striking off the Batta of the Garrison were sent two Months before hand purposely that We might have your Opinion. We never heard any thing from you of the Distress it would put your Garrison to untill after the Siege was cap'd, you said merely that Provisions continued Dear. In short, ^{Sir} you have acted on this Occasion not with that Zeal which you have shew'd on others and your Representations especially in your last Letter savour somewhat of Disrespect to us, which is the more inexcusable after the particular Politeness with which We have behav'd towards you.

The Governour of Pondichery has acquainted us that he is inform'd by a Letter from M^r De Laupay of the 28th March that Nandiravre had prepar'd four hundred scaling Ladders with Design to make an Attempt on Trichinopoly; and that the Representations & Threats of the French Officer, far from dissuading him from the Attempt has bred Dispositions between the Dalloway and them, insomuch that M^r Deleyrit say he is
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suspicious that he may turn his Arms against them. We do not apprehend much Danger from any attempt of the Gallows against Trichinopoly and if with Security to the Place you should see an Opportunity of joining the French with a Detachment of your Troops and dislodging the Mysoreans from your Neighbourhood it will be a most acceptable piece of Service - Whether this Advantage can be taken or not you are to afford the French Officers all the Assistance you can in case he should be attacked by the Mysoreans.

Capt. Caillaud will set out in two or three Days to relieve you in the Command of Trichinopoly - As soon as you have delivered the Garrison into his Charge and settled any Affairs you may have you will set out for Madras. We are Sir your most Obedient Servants.

George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Porney
Robert Orme - Alast Wyrch - William Perceval.

Received the following Letter from Admiral Watson

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To the Governor and Council
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen

As I purpose to proceed the 6th Inst. with his Majesty's Squadron under my Command to Trincomalle on the Island of Ceylon, to avoid the breaking up of the Monsoon, I think it necessary to acquaint you therewith, in case you should now judge it proper before I sail to communicate any Advice you may have lately received.

I shall return in May, when if there should be any thing in Agitation for the good of the Company's Service in which I can give Assistance, I shall very gladly contribute my Endeavours. I am, Gentlemen, Your most Obedient humble Servant

Chas. Watson

The above Letter from Admiral Watson having been communicated to the Gentlemen of the Committee the following Answer

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was agreed to

To Charles Watson Esq^r Rear Admiral of the Blue
and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Squadron in India
and of the Marine Forces of the East India Company.

Sir

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 3^d Instant;
intimating your Intention to proceed with the Squadron to
Trincamalee; We have only to request that on your Return
you'll be so good to call at Fort St David where We will lodge any
Advices for you We may receive from Europe or have to commu-
nicate to you on Affairs here

Mr Pigot has already had the Honour to inclose to you
Copy of the Treaty of Peace since the Conclusion of which nothing
of Moment has occurred. We are greatly obliged to you for the rea-
diness you have always shewn to promote the Company's In-
terest & wish you are agreeable passage & that We may shortly
have the pleasure of seeing you again. We are Sir, Your most
Obedient humble Servants George Pigot, J. Lawrence
Henry Porney, Rob^t Crane, W^m Wyrich, W^m Preceval.

Sent a Letter to Mess^{rs} Mashelyne & Presson of this Date agreeable
to Resolutions of the 2^d Enter'd in the Proceedings of the Commis-
saries N^o 75.

Deliver'd Captain Caillaud his Instructions as follow with
Letters to the Nabob, the King of Tanjore and Pondaman.

To Captain John Caillaud
Sir

We have appointed you to succeed Major Willpatrick in
the Command of Trichinopoly, you are therefore to proceed
immediately to take Charge of that Garrison. We would have
you call on the King of Tanjore in your way and deliver him
the accompanying Letter in which We have advis'd him that
you will deal justly with him of all others. The chief Object

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of your Attention will be to remove the Jealous Apprehensions he has lately been under on the Subject of the Moravar, whose Vahel having resided for some time with Colonel Heron at the Army, the King of Tanjore suspected that We had a Design to enter into an exclusive Alliance with that Colligar who was an open Enemy the whole War both of the Nabob and the King of Tanjore. Col. Heron had no Orders for any Steps he may have taken in his favour and upon the very first News We sent him positive Directions to dismiss the Moravar Vahel, and enter into no Agreement with him untill He should restore all the Countries he took both from the Nabob and the King of Tanjore during the Troubles. You may assure the King further that We shall never conclude any Treaties with the Country Powers without first advising with him much less to his Prejudice.

If Pandaman is in his own Country it will not be much out of your way to call on him also. We therefore deliver you a Letter, with which in such case you will wait on him, and endeavour to dissipate the Alarm he has taken upon the same Occasion, The Moravar.

The Governor of Pondicherry has acquainted us that he is informed by a Letter from M^r De Lausay, the Commandant of the French Troops at Springham, that the Mysore Dalloway had prepared four hundred scaling Ladders in order to make an Attempt on Trichenopoly, and in all the Representations and Threats of the French Officer, instead of dissuading him from his Design, had served only to breed Disputations between the Mysoreans themselves inasmuch that M^r De Lausay says he is suspicious that he may turn his Arms against them. We do not apprehend much Danger from any Attempt of the Dalloway's against Trichenopoly, and in case the French should be attacked by him, you are to give them all the Assistance you can with Security to the place.

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If this Dissention should give you an Opportunity of joining a Detachment of your Troops to the French, and driving the Mysoreans entirely from the Neighbourhood of Trichenopoly. We would have you by all means seize the Occasion.

You are apprized that We have concluded a cartel both with the French & Dutch for the returning of Deserters. therefore if any should come to you from the Service of either of these Nations, you are to give Notice to the French Commandant at Syringham or the Governor of Negapatam, and restore them upon their Promise of Pardons. In the same manner you are to demand any of your Men that may desert to them offering them Pardon in our Name.

By the Accounts of the dearth of Provisions in Trichenopoly We find it as yet impossible for the Garrison to subsist without Batta, for which Reason Major Hillpatrick has discretionary Orders to allow the Men a quarter, half, three quarters or whole Batta according to the Prices of Provisions. We put the same Confidence in you desiring that you will use your Endeavours to get your Buzbars plentifully supplied, by which means every necessary will cheapen by degrees.

We have given Orders for twelve Months Provisions to be laid up in the Storehouse for the Subsistence of the Garrison in case of a Siege. We know not whether this Quantity is quite compleat, if not, we recommend it to you to get it done as soon as possible, and this Supply is to be kept constantly in Store. At proper Seasons the Buzbars may be supplied with the old Grains and new laid up in its Stead.

Colonel Heron has Orders to return as soon as possible with the Army to Trichenopoly from whence he is to proceed with the Nabob to Arcot. He is directed to leave four compleat Companies with you, Your own, Captain Smith's, Captain Ballondars, and Major Hillpatrick's. Your Garrison is made so considerable that
you

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you may be enabled, after the Army has left you, to send out a Party if it should be necessary upon any Disturbance of the Polligars, or their Refusal to pay the Rents due to the Nabob - Transmit us the best Account you can get of the Sum that may be expected to be collected from all the Countries in the Dependence of Trichinopoly, which will enable us to fix how much is to be received for the Company; in the mean Time you will settle with the Nabob's People and get as large a proportion as you can towards the Discharge of his Debt. We wish you Success and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence Hen^{ry} Porney - Rob^t Crme - A. Wynch - W^m Perceval Received a Letter from Mr De Seyritz to the President dated the 1st Instant, entered No 44.

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the 5th

A Committee Present
George Pigot Esq^r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Porney
Robert Crme W^m Wynch
William Perceval

Mr De Seyritz Letter No 44 Read, proposing to suspend the Operations of the Commissaries untill we can adjust a Method for them to proceed and in order to prevent the Consequences which the Difficulties that have hitherto occurred might occasion.

Consideration being had on this Proposal the Committee are of Opinion that hitherto much Time has been wasted in trivial Complaints and Disputes which We should be very glad to see an End to, and it is to be hoped that this is Mr De Seyritz Intention. It is agreed therefore to wait for his Proposals and in the mean Time to suspend the Operations of our Commissaries except in what concerns the

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the cutting the Grain & the Receipt of the other Revenues.

Order'd that Letters be writt accordingly to Messrs. Maskelyne and Preston and to Mr. De Seyrit.

The following Letter receiv'd Yesterday from the Chief and Factor at Anjengo ready.

To the Honble George Pigott Esq.

Presid. of Gov. & C. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last Advice to your Honour &c. under the 10.th Ultimo and on the 22.nd falls came to hand your Favour of the 22.nd January.

This is dispatch'd expreps to acquaint you, that We are inform'd by one of the King of Travencore's principal Ministers that his Master has lately receiv'd certain Advice that Mahomed Ally, has march'd a large Body of Men assist'd with a considerable number of Europeans suppos'd to come from Madras towards Trinavella upon the Frontiers of his Dominions, from whence he is apprehensive they have Design of entering his Country, which he highly complains of to us as a Violation of the Friendship and good understanding that has so long subsisted between the Honble Company and him. We have no other Foundation for this Report than the above Information, We think it necessary to advise your Honour &c. of it, requesting you will be pleas'd to favour us with a speedy Answer, that We may be able to satisfy the King of Travencore in this Affair, which otherwise may be attended with the worst Consequences to the Honble Company's Trade at this Settlement.

Our Marble Masters Ship the York after receiving what Pepper and Cardamoms they had in Warehouse at Tellicherry return'd hither to complete her Loading, and was finally dispatch'd from hence the 26.th Ultimo. We are like

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daily expectation of the Prince Henry & Shaftsbury touching
at this Place both bound for England.

We take this Opportunity of congratulating the Hon^{ble}
George Pigot Esq^r on his Accession to the Government of Madras
and are Hon^{ble} Sir & Mrs Your most Obedient humble Servants
George Scott Peter Unwin Wrench Titus Scott.

Although We have not heard of any Insults committ-
ed by our Army on the Territories of the King of Travancore
It is Agreed for his greater Security to send particular Orders
to Major Hixon to be careful not to give that Prince any
cause of Complaint and to write the Nabob to the same
Effect.

Order'd that the Chief and Factors at Aringoye be
immediately acquainted with the foregoing Resolution in
Answer to their Letter.

George Pigot
Mungier Lawrence
Henry Lowmyer
Robert Orme

Wm^m Perceval

Aringoye
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Sent a Letter from the President to M^r De Seyrit agreeable to
this Morning's Resolution enter'd in the French Correspondence
N^o 42. also the following Letter to the Chief and Factors at
Anjengo

To George Scott Esq^r Chief
&c. Factors at Anjengo

Gentlemen

We received yesterday the Favour of your Letter of 11th
19th March. The Nabob sent his Army to Timnevely with no
other View but to collect the Revenues due to him as that
Place is Subject to Trichenapoly. His Generals as well as
the Commander of our Troops that accompany them are
strictly cautioned against insulting the Territories of any
other Prince and for the greater Security of the King of Tru-
wencore we wrote immediately on the Receipt of your
Advices to the Nabob and the Commander of our Troops to
repeat those Orders. We are therefore persuaded that the
King of Travencore will complain of any Damage done to
his Dominions. We expect that the Army is by this Time on
its Return and are Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Parney
Robert Orme - Alex^r Wynch - William Perceval

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6. Sent a Letter to M^{rs} Mashelyne and Preston of this Date agree-
able to yesterday's Resolution. Enter'd in the Proceedings of the
Company's N^o 46. also the following Letter to Major Heron.

To Alex^r Heron Esq^r Major of the Hon^{ble} Company's
Forces on the Coast of Choromandel

Sir

We are inform'd by Letter from the Govern^r Council of
Anjengo that the King of Travencore is uneasy at the March
of the Army to Timnevely fearing that there is some Design
against his Territories. A part of his Country lies in the Road
from

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from Madurai to Tinnevely we therefore dispatch this as a
Caution to you to be particularly careful that no Damage is
done to them, and to shew the most friendly Regard to any of
his People that you may meet with. We doubt not indeed
but your own Reflexions would lead you naturally to such a
Behaviour and that you have avoided giving that Prince
any Cause of Complaint. We are Sir Your most Obed^t Serv^t

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George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney
Robert Orme - Alex^r Wynch - William Perceval

7th Received a Letter from M^r Deseyrit to the President dated the 4th
Instant with four Papers inclosed relating to the contested Districts
Enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o 43.

9th Capt. Mashetyne arriv'd from Madarantegum and brought with
him Copies of Letters between the English and French Commissioners
enter'd N^o 77. to N^o 81. also two Persons nam'd Annacutty Saumiah
and Annachey Pillah who have material Evidence to give.

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the 12th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq^r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex^r Wynch
William Perceval

M^r De Seyrit's Letter N^o 43. dated the 4th Instant with the
several Papers inclosed having been perus'd by the Gentlemen of the
Committee is now again read, and found liable to many Remarks,
among which the following are the most striking.

First that he owns the Authenticity of the Letters from
their Annaldars, and their substitute Mammappilla, which last says
that he has Orders from Pondicherry to seize all the Villages of the
Carangely Pergara, at the same time that We have in our Hands these
Letters from the French Commissioners to ours in which they acknow-
ledge the Nabob's indisputable Right to some Villages of that

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same Pergamal.

Secondly that he takes no Notice at all of the List of Names
paid to the Nabob as far as the 29th October 1754.

Thirdly that the three badjan Letters / the only Troops he
sends / are all written by their own Amuldaars to Rangapilla the
French Company's Subash who, as he rents all their new Acqui-
sitions, may have an Interest in disguising Facts and giving false
Alarms; Besides, the Dates of these Letters cannot possibly be ad-
justed with the Arguments drawn from them as will be shown
large in the Answer to be wrote M^r Deseyrit.

The two Persons who came in with Capt. Mardelype
having given their Depositions in Writing the same are now
read as entered in the Proceedings of the Commisaries N^o 8228.

The first of them Annacoolay Sammyah is the Person
appointed in the French Amuldaar's Letter to assist Telasana
Naigue in seizing Madarantegum and other Places, which cir-
cumstance very much corroborates the Declaration he now makes
of his having planted the French Colours on five Villages the
beginning of November last.

The other Annachay Pilla was forcibly carried away
from the Village of Cuttiann with all his Accounts to Madaran-
tegum. These Accounts, among which were some of the Nabobs,
were taken from him in the French Commisaries's Tent, in
their own presence, and refus'd to be restor'd him. Such an
Act of Violence would hardly have been committed, if they did not
find a want of Evidence to justify their Pretensions.

The President is desired to swear Annacoolay Sammyah
and Annachay Pilla to the Truth of their Deposition, after which
it is Resolv'd to send Copies to M^r Deseyrit as well as of the French
Commisaries's Letters before-mentioned, and of the Declaration of
Sammyah and Subba Yuthal the two Brahmans who were
forc'd by the French Amuldaar to sign a Paper without reading
it.

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it, which Declaration is enter'd in the Proceedings of the Com-
-missaries N^o 52.

Order'd that a Letter to M^r Deseyrit be prepar'd
accordingly and as We look upon the above recited Papers to
be unanswerable Proofs of the Natives Right to the contested
Districts it is Agreed that the Restitution be again demanded

M^r Deseyrit's Letter concludes with the two following
Proposals

"That new Commissaries be appointed" or

"That fresh Instructions be given to those now out

"Commissions pointing out the particular Facts

"into which they are to enquire"

Upon which Proposals the Committee observe that
our Commissaries have already full & Sufficient Instructions
and that they have hitherto acted conformably to them:
But as Commissaries can be of no use if M^r Deseyrit is deaf to
Proof as We shall now lay before him, it is Agreed to take no
Notice of his Proposals untill we receive his Answer.

Received the following Letters from Major Hillpatrick

anting To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r

President and Govern^r &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I yesterday receiv'd a Letter from the French Comman-
dant at Seringham acquainting me that he had something
of the utmost consequence to communicate to me & desir'd I
come over to him; I being very busy at the Time could not go
Myself but deputed Lieut^t William Humbold from whom I
receiv'd the inclos'd Letter, which I now take the Liberty of
forwarding to you with my Answer to M^r Deseyrit
wherein you may observe I have offer'd him any Assist-
-ance he may want from this place in a manner which I
thought the most eligible for fulfilling the Articles of the Con-
-vention

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Instructions

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30th March 1755.
To Major Hillpatrick
I have the
Honour to remain with the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
Thos. Hillpatrick

I have an affair of the greatest consequence to commu-
nicate to you, which prevents my going to Trichinopoly; If
you can come over here you will find it useful; It concerns
you as well as me. Half an Hour's conversation you may
spare Time for the Affair is of such Importance that I can-
not quit my Post. I have the Honour to be very perfectly,
Springham
28th March 1755. Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant Lth Gen. Dupleux.

To Major Hillpatrick
Dear Sir

M^r. Du Saussey desires me to inform you that for some
Time past the Rajah has been tempting him to act a treacherous
part in regard to us which he as constantly refus'd, That the
Rajah has caus'd 500 Scaling Ladders to be made with Intent
to scale the Walls of Trichinopoly, That he yesterday made
him a Proposal to give him three Lacks of Rupees, 150,000
of which were to be paid him down & the other half at Moota-
toore provided he would feign a Quarrell with him and go
& encamp there & leave him at Liberty to make an Attempt
on Trichinopoly which he refus'd with Disdain.

