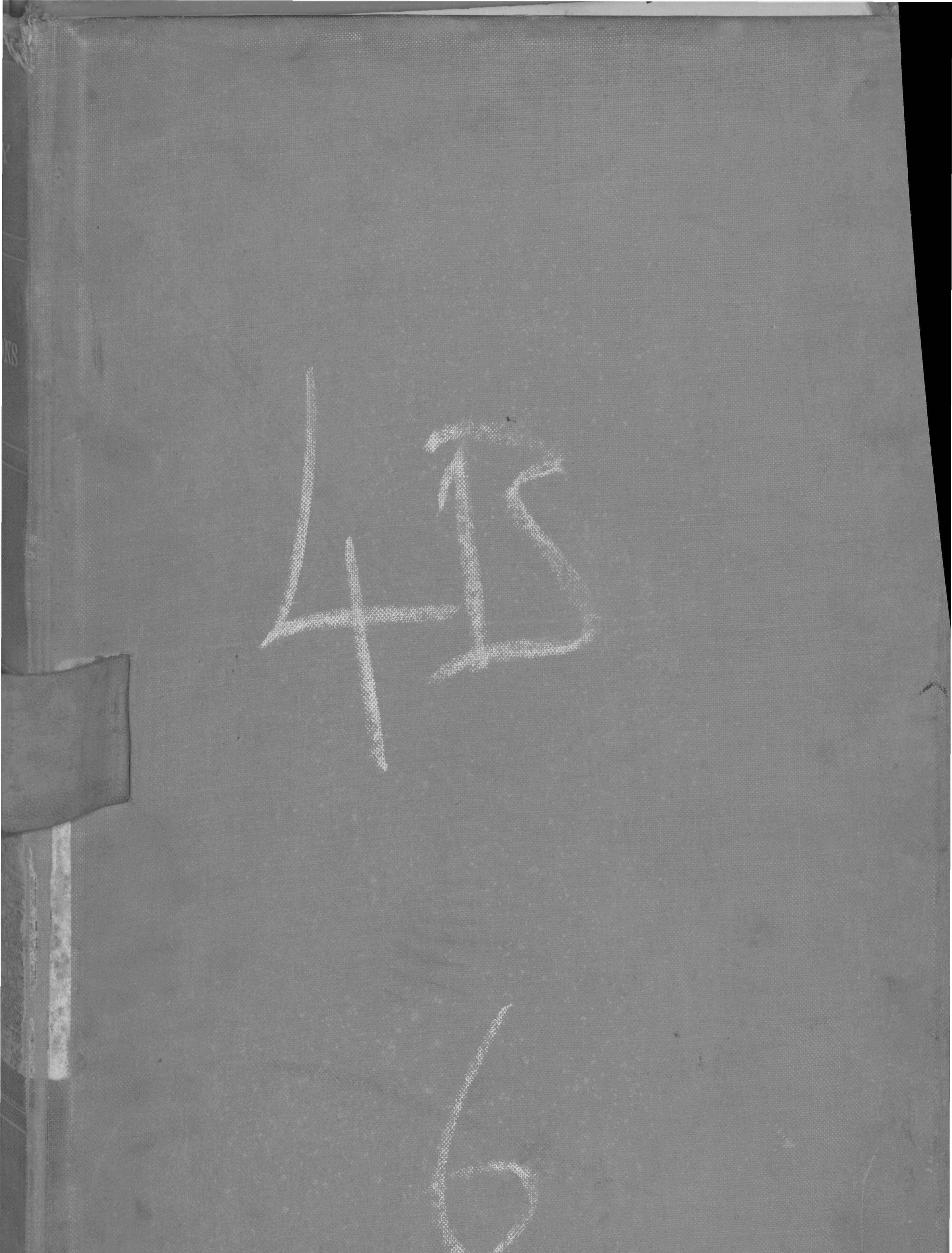


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Sent Letters from the President to the King of Tanjore Monoge and Tondamand pursuant to yesterday's Resolutions as entred in the Country Correspondence N° 126, 127 & 128 also the following Letters to Capt Caillaud and Mr Newton.

To Captain Caillaud
N° 7.

Sir

We are informed by the Nabob's Vakeel of a Quarrel between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman & We would have you endeavour to make it up between them for as they were both our Friends during the Troubles, their Dissension must necessarily weaken our Interest. We leave the Means entirely to your Discretion whether you may find it necessary to confer with them personally, to send any one else, or only to make your Representations to them by Letter. The President has wrote to the King of Tanjore, Monoge & Tondaman to desire they will depend upon your Mediation. We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants

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

To Mr Andrew Newton

Sir.

Since the Receipt of your Letter I have heard from the Nabob's Vakeel that the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman is carried to a great Length - I now write the King and Monoge to recommend to them to make it up amicably & have sent the following Presents which I desire you will see delivered

To the King
a Gun, a Watch and a pair of Pistolls.
To Monoge
a Gun & a pair of Pistolls.

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If you should have an Opportunity of helping on the Accomodation, you will not fail to use your utmost Indeavours. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

George Pigot.

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Receivd the following Letters from Capt. Polier and Captain Caillaud advising of the State of the Garrison of Sriakherry &c. and the present new Regulation and of the disposition made for the Nabobs March for Arcot

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Govr &c.a Committee of Fort S.t George

Honrd Sir & Sirs

By my two preceding Letters of the 25.th & 26.th Inst. I had the Honour to mention to you the Day appointed by the Nabob for our March from hence being the 3.d Inst.t & to morrow. He has not alterd his Opinion but came out with all his Family, Attendants, & Servants the Day before Yesterday and encampd without the Fort by the River Side to be in readiness to cross it without delay, but the Water which is now to such a height as never has been seen at this Season together with the constant & violent Winds occasion the crossing of this River impracticable without large Boats & even Dangerous with them which has not prevented the Nabob Writing to the King of Tanjore to send as soon as possible some large Boats from Sricotpoly. He hopes the King will send them But as this will be a Work of some Time to bring them against the Stream, I of my own part have begg'd of Mr. Grupil Commandant of Cheringham to lend us a large Boat he has upon that River which Favour he granted with all Civility & whatever other Aid he could afford us with to facilitate the Passage. But as it would take up several Days to cross the two Rivers on the great Catteron only at the Head of the Isle with the French Boat alone I have acquiesced with the Nabob

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we should wait the News of the Boats from Tanjore which will meet with great Difficulty coming upo the Colleroon against the Stream & these boisterous Winds and in Case we cannot have them thence to cross with the French Boat & a few Basket Ores The Nabob being determind to do it at all Events the soonest possible There being no Hopes the Waters or Winds will lessen all this Month nor even the next As soon as We shall have the good Fortune to have your Side the River I shall not be remiss of doing myself the Honour to acquaint you with the Success of our Passage after which I am in Hopes the Remainder of the March will be executed happily & without Obstacles having no other River than one near Volconda to cross which I have had reconnoitred & is reported fordable not being Subject to overflow like the Colleroon from the Rains which fall upon the Malabar Coast & by the high Winds

Yesterday I compleated the Garrison of Trichinopoly tho not ready to march for the Reasons I have given I thought it my Duty to do it the first Instant that the Honble Company might be eas'd of part of the Expence of Batta.

I have the Honour to inclose the Returns of the Men sent into the Garrison of Trichinopoly and those remaining under my Command whose Number is but small. I shall be obligd to leave several of our Swiss in the Hospital who are unable to march and with them a Serjeant to take Care and bring them to the Coast as soon as their Health will be re-Established. I have the Honour to be with the profoundest Respect and the most perfect Submission Hond Sir & Sirs Your most Humble your most Obedient and most devoted Servant P. Solier De Bottens

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President
& the Honble Committee of Correspondence
Hond Sir & Sirs

No 7.

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my Accounts, and Returns of the Garrison for the Months of June, as also general Returns of my State and Strength since compleated according to your Orders.

To make up the Garrison five hundred Men I was obliged to take in the Officers and three Corporals in each Company above the Establishment, which is but one. However that Irregularity, and expence I will take care shall cease as soon as possible, by not filling up any Vacancys, untill the Companies are on the proper footing as to that Article. Had I insisted on the five hundred Men Rank and File I must have taken in the Bengal Detachment; And left with the Army scarce an English Soldier for our Officers to march down with. As it is, there are but a few, and half of them Corporals & Serjeants. I hope this will appear sufficient Gentlemen, for any deviating somewhat from your Orders & Directions.

I have made an equal Division of Europeans & Topasses in each Company; and compleated them according to the Coast Establishment with six Serjeants and four Drummers. I have besides Sixteen Serjeants belonging to companies of Sepoys. They are divided four in each Company and their Subsistance drawn for as belonging to the 4 Companies in the Fort. The other three Companies of Sepoys (as there are nineteen in all) are under the Charge of a Corporal and two privates Men. These three are included in the effective Number of the Garrison; As you will see Gentlemen by my Returns.

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Doctor Wilson having given a Certificate to Ensign Black that the Coast Air was absolutely necessary for the Recovery of his Health, I have given him leave of absence.

My last Letter was of the 15.th June N.o 6 since which I have been honour'd with yours of the 18.th of the same Month N.o 1. I am with great Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient and most faithfull Servant. F. Caillaud.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Percival Robert Palk

Thursday the 17.th

A Letter just receivd from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort S.t David with the Copy of one addressd to them by Colonel Adlercron and the 11.th Instant read as follows

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We are with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants Rich.d Stratfe Hugh Norris - Rich.d Fairfield - Thos Turner -

To the Worshipfull Richard Starke Esq.r Deputy Governour and the Council of Fort St. David

Fort St. David 18th July 1755.