He has likewise desir'd me to inform you that he is
unacquainted by a Friend he has in the Rajah's Council, that
he intends with a few of his People to attack the French who
have but 250 Europeans & no Sepoys, while the remainder
of his Forces attack Trichinopoly where he desires me to ac-
quaint you the Rajah has some Friends & a Black Fellow who
constantly gives him very good Intelligence, He therefore begs y^e
will immediately write him some Signals which you are to
make

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make in case you stand in need of his Assistance. We I enclose you
those which he intends to make should he find himself in
the same Case. His Intention is if the Rajah makes any
Motion towards Trichinopoly to attack his Place & begs you
will rally out at the same Time & fall upon the Front of his
Army. I am Dear Major Your most Obedient humble

Springham
29 March 1755. Servant Will Humbold
from Major Hillpatrick to M^r. Du Saupay
Sir

The Intelligence you have favoured me with serves
to strengthen & confirm the good Opinion I ever entertained of
M^r. Du Saupay & to be free with You is what I have been in
daily Expectation of for the Rajah's evil Intentions have been
no secret to me for some Time past.

Your open & Honourable way of acting Sir I think
requires an equal Return from me; & I must therefore acquaint
you that as I have from your Information Reason to apprehend
some Treachery within here, I don't think it consistent
with the Safety of this Garrison to make any Sally during the
Night; the Fidelity of my European Force I am afraid of &
think I could answer for the Sepoys of both which I have a
Number sufficient to oppose a much more considerable Force
than the Rajah's were it on the open Plain. The treacherous
Nature of the Rajah gives me Reason to think that it may
not be towards us only his ill Designs are formed and that
you who are more exposed to him may probably be the Object.
In which Case if you should stand in need of any Assistance
from hence let me know, & I am ready to send you any
Force which you think necessary & I am ready to remain
under your Orders at Springham, but I cannot think of
detaching any from hence in the Night or opening the City
Gates.

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Should I be attack'd in the Night Sir, for in the Day I think it hardly possible I will burn two Blue Lights on the Rocks & fire three Guns in which case any Assistance you can afford me will be very acceptable. I am &c.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
& Governour &c. Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

I am favour'd with your Letter of the 17th Instant, which Nothing could have given me greater Satisfaction, As it did at once calm the Peoples Disquiet and relieve me from great Uneasiness on that Account.

The Allowance of half Patta will I think be fully sufficient especially as we may now hope in a few Months to see every thing in greater Plenty here, which the Nabob and Myself have been long endeavouring to forward and have taken every Method which appeared to be conducive to it. It was with no small Concern however, I observe you seem to express some Displeasure that your Orders should not so readily take place here as in other Garrisons, give me Leave to assure you they were punctually complied with, and if I took the Liberty to represent to you the Inconveniences attending them I beg you will do me the Justice to believe Nothing but the most urgent Necessity, the Dangerous Situation of the place, and the utmost Ardour and concern for its Safety could have induc'd me to it. I have Prisoners some of the Mysore Dallo-way's head Bramins who I am inform'd have been endeavouring to corrupt our People with Money to deliver him the Fort I shall order a Court of Enquiry to sit on them to morrow, the Proceedings of which I shall transmit to you & wait your further Orders. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedt. & affectionate Servt. Mr. Hillpatrick.

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To

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r

President & Government

&c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you the Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry which I mentioned to you in my Letter of the Third - altho the Prisoner Gundelbrow appears to be in the highest Degree culpable & that I think the most ready way to deter others from the like treacherous Practices is by making severe Examples of those whom We detect, yet as I do not ^{immediately} apprehend any evil Consequence from the Delay, I have respite'd his Punishment, untill I am favour'd with your Orders - I am extremely sorry that my ill State of Health obliges me to beg your Permission for the quitting a Service where I have met the greatest Obligations, & which I leave with much regret, but despairing of any Cure in this Country I am oblig'd to seek it in Europe. I must therefore entreat you will be pleas'd to depute some body to take from me the Charge of this Garrison - I have thus early declar'd to you my Intentions that I may have Time to inform him of every thing which is necessary for the Safety of the Garrison - The hurry which these late Occurrences have occasion'd prevents my forwarding to you by this Mercantile my Accounts and Returns for last Month but shall enclose them the next Time I have the Honour to address you. I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obedient

and most

Humble Servant

James Killpatrick.

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The necessary Precautions were taken in Committee
the 2^d Instant to frustrate any Attempt of the Mysoreans upon
Trichemopoly - The allowance of half Batta to that Garrison
during the excessive dearth of Provisions is approved, and
Agreed that it be left to the Nabob to punish the Bramin
bundel'loo in what manner he thinks proper as he is a Person
who never lived under European Government.

George Pigot
Stinger Lawrence

Henry Lowrey

Robert Orme

Wm Perceval

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Sent a Letter from the President to M^r De Seyrit of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 12th as entered in the French Correspondence N^o 45.

18th Received a Letter from M^r De Seyrit to the President dated the 14th Instant entered N^o 46.

21th Received another Letter from M^r De Seyrit to the President dated the 18th Instant entered N^o 47.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq^r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Cornes
Robert Orme Alex^r Wynch
William Perceval

Monday
the 21st

Two Letters N^o 46 & 47 from M^r De Seyrit read setting forth that Major Hillpatrick has not yet delivered up the French Deserters to their Commanding Officer & that he / M^r De Seyrit / is waiting for an Answer to his last Letter on the Subject of the contested Districts.

Major Hillpatrick in a Letter of the 14th Instant, just received, advises that in consequence of our Orders of the 25th Ultimo he has delivered to the French Commandant eighteen Deserters on his Promise of Pardon.

Agreed that M^r De Seyrit be acquainted therewith. To the other parts of his Letter the President's of the 15th N^o 45. is a full Answer.

Since last meeting received also the following Letter from

Major Hillpatrick

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r
Presid^t & Gov^r &c Council of Fort St. George
Honble Sir &c Sir

This only serves to acquaint you that the Gallows with all his Army is going off from Syringham, Reports say by Reason

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reason of Salabad Jung being on his March with a large Army
towards the Mysoor Country and others that he fears our Reven-
ment of his late treacherous Behaviour. I have here now
sixteen French Deserters for the Disposal of whom I impa-
tiently wait your Orders. I have the Honour to remain
with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obed^t
and most humble Servant James Hillpatricky.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq. Presid^t

and Governor &c. Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was this Day favoured with your Letter of the 3rd Inst^t
with the Duplicate inclosed. the Original of which came safe to
hand, as you will find by my Answer which I hope you have
yet received. It is with the utmost Gratitude that I acknow-
ledge the peculiar Confidence you have on all Occasions honoured
me with, but I am extremely sorry to observe that what I intended
well, has been otherwise construed and that while I thought
the greatest Respect I could shew was a strict Conformity to
your Orders, it should meet with an Interpretation, the widest
from my Intention (that of Disrespect) more especially as
by your Letter of the 17th you seem to be displeased, that those
very Orders were not so readily complied with as in other Garri-
sons. Whatever Indulgence you might have shewn by ap-
proving the Allowance I had from my own private Opinion
settled on the People, I should have thought it a Piece of Pre-
sumption I never could have answered, to have established
any without your Orders, and if you will please Gentlemen to
revise your Letter of the 5th Ultimo which you refer me to you
will find, that I was only empowered thereby to fix an Allowance
to be paid the Sepoys at Trichindora, in case Provisions were
dearer there than at Trichinopoly. now Gentlemen you will
please to recollect that I never wrote you Provisions were given
cheap

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cheaper at Trichinopoly, since the Suspension. It is true I had
hoped they would and endeavoured all I could to forward it, but
when I found those Endeavours frustrated and disquiet daily
increasing in the Garrison, it was then only that I took the Liber-
ty of representing to you the evil consequences I apprehended
might ensue, and if the long Interval between the Date of my
Letter of the 5th and the Arrival of your Answer of the 17th ^{the} ^{alliance}
made my second Remonstrance warmer than it would other-
wise have been, It was far from having any disrespectful
Meaning. My Letter of the 28th has I hope ere this reached You
therein you will observe I offered M^r Du Saupay any Force
or Assistance he required which is now rendered needless by Reason
of the Gallows removal from Springham, as I had the
Honour to acquaint you in my last Letter.

I shall upon Capt. Caillaud's Arrival comply with
your Orders and hasten my Return to Madras, where I
flatter myself I shall be able to convince you that no one
has more disinterested Zeal for the Service or is with greater
Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant Jas^t Millpatrick.

P.S. There are now here eighteen French Deserters.

Two Letters from Major Heron at Tinnevely and one
from M^r Newton at Tanjore read as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President
& Council &c^o Committee of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Army reached this Place the 25th Instant without
any Opposition, some of the Polliars came in during our march,
and others sent their Vassals, I believe all except two, are in-
clined to adjust every thing amicably and pay the Nabob the
Dues they owe, against those two, I shall be obliged to march
a Military Force. I have wrote circular Letters acquainting
them

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them I am sent down with an Army to collect the Revenues, threatening to destroy their Countries if they refuse, and on the contrary promising Favour & Protection to those that come in or send their Vassals; I doubt not but they will have the desired Effect.

Mauphoos Caron will pay the remainder of the Money for the Madure Villages in a few Days. some of the principal Merchants have made Proposals for renting these in the same manner. The Terms I hope to settle this Day, and they promise to pay down a considerable Sum of Money, part of which I shall soon remit you down, in a Bill of Exchange of Buchanan's basanda's. I can't tell the exact Sum but it will not be under a Lack of Rupees.

As the Black People are very slow to enter on Business, & all their Transactions tedious, I fear it will take up more Time than you may probably expect, to thoroughly establish the Nabob's Affairs in this Country; but give me Leave Gentlemen to assure you, I shall take all imaginable Care to finish them as soon as possible, which I doubt not, I shall be able to do, entirely to your Satisfaction, and greatly for the Interest of the Company.

I find that Morajee & Tondaman are both very much discontented at my Negotiations with the Moravar Colligar, every Step I have taken in that Affair, was by the Nabob's own particular desire, and I am certain must, and has already proved very advantageous to his Affairs, at the Time I first gave him Leave to send his Vahsed Mahomed Caron was treating with him, for Assistance against us in defending this Country, and he would certainly have joined him, had I not promised by the Nabob's Consent our Favour and Protection; on which he not only refused assisting, but also a Retreat in his own Country when he asked for it; had their Force united, We should have met with many Obstructions to our accommodating Matters here, all I wrote to Morajee was to desire he would not attack the Moravar till

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till the Nabob had settled all Affairs with him, he never sent me any Answer.

As to Pondimani's they never were of any Service to Us, on the contrary they plundered and burnt the Country as they went along without any distinction of Friend or Foe, this distressed our Army much for Provisions, and the Moravar absolutely refused to join our Interest, without he returned to his Country.

A considerable Force of the Moravars is on the March to join us with some Pieces of Cannon; He has offered a free Passage through his Country, for any of the English Troops, whenever they want it. He has been of great Use to us with the Pottigars, and is capable of being much more so. I am with

Yours very truly
26th March 1755.

the greatest Esteem Honble Sir & Mrs Your most Obedient Servant
Alex^r Heron.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President
& Govern^r &c. Committee of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Mrs

I did myself the Honour of addressing you from this Place the 26th Ult^o. Buchanan Capandras has deceived me as to the Bill of Exchange, He since informs me, that from the Confusions in the Country his correspondents in different Parts have stopped all Negotiations & that till he receives Answers from them, cannot draw for any Sums; therefore as the most prudent Way to be afraid of Payment for these Villages I got Mauphoos (now) to put them in the Hands of the most considerable Merchants, who have given me promissory Notes for a Lack of Rupees payable in 30 Days, their Security is undoubtedly good, and I am well assured they will be punctual.

Mauphoos (now) has also given an Obligation for 50000 Rupees which he is to pay the Company on the Nabob's Account in the above Time these Sums with the 82000 for Madura

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Madura, are all I can expect to receive on the Villages Account; what more must be from the Polligars, which I hope will turn out very considerable. I was oblig'd on the 2^d Instant to detach Capt. Beaver, 150 Europeans, 3 pieces of Cannon, 300 Horse and 500 Sepoys to subdue one of the most Obstinate and powerfull among them. He has taken possession of his principal Fort with little Loss, having only one European Kill'd & 3 slightly wounded, I hope this will have a good Effect in obliging the others to come in soon and settle their respective Accounts.

The Moravar Polligar has sent his Brother with 3000 Men & 200 Horse they are now within five Miles of us, they are very desirous of doing the English any Service in their Power & press us much to make a Settlement in their Country. I have sent down a part of the Sea Coast hereabouts and have mark'd the place they offer, you will judge whether or no the Place is convenient. The Dutch can have no Pretence for an exclusive Trade, as the Chief of Joute Courin, lately declar'd to M^r. Fabry / who I had sent there / that the Dutch had no connection with any of the Moravar's Country. I ought not to omit the Civilities I have receiv'd from the above Gentlemen, particularly in refusing to entertain in their Service some of our Deserters who went there and offer'd themselves to him; you will observe by the Returns We have lost several, they are all swift, and I believe most of them enter'd in the Travencore's Service.

One Moodalie a Native and the most considerable Merchant of this Place, has been of very great use to us, and given Information of every thing he knows relating to the late Government, and the Sums they collected. He says should you approve of making the Settlement in the Moravar's Country he would not only remove himself but would carry the principal and most substantial Merchants of this Country to settle there, & begin building Warehouses and other Conveniences immediately.

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He is determined to live no longer under the protection of
the Moons.

I have received the enclosed Letter from Anyengo copy of
which I think necessary to send you also my Answer

Tinnevelly
2nd April 1755. I enclose you general Returns of the Army, and am
with great Esteem Honble Sir &c &c Your most Obedient
and most humble Servant Alex. Heron.

To the Commander in Chief of the English Forces
at or near Tinnevelly

Sir

The King of Travencore has just now informed us that
he received certain Advice that you with the Forces under your
Command have joined Mahomed Ally's Army, & are advancing
towards Tinnevelly a Frontier Town on his Majesty's Dominions
from whence he is apprehensive you have Designs of invading
his Country, which he highly complains of as an open Violation of
the Friendships and good Understanding that has so long sub-
sisted between the Honble Company and him, and has demanded
of us to represent the same to you, which We now do in their
Behalf, desiring in case you are arrived at Tinnevelly before the
Receipt of this Letter, you will immediately withdraw your Forces
from thence, and commit no Hostilities in this King's Domini-
ons, which may be attended with the worst Consequences to the
Honble Company's Affairs at this Settlement, and for which in
such case we shall accordingly deem you answerable. We
request your speedy Answer and are Sir Your loving Friends
Signed George Scott, Peter Unwin Wrench, Titus Scott.

Anyengo

21st March 1755.

To the Chief and Council of Anyengo
Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of the 21st of March I am
much surprised you should be so little acquainted with this
Country, as not to know that Tinnevelly and the Polliars
depending

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depending on it belong to the Nabob; I am come to this Place by
Order of the Governor and Council of Madras, to settle his Affairs
here, and doubt not but I shall be able to complete them to their
Satisfaction as well as the Interest of the Company; I was well
apprised of the Friendship that subsisted between the English
and the King of Travancore; I wrote him to that Effect immedi-
ately on my arrival here, and though he has taken several
Villages and Forts absolutely the Property of Nabob Mahomed
III, I did not intend to retake any of them least he might
think it a violation of the good Harmony that has all along
subsisted between the English and him; none of the Nabob's
or our Troops have been near any part of his Country; but I
must confess I think he has not acted in the most Friendly
manner by giving Protections to Mahomed Cann who had
for five Years together usurped this Country from the Nabob
and to our Deserters who have taken Refuge in his Country;
however as he has always been deemed Faithful to the English,
I shall take particular Care our Troops commit no Acts of
Hostility, on him or his Country; you may probably be also
unacquainted that the King of Travancore is one of the Nabob's
Polligars & owes him considerable Sums of Money, which nothing
but his strict Friendship with the English, prevents us from
obliging him to Pay. I am Gentlemen &c. Alex^r Heron.

Trincomally
24th March 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r
President and Gov^r of Fort St. George
Honble Sir

Your Letter for the King I have had deliver'd to him, and this
I have by many frivolous Excuses been put off, for several Days from
saying him have communicated to Morojee the Contents of your
Favour to me, they are extremely well pleas'd, at your disap-
robation of Colonel Heron's Conduct, in regard to the Morojee,
but will not hear a Syllable of their Troops being recalled, or
indisposed

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Hostilities being discontinued, I endeavour'd by all the Arguments I could use, to persuade Monogee to it, but believe it has had no other Effect, than to hinder my having an Audience of the King, and even before your Letters arriv'd when by a Flag being sent there, and Letters from Col. Heron requiring them to withdraw their Troops, they expected We should assist the Moravars, they seem'd determin'd not to recede from their Resolutions but sent a Reinforcement of 300 Sepoys; and besides 250 Horse and 300 Sepoys, and besides 250 Horse, and 300 Sepoys of Harrah Singh already engag'd at very great Pay, are in Treaty with Dandjong to come into their Service, and Monogee was also to have gone to take the Command himself.

Whatever their Pretensions may be to only a part of the Country, I believe their Views are for subjecting the whole, and am inform'd that an Agreement is made with a Brother of the Moravars to have the Command of it, and who now commands the Army before Annamooty Goodie a Fort on the Frontiers of the Moravar Country.

As Monogee's Power is absolute, there is the less Reason to expect their giving up the Point, as he receiv'd some personal Affronts from the Moravars during his being out of Favour. Jondaman I believe will be always ready to join with them, he having on some Dispute withdrawn his Forces and left our Army when at Madwar.

This Morning a Hircar of the King's brought News that the Mysore Army, were all march'd & Coast from Springham, on hearing that Salabat Jung was march'd towards their Country.

Monogee has assur'd me that on their being put in Possession of the Country, they have a right to their Troops shall immediately march back. I am with the greatest Respect
Doubtless Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

And^m Newtop.