Gentlemen

Captains Roderick Forbes & Charles Campbell having refusd to deliver an Order sent by me the 11th Instant to their respective Commands, is such a Manifest Attack on the Kings Power and the military Authority his Majesty has been pleasd to confer on me that I cannot avoid Giving immediate Notice of it. and as I see no Necessity for having recourse to the Presidency on this Occasion I think proper to inform you

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The following Letter from Capt. Polier read

To the Honble the Governour & Council

Hond Sir & Sirs

As that Instant of Time I had ordered the Troops I command under Arms to march hence to Chaclipatam where I

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We are with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants Rich.d Starke Hugh Norris Rich.d Fairfield Chas Turner

Fort St. David 12th July 1755.

To The Worshipfull Richard Starke Esq.r Deputy Governour and the Council of Fort St. David

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Garden House
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The following Letter from Capt. Potter read

27/ To the Honble the Governour & Council

Hond Sir & Sirs

At that Instant of Time I had ordered the Troops I command under Arms to march Guns to Choultry Plain where I

"in future should step out of the Boundary
without leave

Capt. Caillaud & I were with Mr Maisson on the Subject of
the Countries of Madura & Marawar, upon the point of
seizing the Travancore Ambassador & the French Vessels
in their Pretensions to these two Countries to prevent with my
small Force to cross the Colleroon & escort the Nabob to Arcot by
the Straits & ready Road. We concluded upon the certain Advice
of Hyder Naigues Return upon whom we could not depend
for the Observation of the Treaty of Peace settled between
the two Nations. It would be imprudent to expose the Nabob
and all his Family to the bad Faith of the Mysoreans and to the
Envy as appears in the last Letter Capt. Caillaud received from
Mr Maisson / which undoubtedly was not wrote without
the participation of Pondichery / that the French are inclin'd
to break the Peace before its Time / For this Reason we were
both of Opinion / to endeavour to prevail on the Nabob
to take the Dove Cotah Route / and wrote on Purpose for that
purpose. The Nabob very readily fell into our way of think-
ing and it was agreed together that We might avoid the great
Quantity of Waters & deep Rivers in the Tanjore Country
to take our Route in the Island paying the Coverey at
Coiladdy marching down till near Dove Cotah and to begin
our March this Morning. This was our last resolve but your
Letter of the 25th June to Colonel Heron which I received yester-
night at Seven, gave other Reasons to postpone our march

ten till

had consulted with Capt. Caillaud and that We had
our measures
taken relating to the Orders you have honourd me with in
the Absence of Colonel Heron concerning the Succours I
ought to give Capt. Caillaud to act in Conjunction, Oppose
with our Forces & drive back the French should any part
of their Troops enter the Countries of Arioloor & Warreiapol-
-lam. By Virtue of the Orders you honourd me with I proceeded
the Departure of the Army for Arcot & this Morning consulted
with Capt. Caillaud upon the properest Measures to be taken
for opposing the French should they still persist the entering
one of these two Countries commit Hostilities and exact Tri-
-bute. Having thoroughly examind our own Situation, the
almost unsurmountable Difficulties of crossing the Cavery
& Colleron without Assistance from the French and the small-
-ness of the Army we could form with all my Troops & part
of the Garrison of Trichenopoly, the superiour Strength of
the French who have 400 Men at Chovingpatam & above 300
under Maissin's Command exclusive of their great Num-
ber of Sepoys together with Eyder Naigue's shortly joining
them, besides the great Convenience the nearness Pondicherry
affords them to reinforce themselves. That We unanimously
concluded not having at present Strength enough to repell
Force by Force the only Method Capt Caillaud had to take
was to continue protesting against the Infractions of
Peace in case M^r Maissin should persevere to enter the
aforesaid Countries in Opposition to Capt. Caillaud's Protest
and the Nabobs lawfull Rights to these his two Tributary
Countries that there the Treaty of Peace is broken on the
French Side and that no longer Measures are to be kept
with them as Hond Sir & Sirs you have more than sufficient
Strength upon this Coast to act offensively and defensively
against your Enemies: Forgive the Liberty of this Reflection
which

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which arises from my Zeal for the Honble Company's Services.
To conclude upon the Desire you seem to have for the Nabob's being with all convenient Dispatch at Arcot. 'Twas that We determind to keep our Resolution of Yesterday which is to march to morrow morning with the Nabob and his Family taking our Route to the lower part of the Island untill Deve Cotah Capt. Caillaud has the Honour to inform you of the last Letter he receivd from Mr. Maisjon who as I think would establish upon a very bad Foundation the Rights he pretends the French Company has acquird on those two forementiond Countries.

I shall have the Honour to inform you of our March as soone as We have crossd the Covery. —

I have the Honour of being with profound Respect
Hon.d Sir & Sirs Your most Humble most Obedient and
most devoted Servant. P. Pollier Des Bottens. —

St. Morrire Lagada
8.th July 1755.

The Committee approve of Capt. Pollier's altering his Route for Arcot as well on Account of the depth & Rapidity of the Rivers as to avoid exposing the Nabob and his Family to any Insults from the French — Agreed that a Party of one hundred and fifty Men be immediately detached from this Garrison under the Command of Capt. Spears to march overland & join him near Deve Cotah with three Companies of Sepoys from Fort St. David, & that five Companies more of Sepoys from that Place be ordered hither, as We have not sufficient for our Ordinary Occasions & those that are here have been for a long Time on constant Duty.

Received also the Following Letter from Capt. Caillaud with Copy of Mr. Maisjon's Answer to his former Representation on the Subject of the Aristocar Country, and his Reply.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
President & Govr &c.a Committee of
Correspondence at Fort St. George

N.o 8.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was honourd with your Orders Gentlemen of the 25th and 25th of June N.o 5 & 6. The Night your second Letter came to hand I receivd one also from Mr. Maisin, Copy of which & my Answer I now enclose.

One M.r Flacourt Commissary of the French Troops (whose Name you will find Gentlemen in M.r Maisin's Letter) is just arrivd from the Mysore Capital. What has been agreed on in General between them I am ignorant of; but this one particular is fact that Heyder Naigue is marching down this way with 6000 Men and eight Lack of Rupees.

I communicated this Intelligence to Capt. Polier who intended marching the next Day the High Road to Arcot by cropping the Covery & Calleroon, but on this Advice considering the small number of Men he had to escort so large a Traine as the Nabob, and all his Family, The Situation of the Troops in the Country he was to pass through, The Garrison of Syringham, M.r Maisin's Party ready perhaps to favour Heydernaigue in an attempt which if it succeeded might be of such Advantage; all these Reasons, and the Nabob being of the same Opinion, made Capt. Polier change his intended Route & marching thro' the Tanjore Country, so striking off somewhere between Fort St. David and Devecotah for Arcot.

I consulted also according to your Orders Gentlemen with Capt Polier, Whether he had better wait with the Army untill We could receive an Answer to my Letter from M.r Maisin. To the best of our Judgments we agreed that it was better for him to march. The following were our Reasons & Hope they'll meet with your Approbation.

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Had Mr Maissins Answer, or way of acting oblig
us according to your Orders to form a Detachment to be sent
against him, the Detachment could not have marchd on
Account of the two Rivers, which are to be croſsd, & which
at this Season till the latter end of August are commonly
unfordable & We have no Boats. As the Detachment then
could not have marchd however We might have remonstrat
We thought it best, for the publick Good at least to do one
thing, which your second desirous of Gentlemen; The Marc
of the Nabob down to Arcot. I will also venture to say tha
even had the Rivers been fordable we neither of us thought
that such a Detachment as We could spare was to be
ventured in prudence If we could have avoided it.

Mr Maissin with his Party of three hundred
Men is within 4 Days march of Pondicherry and two
of Syringham; so that he could have got Reinforcement
from either, or both of those Places as soon as We could have
marchd to him. You know Gentlemen that the first Event
in a War often decides its Success; So that if possible the first
Stroke should not be left to Chance, at least an Equality
and if possible a Superiority, which our Numbers would
not allow of had We sent a Party. But I beg Pardon
Gentlemen for making Reflexions which certainly have not
escapd you if applicable in this Case. I will endeavour
by my Protests to protract and delay Time untill such
Measures can be taken by you Gentlemen as will best
secure your Interests against the Incroachments of our
Neighbours.

I have just now received a Complaint from the
Worriarpollam Pollegar of a Summons sent by Mr Maissin.
I shall write to him immediately letting him know that
those two Pollegars are to be esteemd on the same footing as
Tributaries to the Nabob. I shall also inclose a Copy of the

Acknowledge

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Acknowledgements made by the Polligor to the Nabob.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect
Trichenopoly
8.th July 1755. Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & faithful Hum.e Serv.t
John Caillaud.

Copy of M.r Maissins Letter dated 28.th June

Sir

I could not reply immediately, as I should have been glad to do, to the Letter you did me the Honour to write me on the Subject of the Representations made to Trichinopoly by the Chief of Ariolour upon the Demand I made of the Sums he owes us. I was so little acquainted with the affairs of that District that I was obliged to inform myself. This is the Account I have receivd; That at the Time when M.r De Mainville commanded at Syringham, Nandiraiaze sent one of his Chiefs named Andirnaig with some Troops to plunder the Villages of Ariolour, upon the Polygars refusing to pay the Tribute — He desird an Accomodation, and sent Narsingarau his Vakeel to Chelengham, who in Consequence of his Master's Orders settled with us. The Agreement was that he should give Forty five Thousand Rupees in three different Payments. The first was punctually made, The Polligar was afterwards left undisturbd, and the Fear of bad Weather at the Time when our Troops set out from Syringham to Pondichery, prevented M.r De S.t Aulas, who commanded them from waiting long enough to demand the full Payment. He sent some Detachments which he recalld again to continue his March; Why did you not there lay in your Claim? It was undoubtedly the same then as it is now because you have acquird no Rights since; it must, be said to this that you did not think you had any, or that the Chief of Ariolour knowing very well that the Tribute was due to Nandiraize, did not write to you; Indeed Sir his Rights over

that

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that Country have been acknowledg'd a long Time by your Gentlemen, and by your Nabob, as you will see in the Sequel of this Letter; but even should those be disputable, those we have acquir'd since are incontestable, and in whatever Sense it can be taken Arcolaar owes us the Tribute because We have acquir'd Rights over him.