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The Committee are of Opinion that Major Heron in his Answer to the Chief and Factors at Anjengo has treated the King of Travencore with too little Regard for although by the Original Constitution of the Country the King of Travencore was only a Poligar tributary to Trichernopoly yet he is now grown so powerful that it is most prudent to keep fair with him as well to prevent the hurt he might do to the Company's Affairs on the other Coast as in consideration of the Weight he would add to the Madras Enemies in the Trichernopoly Country were he to be provoked to enter into Alliance with them. The Rent Major Heron mentions to be expected /150,000 Rupees for Tinnevelly and 82,000 for Madurai/ will not defray the Expences of the Expedition if the Army remains any Time there Agreed therefore that the Orders for their immediate Return be again repeated which is thought the more necessary as by a Letter from Abdul Wahab ^{We are advised of Salabad Jung's arrival} ~~Law~~ with a large Army at Sorrah which is about ten Days march from Arcot.

The Moravars Offer of a Settlement in his Country situated on the Sea coast in Tutacareon Bay being taken into Consideration, the Committee are unanimously of Opinion that the Advantages to be expected from such a Situation would never defray the Expences of making and supporting a Settlement at so great a Distance, it is therefore Resolved that Major Heron be directed to thank the Moravars for his good Inclination and decline the Offer.

Received a Letter from the Governor of Negapatam to the President of which the following is a Translation

MADRAS PATNAM

To the Honble Geo. Pigot Esq^r Presid^t & Gov^r of Fort St George and the Coast of
Cheromandel &c &c on behalf of the Rt Honble the Royal English East India Company

Honble Sir & Worthy Friends

With your agreeable Letter of the 1st Instant I have received the two written Articles of an Agreement

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concerning the reciprocal Exchange of our Deserters, in like manner as you intimate you have concluded one with the French and to which I consent, and therefore agreeable to your desire a Translation thereof into Dutch being added in the Margin of one of the said written Articles and signed by me, is herewith sent you enclosed that the Contents thereof may be duly and fully fulfilled, and the other Original thereof shall be kept here to the same end. The Chiefs of Sadras and Porto Novo are by this Opportunity directed to return you the English Deserters that may be with them, and I leave to your Discretion to send back the two Dutch Deserters who are with you.

I remain with Esteem

Honble Sir & worthy Friend

Your most faithful Friend

and obedient Servant

Stephen Vermont.

The Articles of the Cartel having been communicated to the Council and approved are Ordered to be entered after these Minutes.

A Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o 98 read complaining that the French Troops have lately taken possession of some Villages belonging to the Sagueer of Peremoody Gadah and extorted a Sum of Money from the Milledar who is in the Nabob's Obedience and was so at the Time of the Suspension

Agreed

Negapatam
in the Castle
12th April 1755.

Fort St. George 21. April 1755.

Agreed that a Representation be made
to M^r. Deshayot of this Breach of the Treaty and Restitution de-
manded of the Villages and Money.

George Digos
Singer Lawrence
Henry Burney

Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

133.
Fort St. George 22nd April 1755.

Sent the following Letter to Major Heron agreeable to yesterday's
Resolutions

To Alcock Heron Esq. Major of the Company's Forces
on the Coast of Choromandel
N^o. 1. Sit

We have received your Letters of the 26th March and 4th April
and now enclose Duplicates of our three Last dated 26th March
and 3rd & 4th April, We desire you will hereafter Number all your
Letters that We may know whether any of them miscarry and be
particular in mentioning the Receipt of all ours.

If the Originals of our three above mentioned Letters have
reached you we doubt not but you are already on your return to
Trichinopoly, if not We direct that you march immediately
on the Receipt of this; the Thousand Sepoys which you are to
leave will be sufficient to secure the possession to the Nabob and
We shall settle with him the Share of the Revenues to be received by
the Company; for although the presence of the Army might more
effectually secure the payment of the Rents yet We are very sorry
to find that the Sums you mention of 150,000 Rupees for the Tir-
nevelly Rents and 32,000 for the Madura will not defray the
charges of the Expedition, which will be considerably increased by
every Day's Stay of the Army.

Although the Moravar may have been of some Use to
you in the Expedition, yet his Alliance is not to be put in the Scale
against that of the King of Tanjore and Pondicherry, especially when
it is considered that the First has been a constant Enemy of the
Nabob and the other two his firm Friends during the whole
time of the War, we therefore strictly enforce the Orders on this
Head contained in our Letter of the 26th March. If you can
prevail on the Moravar to restore to the Nabob and the King of
Tanjore all the Countries he took from them during the late Troubles
and then to enter into the General Alliance it will be a useful
Work

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Work and We shall gladly be his Friends on that Footing. We are of Opinion that a Settlement in the Moravari Country would never pay its own Expences nor can We afford Troops to Garrison it you will therefore thank him for his good Inclinations and think no more of it.

Your Answer to the Letter wrote you by the Chief and Factors at Anjengo is not consistent in all its points with ^{the} ~~the~~ we would have you shew to the King of Travencore. We do not look upon him in the Light of a Polygar of the Nabob but as a Prince quite independant; it matters not whether by Right or by increase of Power, The consequences of his Enmity or Friendship to the Company will be the same. And We are therefore very glad to observe that you have been cautious to give him no Reason to complain of any Injuries from our Troops.

We have settled a Cartel with the Dutch on the same Terms as that with the French, of which you have a Copy; therefore if any of your Men have or shall in future desert to their Settlements you must send and demand them promising Pardon in our Name. In the same manner if any of their Men come to you, send Advice to the nearest Dutch Settlement and restore them upon a promise of Pardon from the Chief of such Settlement.

The Battalion is mov'd from Syringham with all the Mysore Troops; It will be necessary that you procure good Intelligence of his Motions as his Designs are uncertain. We have Accounts also of Salabat Jung's arrival at Sirrah which is but a few Days march from this Province. These Circumstances induce us more and more to hasten your March back with the Army. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Fort. St. George

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George Pigot - Springer Lawrence - Hen. Cournoy
Robert Orme - Alex. Wynne - William Perceval.

Sent

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Fort St George 23 April 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Desyret, of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 21st entered in the French Correspondence No. 48.

At a Committee Present.
George Pigot Esq. Govern. President
Franger Lawrence Henry Towney
Robert Orme Alex. Wynch
William Perceval

Thursday
the 24th

The following Letter from Major Heron ready

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
and Govern. &c. Committee of Fort St George

Since I did myself the Honour of addressing you last, nothing extraordinary has occurred; The Polligars hitherto have been very remiss in not sending their Vakeels and settling their Accounts, and I am afraid should I march an European Force against them, they would abandon their Villages and take to the Mountains, with their Effects, where it would be impossible to come at them; Mauphoos Lown has proposed the sending his Horse and 500 of our Sepoys, and endeavour by fair Means to bring them to an Accomodation; I have agreed to this Proposal, and shall send them to morrow; Capt Lee, the Nabob's Deputy and Moodahie / who I mention'd in my last as a very considerable Person, & who had been of great Service to us / are to go with them; Their Hor-ravar will also send 500 of his People; He has great sway among the different Polligars, and I am convinced will do every Thing in his Power to promote the Nabob's Interest; he has already brought over the Pullidore a very considerable one, & who we expected the greatest Opposition from.

In consequence of bringing over the above Man to the Nabob's Interest I found out a piece of Treachery of Indamari, he has wrote several Letters to him, desiring he would collect what

Force

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Force he could among the different Pollians, and join Myana, after which they were jointly to attack us, and give all the Opposition they possibly could to the settling the Nabob's Affairs; this Man also says he wrote several Letters to Myana to the same purpose, promising all the Assistance in his Power.

Mongee Jam informant was concerned in the above Affairs, and that he wrote several Letters to Myana, & received considerable Presents, in consequence of which, he promised to put him in Possession of Madura again, in a very short Time.

I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Mrs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Alex^r Heron.

Tinnevely
11th April 1755.

P.S. Since writing the above the Buxy informs me the above Advice in regard to Tondaman & Monagee has been confirmed to Mauphis Cawod, the Method they propose now is to endeavour by means of the Moravar who Jam certain will do every thing in his Power to effect it / to take Myana Prisoner, the other Brother Moodimya will come in on having a Cowle sent him the Nabob proposes sending them to Arcot; The King of Travencore will send his Vahel & promises strict Friendship with the Nabob, after this is settled, he & the Moravar will be a sufficient Check on any of the Nabob's Enemies, who may hereafter attempt to disturb him in the peaceable possession of these Countries. A.H.

The Resolutions already taken and the Orders sent, in consequence on the Subject, of Major Heron's connections with the Moravar, will it is to be hoped prevent the execution of any Schemes that may be contriving to our Prejudice between the King of Tanjore and Tondamann, otherwise it will be in their Power to harraß the Army very much on its return.

That no Care may be wanting on our part, to prevent such a Misfortune and bring back the King of Tanjore and Tondamann to our Interest, it is Agreed

That a Duplicate of the Orders sent Major Heron the 22^d be now dispatch'd with still stronger Injunctions to

dismiss

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dismiss the Moravian Vakeel, and return with the Army to Trichenopoly.

That Captain Baillaud be acquainted with the Discovery mention'd by Major Heron of a Secret Design forming between Monogee & Sondaman, and directed to assure the King of Tanjore over again of our disapprobation of the Steps lately taken letting him know at the same time that if he suffers Monogee to engage in any Enterprise to our Prejudice, We shall look upon him as the first Violator of our Friendship, And

That Answers be immediately dispatch'd to the Letters / No 76 & 77 in the Country Correspondence / lately receiv'd from the King of Tanjore & Monogee repeating the same Assurances and again advising them not to attack the Moravian Country during the Truce.

George Pigot
Klinger Lawrence
Henry Brown
Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

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Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Killpatrick
/or Capt. Baillaud/ commanding at Trichinopoly, agreeable to
this days Resolutions

To Major Heron Esq. Major of the Compy's Forces

on the Coast of Choromandel

N^o 2.

Sir

We have just receiv'd your Letter of the 11th. we are extreme-
-ly concern'd to find that news of the 26th March had not then
reach'd you and that you was still in strict Friendship with the
Moravar to the great Disgust of the King of Tanjore and Tondar-
man; You was told in the General Instructions given you at
your Departure that the King of Tanjore was our Ally, that you
was carefully to preserve his Friendship and consult with him
on all Occasions; in direct opposition to this Order you have
made Friends with his Enemy and you cannot be surpris'd after
such a Step that he is taking Measures with Morava to oppose
you. You seem to make light of this Discovery and not to think
of altering your Measures; We are on the contrary under the
greatest Concern, not only because we value the Friendship of
the King of Tanjore above that of all the Polligars in the Country
but also because we are very apprehensive that if our former
Orders have not had their immediate Effect & produc'd a
Reconciliation with the King of Tanjore and Tondarman
you will find Obstacles on your Return more than you seem to
foresee. The Moravar, the King of Travencore & all the Polli-
gars do but amuse you to serve their own Ends, and should they
see a powerfull Opposition against you they will withdraw the
little Assistance they are able to give you.

These ^{are} our Apprehensions, which we hope however
will be remov'd by the punctual Execution of our former Orders;
If by any Accident their Arrival or Execution should have
been delay'd we now again positively enjoin you to send away the

Moravar

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To Major Millpatrick commanding at Trichenopoly
in case of his absence to Captain John Silland

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We have received your Letter of the 3^d 5th 6th 9th 10th & 14th Inst.
we desire you will henceforward number all your Letters as we shall ours that it may be known if any miscarry and you will be particular in mentioning the Receipt of all from us.

We are glad the Mysore Army is mov'd from your Neighbourhood, as their Designs are uncertain we desire you will keep Hircaris to bring you Intelligence of their Motions and acquaint Col. Heron constantly with the News you receive concerning them.

We find that Col. Heron is still in close Friendship with the Moravar which has disgusted the King of Tanjore and Tondaman so much that there is Reason to apprehend they are forming Designs against us; for your better Information we send you a Copy of a Letter we have just received from Col. Heron, and the Duplicate of our Answer under a flying Seal for your Perusal, after which you will forward it in the quickest manner possible. We furnish you with these Lights, that you may be the better enabled to assure the King of Tanjore and Tondaman, that the Steps they are disgusted at are taken absolutely against our Intentions. Acquaint the former

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Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Major Hillpatrick
for Capt. Baillaud / commanding at Trichinopoly, agreeable to
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Chinnovelly / and that they look'd on the Morravar in the same Light; / that We should hinder them from their own Country. from one who had been a publick and open Enemy to them, the Nabob & Us the whole War; that seeing we were making the other Country Polligars submit they thought they had also a Right to make the Morravar restore the Country he had taken from them; they therefore had sent a Force to recover their former Possessions, they were now fighting for them, and till they had recover'd their own they could not recall their Troops.

To this I answer'd that our attacking the Madura and Chinnovelly Polligars was of a different Nature; they were not own'd as Allies by the French or Mysoreans therefore We punish'd them as Rebels to the Nabob only. But that the Morravar was an Ally to those Powers, and attacking him was a Breach of the Truce, the Consequences of which he well knew that if we were apply'd to for to punish any of the Powers that broke it, how could We refuse joining, and obliging him to do ^{at last} by Force, what We only ask'd now as a Favour. That the Thing might I thought depend on our Words, that no Peace should be settled without our making that Polligar restore whatever he had taken; and that further I could venture to promise him, so good was our Intention towards him; / that if we were seen the French would not own the Morravar as an Ally we would not only consent to his recovering his Right immediately but assist him in doing it.

All the Reply I could get was they own'd they were in the Fault for fighting, and having sent Troops but since they had done it they could not withdraw them without losing their Honour and Name. But on our Accounts could We manage so as to have their Country restore was all they ask'd, and then they would desist from any more military Operations against him. That they were certain the French would not own the Morra as an Ally, for to their Knowledge the Letter he had recei

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from them when he applied for their Mediation was; that they would have Nothing to say to him. That also should the French apply to us for reparation that We might let them know; what the King of Tanjore was doing now, was not so much a Breach of the Treaty as the Disturbance of the Peace since the Peace, and we took no Notice of that to which I answered we had not been applied to, or We should.

I concluded by telling him I was sorry he doubted so much our Word, as not to be certain that the ^{first} fair and just Opportunity we could get of having his Right restored, we would not make use of it. That I had done my Duty in telling him the consequence of not making his Troops desist, should the French apply to us according to the Peace, which he knew and had agreed to. This ended the conference, and I took my Leave. Monagee having desired me to come to him next Morning.

I waited on him accordingly, and met there the Moravar Vaheds having asked them by what Right their Master detained some Country from the King of Tanjore which had been given him by the Nabob and their consent? Their Answer was, as bad as the Cause they supported, and to cut short I asked them if their Master owned the Nabob to be his Prince, and if they would obey his Orders? They answered in the Affirmative. I then asked if they could and would promise in their Master's Name, that he would acquiesce to the Nabob's decision in the Affair? They said that he would, and what he had done now he thought he had a Right to, from our Protection, I made them sensible that an Error, and that we would never be their Master's Friends, he had restored the King of Tanjore his own, as well as pay Obedience, & Tribute to the Nabob as their Prince and Master. They again promised to agree to whatever the Nabob should order. Monagee was contented, and till they see how the Moravar act in consequence of the Nabob's Order, Hostilities are to

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I shall set out this Evening for Trichenopoly and hope to find the Nabit ready to send his Immediate Orders and Directions.

Was not the King of Tanjore so necessary to us on Account of Trichenopoly, I should have been less solicitous to compromise Matters, and have dwelt more presumptuously on his ordering his Troops to retire in consequence of the Truce. I hope Gentlemen in what I have done you will not think I have gone too far, but acted to the best of my Knowledge, and Capacity for your Honour and Interest.

A Viceroy of the King of Tanjore's is arriv'd here from the Nana, & Salabad Jung's Army he left them near Syringapatam, the Mysore Capital. Mr. Pussy 500 French & 4000 Indians are with them. The Army consists besides of Country Troops 6000 Horse, 8000 Europeans in the Nana's Service. They talk of marching this way, and so to direct to collect Tribute.

The Mallorway as I suppose you are inform'd Gentlemen, has left Syringapatam, partly it is thought on Account of the Nana's approach, and also a Report that his Brother is dead. before he went he mortgag'd to the French some Countries about Trichenopoly, he had in Possession before the Truce. The Countries are mention'd in the Margin.

* The Countries are
Salyoudy
Coutallum
Mouffery
Pichurdaa Coil
Thumbely

Permit me Gentlemen in this first Letter I have the Honour to address you on publick Business to return my sincere Thanks and Acknowledgements for the Honour you have done me. I hope by my Behaviour to merit your Approbation, & continuance of your Favour and Protection. I am with the greatest Respect, Worthy Sir and Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull Servant J. Baillaud.

P.S. As I thought my Presence at Trichenopoly with the Nabit requisite I have taken the Liberty to defer my Journey to Pondicherry.

The foregoing Letter having been communicated to the Gentlemen of the Committee and Capt. Baillaud's Proceedings unanimously approved the following Answer was wrote and sent
To
Tanjore
the 19th April 1755.

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To Capt. John Baillaud
Commanding at Trichenopoly

N^o 2.

Sir

Since We wrote you the 24th we have received your Letter from Tanjore dated the 19th.

Your meeting with the Morrawar Vakeels and having an Opportunity of declaring to their Face in presence of Monge that we disapproved of the protection granted their Master by Col. Heron was a lucky Circumstances and must tend much to convince the King of our Sincerity. You treated the whole Subject very properly and We shall be glad to hear that the Nabob's Orders to the Morrawar have prevented any further Acts of Hostility of the Tanjore Army, for if We should be applied to by the French to oppose this Breach of the Truce We know not how We can avoid taking part against him. The Tanjore Country was taken by the Gallorway long before the Suspension and never recovered therefore we had no Right to dispute about it nor can We make any use of that Argument.