You will allow Sir that this Polligar although Tributary to Trichenopoly has his particular Rights as an Independent Chief, and that in this Quality he can enter into new Engagements, whether by Force or by Choice from Views of Interest or other Motives, and that it is for him to whom the Tribute is paid to keep him in Order, and prevent his paying under any other Government.

I must repeat to you Sir that We have Rights over Arcolaar, and that you lost yours the Instant that he entered into Engagements with us: I dont know that you have acquir'd any since by the way of Arms and you cannot at this Time accept any that may be proposed to you because it is stipulated by the Treaty that every one shall keep what he has.

Are you ignorant Sir that all the Dependencies of Trichenopoly were given to Nandiraauze for Security and discharge of the Sums he advanced while he was your Ally? The Perwanas he has from Mr Saunders your former Governour and from your Nabob, all which he has Shewn Mr Flucourt Commissary of our Troops are a Proof. On what then pray can you found your pretended Rights over Arcolaar? You have none at all, because from that Time Nandiraauze has been in peaceable possession: It is with his Consent and conformably to what he has wrote to Mr Legrit our Governour, that we demand the Sums due; and the Letters which the Chief of Arcolaar has

addressd

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addressd to Trichenopoly are only a Design to evade paying the Sums We demand, but he is not the less our Tributary. & tho' ill will on his part does not disengage him from our Jurisdiction, and you will be pleasd to allow Sir that our Conduct is by no means contrary to the Spirit of the Treaties; since the Matter is to receive from a Subject the Money he owes us, and that yours would be exactly the Opposite if you Should take the part of a Rebell. I am perswaded Sir that you was not well informd of the Validity of our Rights when you wrote to me; for the rest it is for our Governours to adjust the Point. I have the Honour to be with perfect Consideration Sir &c.

Copy of the Answer to M.r Maipin's Letter dated 8.th 1755.

Sir

I have been honourd with yours of the 28.th of June, permit me to answer your Letter by one Question. Can you produce Sir any Writing from that Polligar by which he acknowledges himself tributary to your Nation, or to Nandiravare your Ally; and by which he also promises to pay the annual Tribute to either of you. If there is no such Writing to produce Sir, that Sum of Money which the Polligar promisd & paid part of, can only certainly be deemd a Contribution, which gives no Right over a Country. I appeal Sir to what you say in your last Letter. "The Polligar sent his Vakeel to "Cauveri, who settled and agreed in the Name of his Master "to pay the Sum of forty five Thousand Rupees." What did he promise to pay that Sum for? certainly to save his Country from being plunderd, & not as a Tribute. A Promise may be sufficient perhaps for the Payment of a Contribution, but surely to pay an Annual Tribute, some form in Writing must be given, & such a Form is absolutely necessary to be produc'd to prove the Arioloor Polligar is your Tributary.

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their Detachment might be returnd to them on the Protector which Ship is now ready to sail for Fort St. David in her way thither, It is Agreed in Lieut. Mr. Starke to embark Capt Forbes's Detachment on her, but Capt Ziegler with the Swiss Company being at Camp cannot be sent by this Conveyance, a Letter is orderd to be prepard to advise the President and Council of Bombay of these Circumstances and that Capt. Zieglers Company shall follow by the first Opportunity, unless any Alterations of Affairs on this Coast should render it absolutely necessary for us to detain them.

Agreed that Colonel Adlercron be advisd of the foregoing Resolution and of the intended March of Captain Spears

Captains Howes and Gaupp advise of the Arrival of the Detachments sent to Arcot and Chingalapet in Consequence of the Resolution made the 1th Instant.

Letter from Mr Maunsell Commissary at Camp read inclosing a Return of the Store of Provisions in that Garrison of Trichenopoly the 30th June, by which it appears there was sufficient for the Subsistence of three Thousand Men Two Hundred and Eighty Days.

Captains Mashelyne and Lieutenant Preston's Commissaries for enquiring concerning the contested Districts having both Occasion to return into Garrison and the former being intended shortly to relieve Capt. Howes

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Howes in the Command of Arcot, it is Agreed that Lieut.t John Reith and Ensign Robert Bannatyne be appointed Commissaries in their Stead and Instructions are now ordered to be prepared for them.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bowcy
Robert Orme
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Will.m Percevall
Rob.t Palk

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the 15th June and your Reply. We hope these Representations will have prevented Mr. Maisjin's further proceeding for We are of Opinion with you that considering the Depth of the Rivers and the Numbers of the French added to the News of the Mysoreans it would have been imprudent to attempt to do it by Force even with the Assistances of Capt. Polier. We are therefore glad you resolvd together that he should come by the Devecotah Road. We have wrote to Mr. Leyrit concerning Coriolour, but as yet have heard nothing from him on the Subject. Should the Mysoreans enter that Country or any other belonging to the Nabob, You will summons the French Commandants both at Syringham and in the Field to join you against them by virtue of the Treaty, and if they do not comply, protest against them in a regular manner. You yourself will be the best Judge when forcible Measures may be justifiable and we rely on your prudence Sincerely. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot Stringer Lawrence Henry Bonney Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch William Perceval Robert Palk.

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To Dispatchd to Fort St. David the following Letter to the President and Council of Bombay to be sent by the Protector.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq.r President and Govern.r &c.a Council of Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of what you wrote to the President and Council under Date the 23d May we have orderd Captain Forbes with all the Men of his Command that are at Fort St. David to be embarkd on the Protector which was dispatchd for that Place Yesterday to take them on board

boards.

[Captain Ziegles Company being in Camp could not come to the Coast in time to be returnd by this Conveyance and Commodore James acquaints us besides that he should not have been able to carry more Men than he will now have. We shall send them by the next Opportunity unless any Alteration of Affairs should render it absolutely necessary for us to keep them some Time longer in which case We doubt not your Honour &c.ª will chearfully dispense with it.]

We have laid in Provisiones for the Men and given the Officers two Months Batta - Should you have any Advices to favour us with on the Subject of these Men or any other Military or Naval Operations, You will please to direct your Letters to the Committee for the Management of Country Affairs in which Quality we now address you and are Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servants George Pigot ✠ Stringer Lawrence ✠ Henry Pinney ✠ Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch ✠ William Percival ✠ Robt. Palk.

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We have orderd Mr. Starke to forward to you from St. David the Accounts relating to the Detachment.

21. Sent a General Letter to Capt. Maskelyne & Lieut.t Preston advising that We have appointed Messrs. Reith & Bannatyne Commissaries / Entered in the Commissaries Proceedings N.o 87 / Delivered Messrs. Reith and Bannatyne their Instructions as Commissaries as entered N.o 88.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Leyrit, as entered in the French Correspondence N.o 62 to advise him of this new Appointment of Commissaries.

23 Received a Letter from Mr. Leyrit to the President dated the 19th Instant as entered N.o 63.

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Received a Letter from Colonel Adlercron to the President dated the 21st Instant as entered N.9

Thursday the 24th

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
William Percival — Robert Palk

M.r Leyrit in his Letter N.o 63 recapitulates all the Arguments in favour of his pretensions to the contested Districts which tend entirely to prove that Mirza Ameen Beg was not regular Governour for the Nabob of the Carangoly Districts but a plunderer; The Memorial entered in the proceedings of the Commissaries N.o 89. signd by the principal Inhabitants of that Country & presented to the President shews that Mirza Ameen Beg was appointed by a regular Sanad in the Month of August 1754. that he nam'd Overseers in the usual manner for over each Sunnet or head Village, which Overseers were acting at the Time of the Suspension; A certain Proof of the Nabobs proper -sion - Agreed therefore to send M.r Leyrit a Copy of the said Memorial together with a general List of the contested Districts as entered in the proceedings of the Commissaries N.o 90. shewing that the French seizd above two hundred Villages about the 20th October 1754. Also Ordered that a full Answer to the Historical Memorial transmitted by M.r Leyrit be prepard to accompany the above together with a Letter reciting in one plain View the several Pieces We have already sent as Evidence on our part.

Colonel Adlercron by his Letter of the 21st Instant now read in Counc.l to the Presidents of the 17th & 18th seems to be

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be quite regardless of the Promise he made to the President & Council in his Letter of the 16th December last; and openly threatens to retract it. - It has been often represented to Colonel Adlercron that his taking upon him the entire Command of the Military in the Company's Garrisons must be attended with great Prejudice to their Affairs and it is Agreed now again to set forth to him the bad Effects which might attend such a Proceeding; a Proceeding which at the same Time it would be hard to reconcile with his Majesty's Instructions to Colonel Adlercron which expresly say that the Troops are sent abroad for the Service & Benefit of the East India Company & in support of their just Rights and Priviledges.—

Received the following Letter from Capt. Polier

To the Honble the Governour & Council.

Hon.d Sir & Sirs

I received yesterday the Honour of yours of the 1.st concerning my Conduct relating to the Killedars and Officers the Nabob should think fit to change or oblige to settle with him.

I certainly will not fail conforming to your Orders and shall not act against the Chiefs of Elivanassore and Calcourchey nor others of whom the Nabob may ask to account with without first being thoroughly convinced they are of those people who acknowledged the Nabob the 1.st of October last. I beg the Favour that you will rest persuaded I shall use the utmost Endeavours to answer as I ought the Confidence you have pleased to honour me with.

I hope you have received the Letter I had the Hon.r of writing you the 8.th Instant, and one from Capt. Caillaud, where the both had the Hon.r to give you the Reasons which determined us I should not take the great Road with the Nabob

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Nabob from Trichinopoly to Arcot; I hope you have not disapproved of them, Capt. Caillaud has certain Advices M. Maissin & his Detachment had Orders to observe our Army and that M. Law was to march with 200 French & 100 Germans from Pondicherry to Golconda & by the way of Arcot with the same cautionary Orders. The uneasiness expressed by the Tyrinopham Gentlemen on our change of Rout creates many Conjectures upon their former Projects, had the Nabob & his Family passed the Colleron I left Warriore the 9th went and encamped at Calicotah preadvancing the Nabob that I might cross after the River our Artillery and Baggage before he joind us with his large but cumbersome Train of Attendants Followers &c. It took us up the 10th & 11th by the help of a Tanjore Boat to cross the whole and yesterday I passed with all the Troops except an Officer & 30 Men I left to receive the Nabob who arrivd at & the same Evening. to Day he & all his People crossd & joind us. I gave him your Letter Yesterday he does not seem to decline the Design he first & still entertains of punishing the Chiefs of Elivanasore & Calcourchey who are not much out of our Rout from S.t Davids to Arcot and has promisd me a true and exact List of all the Heads of Places & Villages who acknowledgd him the 11.th October last. however I shall not act against any if I dont receive subsequent Orders to those of the 1.st without all necessary Precautions and after being well informd from other Quarters. the Nabob with his Mother he assures me She will be here tomorrow to I march the 13.th to Candor where they assure between the Breach between the Covery & Colleroon the first running the last the Passage is very easy. Here it is extreme dif-cult & will take up much Time Thus Hond Sir & Sir

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if the Passage is as easy as the People assure and represent we shall cross the Covery there into the Island, else continue our march through the Tanjore Country to Devecotah. I shall take care to send Mircarras both Route to meet Mircarras on either Route who you may have dispatch'd & give strict Charge to bring them to me. I have the Hon.r of being with the profoundest of Respect & strictest Truth Hon.d Sir and Sirs Your most humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Servant P. Polier de Bottens.

Camp near Collady 13th July 1755.

The Committee do not find it necessary to give Captain Polier any fresh Instructions in Answer to the foregoing Letter.

Geo.g Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowndes
Robert Orme
P. Wynch
Will.m Percival.
Rob.t Palk

Fort St. George 26th July 1755.—

Sent a Letter from the President to Colonel Adlercron of this Date in Answer to his of the 21st as entered N° 10.

27. The Proceedings of the General Court martial held here the 14th & 15th Instant having been transmitted to Colonel Adlercron and approved, the President received from him this Morning a Dead Warrant for the Execution of John de Bore in consequence of the Sentence of the said General Court Martial.

" Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Colonel Adlercron (as entered N° 11) to acknowledge the Receipt of the Dead Warrant for the execution of John de Bore, & inclosing him a Letter for the Nabob by way of Introduction in case he should call at Fort St. David and the Colonel chuse to pay him a Visit.

29. Colonel Lawrence received a Letter from Colonel Adlercron as entered N° 12. desiring to know whether he can attend at Fort St. David to assist at the Councils of War of which he is one of the Members appointed by his Majesty — Colonel Lawrence thought it necessary to lay this Letter before the Committee of which also he is a Member, and which is the General Council mentioned in his Majesty's Instructions to Colonel Adlercron to be appointed for considering and resolving on the proper Plans of Operation.

" 30. Received a Letter from Mr. Leycrit to the President dated the 27th Instant as entered in the French Correspondence N° 65.

At a Committee Present

Wednesday the 30th

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Strong " Lawrence Henry Savvney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Percival Robert Palk

Colonel Adlercron's abovementioned Letter to Colonel Lawrence being read was taken into Consideration

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The Committee are of Opinion that Colonel Lawrence's presence cannot at this Time, where there are no Military Operations going forward, be so necessary at the Councils of War as pressed by Colonel Adlercron, as at this Board, but as the said Letter treats entirely of publick Affairs the Committee recommend it to Colonel Lawrence only to acknowledge the Receipt of it & acquaint Colonel Adlercron that he has laid it before the General Council and the President is desired to reply to it and to represent to Colonel Adlercron that as Colonel Lawrence is one of the General Council it would be more regular that his Commands should pass through that Channel, and that his addressing himself on this Occasion directly to Colonel Lawrence without even acquainting the President or the General Council is failing somewhat in that Respect which he insists so much on himself.

In Answer to the other part of Colonel Adlercron's Letter to Colonel Lawrence concerning the Sepoys order'd from Fort St. David, and Capt. Spearse's March, the President is desired to give him a Detail of the Reasons why those Sepoys were so order'd, although they are such as he can be no judge of, the Disturbances among the Polligars &c.; and as to detaching Capt. Spears with Troops from hence instead of applying to Col. Adlercron for a part of the Regiment, one Reason was the great Number of Men in Garrison here, more even than could be lodg'd in the Barracks, but he himself has furnish'd us with another very sufficient Reason for this Choice by declaring in his Letter of the 25th of this Month that he is accountable to no one in India for his Conduct Now it is certainly most consistent with the good of the Service to employ such Troops as are accountable to us for their Behaviour.

Mr. Leycrit in his Letter No. 65 objects to the Title given

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Lawrence

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given to Messrs. Reith & Barnatyne in the Presidents Letter advising that those Gentlemen were appointed Commissaries for the Nabob and his Allies, saying that this can only Mean for him whome we acknowledge for Nabob; that nothing is mentiond in the Treaty of any Nabob; and therefore he has ordered his Commissaries not to treat with those Gentlemen under any other Title but that of Commissaries. He complaines also that Messrs. Reith and Barnatyne are neither of them of equeal Rank with Mr. Du Rocher.

Although the Committee are of Opinion that the above Title given to Messrs. Reith and Barnatyne is very proper and by no Means contradictory to the Treaty, yet as it is not Material & the Discussion might take up Time they do Agree to call them Commissaries for examining the Infringements &c.ª and that Capt. Gaupp who by his residence at Changalapet is well acquainted with the Occurrences of the contested Districts be placed at the Head of those Gentlemen in order to obviate Mr. Leyrit's Objection in point of Ranks which at the same Time the Committee do look on a very trivial Objection, their Quality of Commissaries being equal although one be a Captain, the other a Lieutenant or Ensign

Received the following Letter from Capt. Polier

To the Honble the Govern. and Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George

Hond. Sirs &c.ª

I am in Safe march with the Nabob and his Family having happily passd the Coverey the 16th Instant with less Trouble than I imagind without the help of a Boat the whole folding it near Candoor. I halted one Day on this Side on the Island near the Village of Tanksall

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Secondly. The same Day Monoge with a numerous Train paid the Nabob a Visit, he stopd about a Mile from our Camp where the Nabob went and I accompanied him. At this Interview the strongest Protestations of an inviolable Freindship were made on both Sides, Monoge assurd me and the Nabob most particularly from the King of Tanjore he would never forsake him and had five Thousand Horse ready at his Order if he needed them in the Arcot Country. The Nabob having thankd Monoge for the promisd Aide and for his Love and Friendship which he had always relied took care to Whisper me in English 'Tis all a Lye! I who did not fear making Advances assurd Monoge, as the English Nation had always been the Nabobs constant Friend & supported him 'till now with all their Force in India. She was resolvd to continue him her Protection and would be an inviolable Friend to the King of Tanjore so long as he was the same to the Nabob; He assurd us the King of Mysore had offerd his King 60 Lacks of Rupees provided he would forsake the Nabob but that he constantly had rejected this Proposal with Disdain. He charge me to assure you of the good Intentions of the King his Master and of his particular Attachment to the Nabob and the English Nation; He has given necessary Orders to sell to our Bazar People Provisions that there we are well enough off; On my Side I have publish'd strict Orders against all pillaging and plundering either by our Troops or the Black People, I can but be proud of our Europeans not having had as yet the least Complaint against them and must do Justice to both Captains & Subalterns who have seconded me with all their Strength to prevent Disorders and pillaging and maintain a strict Discipline in the Battalions both on the March and in Quarters. It is not thus with the black People Sepoys and Coolys, spite of all my repeated Admonitions daily

daily; I could not prevent their pillaging Villages on the Rout which caus'd me yesterday to put an End to this, to make an Example which frighten'd them. Five Cooley were taken up following the Camp with no other View than pilleaging, who were thieving at a little Village upon the Rout. I order'd the guiltiest who was caught with the Theft upon him to be hang'd and the others to be whip'd thro the Bazar. This Example struck the Black People so much that not one of them left the high Road this Day nor have I had the least Complaint; I hope Hond Sir & Sirs you will not deem my Conduct wrong in this Respect.

I design to pass the Colleroon at Chellambrum & have wrote to Mr. Hopkins of Deva Cotah to procure Boats to facilitate the Passage.

The Nabob appears uneasy upon our crossing at Chelambrum fearing some Projects from the French or some sudden Ruptures. He desir'd me to write to the Govern. of Fort St. David to beg he would have an eye upon the Motions the French may make towards us and in case of any Thing to send a Reinforcement from his Garrison. I have the Honour to write to him this Day upon the Subject.

My Soldiers fall sick daily of intermitting Fevers occasion'd by the continual Rains they are oblig'd to bear Nightly, as well as the great Heat by Day. I endeavour to lodge them in Choultries; The Misfortune is we find no where any large enough however the Sick have been constantly sheltered.