We have now wrote to the King of Tanjore and Monage that above all things the Articles of the Truce must be observed, that therefore it, will be best to endeavour to make an Agreement between them, the Nabob Yourself and the Morrawar by which this last shall engage to restore the Countries he has taken under Promise of Protection from the other Parties in the Possession of the rest of his Dominions and that if he, (the Morrawar), will not consent to this we shall enter into no Terms at all with him & take the first ^{good & lawful} Opportunity of joining the King and retaking the Countries he claims.

Use your Endeavours to bring such an Agreement to bear, It will at the same time put an End to the Dispute and add a Link to the general Alliance. Let the Morrawar know that sooner or later he must restore those Countries and that he had better make

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make use of the Opportunity of securing the rest of his Possessions. If he will not agree, warn the Nabob not to come to any Terms with him and try to persuade the King of Tanjore to let Things remain as they are for the short Time of the Truce.

Our last Advices concerning Salabad Jung agree with yours: Should his Army come near Trichenopoly and commit any Hostilities in the Nabob's Possessions you must complain to Mr. Drury of the Breach of the Treaty but keep close to your Fort and let none of them enter on any pretence. The Store of Provisions for your Garrison is not increased much of late, endeavour to complete it as fast as possible. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Ponney - Robert Orme - Alexander Wynch - William Perceval.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Gov. President
String. Lawrence Hen. Ponney
Robert Orme Alex. Wynch
William Perceval

Monday
the 28th

As it may be expected the Admiral will shortly arrive at Fort St David, Order'd that a Letter be wrote and lodgd at that Place in readiness for him, advising of Salabad Jung's Arrival in the Mysore Country and the removal of the Mysoreans from before Trichenopoly, which are the only material Occurrences that have happen'd since his Departure. and

It being yet uncertain what Measures may have been taken by the two Companies in Europe, the Committee judge that

Fort St. George 3^d May 1755.

His Majesty's Sloop King's Fisher intending to sail in a Day or two for Fort St. David It was agreed to request of Capt. Harrison to carry down the thirty six French Prisoners remaining here and the following Letter wrote him accordingly by the President

To John Harrison Esq. Commander of
his Majesty's Sloop King's Fisher

Sir

Having thirty six French Prisoners here which the Bridgewater could not conveniently take in, as they were not thoroughly recovered at the Time of her Departure, I shall be much oblig'd to you if you can give them a passage to Fort St. David. I am Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

George Pigot

Received the following Answer from Capt. Harrison

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Sir

I have received your Favour of this Days Date desiring a Passage for thirty six French Prisoners to Fort St. David: you will please to give Directions for their being sent on Board, & I will send Orders to the commanding Officer to receive them. I am Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Harrison

4. Received a Letter from M^r. Delepit to the President dated the 30. April with four Papers inclos'd relating to the Property of the contested District in the French Correspondence &c. &c.

5th The French Prisoners having been sent on board the King's Fisher Sloop, the following Letter was wrote M^r. Marke to accompany them.

To Richard Marke Esq. Deputy Gov^r of Fort St. David

Sir

Capt. Harrison has been so obliging as to give a Passage to the French Prisoners remaining here in number Thirty Six

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Let Boats be sent for them as soon as the Sloop arrives and lodge them with the rest.

Please to deliver the inclosed to Capt. Digler who has Leave to return to Camp and acquaint Lieut. Merryman that he may come up to Madras according to his Request. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant George Pigot.

Fort St George
5th May 1755.

Monday
the 5th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Gov. President
Sir John Lawrence Henry Pooley
Robert Orme Alex. Wyndham
William Perceval

M^r. Deshay's Letter of the 30th April with the four Papers inclosed, are now read and taken into Consideration. We gives us plain-ly to understand that he is resolved to quit Nothing of what he now proposes, although his Answers to the Prop^s sent him on the part of the Nabob are full of Evasions & Contradiction, Here only the Justice of our Demand to be considered we are persuaded that all the World would justify any Measures we might take to right Ourselves, but the Situation of Affairs should be first well weight'd, and whether the Object in Dispute is of sufficient consequence to engage us to give the French an Opportunity of breaking the Truce. It is not impro-bable but that their Design is to bring on a Rupture knowing that our Army is at a great Distance, and Salabad Jung within a few Days March of the Provinces; At the same Time we are quite Ignorant of the Force to be expected on both Sides from Europe, and of the Intentions of our Honble Masters; it is therefore Agreed to defer coming to any Resolution or giving any Answer to this Letter of M^r. Deshay's until the Receipt of Advice from England, by which Time also the Troops will be returned from their present Expedition, and We shall have a certain Account of Salabad Jung's Designs. It is Resolved however now to enter our Remarks on M^r. Deshay's Answer

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Answers to the 6 Proofs sent him in the President's Letter of the 15th April as follows

N^os 2 & 3 Extracts of Letters from the French Commissioners to the English acknowledging the Nabob's Right to certain Villages in the Carangoly Pergana, although the French Amildar ordered Salasana Naigue the 21st October 1754 to seize all the Villages of the Carangoly Pergana.

Answer. That M^r Delaprit/sal acknowledges the Nabob's Right to those Villages; That the French Amildar's Letter to Salasana Naigue was feigned in order to deter the Troops of Mirza Ameer Beg from committing further Ravages.

Remark

The consequence of these feigned Orders were as M^r Delaprit himself confesses in his Letter of the 4th April, the retaking of some Villages therein alleged to have been taken from the French by Mirza Ameer Beg after the Suspension. In his Letter of the 30th April he says the Troops of Mirza Ameer Beg were more Intent on Plunder than conquest, and that after ruining the Country they quitted the Possession. There is an evident Contradiction the Letter of the 4th April asserts that Mirza Ameer Beg took 59 Villages, that he kept possession of them & that some of them were retaken; The Letter of the 30th of the same Month alleges that he only ravaged the Country, for which Reason M^r Godeheu did not complain of the taking of any of his Villages.

N^o 4 The Declaration on Oath of Saumyach setting forth that he did by Order from Pondicherry hoist the French Colours on six Villages belonging to the Nabob between the 31st October & 21st Nov^r 1754.

Answer That Saumyach left their Service in Disgrace & therefore his Evidence cannot be admitted against them.

Remark

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A Deposition on Oath is surely of itself sufficient to outweigh so light an Argument, but this Deposition is confirmed beyond all Doubt by the Connection it has with the French Amuldar's Letter to Salasana Maigue wherein this very Sammyah is expressly by them appointed to assist in seizing the Villages of the Carangoly Regana for the French.

N^o 3 The Declaration on Oath of Annachey Pilla setting forth that he was carried forcibly from his Village of Madarantegum, where his Accounts some of which belonged to the Nabob / were taken from him in presence of the French Commissioners in their own Tent and refused to be restored.

Answer'd by a Deposition of M^r Flacourt who asserts that Annachey Pilla came of his own free Will at the Request of the French Amuldar, and that he lodged his Accounts voluntarily with the French Commissioners.

Remark

There does not appear any Reason that could induce Annachey Pilla to be at the Expence of a Journey to Madras, where he has no kind of Connection, except the Hopes of recovering his Accounts by our Interposition, and he now again declares that every Thing contain'd in his Deposition is true.

N^o 6. The Deposition of two Bramins of Sagoda who were forc'd by the French Amuldar to sign a Paper without having the Liberty to read it.

Answer'd by a Declaration of several Bramins and Pandarums of the same Sagoda setting forth that the French Amuldar's Wicket built the Pagoda, maintain'd it well, and that the Amuldar has always kept it in the same good Order.

Remark

The Silence of this Answer on the very Point of Complaint

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and that Directions be sent to Capt. Gauppe to hold a Party in readi-
ness to march to the Assistance of the Killedar if he should find
by his Intelligence that the Fort is in any danger.

The Tripty Account Current of the December for second/
Hist. having been examined and found right, the Ballance
of Pogoda is Ordered to be carried to his Credit in the Account
of the June for third / Hist.

Capt. Gauppe advises in another Letter to the President
that six French Deserters from Trincomely arrived lately at Chellapet.
and that the Killedar has taken them into his Service. The
Committee being of Opinion that they would rather endanger
than strengthen the Fort, it is Agreed to write the Killedar
to send them to Madras that they may be deliver'd upon Promise of
Pardon, and that Mr. Desegret be desired to Act in the same manner
on any like Occasion, which will be a Means to prevent Europe-
ans entering into the Service of the Moors.

George Dyer
Stringer Lawrence

Henry Brown

Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

Tuesday
the 20.

To the Honble Genl.
and Gov. &c. Comd.

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Sent a Letter from the President to M^r. Dedeysit agreeable to
this Morning's Resolution - Enter'd in the French correspond-
-ence N^o 51.

At a Committee Pres.
George Pigot Esq. Gov. President
String. Lawrence Henry Pomroy
Robert Orme Alex. Wynch
William Perceval

The following Letters receiv'd since last meeting are now read
George Pigot Esq. President
Committee of Fort St. George
Gentlemen

I have the pleasure to acquaint you I arriv'd here last
Evening with all the Ships of my Squadron, and this Morning
was favour'd with your Letter of the 29.th April, acquainting me
that the Governour and Council of Bombay had express'd a
Desire of seeing his Majesty's Squadron under my command
on the Malabar Coast. I have also receiv'd a Letter from
M^r. Bouchier on the same Subject; therefore if the Affairs on
this Coast should remain in the same peaceable Situation they
are in at present, I shall certainly return there as soon as possi-
-ble, as I conclude my presence on this Coast cannot be so
immediately necessary, as on the other, but however, till I
receive fresh Instructions from England I shall not think
of quitting this part of India; and as I concur with You in
Opinion that this is the most convenient Station at this Jun-
-ture, I shall remain here agreeable to your Request till the
Arrival of a Ship from Europe.

I am much oblig'd to you for the little News you give
me of your Affairs in the Country, and hope every Thing
may be conducted there agreeable to your Satisfaction.

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I am Gentlemen Your most Obedient humble Servant Chas. Watson.
From Major Hillpatrick at Trichenopoly

To the Honble George Sigot Esq^r President
and Governor &c Council of Fort St. George

N^o 7.

Honble Sir & Sons

I was yesterday honoured with your Letter of the 28th number
One, and instantly forwarded the Packet for Col. Heron as also after
having perused them the Duplicate of his Instructions - This I was
till now entirely ignorant of their Contents, yet have I ventured to
assure both the King of Tanjore Vakeel and Sondamam, whose
Diffidence of the Nabob whom they both exceedingly blamed
caused them frequently to apply to me, that I was certain our
President & Council would never permit, and much less order
their Protection to be given to any one who had committed
Hostilities against us was any ways obnoxious to such firm
allies, as they had both proved themselves in the most dangerous and
troublesome Times, to confirm them the more fully in this Opinion
now, Captain Lailland and I have judge it necessary that he should
go, both to the King of Tanjore and Sondamam, at once to assure
them of your good Intentions and enforce to them the Contents of your
Letter, I upon the first Removal of the Mysore Bullomay from
hence entertained the same Suspicion of his Intentions with the
Gentlemen and have ever since kept a watchful Eye on all his
Movements, of which I constantly advise Col. Heron, and have
been ever in readiness on the least Alarm to follow him with a strong
Detachment from this Garrison, which might be very well good
but from the best Accounts I think I can venture to assure
you you need not be under any Apprehensions from that
Quarter, I enclose you the Accounts of this Garrison for last
Month, the Returns I shall have the pleasure of delivering you
myself & had set out from hence, but now but for an Inflammation
which fell suddenly on my Leg, it is now much abated and on
Capt.

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Capt. Baillaud returns, I shall hasten to Madras. I have the Honor to remain with the greatest Respect, Honble Sir & Mrs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant, Jas. Hillpatrick.

Capt. Howes writes from Arcot that the President's Letter to Abdul Wahab Khan has had the desired Effect, that he has promised in advance twelve Thousand Rupees for the Repairs of the Fort, half of which He (Capt. Howes) has got a Note for in consequence of which he shall set the People immediately to work.

Capt. Gaupp advises that he has dispatched Mircaris to all the Villages of the Chettapet Districts to bring him Intelligence of the Motions of the Ponnas that have lately lodged themselves there.

Mircaris from Salabad Jung's Camp at Syringapatam the Capital of the Mysore Country bring an Account that as soon as he has accommodated with the King of Mysore, his Design is to return to the Northward, either to Golconda or Aurungabad, that M. Poupy had endeavored to persuade him to enter the Arcot Country, but Shownaraz Khan, the Viceroy or Prime Minister prevented it by representing to him that Anavard Khan the Nabob had long possessed this Country without any Assistance and that he was a Friend to the Circar.

The Committee cannot but remark on this Occasion how little Regard M. Poupy would willingly have paid to the Truce concluded by his Superiours.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Brown
Robert Orme

Wm. Mordaunt
Wm. Mordaunt

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Received a Letter from M^r Desayrit to the President dated the 22^d Instant as entered in the French Correspondence N^o 52.

Tuesday
the 27th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Govern^r President
Strong Lawrence Henry Bowney
Robert Orme Alex^r Wynch
William Perceval

Letter from M^r Desayrit to the President N^o 52 read; As he disclaims any Connection or concern in the Pirates that lodged themselves lately near Chettaput, It is agreed to send a Reinforcement of twelve Men to Serjeant Rose who commands there under the Willadar, and to write to the Willadar to drive them out of his Districts and at all Times to oppose whoever shall come to disturb them without waiting for Advices from hence; This being conformable to the Terms of the Truce.

The Proposal made by the English Commissioners to the French for fixing the Share of the Grain due to the Inhabitants in the contested Districts by Depositions to be deliver'd to the petty Amaldars in every Village, being accepted by M^r Desayrit with this Addition: That the Camrangoys & Dastumers "hies", who are neutral Persons and keep the Accounts of the Inhabitants, shall be taken for Witnesses of our Operations. It is Agreed to dispatch Orders to our Commissioners to proceed immediately to the distribution on the plan as settled, but with regard to the Remainder which is to belong either to the Natives or the French according as the Right shall be prov'd. The Committee are of Opinion that the safest way of disposing of it and the least liable to future Disputes will be to lodge one half in Madras and the other in Pondicherry, the two Companies reciprocally promising to be accountable for the amount to whichever shall be prov'd to have the Right, and it is Agreed accordingly.

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accordingly to propose this Method to M^r. Deshayes, as to his Complaint of Damages sustained by the Ravages of the Polligars and Colliers about Springham, It is well known that neither the Polligars nor Colliers were ever Subject or allied to the English. It is therefore Agreed to tell him that he is at Liberty to take his own Satisfaction.

Since last meeting received the following Letters

From Capt. Cauland

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r Govern^r.

& President &c^t Gentlemen of the Committee at Fort St. George

Honble Sir &c^t Sirs

Agreeable to the last Letter I had the Honour of writing to your Gentlemen, from Tanjore N^a. dated the 19th of April. I proceeded to Trichenopoly. and in consequence of the Agreement made between Monagee, & the Morravar Vakeels, to abide by the Nabob's decision. He sent his immediate Orders to the Morravar to restore the Countries in dispute. I also wrote to enforce it, by assuring him he must not expect Friendship or Protection from us, untill he had restored the Thing his Right.

While we were waiting for an Answer Accounts came to the Nabob, that Monagee was preparing to set out at the Head of some Troops to reinforce those already sent before Annamootygoody, the Name of the Fort they are besieging. As Major Hillpatrick was yet unable to move on Account of an Inflammation in his Leg, which has confined him to his Room; I thought it would not be improper to write to the Nabob, while he staid to go a second Time to Tanjore to put out the possibility of Monagee from marching, and to make him disavow his Promise of Obedience of Fidelity, untill at least an answer should come from the Morravar.

On the 6th I was honour'd with your Letter of the 26th April 1755. and will endeavour Gentlemen to the best of my Power, to act agreeable to your Directions. I am however too late at Tanjore

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Tanjore, and Monagee was gone. I ask'd for an Audience from the King, and had one the next day.

I again assur'd him of the favourable Intensions of the Noble Company towards him; but also the Consequences if he persisted in acting as he had begun, should the French intermeddle in the Affair. & why Monagee contrary to his Promise was gone in Person to pursue the War? He answer'd as before, that his Honour was concern'd, & that Monagee went to reinforce the Troops, as the Morravar had done the same, but if I would go as a middle Person & endeavour to make the Morravar restore his Country, it was all he ask'd. He urg'd my going, and said my Presence with the Morravar would do the Business.

I had a Conversation in the Morning with the Morravar Vakeels from which I was inclin'd to think this Step might be attended perhaps with Success. so I consented to go. I set out to morrow, with an Escort for Monagee's Camp; and then to the Morravar. The Nabob's Vakeel Saib Muctown goes with me, as also the Morravar Vakeels. My Journey, Return, and the necessary Time to finish the Affair (if any Thing can be done) will take up about a Fortnight; and Major Hillpatrick is to stay till my Return.

I shall with the quickest Dispatch acquaint You Gentlemen with my Proceedings. I hope this Step may meet with your Approbation, and that my Endeavour will be attended with Success equal to my Zeal, and sincere Desire to do my Duty, and please I am with great Respect & Honble Duties Your most Obedient and most faithful humble Servant John Caillaud.

The Committee very much approve the Resolution taken by Capt. Caillaud being of Opinion that it is the probable Means of accommodating the Dispute between King of Tanjore and the Morravar.

Tanjore,
27th May 1755.

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To the Honble George Sigt. Esq. President
 &c. &c. Committee of Fort St. George
 Honble Sir & Sons

I am Honoured with your Letter of the 26th March, and
 this Day receiv'd another of the 3rd Instant in consequence of
 the Orders contain'd in them I shall prepare with all possible
 Expedition for my return to Trichinopoly, but as I observ'd
 to you in my Letter of the 1st Instant that the Revenues
 were all paid by Bills on the Merchants at 20 & 25 Days Date,
 and I have since receiv'd other Sums from the Polligars in
 the same manner, it is absolutely necessary I should remain
 a few Days longer in order to collect those Sums, and have
 Hopes that I shall be able to get what will not be imme-
 diately due, discounted at one & 1/2 % for prompt Payment,
 my whole Application shall be for this Purpose, and settle with
 what Polligars I possibly can & begin my March without
 Loss of Time. I am inform'd the Mysore Dallyway has abandon'd
 Syringham and is on his March with his Troops for his own
 Country.

I am extremely sorry the Encouragement I gave the
 Morarwar to send his Vahel, does not meet with your Appro-
 bation, I wrote You from Trichindoura the 10 January that
 by the Nabob's Desire, I had given him Leave to send his Vahel,
 and since that I have acquainted You with every Step I have
 taken with him, He did not come to me 'till the Army reach'd
 Madura, when I had the greater Inducement to grant him
 Protection as I imagin'd had you disapproved of it, I should
 have been favour'd with a Letter from You, in Answer to mine
 of the 16th Janry. I hear the Nabob has said He did not give me
 Powers to do for him, that you may Judge of the Truth I
 have enclos'd you Copy of a Letter He sent me with his own
 hand, not only that, but I receiv'd repeated Messages from
 him

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 Him to get the Morravar to send his Vakeel at any Rate, and when the Nabob was with the Army near Manapat, I never went to see him that he did not press me to do it in the strongest Terms possible, I never received any Letter or Representation either from the King of Tanjore or Pondicherry against receiving the Vakeel, on the contrary I wrote to Monoge in regard to him, and he never thought it worth his While to answer me, as a further Proof of the Nabob's Design to get the Morravar for his Friend, Mauphis however wrote a Letter to the King of Tanjore & desired he would not attack, as if he did, it would be of the utmost Consequence to his Affairs in this Country, the King of Tanjore or Pondicherry have no Vakeels here, neither do I know they ever had, but I shall tell the Morravar's People before the Nabob's Officers when you have ordered & send them away, so cautious was I of treating to the prejudice of any of the Company's Allies that the first thing I said of him was an Assurance, that whatever had been taken from the Nabob the King of Tanjore or Pondicherry should be instantly restored and all arrears paid, this Agreement they have several Times offered to fulfill, provided the Troops employ'd against his Country were withdrawn, the People here are of great Service to us, and by their Means one of the principal Rottagers is brought to settle with the Nabob, they detach Parties of their Men with ours, whenever desired.

I shall make the Distribution of the Plunder among the Army, which will be very trifling, what Grain has been taken as Prize was chiefly in Ports, which it will be necessary the Nabob should keep in Possession of, shall therefore be delivered over to Him & the small Quantities that have been sold shall be accounted for.

As to Ranguiah the Company's Linguist I have had no Complaints of him, neither has the Nabob, his Officers made

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made any to me, on the contrary they all seem'd to esteem him, as an
usefull good Man. I could wish you would be pleas'd to send up the
Informations you have receiv'd against him, and his conduct shall
be immediately enquir'd into; but as at present I don't know what
Crimes to charge him with it will be impossible to bring him to
any Trial, till I receive them, however I shall be very cautious
in trusting him till I receive your Answer, and will narrowly
inspect his Proceedings both past & to come; in Affairs rela-
ting to the Company's Business; it never was agreeable to me to
trust one Person for which Reason when I march'd against the
Polligars, I sent Major Millpatrick to send me Sopall that they
might be a Check on each other. He attended me as well as the other the
beginning of this Expedition till he unfortunately receiv'd a Shot in
the Thigh, at the Attack of Colegoody, & was oblig'd to be left in Ma-
dura.

Mahomed Khan the Nabob's Divan has been of great
diservice to the Company's receiving Sums from the Polligars. He has us'd
his utmost Endeavours to prevent their settling with us, by writing to
them that the English would stay but a little Time, & that he should be
left to command this Country, and would then settle their Accounts on
much easier Terms. I am with great Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs

Trincomally

29. April 1755.

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Alex. Heron.

As the King of Travencore's Vahel, has been with me almost ever since I
came to this place, there are 3 or 4 Villages which he took possession of during
the Government of Myana, which belong to the Nabob. he has offer'd me
that provided he might be allow'd to keep them, he would enter into an
Agreement, to supply the Nabob with any Number of Men not exceed-
ing 10,000 whenever his Affairs requir'd their Assistance, but as I could not
enter into any Treaty without your Approbation, I told him I would represent
it to you.

I am afraid the Company must be considerable Sufferers by my leaving this
Country so soon but I beg leave to assure you I shall use all possible Means
to settle every thing in the best manner, and according to your Orders proceed
for

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for Trichinopoly without loss of Time.

A Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to Colonel Heron in the Morcatta *Spang* dated
in Mannapora 9th February 1756.

I heard that the Morcatta's Vahel is on the Road & you
had promised your Friendship to him, for which Reason I give you
my full Promise to forgive all his Crimes and to protect him provided
that he comes without any Fear and submits himself as usual,
pays what Money he owes, delivers up the Country to me, and
likewise acknowledges me as his Superior in his Samastan
for Government and joins our Army to act. I must also advise
you also to write to the Governor and Council of Madras in the
same manner to get his Crimes pardoned.

As Major Heron's Dismissal of the Morcatta's Vahel
in consequence of our Orders, will be sufficient to restore the Confide-
dence of the King of Tanjore, it is unnecessary to say more on
that Subject. Agreed that Major Heron be wrote to send a parti-
cular Account of the Money collected; and to exert the Nabob
to Arcot, as before directed, as soon as the Troops shall be sufficiently
recovered from their Fatigue.

George Pigot
Minger Lawrence

Henry Browne

Robert Orme

W. K. Kitch
Will. Perceval

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Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Captain Caillaud agreeable to Resolutions of the 27th Instant.

To Alex^r. Heron Esq. Major of the Company's
Forces on the Coast of Chormandel
N^o 3.

Sir
We have received your Letter of the 22. of April from which we imagine you must by this Time be returned with the Army to Trichinopoly. Your Advices as yet with regard to the Money collected have been General and uncertain; We desire you will transmit us a particular Account.

As soon as the Men are recovered from their Fatigue and the Nabob is ready to set out you will execute our former Orders for escorting him to Arcot. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Torrey -
Robert Orme - Alex^r. Wynch - William Perceval.

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To Captain Caillaud
N^o 3.

Sir

We have received your Letter N^o 2. dated the 7th Instant and think with you that your presence with the Moravian is the most likely Method of bringing his Disputes with the King of Tanjore to an Accommodation. We hope soon to hear of your Success and are
Sir Your most obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Torrey - Robert Orme - Alex^r. Wynch - William Perceval.

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30. Sent a Letter from the President to M^r. Desoyris of this Date agreeable to Resolution of the 27th Entered in the French Correspondence N^o 53.

Sent a Letter to M^{rs}. Maskelyne & Preston agreeable to Resolution of the 27th Entered in the proceedings of the Commissioners N^o 3A.

At a Committee Present

Wednesday
1st June

George Pigot Esq. Governor President
String^r. Lawrence - Hen^r. Torrey - Rob^t. Orme
Alexander Wynch - William Perceval.

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The following Letters from Major Heron and Captain
Bailland read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President
and Governor &c. Committee of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Mrs

I am just now honour'd with a Duplicate of yours of the
22^d of April N^o 1 & your Letter of the 24th N^o 2 the Original of
the former, and the Letter of the 6th I have not receiv'd, neither are
the Duplicates you mention or the Packet with the Letters come to
hand.

In obedience to your Orders contain'd in the General Letter
of the 26th March I told the Moravian's Cherrigar & Vahet in the
presence of Mauphoos (Law) and his Officers, that his Master was
never to expect any Pardon or Protection from the English till he
had restor'd every Thing he had taken both from the Nabob and
King of Tanjore, I acquainted you with the Result of that Conference
in my Letter of the 25th April, so hope the King of Tanjore and Town-
men are well satisfied before this Time of my having communicated
your Instructions to the Moravian, as his Cherrigar and Tracts left
me immediately upon it, which undoubtedly they would hear of; I
also flatter myself the copy of the Nabob's Letter to me in regard to the
Moravian will justify myself in this Respect, that I took no one Step
without his Desire and Approbation.

I began my March the 2^d Instant for Trichinopoly, which
was as soon as Circumstances would admit of, I had sent a Detach-
ment to Mellicotah, which it was necessary should join me before
I left Trichinopoly, and I had some Bills that were near due by the
Merchants, which I might probably have been disappointed of
had I not staid to receive them, I remain'd there only nine Days
after receipt of your Orders, which time Mauphoos (Law) required
to settle that part of the Country in some State of Security; He
had made little Preparations for that purpose, and as he only desir'd
that

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that 3 Companies of Sepoys might be left in Calumetah, He was obliged to raise other Troops to secure his Forts and Villages thereabouts; He with the remainder of the Sepoys will stay at Madras.

As to the King of Travencore, I always gave him the strongest Assurances of the Regard the English had for him, & that I should not suffer any of the Troops under my Command, to commit any new Acts of Hostility on his Country, or present Possessions; He in return by his Vakeel assured me he would not interfere with the Nabob, or his Country.

During my Route from Tinnevelly to Madras, Mauphoos Canon with repeated Mesnages perswad me to march towards the Pallitane Colligars as he had not settled within, he assured me in a Day or two I should be able to settle that Business, and that then the quick Deposition of this whole Country would be secured to him, as it was little out of my Road, & he solicited me so strongly I agreed to it, my Informations in regard to the Strength of the Place and the Force of this Colligar were intolerably bad, instead of a Mud Fort & a few Batteries as I was told, We found it a very strong Fortification, the lower part of the Walls built with Stone, & defended by above 2000 Men and 14 Pieces of Cannon served by Dutch Deserters and Topazes, I tried to batter their Walls with 6 Pounders, but found they had no Effect, I then called a Council of the Captains who were unanimously of Opinion, that the Reduction of this Place was not of sufficient Consequence to the Company to recompence them for the Number of Men they must necessarily lose, that even supposing our heavy Cannon brought up from Madras, and a Breach made, from the desperate Behaviour of these People we might expect a considerable Loss both of Europeans and Sepoys. This, with the Receipt of your two Letters determined me to leave the Place without Loss of Time and pursue my March for Trichinopoly.

The Sum for the different Colligars and Villages that We have settled for, will amount to about four Lacks and a half of Rupees, two Lacks are from the Colligars, half to be paid in Ready Money, the remainder

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remainder in four Months, for which they give their Relations & principal Merchants as Security. I have received from Maw-phoo Lann one Lakh and ten Thousand on Account of the Villages He is in Arrears still another Lakh and twenty two Thousand, which he promises to pay, but I fear the bad Condition of his Affairs will prevent him from doing it at least for some Time, in the above Sums is also included Money received for Paddy taken at Nallcotah; I have also eight prize Horses that are proper for the Troop, and as they were no Expence to the Company, I have mounted the Volunteers who serve as Troopers.

Enclosed are Returns of the Army which I could not send sooner. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir
Yours most Obedient and most humble Servant
Alex. Heron.

To the Honble George Sugor Esq. President
and Gov. & Co. Committee at Fort St. George
N. 3. Honble Sir & Sons

My last Letter was from Tanjore N. 2 dated the 7th Inst. In which I had the honour of acquainting you Gentlemen with my Intention of following Monagee, and also of getting if possible an Interview with the Morraoar, in order to settle the Affairs between him and the King of Tanjore.

Before I overtook Monagee he had taken from the Morraoars one half of the Country in dispute; The remaining half, tho' it all goes under the same Name belongs to the Pilligant of Nallcotah against whom Monagee was intending to proceed. I prevented his marching untill we could see whether our Mediations, and the Nabob's Orders would have any Effect. I wrote immediately to the Morraoar & to the Nallcotah Pilligant desiring from the first an Interview, or to send a Person to me with full Powers to treat in his Name

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Namro. To the latter ordering him in the Nabob's Name, & advising him, as the only means to secure our Friendship to come to an Agreement with Monogee which if he did immediately, I would endeavour as a middle Person to make Monogee abate something of his Demands. My Letter succeeded, and the King & they call him/ came in Person to meet us. The Affair was made up to the Satisfaction of both parties, and as I had promised with some abatement on the King of Tanjore's Side.

The Morrawar sent a Man to me to honor our Proposals, avowing himself tributary to the Nabob, and begging our Protection; which he said Colonel Heron had first granted and then withdrawn.

I explained to him from whence the Error proceeded, and assured him the only way to get our Friendship was to follow the Nabob's Orders, to make Peace with the King of Tanjore, and give his Consent, and Agreement, that the Country taken should remain as it was by right, belonging to the King of Tanjore. All this the Vakeel promised in his Master's Name, & Monogee was contented. As to an Interview, he seemed but little inclined to it, and wanted me so much to protract the same, that I did not urge it, especially as Monogee told me he was now ready to return with his Army, & desired me to go with him. He has left about a Thousand Horse to secure his Country, & Yesterday arrived with him, and the remainder of the Troops at Tanjore. The Nallcotah Vakeel has promised his Master should send the Writings after us with a conception of the Country.

I set out to morrow for Trichinopoly, and according to your Directions Gentlemen shall as soon as possible complete the Magazine with a Twelve months Provision.

I would have sent before according to my Orders an Account of what Money may be collected yearly from the Madura

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22 May 1755.

Madura, Tinnevely, & Country depending on Trichinopoly. I have deferred it in order to get the best Information I could relating to it, and hope on my Return to find the Persons whom I employ'd for that purpose ready to give an Account that may be depended on, which I shall immediately have the Honour to transmit to you. I remain with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithful Servant
John Lailland.

The Committee are well pleas'd to observe that the Mediation of Capt. Lailland, between the King of Tanjore and the Moravian has been attended with the wish'd for Success, and prevented the Hostilities which were threaten'd and which might have given rise to fresh Troubles.

Capt. Horves advises that on the 29th May there arriv'd at Arcot three Deserters from the French Army accompanying Salabad Jung, which they left the 14th of the same Month at a Fort belonging to the King of Mysore, their Account of the Force of the French Party is four hundred Europeans, commanded by M^r. Bussy under whom M^r. Larois acts as Major.

Agreed to direct Capt. Horves to send in the Deserters immediately, and that M^r. Deleyrit be advis'd of their Arrival and acquainted that they will be ready to be deliver'd on his promise of Pardon.

Three Letters receiv'd by Capt. M^r. Eacharn from the King of Tanjay read as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N^o. 106. 107 & 108 setting forth his high Esteem for the English, that he is ready to perform all the Engagements enter'd into on his part, and requesting that the Stores &c. promis'd may be sent him. He gives at the same Time some Account of the War between the King of Pegue and the King of Ava, to which last Tanjay is Subject; He therefore in the Name of his Sovereign desires our Succour and Assistance.

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The Success of this War is extremely doubtful, and it was never our Design to engage in it on either Side - The Intention of the Agreement propos'd to the King of Savoy was only to establish a free Liberty of Trade at that Port on as Advantageous a footing as possible. It is agree'd therefore to write to him by the first Opportunity to thank him for his Friendship assuring him at the same Time of our Desire to maintain a good Correspondence with him, but that our Occasions here for Men and Warlike Stores are so large that it is not in our Power to send him ~~any~~ ^{any}.

George Lips
Wingel Lawrence

Henry Brown

Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

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- Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Deshayes pursuant to this Morning's Resolution as enter'd in the French Correspondence N^o 84.
 9. Received a Letter from Mr. Preston dated 7th Instant inclosing one from Mr. Du Rocher to him - Enter'd in the proceedings of the Committee N^o 85 & 86.

Thursday
the 12th

At a Committee Present
 George Pigot Esq. Governour President
 Stringer Lawrence Henry Lawney
 Robert Orme Alex^r Wynch
 William Perceval

The following Letters receiv'd since last meeting from Major Heron, Major Kilpatrick and Capt. Guillaud, read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
 and Gov^r &c. Committee of Fort St. George

N^o 2.

Honble Sir & Mrs

I arriv'd here with the Army this Day the heavy Rains we have had sometime past, and the Number of our Sick, retarded the March a good deal, I shall be under a Necessity of halting a few Days to give to give the Men a little Refreshment, and shall then pursue my Route for Trichinopoly with all possible Expedition, which Place I hope to reach the beginning of next Month.

Mauphaas (a) found that his Presence was necessary at Tinnevely, he with his Horse left me during the March, and return'd there, I since hear the King of Travencore has retaken some Villages, which they had abandon'd on the Army's Arrival, I don't imagine he will advance any farther as he in some measure look'd on these Places as his own from being in possession of them some Time.

On the 8th Instant, Capt. Lin receiv'd Information that Myana was to be at a Village about 12 Miles off, with a few Attendants, as this Intelligence was strongly corroborated by others, He thought it proper to make a Detachment from his Garrison to endeavour if possible to surprise him, accordingly

Sergeant

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Serjeant Gould with Six Europeans and Seventy Sepoys were sent, who had Orders to make himself thoroughly acquainted that there was no Force of consequence in the Village, before he attempted any thing against it, how far he obeyed those Orders I know not, but fear he was too eager in the pursuit of this Scheme, and by that Means was drawn into an Ambuscade, where he was immediately surrounded by above 1000 Colerics who cut him and his whole Party off except two Sepoys who escaped much wounded, they give this Account of the above unfortunate Accident.