I reckon to pass the Colleroon the 24th. and reach St. Davids the 26th. or 27. I hope here for the Sirs to receive the Honour of your Orders for the rest of the March, there, if I dont receive them on the Rout.

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I have the Hon.r of being with the most profound
of Respects & the perfectest of Submissions Hon.d Sir & Sir
Your most Humble Your most Obedient and most devoted
Servant P. Pottier de Bottens.

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19.th July 1755

[As We are desirous the Nabob should arrive as soon
possible at Arcot, as well to put an end to the expence of
the Troops in the Field as to get our Affairs settled The
President is desird to advise him not to call at Fort S.t David,
and to defer his intended march to Calcourchey and Ellavana-
sore, but it is agreed at the same Time to write Capt. Pottier
that he is to follow our former Instructions, and assist the
Nabob against any, whom he may have a just Title to ca
to Account.]

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[Captain Gaupepe writes from Changalapet that
the Polegar Werium Rajah continues his Ravages, that his
people extort Money and Cattle from the Villages and par-
-ticularly his Brother two Days ago killd and wounde
several People in the Town of Nellwumback.]

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[Agreed to send a large Number of Sepoys, as soon
as the five Companies arrive from Fort S.t David, to block up
the principal Avenues of the Woods and endeavour by the
means to seize these Robbers. That Capt Gaupepe be advisd of
this Intentions, and ordrd to prepare the other Polligars
who are Enemies to Werum Rajah to joine our Sepoys.]

Mahofoz /

Three Letters from the Nabob received the 25.th Inst.
read advising that Abdul Kareed Caron Nabob of Cuddap-
-pah continues his Attempts against the Nellore Country
and has a Design also against Tripaty desiring therefore
that some Means may be resolvd on to put a Stop to his
Incursions ~ Inclosing a Letter from Mauphooz Cawn
his Brother who was left in Possession of Madura and
Tinnivelly containing Advice that the King of Travancore
has

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has joind Myana the late Rebel professor of Madura with other Polligars who now make a strong Opposition against the Nabobs Troops.

The President is desird to write to the Nabob of Cuddapah and the King of Travencore requiring them in the strongest Terms to desist from their Enterprizes against the Nabob, whose Enemies we regard as our own.

Colonel Heron having deliverd to the President a Diary of the late Expedition to Madura & Tinnevelly He now lays the same before the Committee; Some of the Transactions appearing worthy of further Inquiry the said Journal is Orderd to lye upon the Table for future Examination and in the mean time the President is desird to demand of him Copies of the Orders given to the Officers sent on Detachments and their Correspondence with him while they were abroad.

Letter from the Tripaty Renter read advising that he has orders his Vakeel to pay six Thousand [6000] Pagodas on account of the Sum or third Visit. Orderd that the Committee do demand the Money.

The Cowles for Coolies Manimangalum and Tiruvon Maganum Expiring the 1st of next Month the President is desird to receive Offers for the ensuing Year & report the same to the Council that new Cowles may be given.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Crommelin
Robert Orme
P Wynch
Wm Percival
Rob Palk

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Sent a Letter to Colonel Adlercron of this Date agreeable to this Morning's Resolutions (as entered N.13.) also the following Letter to Capt. Polier

To Captain Polier

Sir

Your Letters of the 13th & 19th are come to hand. We have no alteration to make in our former Orders for escorting the Nabob to Arcot; as I wish him there as soon as possible I have advis'd him not to call at Fort St. David and to defer his intended march to Calcoverchey and Ellavanasore not thinking those Affairs of sufficient Consequence to detain him in the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry. Whatever his Resolutions may be you are to accompany him and assist him with the Army agreeable to the Directions you have before had.

I am Sir Your most Obedient servant George Pigot.

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31st Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr. Leyrit as entered in the French Correspondence N.66.—

1st August

Colonel Lawrence receivd a Letter from Col. Adlercron as entered N.14 ordering him to Fort St. David as soon as possible to sit at a Council of War there to be assembled to consider of a Letter receivd from the President — Colonel Lawrence being at the Mount for the Recovery of his Health wrote this Day to Colonel Adlercron that he had referr'd his Letter to the President who accordingly sent an Answer as entered N.15.

6th Four Companies of Sepoys march'd for Changalapet for the reduction of the Polligar Wirium Royah according to the disposition to be made by Captain Caupfe

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At a Committee present.

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Perceval Robert Palk

Friday

A Letter from Captain Forbes of the Bombay Detachment dated 28th of last Month read inclosing a Representation addressed to him by the Men of his Command setting forth the Hardships they have undergone for want of an Allowance of Batta since their coming from Camp to Fort St. David, and requesting that their Diet may be made good to them for that Time — Our Honble Masters having in the 68th Paragraph of their General Letter dated 31st January 1756. signified their Pleasure that the Troops of Bengal and Bombay should serve them on Occasions here on the same Footing as the Men belonging to this Establishment, It is agreed to write to the Deputy Govern.r and Council of Fort St. David to acquaint Captain Forbes that We cannot give his Detachment any extraordinary Allowance; which besides they have very little Right to expect, for the greatest part of that Command being Topasses have received a considerable Advantage by the difference between their Pay on this Coast and Bombay.

Petition of Doctor Parker of the Protector also read, requesting an Allowance for his Care of the Detachment on Board. as Doctor Parker is in constant Pay of the Company, and the Medicines also are put on Board by them it is Agreed not to make him any Allowance

Since last meeting received the following Letters

From Camp and Trichinopoly

From Captain Polier

To —

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To the Honble the Govern.r and Gentlemen
of the Committee of Correspondence
at Fort St. George

Hon.d Sir & Sirs

I have the Honour to inform your Honours that I arrived with the Nabob yesterday about the Limits of Fort St. David and encampd near Trepopilore, but out of the Bounds

I was greatly surprisd at my coming to Camp to find from the Kings Regiment a Captain's Guard with 100 Men and as the Captain commanding them must have superceded me I immediately waited on Colonel Adlercron to know if it was his Pleasure to remove me from the Command which the Honble Govern.r and Council had entrusted me with; He assurd me he had no such Designs but that what he had done arose purely from a Desire he had to shew the Nabob the Esteem the English Nation bore him that he further proposd not only offering him this Guard, but his Regiment to attend him to Arcot I reply'd to the Colonel there would be no occasion as the Force the Honble Govern.r and Council had thought proper for the Guard of the Nabob's Person was sufficient especially as I apprehended very little or no Danger. Colonel Adlercron treated me with much Civility but as he persisted to offer the Nabob the above Compliment I went to consult Gov.r Stark We agreed it would be proper I should see the Nabob before the Colonel & acquaint him that as the Honble Gov.r & Co. had appointed a sufficient Guard for the Security of his Person, in case Colonel Adlercron should offer a Reinforcement I thought it would be better not to accept it, as I must displease the Honble Govern.r & Council & create uneasiness among us. I accordingly acquainted the Nabob with this, he gave me his Word he would not accept of any Guard that Colonel Adlercron

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Hon.d Sir & Sirs

I have the Honour to inform you I arrived with the Nabob yesterday about the Limits of Fort S.t David and encampd near Arepopilore, but out of the Bounds

I was greatly surprisd at my coming to Camp to find from the Kings Regiment a Captain's Guard with 100 Men and as the Captain commanding them must have superceded me I immediately waited on Colonel Adlercron to know if it was his pleasure to remove me from the Command which the Hon.ble Govern.r and Council had entrusted me with; He assurd me he had no such Design but that what he had done arose purely from a Desire he had to shew the Nabob the Esteem the English Nation bor him that he farther proposd not only offering him this Guard, but his Regiment to attend him to Arcot I repre-sented to the Colonel there would be no occasion as the Force the Hon.ble Govern.r and Council had thought proper for the Guard of the Nabob's Person was sufficient especially as I apprehended very little or no Danger. Colonel Adlercron treated me with much Civility but as he persisted to offer the Nabob the above Compliment I went to consult Gov.r Sharp We agreed it would be proper I should see the Nabob before the Colonel & acquaint him that as the Hon.ble Gov.r &c.a. had appointed a sufficient Guard for the Security of his Person, in case Colonel Adlercron should offer a Reinforcement I thought it would be better not to accept it, as I must dis-please the Hon.ble Govern.r & Council & create some doubts among us. I accordingly acquainted the Nabob with this, he gave me his Word he would not accept of any Guard that Colonel

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Adlercron might offer him, he kept it for when the Col. waited on him in the Evening, he entirely declinde it, and would not accept of any assuring him he thought the Force he had sufficient; upon which Colonel Adlercron immediately withdrew his Guard.

I cannot do myself the Honour of sending you the Returns of the Army this Day having many sick which must be exchang'd for Men from the Fort, but propose expediting the Same to morrow, I would not delay Hon.d Sir & Sirs acquainting you with my Arrival here, least you might think proper in Consequence to charge me with some fresh Orders

I will be impossible for me to march hence in less than three or four Days, as I must provide the Army with Stores Ammunition & other Necessaries, besides having exchang'd a Number of the small Arms much out of order particularly those of the Sepoys. I have the Honour of being with every Sentiment of Esteem Respect and Submission Hon.d Sir & Sirs Your most Humble Your most Obedient and most devoted Serv.t

Camp near Tripassore 1.st August 1755.

P. Polier de Bottens.

The Committee very much approve of the Card taken by Capt. Polier to prevent the Nabob's Acceptance of Colonel Adlercron's Offer of his Majesty's Troops; for the Subsistence of the Regiment in the field would not only be a vast additional and useless Expence to the Company but very probably the Division of Command would breed Disputes hurtfull to the Service

From Captain Caillaud

To the Hon.ble George Pigot Esq.r President & Govern.r &c.a & Gentlemen of the Committee at Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

My last was No. 8. dated the 2.d of July in which

which I acknowledg'd the Receipt of your different
Favours N.os 5 & 6 and have since been honour'd with ou
(N.o 7) dated the 12th July.

The King of Tanjore claims two Districts of
Country belonging to Tondiman, from the Right of pos
Possession, and being formerly annexed to his Kingd
Tondiman claims his Right from Conquest and actual
Possession some considerable Time past; as also fro
a Cowle given to him by Monogee, when he took refu
with him six Years ago. of the two Countries claimd by t
King, the one is calld Corrakmelly and produces yearl
two Lack of Rupees Revenue, the other is calld Tremian
& valued at one Lack a Year. The King of Tanjore ma
these two Claims at the same Time out of Policy, and
with a seeming Kind of Justice he may appear willing
to make some Concession for the Sake of Peace, as he real
does now, by offering to give up his Right to the Latter o
Tondaman will not dispute the Former.

I have sent a proper Person to Tondaman as a
Vakeel to sound him on the Subject, and to know from
him and the People about a true State of the Affair
as also what he is likely and willing to give up on his
Side. according to the Information I get and the Advices
I may receive From Mr. Newton at Tanjore I will
endeavour to act so as to make up their Difference &
prevent if possible a Rupture Monogee has promis
to stay, and wait the Event of our Mediation.

Hydernaigau and his Party are moved a
different Road from that which we apprehended; he is
gone to a Place calld Dindigul, half way between this
and Madura the High Road formerly from this
Place there. The Country belongs to the Mysore,

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dependant on which are 18 Polligars from whom he is gone to collect the Tribute which they neglected paying during the War. The King at Syringapatam has obligd all Persons concernd in the publick Business to pay him a Sum of Money; which collected amounts to somewhat above ninety Lack of Rupees. He has besides that laid a Tax of one Rupee upon each House throughout his Dominions. If they have any Designs this way they are not as yet made publicke. Nandiraurze lives about 10 Miles from the Capital, and has with him a small number of Troops. The Agents left by Salabad Jung are very pressing for the remainder of the Money now due Twenty seven Lacks.

I have some hopes at last of getting the Money from the Polligar Securities left here under my Charge by Colonel Heron. I shall desire your Orders Gentlemen how to dispose of it when paid. The People say that they were only given as Securities for the first four Months Money due the 18th of April last. I should be glad to be informd whether upon the Payment of the first Sum I should release them or keep them untill other Securities are sent in their Room, if they do not chuse the immediate Payment of the next Sum which will be due the 13th of this Month; to that no time I intend writing to Mauzehoor Cawn to do his Endeavours to oblige the Polligars either to send the Money or other Securities for the Payment of it: At the same time I will write circular Letters to them threatening not to release these People untill they do one or the other Indeed I believe Gentlemen keeping them is the only Chance We have for the Money. Colonel Heron certainly knows on what Conditions these Men were given as Securities.

The King of Travancore has withdrawn His Troops from the Tinnevelly Country, that were sent to

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the Assistance of Moudemia, on Account of some Distur-
ances in other parts of his Kingdom. Moudemia is gone
also with them. I have wrote pressingly to Mauphoos Cawn
to make use now of his Army against the Polligars which
stand out. He has it in his Power to do something if he will
exert himself.

Give me leave to offer it to your Consideration Gent.
the want I may be in here of a good Linguaister. The present
Person Narain is very capable and sufficient, but his
Business entirely confines him to the Place; should my
personal Appearance for a few Days be necessary any where
to settle the Country Business or Disputes; as I cannot take
Narain. There is no one fit to go with me, or to send with a
commanding Officer of a Party should I be obliged to make
a Detachment. A capable & trusty Person that spoke tolerable
English, and understood well the Gentoo Language, would
therefore be of great Service here.

Mr. Jennings's appointment of Adjutant leaves me
with but one Artillery Officer. If you thought it proper Genl.
I wish he could be reimplaced.

Yesterday a Vakeel came to me from Monagee
with a long Letter relating to the Disputes between him &
Tondaman and asking our Mediation, and that he would
wait a Month. I have wrote him in Answer, and desired also
his Vakeel to tell him, that he should have our Mediation
provided he and the King would promise to abide by our
Decision. That I did not understand his limiting a Time
when he knew the Consequence of breaking the Truce which
he had agreed to and which was not yet expired. That till I had
an Answer from Tondaman I could not pretend to say or
decide any thing in the Affair. I added however in the Assu-
rance we repos'd on his Friendship & Justice I believed it

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will be necessary to manage this Affair upon a higher Tone than the last: there is seemingly but little Justice in this Demand of the Kings even by their own Story. and it may be prudent to curb this restless Disposition in Time.

Two Days before your Orders came Gentlemen for a general Muster, Mr. Maunsell had taken one of my compleat Garrisons; as I thought that would be sufficient to answer your Intentions. I did not send any other.

The Nabob's Family leaving Trichinopoly has deprived Doctor Wilson of his Monthly Allowance; He has applied to me for Batta which if you have no Objections to Gentlemn I will pay to him.

Lieut.t Robert Campbell has desired me to apply for him for leave to come down to the Coast on Business. I shall wait your Orders Gentlemen.

Inclos'd I have the Honour to transmit my Monthly Accounts & the Returns of the Garrison. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and faithfull Servant John Caillaud.

Trichinopoly 1st August 1755.

P.S. Just this Minute is come to hand your favour of the 18th N.o 8. Mr. Maisjin is march'd for Pondicherry.

Agreed to write Capt. Caillaud to bring what Money he may receive from the Polligars to the credit of the Commissary & keep it there for the Disbursements of the Garrison

The Demand made by the King of Tanjore of Countries which have been for so many Years in quiet Possession of Tondiman appears to the Committee to be somewhat Arbitrary, but let his Pretensions be what they will, it is judg'd proper by all means to prevent their coming to Hostilities and Agreed to write Captain Caillaud to enquire if there was any Agreement made between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman at the Time when this last got Possession of the Countries in Dispute

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If any such Agreement is to be found, both Parties ought to abide by it, and in order to prevent any Acts of Hostility, he may give them to understand that We shall regard whoever takes up Arms first as the Disturbers of the Peace.

Agreed that half Batta be allowd Mr Wilson the Surgeon at Tricheropoly from the Time the Nabobs Allow-ance to him ceasd, that an Artillery Officer be sent to that Garrison in the Room of Mr Jennings as soon as the Army comes hither, and that a Linguist be enquierd for.

Letter from Captain Gueyne read inclosing the Accots of the Garrison of Chengalapet for the last Months, which Accounts as well as those for Tricheropoly transmitted by Capt. Caillaud, now lying upon the Table, the Committee do think proper to take into their Consideration the too heavy Expences of all the out Garrisons in order to make such Regu-lations as appear at this Time practicable and tending as well to the Reduction of the Charges, as to the better management of the Accounts of their several Garrisons.

The Accounts of the several Garrisons being thereupon read and examind the following Remarks are first made

That the Coolys employd at Chengalapet are chargd some at two, some at three Fanams each pr Day whereas those employd on the Company's Works have receive the stoutest of them but one Fanam.

That the Peons employd at Chengalapet for attend-ing the Coolys are chargd at four Fanams a Day each, whereas those employd on the same Service here have only the ordinary Pay of the Company, thirty Fanams a Month.

That the Sepoys at Tricheropoly of which the Number is very large are allowd a Batta of two Fanams a Day each, and the Military no more; the full Batta in the Field used to be four Fanams to the Military and three to the Sepoys

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Sepoys: the former are reduc'd to half Batta, but the latter on the present footing receive two Thirds.

There are several other smaller Articles in the Accounts, such as Attendants on the Commanding Officers &c. which the Committee leave to the Consideration of the Committee of Accounts, who by a constant monthly Inspection will be best able to point out what Articles are unreasonably charg'd; and it is more Ordered that the Accounts from Camp and all the out Garrisons be regularly laid before the said Committee of Accounts.

And for the more speedy Reduction of such Expences as have at this Time appear'd remarkable it is now unanimously Resolvd

That Captain Gaupp be immediately acquainted with our Observations on the Pay of his Cooleys and Bearers, and Order'd to reduce it.

That one of the Company's Covenanted Servants be sent Monthly to the Garrison of Arcot and Chungal-pet there to muster the Military Sepoys, Artificers and Cooleys; to see that such as are employ'd be regularly paid, & that no more be paid than are really employ'd; and if he should receive Informations of the Practices of any in this Matter he is to report the same to the Committee on his Return. And to enable him the better to make such Enquiry as to him shall appear necessary, he may call upon the commanding Officer for the Diary of his Disbursements, in which the Number of Workmen employ'd and their daily Pay will more particularly appear.

That as this Rule cannot be put in Practice at Trichinopoly on Account of its great Distance, Captain Caillaud be only advis'd of the Nature of the Regulation and told that We depend on his most diligent Endeavours

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Endeavours to bring all his Expences as low as possible, and that it be recommended to him to try to make a beginning.

By reducing his Sepoys Batta to one Fanam a Day in Garrison and two in the Field, which as their Number is very large would of itself be a vast saving.

By informing himself what Rents and Customs are levied by the Nabobs Killedar and endeavouring to make them defray the Expence of repairing the Fort which has always been done by the Nabobs People at Arcot.

That the Sepoys sent out from hence against the Poligar Weroun Rajah be allowd only two Fanams a Day each for their Field Batta, according to the foregoing Regulations

And to the End that the Disbursements made on Account of the Nabob may at any Time be seen in one regular View, the Commissary is Orderd to keep those Accounts from the 30th. April last in a seperate Set of Books, in which the particular Expences of every Camp and every Garrison shall be chargd monthly under their proper Heads, to be carried from thence each to the General Account of the Camp or Garrison to which they belong, and those again to the Head of Nabob Anawendy Cawn, by which means they will be transferrd by one single Entry into the General Books & it is Orderd that a Copy of the Books so to be kept by the Commissary be transmitted Annually to our Honble Masters.