I forgot to acquaint You, that Lieut^t Mathews died at Tinnevelly the 27th of last Month.

I wrote you the 14th Instant N^o 1. and enclosed General Returns of the Army which I hope you have received.

Mauphox (aron) has wrote me a Letter earnestly desiring that I would leave the two great Guns with him, that his Affairs were far from being settled, and without them it would not be in his Power to reduce the Polligars to any Terms indeed I fear he will not be long in Possession of the Country, the People in General are not in his Interest. Myana has many Friends, and when the Army was at Tinnevelly, He with the Colerics came to the very Gates of this Place, and plundered the Villages round, as they ventured so far, where an European Garrison was in the Place, I imagine they will attempt much more after we leave it, they have several Strong Holds near this, but as my Orders are so pressing for my immediate March, it is out of my Power to dislodge them. I am with the greatest Esteem Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient

and most Humble Servant Alex. Meron.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President

and Governour &c^t Council of Fort St George

N^o 3.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I By Letter Yesterday received from Colonel Meron who

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is with the Army at Madurai, he inform'd me he was apprehensive the Colligars intended to Harass him on his Return and request-
ed five hundred Sepoys might be sent to join him from hence, that Force he thought would be sufficient to secure his March, but as his meaning was not very full in this Point, I have add'd to them one hundred Military and dispatched them away this Morning to his Junction under the Command of Captain Tigler, Capt Caillaud is not yet arriv'd which I believe is occasion'd by the bad Weather ~~we have had here the~~ four or five Days past which has been very Violent. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Servant
James Hillpatrick.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq^r President
and Govern^r & C^o Committee at Madras
N^o A. Honble Sir & Sirs

Includ I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen, a Return of the Garrison, and a State of the Ordnance, Stores &c.^o as receiv'd from Major Hillpatrick, from whom Yesterday I took charge of the Fort.

Permit me once more Gentlemen to return you my sincere Acknowledgements for the Honour you have done me, and as I merit, let me beg a continuance of your Favour and Protection.

I should along with the Returns have sent an Account of the Provisions; But Lieut^t Rumbold (who was appointed by Mr. Maunsell to take care in his Absence of the Magazine) went on a Party the Morning of the Day I arriv'd. untill his Return I must defer it. what Provisions were beginning to damage, Major Hillpatrick had sold out. I shall continue doing so, taking Care to put in at the same Time the like Quantity of sound Grain, and according to your Orders, to keep that Magazine stor'd with a twelve months Provision.

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The Nabob sent for me Yesterday to communicate a Letter he had receiv'd from Salabad Jung's Camp. He is march'd from Seringapatam about ten Miles. But were divided in their Councils, whether to pass the Monsoon in the Nabob of Cuddapahs Country, or to return to Aurungabad. This must be determin'd soon. The River Krishna not being passable after the Freshes come down, which is commonly by the latter end of next Month. And that River must be pass'd if they return home before that Time. The Nabob is with an Intention of coming next Year in the Arcot Province. Salabad Jung has collected from the Mysore fifty two Lacks. Twenty Seven ready Money, and Bitts on the Merchants for the rest. Messrs. Bussy & Lamoignon are both with him. The latter made a Demand on the Mysore in the Name of the French Company, for seven Lacks; for the Loss they had sustain'd when he was taken along with Chumdar. The Money was refus'd and at Mr. Bussy's Request, Lamoignon desist-ed from his Demand.

Colonel Heron was to set out from Madras the 28th Instant if the Weather permitt'd. As he has a great Many Sick, & some Business still to settle with the Country People, it may retard him on his March. We do not expect him here before the 10th of next Month. Major Hillpatrick as he inform'd me had acquaint-ed you of sending at his Desire a party to reinforce him of 100 Europeans & 500 Sepoys, commanded by Capt. Leigler.

I had the Honour of addressing you last Gentlemen from Tanjore N^o 2 dated the 23rd Instant. My next as soon as possible, shall acquaint you with the Revenues to be collected from the Country dependant on Trichinopoly. I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Mrs Your most Obedient & most faithfull hum^{ble} Servant

John Caillaud.

Trichinopoly
30th May 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. Presid. & Gov. &c. Committee at Fort St. George

Sir

I receiv'd this Day Advice from our Agents, they are within
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to be collected in those parts are now his only Hopes for Support, the French being in possession of a great part of the Arcot Country, That the Polligars of Madurai and Tirunelveli emboldened by the Return of our Army to Trichinopoly have already recommenced their Disturbances which will encrease daily, if a Force is not sent and maintained there to keep them in Obedience.

~~Not to crop the~~ In consideration of the Nabob's Proposal, it was ~~in Opinion~~ ^{in Opinion} that the Rents expected to be received would defray the Expences of the Expedition.

We have before our eyes a fresh Example by which we may Judge that the Disbursements would exceed the Receipts, for there is no reason to expect that the Expences would be less or the Collections larger on a Second Expedition than they were on the late one. We were encouraged to undertake the first by the Hopes that all the Polligars being once reduced would afterwards live in quiet Obedience to the Nabob, and pay him the customary Tribute regularly, but it appears by their having already begun fresh Commotions, that they have too long tasted the Sweets of Independency, and that no future Revenues can be secured without either leaving an Army in their Country or putting a very large Garrison into Madurai.

It was then debated whether it would be consistent with the present Situation of Affairs to divide such an Army or Garrison from our General Force. The Advice received from the Council of Directors by the Ships lately arrived give very doubtful Hopes of the New Conferences which were opened in London between the two Companies, the French will therefore undoubtedly receive very considerable Reinforcements, already they have four Ships arrived, and it is not prudent to depend so much on the Treaty of Peace as to leave it in their Power to make any grand Advantage over us by too great a weakening of our Force.

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Upon the whole it is unanimously agreed to pursue our former Plan of bringing the Nabob as soon as possible to Arcot. His Residence there tho it be but ^{for} a short Time may be attended with great Advantages; All the Country will be more convinced of his Right, and by a nearer Correspondence or perhaps a personal Conference with him, We may be enabled to adjust some further Means for the payment of the Company's Debt. Afterwards if the Situation of Affairs should render it not dangerous to divide our Forces he may return to the Southward and endeavour to settle his Affairs that way. That We may be informed in Time of the Situation and Disposition of all the different Colligans, and of the Force necessary for such an Expedition, on which Sirs Colonel Heron is best able to satisfy us, It is Agreed to write him to come directly from Trichinopoly to Madras and to give the Command of the Army to Capt. Polier, the next Senior Officer, to whom it is resolv'd to send Orders immediately for escorting the Nabob to Arcot.

Order'd that the Nabob be advis'd of this Resolution and that Captain Lailland be wrote to enforce our Letter and to persuade him to set out as soon as possible.

Letter from Lieut. Preston as enter'd in the Proceedings of the Companies N^o 85 and M^r DuRoche's proposals to him N^o 86 read - The Method propos'd by M^r DuRoche for ascertaining the Share of the Grain due to the Inhabitants being found quite different from that Agreed on with M^r DeLeyrit, it is Resolv'd to write to M^r DeLeyrit concerning it, and to represent to him that all our Measures will be Subject to Perplexities if his Companies are at Liberty to reject a Plan settled between us, and

As M^r Saunders & M^r Godchaux made it a practice to communicate to each other all Advices that arriv'd from Europe touching the Conferences begun between the two Companies

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Companies, It is agreed now to write to Mr. Deleyris that we are
informed new conferences were opened in London which it was
hoped would produce an Accommodation of our Disputes, although
he on his Part has made no mention to us of the Advice he has
received by the Ships arriv'd at Pondicherry.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Mainsell the
Commissary at Camp, directing him to transmit us a General
Account Current of the late Expedition shewing in a regular
manner all the Receipts and Disbursements.

George Ligon
Ningel Lawrence
Henry Bowney
Robert Orme
Wm. Wynch
Wm. Perceval

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Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Delyrit agreeable to this Mornings Resolution; Entered in the French Correspondence No 55. Received two Letters from Mr. Delyrit to the President dated the 8th & 9th Instant. as entered Nos 56 & 57 At the same time arrived a Party of Sepoys from Pondicherry with Orders to take Charge of the nine French Deserters of which the President lately gave Notice to Mr. Delyrit.

13. The nine Deserters having been delivered to the French Sepoys, the President wrote a Letter to Mr. Delyrit to advise him thereof; Ent. N. 58

14. Sent the following Letters to Major Heron, Capt. Caillaud, Capt. Polier and Mr. Massicell pursuant, to Resolutions of last Committee.

To Mr. Heron, Major of the Honble Company's

Force on the Coast of Chormandel

N. A.

Sir

Your last Letter was dated at Madurai the 21st May; We conclude this will find you at Trichinopoly as a Letter the President has received from the Nabob tells him you was within a few Days march of that Place. Our principal Reason for hastening your Return was an Apprehension that Advices from Europe might make it necessary to unite our Forces; for this Reason also we did not care you should leave any Men at Madurai, altho' the Nabob most earnestly pressed it, and now does that a fresh Party may be ordered thither. We shall not determine absolutely till We have discoursed with you on the Subject and are made thoroughly acquainted with the Situation of those Parts and the different Interests of the several Ralligars thereabouts. The Count is as favourable as can Offer as soon therefore as you can conveniently leave the Army, Give the enclosed Letter to Capt. Polier with such Instructions as you Judge proper and leave him in the Command thereof. We should be glad you would bring with you a particular State of it, that We may be better able to judge what Force it may be necessary to send thither.

Y^{rs}

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We are under some Doubt what Time it may take before
We can prevail upon the Nabob to move towards the Arcot Province.
We would have you recommend it to him in as strong Terms as
possible, and acquaint him Capt. Polier shall accompany him.

There are three Ships arriv'd from England; when they
sail, the middle of December, there was no Alteration in Affairs.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence - Henry Downey - Robert Orme
- Alex. Wynch - William Perceval.

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To Capt. Caidand
N.A.

Sir

We have received your Letter N^o 384 dated the 22nd & 30th
May, and observe with Pleasure the Success of your Mediation
between the King of Tanjore and the Moravars.

We have desir'd Colonel Heron to come to Madras
after giving Charge of the Army to Capt. Polier who has Orders to
accompany the Nabob to Arcot leaving you the four Companies
before directed.

Thy sooner the Nabob sets out the better, we have wrote
him so and would have you endeavour as much as you can to
hasten him Represent to him that when he has once been seated
at Arcot, the Country will regard him as the Nabob of the Province,
his Orders will come from their proper Head and be more easily
obey'd and consequently he will afterwards be more likely to succeed
in the settling his Affairs in all the different Parts of the Province.

Should Captain Polier find the Stores deliver'd over to him
with the Army not sufficient for his March we have directed him
to apply to you and we desire you will supply him as far as you
prudently can.

If Mauphaos Corru is desirous of more Sepoys and will
pay them you may endeavour to enlist for him but we would not
have you make any further
than you can prudently provide for him.

have you make Detachments from your Garrison any further than
you can yourself provide for their retreat.

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Three Ships are arriv'd from England they sail'd the 15th December at which Time there was no Alteration in Affairs.
We enclose you a copy of the Articles of the Truce and are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer
Lawrence - Henry Downey - Robert Orme - Alex^r
Wynch - William Perceval.

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To Capt. Collier
A.C.

Sir

We have directed Colonel Heron on his leaving Trichinopoly to put the Army under your Command - We shall therefore now furnish you with the necessary Instructions.

When the Nabob sets out for Arcot you are to accompany him with the Army after leaving with Capt. Caillaud four complete Companies in the Garrison of Trichinopoly. Vint. Capt. Caillaud's Capt. Smith's, Capt. Callender's and Major Killpatrick, be particularly careful that no Hostilities or Ravages are committed in the Country on your march - If you should have any Complaints of that Nature from the Inhabitants see that strict Justice is done them and make severe Examples of the Offenders.

When you have taken Charge of the Army send us immediately an exact return of the Troops as well as of the Cattle Carriages and Stores, and if there should not be sufficient for your March apply to Capt. Caillaud who has our Orders to furnish you as far as he is able.

You will advise us frequently of every thing that Occurs wait at Arcot for our Orders. We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Downey - Robert Orme - Alex^r Wynch - Will^m Perceval.

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To M^r Thomas Mawsonell Comptroller at Arcot

Sir

As we have not yet received the Accounts of this Month which is sent in by the Nabob and his Secretary we have

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Desire you will transmit us immediately a General Account Current showing on one Side all the Sums that have been received and on the other the Disbursements that have been made - This ought to have been done sooner. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servant
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Towney
Robert Orme - Alex. Wynck - William Percival.

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Thursday
the 19.

At a Committee Present.

George Pigot Esq. Governor President
String. Lawrence Henry Towney
Robert Orme Alex. Wynck
William Percival

M^r Deseyrit takes Notice in his Letter N^o 57 of his not having received an Answer to his former ones dated 30th April and 8th May on the Subject of the contested Districts of the Sarangoby Bergana. As the Arguments contained in those Letters do not invalidate even one of the Proofs of the Nabob's Right transmitted with the President's Letter to M^r Deseyrit dated 15th April last, It is Agreed now to recapitulate them, to support them with the Remarks on his Answers enter'd in these Minutes the 5th May last and to insist on the Restitution of the Districts so prov'd to have been unlawfully wrested from the Nabob.

Letter from the Nabob as enter'd in the Country Correspondence of 11th 113 Read, setting forth his Reasons in favour of a Second Cape Madurai, all which having been before urg'd by his Wakeel debated at our last meeting, the Committee do remain in the Resolution then taken, and it is agreed to write the Nabob again that We cannot by any means consent to divide our Forces at this Time, and that We think it best he should set out for Arcot as soon as possible.

The following Letters from Major Heron and Capt. Fairbairn

To

Port S. George 19/ June 1800

To the Honble George Sigatley President
Govt &c. Committee of Port S. George
S.B.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I acquainted you from Madurai
leaves that place in a few Days, I began my
Month, and reached Trichinopoly with the

The 27th Ult^o in passing some
Native Woods, our Baggage and Buzar was
Colonies, who had in great Numbers fired the
which We must necessarily pass, they had
the Road by felling large Trees across so that
detach most of the few Sepoys I had to con-
ing the Road, this left the Buzar and Baggage
indeed the latter were so numerous that if
the loss of a considerable part was unavoidable
loss of the Baggage was private property
their old Tents which were almost uncer-
of damage Ammunition & a few Firelocks
into the Quarter Master Stores to be mended
and killed & wounded these few Men would
had they not been sick & unarmed & straggled
We met with no other Difficulty on our Road

As I have not been honoured with
you in regard to the Army's escorting the
We also inform you you have not mentioned
march to the Madurai country I have ordered
Warrior Pagodas till I receive your commands
Nabot to get every thing ready for his Journey
approve of his going there, we may not be
is absolutely necessary.

Have I have acquainted you of
Troop for the use of the Volunteers, could not
as there were no Buyers; on our arrival

Intention to
the 28th of last
of yesterday
Sepoys in the
acted by the
Road through
attempted to stop
was obliged to
the Colonies in clear-
the more exact
met any Opposition
the principal
company lost
a few Bannells
that had been delivered
We had a Europe-
did not have suffered
out of the Road
late Orders from
Nabot to Arcot &
is him; since I
the Army into
I have desired the
that in case you
detained longer than
at there put in the
then be disposed of
I have Orders to
Arrive

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Baron Vaperot, to chase out nine of the worst from the Troops, which shall be put up at publick outcry & the Company have Credit for the Money they sell for, those we took as they are properer for the Troop, will replace those of the old ones that are sold.

I have received for the use of the Company in ready Money one hundred twenty Thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight Rupees three Quarters, Mauphoos Canna is indebted on Account of the Madura and Trinavelly Villages one hundred and twenty two Thousand Rupees and the Polligars Securities owe two hundred & three Thousand Eight hundred and twelve Rupees, this Money is undoubtedly good and will be paid soon, but the heavy Rains we have had, and our expeditious march put it out of the Power to get it remitted them so soon as they expected; I have given them over in charge to Capt Laidlaw, as He has much greater Experience to secure them till they clear their whole Accounts than I am in Camp.

I have enclosed your general Returns of the Army for last Month, and am with the greatest Respect & Compliments Yours
Most obedient & most humble Servant Alex. Heron.

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To the Honble Council
& Govern^r. &c. in Council

N. 5.

for the President
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sons

Inclosed I have the Monies to transmit to you Gentlemen, on account of the Revenues to be collected from the Countries belonging to the Trichinopoly District, for this next Year beginning the 1st of July 1755, and also the Yearly Tribute as usually paid by the Polligars depending on that Fort. The Revenues cannot be so considerable as formerly, but if a Peace continues will improve each Year. most of the Countries I have mentioned have as yet paid Nothing; and it is now, now that by encouragement the Inhabitants are returning to their old Habitations & that not without Monies advanced for their present Maintenance, and Support. The only Country which has paid

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paid is the Mangavaram which last Year was collected 60000 Rupees
but next Year will produce as I have set it down in the Account.

The Country mortgaged to the French by the Mysoreans &
dependant also on Trichinopoly, yields to them now within a Trife
of four Lacks Yearly; and next Year they expect six.

The Nabob informs me that he has wrote to you Gent^{ls} is
concerning his Right to the Worriepollams, and Aridistor ^{Scion}
tries. These Polliars have acknowledged him all a long paid some
Tribute all the War and continue doing so now. The reason of his
Writing was having Advice that the ^{Company} with Mr. Maistre,
where he has settled the Toriore Business (where he yet remains)
designs to go against the last of these Polliars. I should be glad
to be inform'd from you Gentlemen how to act should that happen
as I cannot find by Informations, that the French have any
Right from Possession, or Merits being ever paid them to molest
these People. What Money has ever been got from either was by
Force, and collected by Moraroro, or the Mysoreans.

I have taken the Liberty on Mr. Wilson's Representa-
-tion that the Coast Air was absolutely necessary for the Recov-
-ry of Ensign Bonjouis's Health, to give him leave to go down. I shall
not for the future give any more Officers Leave without first ac-
-quainting You, and waiting in consequence for your Orders. nor
would I have presumed to do it now only as it was a case of extre-
-mity. I hope you will excuse it. I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithfull humble
Servt J. Caillaud.

Ordered that the List of Revenues to be collected from the
Countries dependant on Trichinopoly be entered after these Minutes,
that it may be in readiness to be referred to when we come to
adjust with the Nabob a Plan for the Payment of his Debt to
the Company.

Consideration being had on the Advice Capt Caillaud
mentions to have received of the Designs of the French against
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the Morriapollam Country, which has never been in their Obedience nor paid Obedience to any but the Nabob. It is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that if his Suspicions prove true and the French should attempt to enter that Country he is first to represent to their Commanding Officer, that such a Proceeding will be a direct Infringement of the 5.th Article of the Truce; that if this Representation should have no Effect, he must detach a Party strong enough to oppose theirs, the Command of which is to send another Summons to the French Commander to retire, and if no regard is paid to such Summons to make use of his Force, and Endeavour to repulse them; for it is evident to the Committee by many Instances that when once they have got Possession no Arguments or Proofs can induce them to make Restitution.

Capt. Gauppe writes from Chettaput that the 1st Europeans ordered to reinforce the Garrison of Chettaput safely arrived there, but have not been able to dislodge the remaining Poles from their Neighbourhood, as they fly from place to place whenever they are pursued and that they are increased to the number of Eight hundred Foot and two hundred Horse.

Agreed to write to Abdul Wahab Khan to desire he will immediately send a Party of Horse & Sepoys from Arcot to drive out these Robbers & make a Severe Example of them.

George Pigot
Minger Lawrence
Henry Bowney
Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

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An Account of the Sums to be collected for the next Year, from the Countries belonging to Trichinopoly; as also the Yearly Tribute paid by the Polligars depending on that Fort. The Year commences the 10th of next July 1755.

Names of Countries	Distance from Trichinopoly	Situation	Yearly Revenue
Nangaveram 18 Villages belonging to that Distr.	20 Miles	to the West.	Rupies 80,000
Connoor			
Shawmashauptata			
Vanniar			
Vincentaloores	The greatest distance 25 Miles	S.E.	Rs. 100,000
Pudoor			
Columang			
These are Capital Villages with up ^d Dependences in all about 50 small Villages or Hamlets			
Munaparath Country 12 Villages belonging to it	20 Miles	S.W.	Rs. 30,000
Mootchellencor &c. 11 Villages	From 12 to 5 Miles round Trichinopoly	Westward, &c.	Rs. 30,000
			<u>Rupies 240,000</u>

The usual yearly Tribute paid by the Polligars depending on Trichinopoly

Names of the Polligars	Distance from Trichinopoly	Situation	Yearly Tribute
Pasheroaigue	30 Miles	S.W.	Rupies 13750
Sachynaigue	30	W.	13750
Commenaigue	25	N.W.	13750
Natam-Lingmaigue	60	S.	13750
Monty Naigue	40	W.	13750
			<u>Rs. 68750</u>
			<u>Total 308750</u>

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Sent a letter from the President to M. Delaprit of this Date pursuant to Yesterday's Resolution as entered in the French Correspondence N^o 59. also the following Letter to Capt. Cailnaud

Captain Cailnaud
N^o 5.

Sir

We have received your Letter N^o 5 of the 10th of June. In our last dated the 18th we sent you a copy of the Articles of the Truce which you are to observe on all Occasions. The Worriapottam found never having been in Obedience to the French comes evidently under the 5th Article, therefore if your Intelligence of M. Maisin's Design should prove true in that regard, first send him Word that the Worriapottam Country belongs to the Nabob and consequently that it will be a Breach of the Truce if he enters into it. Should he nevertheless proceed, consult with Col. Mieron or Capt. Polier whoever may at that Time be in command of the Army and send a Detachment strong enough to oppose him - Let the Commander of the Detachment then send him another Summons and acquaint him his Orders are to use Force if he does not desist and accordingly do so if no regard is paid to his Summons.

By a Letter from the Nabob received to Day he seems very averse to the Arcot Expedition. We have many Reasons for thinking it the best Step and are therefore determined in short that he must come - We now write him again on the Subject, do you endeavour to persuade him that the sooner he proceeds the better. We are Sir your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Lowrey - Robert Orme - Alex^r Wynch - William Perceval.

Fort St. George
20th June 1755.

Wednesday
the 25th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq^r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Lowrey
Rob^t Orme - Alex^r Wynch - Will^m Perceval

Fort St. George 25th June 1755.

The following Letters received, since last meeting Read
To The Honble George Pigot Esq. President
and Gov. &c. Committee of Fort St. George

N^o 4.

Honble Sir &c &c

In my Letter of the 7th Instant I inform'd you of my
Arrival at this Place; since that I have frequently been with
the Nabob to represent to him the great Expence the Company
went at, in keeping the Army in the Field, that if he intends
going to Arcot the sooner he goes the better; His Answer to me
is, that he cannot possibly come to any Determination, till he
receives a Letter from you in Answer to one he wrote sometime ago.

You will observe Gentlemen by the Returns of the Army,
that after the Garrison of Trichinopoly is completed to 500 Rank
& File we shall have very few except the Swiss Companies. our
Number of Sepoys are also very inconsiderable, you will be the
properest Judges, whether or no that Force will be sufficient
to escort the Nabob to Arcot, or go on any other Service they
may be order'd upon.

The Nabob told me he was very desirous of having those
nine Horses I mention'd would be sold in my last Letter for his
private Uses, I told him it was out of my Power to give him
them, but as he had not receiv'd any thing from this late Expedi-
tion, I would represent it to you, and that if you disapproved
of his having them for Nothing, he must then pay three
Hundred and thirty Ruppes each which was the Sum they
were valued to be worth one with another. I am with great
Esteem Honble Sir &c &c Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Alex. Heron.

The Garrison of Trichinopoly consisting at present
of above three hundred Men, the Draughts to be made to
complete it agreeable to our former Resolution to five
Hundred Rank and File will be about Two hundred Men
and

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and it is the Opinion of Colonel Lawrence / who is asked particularly /
and of all the Committee that the Army which after such a Draught
will consist of four hundred Men besides the Train and the Sepoys is
of sufficient Strength to escort the Nabob to Arcot without the
Hazard. It is therefore Agreed to keep up the Garrison of Trichinopoly
to the Number before directed which is now become the more
necessary as the Colligans around are not quieted.

Agreed that the nine Piece Horses mentioned in Major
Heron's Letter, which would be of very little use to the Company, be
delivered to the Nabob agreeable to his Desire, and that no Payment
be asked for them.

From Capt. Baillaud with Copy of a Letter from him to M. Maipin

To the Honble Genl. ^{ge} Digne Esq. President
at Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Sirs

N^o 6.

In my last of the 10th Instant I had the Honour to inform your
Gentlemen, of the Nabob's Approchensions, with regard to M. Maipin's
Designs against the Aristocrate Colligan. The Event has proved them true.
M. Maipin having sent his Orders for him to pay the annual Rent
of that Country, to the French Company. In consequence of the Nabob's
Application, and after the best Informations I might get in
the Affair I wrote to M. Maipin a Copy of which Letter I enclose.

Since M. Maunsell's Arrival I have taken an exact
Account of the Grain in these Magazines; and according to his Returns
find there is sufficient to maintain 3000 Men for Nine Months, and
some Days. I would immediately compleat it to a twelvemonth,
according to your Orders Gentlemen, but if you thought proper in
the present Situation of Affairs to defer it untill after the Monsoon
it may be done then, at a much cheaper Rate. As there is some
Advantage attending this, I will venture to dispense with the
first Orders untill I know whether you chuse Gentlemen to ap-
prove of this, In the mean Time I will take care to keep up the
Magazines as it is now. I am with great Respect &c. Baillaud.

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To Mr. Maifon commanding a
Detachment at Outatore

Sir

The Nabob Anwarode Khan having communicated to me the contents of a letter received from the Colligar of Ariolone, which informs him of an Order sent by you Sir to that Colligar demanding the Annual Revenues of that Country to be paid to the French Company, and in case of a Refusal, threatening him with Military Execution, and also that a Party from your Detachment had entered his Country, and plundered one of his Villages.

In consequence of the Nabob's Representations, & not finding upon the strictest Inquiry, that this Colligar has ever paid Tribute, or acknowledged by writing, or otherwise any other Person but the Nabob of Arcot for his lawful Master. Nor that the French Company by prior possession, or conquest during the War have any Right to that Country. I must desire in the Name of my Honourable Masters the English East India Company; and in Virtue of the Treaty subsisting between the two Nations, that you will please to desist Sir until our respective Governments can be acquainted with the Affairs and the case being fully represented on both Sides, they may be able to decide, and agree the matter between them as they are the best Judges. In this manner will prevent the consequences of any wrong Information, that either Side may have received in relation to this Affair.

I have the Honour inclosed to you Sir a copy of the Colligar's writing; ordering and acknowledging himself dependant only on the Nabob: and also the Letters writ by him on this Occasion.
I am Sir &c. J. Maillaud

Trichinopoly

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From the Proposals mentioned in Capt. Maillaud's Letter to Mr. Maifon and from all the other Information procurable, It appears plain to the Committee, that the Ariolone Country never acknowledged

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acknowledged or was dependant on any other but the Nabob. It is therefore Resolved to support his Right to it and to act in the same manner as was agreed at our last meeting on the Subject of the Morriarpollam Country, ordering Captain Caillaud first to send a Summons to the French Officer to retire and in Case that has no Effect, to detach a sufficient Party to repulse theirs.

As Captain Caillaud represents that the three Months Store of Provisions wanting to compleat the Magazines of Triche - nearly to one Year may be laid in at another Season much cheaper than at present, It is agreed to write him to defer the purchase untill then, but to take particular Care in the mean Time that the Store be not less than for nine Months.

Capt. Gauppe advises by a Letter dated Yesterday that he has received Intelligence that all the plundering Deons had evacuated the Chettaput District, and that the Kildar had sent some of his People with Serjeant Rose and the Europeans to resett

George Lopez
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Curry
Robert Orme
Wm. Forrester

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Sent the following Letters to Major Heron and Captain Caillaud
pursuant to this Morning's Resolutions
To Major Alexander Heron or the Commander of the
Troops in Camp
N^o 5. Sir

Since We wrote you the 14th Instant we have received your
Letters of the 7th & 12th.

When the present Garrison of Trichinopoly is included, the
Draught from the Army to compleat it to five Hundred Rank & File
will be about Two hundred Men and the Remainder will be quite
Sufficient to escort the Nabob to Arcot, you will therefore please to
follow our former Directions on that Head.

We are very willing to oblige the Nabob with the nine
private Horses, which besides would be of very little use to the Company.
We desire you will accordingly deliver them to him without ask-
ing any Payment.

Should any Party of French Troops enter into the Ari-
loure or Warriapollam Countries before the Army is set out for Arcot
and Capt. Caillaud find it necessary to apply to you for Assistance
to oppose them, we desire you will act in concert with him and
detach such a Number of Men from the Garrison and Army as
may be judge necessary to repulse the French. We are Sir Your most
Obedient servants George Pigot, Strong, Lawrence, Henry
Powney, Robert Orme, Alex. Wynch, Will. Lencoval.

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To Captain Caillaud
N^o 6.

Sir

Our last Orders were dated the 20th Instant, since which
your Advice of the 15th have reached us.

We have given you particular Directions how to act, if the
French should enter into the Warriapollam Country - According to the
best insight we can get, that of Ariatour is on the same footing, &
the Papers transmitted by you to Mr. Maipuri are a confirmation of
it, we therefore approve of the Letter you wrote him and hope it will
prevent

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prevent his further proceeding; Should it not, you will act as We
before order'd with regard to Moriarpollam, and so on every other Occa-
sion of the same Nature; taking care always that you have good
Proofs in your Hands of the Justice of the Nabob's Pretensions.

We concur in your Proposal of waiting till Grain is
cheaper for the purchase of the other three Months Provisions for
your Garrison. In the mean time never let your Store be under
Nine. We are for Your most obedient servants George Pigot -

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Stringer Lawrence - Henry Porney - Robert Orme -
Alexander Wynch - William Perceval -

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governour President

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Porney

Robert Orme

Alex. Wynch

William Perceval -

Monday
the 30th

Just now received the following Letter from Capt. Polier
who has taken the Command of the Troops in Camp

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
of Governour &c. Committee at Fort St. George.
Honoured Sir & Sirs

I was favour'd with the Honour of yours of the 18th Instant.
the 22nd and upon Colonel Herons Depart the 23rd took the Command of the
Army; I am infinitely oblig'd ^{to you} for the Confidence reposit in me and hope my
Actions will as I shall make it my strict Study satisfy you of my attach-
ment to the Companys Interest and Service.

This Morning Capt. Bailland and Myself waited on the Nabob
to know the Day he would appoint to depart; he shew'd us a Letter
receiv'd from you in return to one lately sent by him, in which he had
entreated two of his Rebel Chiefs at the Places of Elianowur & Colcon-
chy which lay in the way to Arcot, might be punish'd; We inform'd
us that in this Letter you honour'd him with you told him I had

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received Orders for my conduct therein, but as I am strictly forbid any Acts of Hostility he says 'tis impossible for him to proceed to Arrest without the Liberty to chastise them as it would encourage other Subjects to be rebellious We promis'd upon this to know if you please to grant his Request, he adds he hopes you will be agreeable to it, & in consequence he will be ready to march the 3rd or 4th of next Month. Beg you will favour me with farther Orders in what manner I am to proceed, & to expedite the same that I may receive it on the Route before I reach those Places forementioned. I have not been able to have all the Returns ready this Day but to Morrow shall dispatch them. I am Honowid Sir & Son Your most humble your most Obedient and most devoted Servant L. Polier, de Batavia

Warrior's camp
30th June 1755.

Agreed that Instructions to the following purport be dispatched with the utmost Expedition to Capt. Polier

That in all Places where the Nabob was acknowledged on the 11th October last, the Day of the proclamation of the Suspension, He / Captain Polier / is to assist him with the Army in collecting the Tribute due and in displacing any of the Chiefs the Nabob may think proper to remove, but that in order to avoid taking a wrong Step herein, He is to make the best Enquiry possible into the Nabob's pretensions and wherever they appear doubtful no forcible Measures must be used.

Order'd that a Letter be wrote the Nabob to acquaint him particularly of the above Instructions given to Capt. Polier and to desire him to be extremely Circumspect in the use he makes of them, taking care that he has clear

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Proofs of the Justice of his Pretensions on every such Occasion.

George Byes
Minger Lawrence

Henry Bowney

Robert Orme

Wm. Perceval

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Sent the following Letter to Capt Polier also one to the Nabob, Interv'd
in the Country Correspondence N^o 117.

To Capt Polier de Bottons

N^o 2

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 26th June, and send
this express to guide you in your Conduct. Should the Nabob
desire to remove any of the Milledars from their Office, oblige
them to settle Accounts.

The Nabob doubtless has a Right to do this at all Places
where he was acknowledged as such the 11th October last, but
particular Care should be taken to get certain Information that
the Chiefs of Diamasore and Calcutta or whoever else he offers
to call to Account acknowledged him Nabob at that Time. I have
wrote him very fully on this Subject and pointed out the fatal
Consequences which may attend his taking a wrong Step herein,
it will however be incumbent on you to make the best Enquiry
possible; where there is Room for any Doubt you must prevent
his using any forcible Measures, and on the other Hand where it
appears clear to you that the Nabob was acknowledged on that
Day, you have not only our Liberty but our Directions also to
assist him in collecting his just Rights, and in displacing any
of the Chiefs he may see proper to remove. We rely greatly on your
Care and prudence herein and are Sir Your most Obedt Servants
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Porney -
Robert Orme - Alex^r Wyrch - William Perceval.

Fort St. George
1st July 1755.

Wednesday
the 2^d

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Porney
Robert Orme Alex^r Wyrch
William Perceval

Letter received by the Ship Eastcourt from Roger Drake
Esq.

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Esq. Richard Chauncy Esq. William Mabbott Esq. and Jones Raymond Esq. The Secret Committee for the present Year dated the 14th February last and directed to the President & Council at Fort St. George Reads, wherein by virtue of the Power delegated to the said Committee by the Court of Directors, they do nominate and appoint the following Persons to be a Select Committee for the management of all the Company's Naval and Military Affairs as also whatever may concern any Treaties or Alliances to be entered into with the Country Governors in India. Vizt Thomas Saunders Esq. President of Fort St. George or the President for the Time being, George Bigot Esq. Second of Council or the Second of Council for the Time being, Lieutenant Colonel Caroline Frederick Scott, Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence, Melvius Henry Parney, Robert Osme, Elias Wynne and William Percival. And in the 2^d Paragraph of the said Letter the Secret Committee do further direct, that in case of a Vacancy in the said select Committee by Death or otherwise the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk do fill up such Vacancy and all future Vacancies are to be filled up by such Person as the Committee shall think proper.

The President acquaints the Committee that in a Letter addressed to him by the Secret Committee he is directed to take an Oath of Secrecy and to administer the same to the several Members as well as to the Secretary.