Agreed that the Commissary have an Assistant for this Service, who shall be allowd Ten Pagodas a Month to be chargd to the Nabob.

As the Adjustments necessary to be made with the

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the Nabob for the payment of his Debt to the Company will be best regulated by a personal Conference, it is Agreed that Colonel Lawrence, the Revd Mr Robert Take and Mr John Walsh be deputed to meet him at Arcot, where he will probably arrive about the 20th, to pay the President's Compliments to him and invite him hither.

That the Expence of Batta to the Troops may be put an End to as soon as they arrive at Arcot, it is Agreed to leave it to Colonel Lawrence to dispose of the Army in Cantonment or the different Garrisons as to him shall appear most Convenient to that End.

And as this is the Time for letting out the Countries for the new Year, & there is reason to fear that Abdul Vahab Cawn will for his own private Interest contract for them before the Nabob's Arrival at Arcot, the President is desired to write him that the Nabob being arrived in the Province and having taken upon himself the management of all Affairs, he should no longer interfere; to acquaint the Nabob also of our Suspicions, and desire him to forbid any such Proceeding, and to forbear himself from engaging in any new Contract till We have conferd with him; Agreed also that our Deputies abovementioned be desired to caution the Nabob on this Subject, and Order'd that Instructions pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions be drawn out for those Gentlemen.

Captains Howes and Gaupp having been lately in the Command of Arcot and Changalapet, it is Agreed that Captain Maskelyne do relieve the former and Capt Calvert the latter and that it be left to Colonel

Lawrence

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Lawrence to put this Order in Execution when he sees convenient, as both those Officers will be at Arcot with him.

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Bonney

Robert Orme

Wm Lynch

Wm. Percival.

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Sent the following Letter to Richard Starke Esq.r pursuant to this Mornings Resolutions

To Richard Starke Esq.r
Deputy Governour of Fort St. David

Sir

We have receivd a Letter from Capt.n Forbes inclosing a petition from the Bombay Detachment for Batta during their stay on Shore. If they are not embarkd before this reaches you we desire you will acquaint Captain Forbes that the Company have orderd us not to give any extraordinary Allowance to the Detachments that may be sent here from the other Presidencies as they expect they will serve here on the same footing as the Men belonging to this Establishment, that We shall however send a Copy of the Principal Officers of their Petition to Bombay

Mr. Parker the Surgeon of the Protector has also applied for a Consideration for his Care of the Military on board in Answer to which you will let him know that as the Medicines are put on board by the Company and he is paid by them we do not think it reasonable to give him any extraordinary Allowance We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot -
Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney -
Robert Orme - Alexr Wynch W.m Percevall
Robert Palk.

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Sent the following Letter to Captain John Caillaud pursuant to Yesterdays Resolutions

To Captain Caillaud
&c.a

Sir

We have receivd your Address dated the 1st of this Month &c.a with the Accounts inclosed. We have lately had under Consideration the too heavy Expences of all the out-

our Garrisons and made such Regulations as will We hope contribute in some Measure to the Reduction of them — Arcot and Changalapet are to be visited Monthly by a Company's Servant who will muster and pay all the Troops and Workmen — This cannot be so conveniently done at Trichinopoly where We rely on your constant Attention and Endeavours to bring the Charges into as moderate a Compass as possible — We shall point out some particulars wherein we desire you will try to make a beginning.

If Provisions still continue so dear that the Reduc-tion of Batta to the Military cannot yet be attempted you may see if that of the Sepoys cannot be brought to one Fanam a Day; their full Batta was but three so that on the present footing they are cordially above our own Soldiers.

After that if you should have occasion to send any Sepoys abroad; their field Batta might be settled at 2 fan.s a Day; The Number of Sepoys is so very large that the least Reduction will be a vast Ease to the Company.

Inform yourself what Money the Killedar receives for Customs & Rents for he must be able to defray the Expence of repairing the Fort at least; The Nabob's People at Arcot have always contributed so far.

We do not mention these as positive Orders, only as Hints wherefore to fix your Attentions, persuaded that you will improve them to the utmost and carry them into Execution as far as you can with prudence

Whatever Money you receive from the Polligars you will bring to the Credit of the Commissary and keep it for the use of your Garrison; Advise us when the first Payment is made in full and We shall then send you Directions concerning

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concerning the Securities Daire Mauptroos [sawn] to write you a particular Account of the Accommodations made with every Polligar, how much Money was received how much remained due, and when that was to be paid.

We are in Hopes to be able to get you a Linguist from the Coast who shall be sent you as soon as possible, there is no proper Person here. You shall be supplied with an Artillery Officer in the Room of Mr. Jennings.

We do not well see on what Title the King of Tanjore can pretend to Countries which have been so many Years in quiet possession of Tondeman. If you can trace the Affair back to the Time in which Tondeman made the Conquest you will probably find some Agreement at the End of the War concerning those Districts, by which they ought both to abide. At all Events you must insist that it be accomodated without Force & you may give them to understand that whoever takes up Arms first will be treated as the disturber of the Peace.

Pay Doctor Wilson half Batta from the Time the Nabob's Allowance to him ceased.

Mr. Mainwell sent us the General Return of the Garrison of Trichinopoly but We want a muster Roll of each particular Company, agreeable to the inclosed form.

We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot
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9 August 1755 Stringer Lawrence — Henry Lowney —
Robert Orme — Alexd Wynch — Will.m Percevall
Robert Palk. —

10. Sent to Fort St. David the following General Letter to the President & Council of Bombay to be forwarded by the Protector also Orders to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David to dispatch that Ship for Bombay as soon as she has delivered the Stores We put on board her

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To

Fort St. George 10th August 1755.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr President
& Governour &c.a Council of Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since We wrote you the 29th Ulto we have receivd from Capt Forbes a Petition deliverd him by the Detach-ment for an Allowance of Batta for the Time they have staid on this Coast. We are to acquaint you that the Company having wrote us they expect their Military shall serve them in any of their Settlements for the establishd Pay of that Settlement, We have been unable to give any Advance either to your Detachment or that from Bengal We have the Hont to be Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants

George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney - Robert Orme - Alexr Wynche William Perceval - Robert Palk.

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11. Received a Letter from Colo Adlercron dated the 8th Instant directed to the President & Gentlemen of the General Council for affairs of the United East India Company which Letter is enterd No. 16. also two directed to the President of the same Date as enterd No. 17 & 18. the last of which incloses a Pardon for John DeBore who was under Sentence of Death.

13. Colonel Lawrence & Messrs Palk and Walsh set out for Arcot with Instructions as under, and accompanied by Captain Mashelyne

To Stringer Lawrence Esq.r, Messrs Robert Palk and John Walsh

Gentlemen

The Nabob being now upon his March from Fort St. David to Arcot, We have thought proper to send upon you Gentlemen to pay him our Compliments on his Arrival

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Arrival there which We imagine will be about the 20th of this Month.

We have many Reasons for wishing for his presence here a few Days believing it will be a great Advantage to the Company's Affairs you will please therefore to make this known to him and deliver the accompanying Letter from the President which is upon the same Subject.

And having Reason to believe that the Duan and his other Officers who have been entrusted with the management of his Affairs in these Parts have imposed greatly upon him not having discharged any part of his Debt to the Company or even regularly paid his own Troops out of the Revenues they have peaceably collected for several Months; We think it will be proper to caution him against entering on any publick Business at their Request as they will undoubtedly recommend to him the same Creatures they have hitherto employed to rent the different Parts of the Province he is at present in Possession of.

For the Time at least that the Nabob remains in these Parts we think the Company may be entirely eased of the Expence of Batta to their Troops; We desire therefore you will call at Conjeveram which We think will be a proper Place to lodge a Part of the Army and We leave it to Colonel Lawrence to dispose of the Rest as he sees proper. We wish you an agreeable Journey and are

Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants

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George Pigot — Henry Bonnery — Robert Orme —
Alexr Wynch — William Percival.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President

Henry Powney

Robert Orme

William Percevall

Alexr. Wynch

Wednesday 13th Augt.

Col.l Lawrence & Mr. Walsh absent on Service

A Letter in Answer to Mr. Leycrits of the 19th Ultimo on the Subject of the contested Districts having been prepaid on the Plan agreed on in Committee the 25th July; The Same is now Read, approvd and ordrd to be dispatchd.

Letter from Colonel Adlercron dated the 8th Instt. directed to the General Council Read with the Opinion of a Council of War held at Fort St. David the 4th Augst by Colonel John Adlercron Lieutenant Colonel Sarrent Bagshaw and Major Verney Lovett.

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Col.l Adlercron in this Letter after many Reflexions which are neither so like nor well grounded concludes with revoking to all Intents and Purposes the Promises made in his Letter of the 16th December 1754 to the President and Council.

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The Committee cannot reproach themselves with having at any Time made an ill use of the Promises Coll. Adlercron thought proper to make in that Letter, It was represented and has often been repeated to him that the Company's Affairs would be greatly prejudiced where he to exert his Power to the utmost as he now declares he will, and whether it was in Consequence of these Representations or the Effect of the large Allowances granted to the Officers and Men of the Regiment that Colonel Adlercron wrote the Letter abovementioned to the President & Council, the same Reasons do still continue in Force

And to the End that it may fully & publickly appear

appear how much We have done to preserve a Harmony with Colonel Adlercron and how little we deserve the severe Reproach -es he has thrown on us in the Letter now before us, such as "preferring the private Interest of the Company's Troops and "Servants to Justice and every other Consideration" and "being of Opinion that the King of great Britain has no "Authority in or over the Company's Settlements."