The President thereupon takes the Oath in presence of all the Members of the Committee.

The following is the Form of the Oath which is ordered to be here transcribed that it may be referred to on every future Occasion. I AB being nominated and appointed one of the Committee constituted by the Court of Directors for the management of the Company's Naval and Military Affairs, and of all Transactions relating to the Country Governors and do swear that I will faithfully and truly keep the said Transactions Secret and discharge the said Office or place of one of the Committee in the best of my Skill and Power.

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execute and

do swear
I will faithfully

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Committee

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And then the President administers the same Oath to
Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence, M^{rs}. Conway, Orme, Wynne
Perceval; and to M^r. Vansittart the Secretary an Oath of Se-
cretcy and Fidelity agreeable to the nature of his Trust.
The Death of Lieutenant Colonel Scott causing a
the Reverend M^r. Robert Balth is called in and acquainted that
is the pleasure of the Court of Directors that he should fill up
Vacancy, and the Oath of Secrecy being first administered to
he takes his Seat accordingly.

Richard Starke Esq. Deputy Govern^r of Fort St. David
being Second of Council on the Coast and consequently a Member
this Committee; it is Order'd that a Form of the Oath be sent to
the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David that M^r. Starke
may take it before them and Agreed that all future Dispatches
which go by the way of Fort St. David be left open for his perusal.

The Honble the Court of Directors having transmitted by the
Ship Castcourt Copies of all the Papers which passed last Year between
the Commissioners of the two Companies in Europe on the Subject
of the Disturbances on this Coast, it is Agreed to meet on Friday
for the perusal of them.

The President acquaints the Committee that a Regimental
Court Martial having been held at Suddalore the beginning
of May last on some Men of the Bombay Detachment, Capt. Captain
Forbes carried the Proceedings to M^r. Starke and had the Sentence
approved by him. Colonel Adeleron being inform'd of this wrote
under Date the 12. May to the President that he was surpris'd
M^r. Starke's taking upon him to approve the Sentence of a
Court Martial at any Place where he was present, but particularly
at Suddalore as it was a Garrison at some Distance from Fort
St. David where he thought that he should ever give the Orders.
On the Receipt of this Letter the President prepar'd an answer
expressing his Concerns that any thing should cause a Difference
between him and M^r. Starke, but as Capt. Forbes's Detachment
was

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was then in the Garrison of Cuddalore which is the Seat of our Merchants, and could not possibly fall under the Direction of any but the Deputy Governor of Fort St. David without prejudice to the Company's Affairs; he recommended to Colonel Adlercron to be governed by the same Prudence which had hitherto withheld him from interfering in any Matters of this Kind. The President purposely avoided saying any thing in Contradiction to Colonel Adlercron on the Subject of the Court Martial, because the Authority of the late Act of Parliament is vested undoubtedly in him during his Stay in India, but the Warrant he gave Mr. Salubers or the President for the Time being dated 27 Nov. last seems sufficient to justify what Capt. Forbes did, for Col. Adlercron who is quartered with the whole Regiment at the Garden House cannot be said to be personally present in the Garrisons either of Fort St. David or Cuddalore where there are none but Company's Troops under the Command of the Deputy Governor, and by his Letter to the President and Council dated 16 Decemr. last he has promised not to interfere in those Garrisons.

The President deferred for some Time the sending his Answer in hopes that some favourable Occasion would make it unnecessary, but finding that Colonel Adlercron expected a Reply he dispatched it the 25th June and this Morning received a Letter in Answer thereto as well as to another wrote him the 27th June on the Subject of General Courts Martial there being many Men in confinement here for Desertions.

Colonel Adlercron seems by this Letter still to think he has a Right to command in Cuddalore, but says he shall refer the Affair to Europe - and as he declines giving the President any share in the Sentence of General Courts Martial he has given his Desire, a Warrant to Major Millpatrick as President of one to be held here the 18th Instant for the Trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before him.

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The President is desir'd to write Colonel Adlercron in answer to this Letter that he is oblig'd to him for referring the Dispute to Europe and for the Warrant to Major Philippatricks which is order'd to be deliver'd to him, and it is Agreed to apply to Colonel Adlercron for the Appointment of every general Court Martial, which may henceforward be necessary. & The President is desir'd likewise to request Colonel Adlercron's Opinions on the Subject of some Swiss Soldiers who are in confinement for Desertion, and who agreeable to the contract made with them by the Company as mention'd in the General Letter from the Honble the Board of Directors dated 24th Janry 1755. Sav'd 100/ should be tried by their own Laws.

As Col. Adlercron intends to refer the Letters that have pass'd between him and the President, on this Occasion to Europe, It is judg'd necessary that Copies be sent also to our Honble Masters and Order'd that they be enter'd in a Book apart.

The Letters are

- N^o 1. One from Colonel Adlercron to the Presid^t dated 12th May 1755.
2. One from the President to Colonel Adlercron 23. June
3. One D^o D^o 27. June
4. One from Col^t Adlercron to the President dat^d 30. June.

George Roper
Shinger Lawrence
Henry Conway
Robert Orme

Wm. Pitt
Kiln. Secial.

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of this Date

Sent a Letter from the President to Colonel Adlercron as ordered No 5 also the following Letter to Richard Clarke Esq^r Deputy Governor &c^t Council of Fort St. David pursuant to yesterday's Resolution

To Richard Clarke Esq^r Deputy Governor
&c^t Council of Fort St. David

Gentlemen

The Deputy Governor being Second of Council on this Coast is by our Honble Masters Commands receiv'd by the Ship Eastward appointed one of the Select Committee for the management of this Country Affairs and Military Operations we therefore desire that he will in your presence take an Oath of Secrecy agreeable to the Form inclosed. We are Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney - Robert Orme Alex. Wynch - William Perceval - Robert Palk

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3^d July 1755

Friday
the 4th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq^r Gov^r President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alexander Wynch
William Perceval Robert Palk

The several Papers relating to the Proceedings of the Companies of the two Companies in Europe receiv'd in the Eastward Packet from N^o 11 to N^o 18 are now read, also the Orders receiv'd by the same Ship under the Head of Country Government

During a Time of Operation of Hostilities, the 3^d Paragraph of the said Orders, speaking of the Debt, requires our most immediate Attention, and it is Resolv'd to settle with the Nabob as soon as he arrives at Arcot, some plan for collecting on this Company's Account as large a part of the Revenue as his own unavoidable Expences will permit.

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The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receiv'd

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received Yesterday from Admiral Watson together with a Draft
of his intended Answer which is approved the Letter and
Answer are as follow

George Pigot Esq.

Sir

By all the Accounts received from Europe it appears to me
that the Differences ^{subsisting} between the English and French East India
Companies were far from being settled. The French in Europe
could not possibly be apprised of the Provisional Treaty
concluded and agreed on here in December last. We are sensi-
-ble they are not unacquainted with the Progress of their
Affairs in the Province of Golconda, and how much they
have that at Heart. It is natural therefore to suppose they
will send out a considerable Number of Recruits and Warlike
Stores in order to secure their Possessions as well as to extend
themselves in so advantageous a part of India. And as many
of these are already arrived, I make no doubt if they can act
unobserved, they will not scruple to infringe on the Rights
of the forementioned Treaty, therefore I think it incumbent
on us to keep a watchful Eye over them and not suffer our
Selves to be amused by false pretensions, but oppose whatever
may be deemed a manifest Breach of that Treaty.

You will excuse my troubling you again on this
Subject as it appears to me to be a point of much import-
-ance; I must therefore beg leave to recommend it to your
Serious Consideration, and I hope you will not suffer the
French to go on unnoticed in pursuing any Design
contrary to the true Intent and meaning of the Treaty,
when we have it in our power to prevent them. Whatso-
ever Acts of Violence the French may commit, be assured
you shall not want my Assistance in transporting Troops
to any part of the Coast, or employing the Squadron on any
other Service that may more effectually put a Stop to
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their proceedings and bring them to Reason.

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I have at present Nothing further to offer than to assure you I remain with real Esteem Sir Your most Obedt. humble servant. Chas. Watson.

To Charles Watson Esq. Rear Admiral of the Red
and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's
Squadron in India

Sir

You will before the Receipt of this which is to thank you for your favour of the 30th June have had your Advice from Europe by the last Ship as I forwarded them immediately on opening the Packet. What our Company recommends to us the most strong are (the Steps we have fortunately taken) the settling a Truce and forming a provisional Treaty. I am extremely oblig'd to you for so freely and warmly communicating your Thoughts on this Subject and I agree entirely with you that We should be in readiness to maintain our Rights and not rely on any promises of the French. You may depend upon it Sir that I will never quietly suffer any Infringement of the Truce or the least Encroachment on our Privileges, the Company seems to be in the same Resolution, they have sent out as many Men as their Ships could conveniently bring and I doubt not in the least but We should be able with your Assistance to reduce the French to a more moderate way of thinking. Should any Steps of theirs make it necessary for us to take up Arms. As yet they have attempted Nothing that could warrant our so doing, and I imagine they will chuse to avoid it until they have their Superior Sense of the Treaty concluded between us.

Give me leave to congratulate you on the Promotion you have lately had; No man can more sincerely rejoice on the Occasion as well on the publick Account as for my Regard for you.

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I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble servant
George Pigot.

Received the following Letter from Major Heron

To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President

and Gov. &c. Committee at Fort St. George

N^o 5.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday I received your Letter of the 1st Instant
and am very glad it is agreeable to you I should quit
the Command of the Army which for some Time past has
been very troublesome to me on Account of my ill State
of Health, chiefly occasioned by the great Fatigue and
many Vicissitudes I have met with in the Service

I shall acquaint the Nabob that Capt. Polier
is ordered to attend him to Arcot, and hasten his Depart-
ure from hence as soon as possible.

I propose leaving the Army early to morrow
Morning & shall make as much expedition as my
Health will allow of; I have order'd a State of the
Army to be made out which I shall deliver you on my
Arrival at Madras. I am with great Esteem & Respect
Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble servant

Alex. Heron

As by the Arrival of our Recruits from Europe the Garrison
is become very numerous, it is agreed to send to Arcot and
Changalapat all the Men that are here belonging to the Compa-
nies of Capt. Hervey and Captain Gauppe the Commanders of
those Garrisons which at present stand in need of a Reinforce-
ment; and as no Battal is allow'd at those places, this will
not cause any additional Expence.

The President acquaints the Committee that he has
Advice from Mr. Boston Comrissary at Madras that the

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the Nabob's Garrison in the Fort of Carangoby having large Arrears of pay due to them are become very discontented and troublesome; that part of them have already quitted the Place and gone to Arcot to demand their pay and the rest are inclined to take the same Step. As the Fort by this Means may be left quite destitute of Defence it is agreed to Direct Capt Gauppe to send a Party of Sepoys from Changanapet to take Charge of it for the present, and to write at the same Time to Abdul Nahiab Khan to desire him to pay off the Arrears due to his People, and to represent to him the bad consequences that must unavoidably attend his neglecting to do this regularly.

And the President further informs the Committee that Complaints have been made to him by Nira the Member of the Changanapet Country and Capt Gauppe who commands that Fort, of Disturbances caused by a Dispute between two Poligars named Winum Rajah and Bab Rajah who both pretend a Right to the Government of the Uluwauhum Wood, situated between Covelong and Changanapet. An Arbitration was appointed, appointed and assembled at Triche- conum to decide of their Pretensions but Winum Rajah finding that his were likely to be confuted, would no longer submit to the Judgement of the Arbitrators, retired to his Woods and is making new Disturbances; This Man paid the way to his Pretensions by the Murder of his Father and Uncle and has maintained himself by Apprehensions; It is therefore the Opinion of the Committee that the best way of putting an End to the Contest is to secure Winum Rajah, and Agreed that Orders be sent Capt Gauppe to watch an Opportunity of doing it and for him to return.

As no Answer is come to the Letter wrote M^r Secrit. the 20th of last Month on the Subject of the contested Districts, it is agreed now to forward a Duplicate

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of it, and again to demand a Reply to the Answer made by
M^r. Daccard to the Aspersions thrown on his Character
by M^r. Godeheu which Answer was forwarded to Pondichie-
ry in March last.

George Fox

Winger Lawrence

Henry Brown

Robert Orme

W^m Pynch

Will^m Perceval

Rob^t Palk

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Sent a Letter from the President to M. Leyrit of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolutions as enter'd in the French Correspondences N^o 60.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governour President
Stranger Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex. Wynch
William Perceval Robert Palko

Saturday
12th July

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob's Vakeel has inform'd him of a Dispute that has arisen between the King of Tanjore and Pondicherry who were both in Alliance with the Nabob during the War but are likely now to come to a Dispute. The King of Tanjore claiming two Countries which did formerly belong to his Dominions but have for many Years been in quiet Possession of Pondicherry. Although the Committee are not able to judge of these different Pretensions they think it necessary to prevent, if possible a Breach between two Powers who have both been firm Friends to our Cause, the President is therefore desir'd to write to the King of Tanjore & Monrogee & Pondicherry to desire them to depend on our Mediation, and it is agreed to write to Captain Salland to use his utmost Endeavours to bring them to an amicable Accommodation & to M^r. Newton at Tanjore to forward it all in his Power.

Agreed that also a present be sent to the King of Tanjore of a Watch a Gun and a pair of Pistols, and to Monrogee a Gun and a pair of Pistols

Received the following Letter from Capt. Solier

To the Hon^{ble} George Pigot Esq. President
and Govern^r &c. Committee of Fort St George
Honour'd Sir & Sirs

It is the Honour to write to you yesterday to

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which I inform'd you in part of the Nabob's Determination concerning his Departure from hence for Arcot and the Day he had fix'd the 3.^d of next Month, as likewise of the difficulty he found undertaking this march the great Road if I had not your Orders and Leave to aid him to chastise and reduce to duty the Places of Uivanassor & Calcutchy now in Rebellion against him and that are upon this Route. We shew'd unto Captain Caillaud & Myself / as I had the Honour to mention it Yesterday / a Letter he had receiv'd from you ^{you had given me Order concerning it, but as I inform'd him} in which you told him I had not receiv'd any, but on the contrary it was strictly enjoin'd me by the Letter you honour'd me with to prevent all Acts of Hostility on my March, therefore I could not nor ought not to act offensively but only to be on the defensive, if I was attack'd and that for the safety of his Person, which made him resolve at once / foreseeing the ^{that might arise} Consequences from the Chiefs of other Places, should he leave those on the Route unpunish'd not to depart hence, and 'twas only on the positive Promise that Capt. Caillaud and Myself made him to write immediately to request your Orders upon this Affair, which We hop'd would be according to his Inclination, that at last he did determine to depart the 3.^d of next Month. This it was hurried me to expedite the preceding this and not to wait for the Returns of the Troop I command as well as of the bootys, Bullocks and Stores which I have the Honour to send you this Day.

We shall comply according to your Order the Garrison of Trichinopoly upon the Foot of 500 Men Rank and File.

I hope to receive your Orders relating to the two Places abovemention'd & that before I reach the first of them I will spare no pains, take the strictest care and give all necessary Orders in any manner of Disorders

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or pillaging on the Route, and according to your Command shall punish severely all Offenders, having Nothing more at Heart than to testify by my Zeal and application to fulfill my Duty how sensible I am of the Confidence you have been pleas'd to Honour me with. I have the Honour

to be with the most perfect Submission and Respect
Hond Sir & Srs. Your most Humble Your most
Obedient & most devoted Servant - P. Polier de Botteris.

Orders having been sent the 1.st Instant to Captain Polier on the Subject of Illavannassor and Calcouching, the above Letter requires no further Answer.

Letter from the Deputy Governors and Council of Fort St David dated the 7.th Instant read, advising that M. Starke has taken the Oath of Secrecy as a Member of the Committee.

The President lays before the Committee a Letter dated the 7.th Instant from Colonel Adlercron/Drord in the Book apart N. 6/ in Answer to his of the 3.rd wherein he expresses his Surprise that He should insinuate as if he pretended a Right to the Government of the Company's Settlements, declares that he also thinks it highly necessary to keep up a better Harmony than has hitherto subsisted, that he cannot reproach himself with having done any Thing to lessen it, but that the Managers of the Company's Affairs have not taken so much care on their part, and as an Instance of his being neglected in military Matters mentions his not having received a copy of the Provisional Treaty. With regard to the Fugit of the Swiss Deserters he says the Case cannot be determined till he receives a copy of the Company's Contract and an Abstract of their Military Laws, after which he will call a Council of War and transmit us their Opinion.

Agreed that a copy of the 100.th Paragraph of the Company's Letter dated 24.th Janry 1753. on the Subject of their Agreement

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Agreement with the Swifs be sent to Colonel Adair with
 the Abstract of the Abstract of their Military Laws which
 Capt. Schaub has wrote for to Capt. Polier who has them in
 Camp, and in Answer to the other part of Colonel Adair's
 Letter the President is desired to write him, that We are very
 glad to observe his Intention of keeping up a better Har-
 mony, which is absolutely necessary for the publick
 Service, that the Provisional Treaty does not in the least
 regard any Military Matters we imagine he must mean
 the Treaty of Truce, of which it is agreed now to transmit
 him a copy as Mr. Saunders does not mention the forwarding
 one in his Letter advising the Conclusion of it.

Captain Rowes advises that the Repairs of Art
 are in great Forwardness, and Captain Gausse writes that
 he shall according to our Orders endeavour to seize Porum
 Rava, but it will be hard to find an Opportunity as he
 commonly travels by Night and keeps himself generally
 in Mandrauxes Wood.

George Hays
 Stringer Lawrence
 Henry Cornely
 Robert Orme

Wm Perceval
 Robt Park