It is Ordered That a General Memorial be drawn out of all our Transactions with Colonel Adlercron from his Arrival in India and transmitted to him, and that his Letter be answered Paragraph by Paragraph by Facts taken from the said Memorial; for the Committee are of Opinion that a plain Recapitulation of this Nature, without any additio- -nal Force of Argument will be a sufficient Evidence in this Behalf.

Col. Adlercron's two Letters to the President Dated the 8.th Instant advise that at the Request of Mr. John Fraser Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Company's Service he ap- -pointed a General Court Martial the 6.th Instant for the Tryal of the said Lieut.t & Adjutant John Fraser on a Charge of Capt. Polier's for neglect of Duty, and Disrespect, The Court acquitted him of the Charge of neglect of Duty but found him guilty of Disrespect to Capt. Polier his Com- -manding Officer & sentenced him to ask Captain Polier's Pardon before the Officers of the Detachment under his Command which he accordingly did. And that at the earnest Request of the Nabob he had sent a Pardon for John de Bore now under Sentence of Death.

Captain Gaupp writes us in Answer to the Directions sent him for the Reduction of the Pay of the Cooleys at Chinga- -lapet, that they are such as have been employ'd constantly and live in the Fort, that they will not serve for less, and as

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the Renter will not take Care to furnish him daily from the neighbouring Villages there is no other way of carrying on the Works: He advises also that the Sepoys have taken possession of Ettiwaukum Wood but Mirum Rajah and his Brother escaped the Night before to Maubrauze's Woods

Ordered that the Renter do attend the Company's Servant who will be sent the latter End of this Month to Changalapet, and that they do adjust a Method of furnishing the Number of Coolys necessary for the Works at the cheapest Rates. And the President is desired to write to Maubrauze to deliver up Mirum Rauze and his Brother on the Demand of our Officer, otherwise that he will be treated as a Plunderer like them, that the said Letter be inclosed to Captain Caupper and sent by him with a Party of Sepoys to seize them by Force, if it appears practicable, and Maubrauze refuses to surrender them.

Geo: Pigot

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Henry Bowey

Robert Orme

Wm Lynch

Wm: Percival

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Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr Leyrit as Entered N. 67, inclosing a Memorial deliverd to the President by the principal Inhabitants of the Carangoly Districts, and Answer to the French Memorial and a General List of the Villages contested.

The President received the following Letter from Captain Polier

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President and Governour of Fort St George

Hon.d Sir

I receivd Yesterday the Honour of your kind Favour of the 5th Instant the Contents of which caused me to feel the liveliest Sense of Acknowledgement for the Assurance Sir that you give me my Conduct has met with the general Approbation of the Gentlemen of the Committee, It is the Point I endeavour to arrive at and which I shall esteem myself extremely happy on if I am so fortunate to attain.

I had the Honour Sir to address you a Letter the 6th Instant by which I acquainted You with my Reasons for putting in Arrest Lieutenant & Adjutant Fraser & of the General Court Martial that had been held by Orders of Col.o Adlercron at Mr Fraser's Request on that Accused & the Sentence given against him. I had the honour by the same Letter to mark I should march the next Day for Arcot which I began accordingly, having left Tripetore at 6 in the Evening and encamped at Trevendaporum, which was merely for the Sake of breathing Ground. The next the 8th we marched to a small Tope near Trivedy the 9th to Gramore the 10th to Permat Quoil & this Day to Manadoor Pettah. Per Natives has assured me I should take (tho the longest) the Frontier Road to be as soon as possible off the Lands the French are now possessed of and to get a Distance from Pondicherry. I judged proper to give into his Reasons and prefer this Route to the shortest, which I

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had been Visit of Wandiwash. We halt to morrow, the next Day march to Trenomalee. The Nabob has earnestly entreated I would leave there a Company of Sepoys to guard his Sister indisposed by her Labours on that Rout and who he would leave at that Place. He charges himself with the payment of the said Company from the 15th of this Month to the last, I did not think it right to disoblige him by refusing and agreed to leave a Company at Trinomalee.

The Chief of Calcoorchey sent to the Nabob at Chillembrom a Troop of about thirty Horsemen, some Sepoys and two pieces of Cannon to make him his Submissions. They agreed and accomodated their Affairs together but have not been able to sift the Conditions nor what Sum he paid the Nabob; The Nabob only telling me he had settled with him. He kept the two pieces of Cannon, some Boys the other Troops which march with his Equipage, both about 3 Miles Boundies. The Chief of Elivanasore sent him yesterday a Vakeel to pay his Respects with the Accustomd presents as Sheep Rice &c.a and Five Pagodas, the payment of Sums owing by the same Chief to the Nabob were not spoke of the Nabob not being inclinable to enter upon that Article without having Power to compell him in case of Refusal. It would have given him great satisfaction to have made use of the Troops I have the Honour of commanding to have reduced out of hand this Rebel to a due Obedience, and it was with some Difficulty I extricated myself from his warm Representations on this Subject, by apprizing him that the Fear of exposing him and his Family prevented the Company's acting on this Account, but as soon as he was safe at Trenomalee I should act different Orders from those received Sir already from yourself and the Gentlem.n of the Committee I would assist him according

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according to my Orders, with all my Force; and would
march with the Army, where he should think most
necessary to reduce his lawfull Subjects to Obedience; The
Nabob was satisfied with this and made me give him my
Hand as an Assurance which I did with the Restriction
of Tanjuam proviso. These are all I have to inform
you of for the present.

There only now remains for me to beg you would
please to be assur'd of the perfect Respect and Esteem
with which I am Honble Sir Your most humble & Obt
& most Obedient and most devoted Servant P. Pitt Del Bottens.

Manatoor
Captn Guyppe
to
16 Augst 1755

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Gov.r President
Monday " " Henry Penney
the 18th " Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
" William Percival
Col. Lawrence & Mr. Balk Absent on Service

The President acquaints the Committee that he has
received a letter from Col.o Lawrence and Mess.rs Balk and
Walsh advising of their Arrival at Arcot the 15.th that
the Nabob was to be the 18.th at Timmery where they pro-
pos'd to meet him.

Capt. Guyppe writes that he has dispatch'd some
People to get Intelligence of Manatoor's Force, which
he believes is not large enough to make any Opposition
but rather imagines they would retreat to the Jungles
Wood for which Reason it would be proper to order some
Parties of Sepoys and Colligars to take Care that no
Disorders are committed in the Compounds and other Villages
that way.

Agreed that Directions be sent Captain Guyppe to
detach

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detach Lieutenant Gurdon immediately with the party to Mandraweree Wood and to take the best Measures to prevent either Mandraweree or Wirum Rauze's Retreat to the Inspissators Wood & to secure the Villages from any Annoyance.

Letters from the Renter and Tasseldar of Terpettah read inclosing a Bill for three thousand Pagodas in further part for the Jaree Hist, and repeating his Apprehensions of the Designs of the Nabob of Cuddapaah.

Ordered that the Commissary do tender the Bill for payment and the President is desird to transmit a Copy of the Renter's Letter to Colonel Lawrence with Directions to take what Measures he may judge proper from the Information he may get of the Nabob of Cuddapahs Designs; secure to the Company the Income of the approaching Feast at Terpettah &c.

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George Pigot

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Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme
Wyrall
Will[m] Percival

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Received a Letter from Mr. Leyrit to the President, dated the 16th Instant as entered in the French Correspondence N.° 68.

At a Committee present

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President

Monday the 25th

Robert Orme — Henry Bonney

William Percival — Alex.r Wynch

Col.o Lawrence & Mr. Call absent on Service

Mr. Leyrit's Letter of the 16th N.° 68. Read and his Pretensions therein made to the Arcotoor, Madura and Tinnevelly Countries considered.

He founds his Pretensions to the first on the promise made by that Polligar to the Mysoreans of a Sum of Money in the Time of the War. To the others on an Agreement said to be made by the Nabob with Nanderaw of the Mysore Dalloway, whereby those Countries were made over to the Mysoreans in consideration of the Assistance they brought to the Nabob.

The Committee find by the Letter wrote to Captain Caillaud by Mr. Maissin the 28th June which is entered in these Minutes the 17th of July, that the Sum of Money promised by the Polligar of Arcotoor to the Mysoreans, was to save his Country from being plundered by a Party of Horse, that a part being immediately paid, those Troops retired and neither the Mysoreans nor the French entered that Country afterwards, whence it is plain that they had not the Possessions at any Time, and therefore no Pretence to Acknowledgements made by that Polligar to the Nabob, that he has no other Master but him, gives a Right which is by no Means invalidated by Mr. Leyrit's Arguments

His Pretensions to Madura and Tinnevelly are

still less to be supported. It is certain that no Agreements which the Nabob made with the Mysoreans could have their Execution until their part was fulfilld by assisting the Nabob until he should be in full and peaceable possession of all the Nawaddeck. When they turnd their Arms against him they forfeited all those Pretensions. Neither they nor the French ever claimd the Madura or Tinnevelly Country the whole War. Those Districts were always dependant on Trichinopoly and the Nabob both during the War and after the Conclusion of the Truce received Acknowledgments from the Chiefs of this Dependance.

Agreed that the above Arguments be enforcd to Mr Leyrit in Answer to his Letter and that he be told We shall regard any hostile Attempts he may make against Arioloor as an open Breach of the Truce, and that as to Madura and Tinnevelly we do not perceive he has the least Shadow of Right to make any Demands on that Subject.

Received the following Letter from Colonel Lawrence & Mess.rs Call and Walshe

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Gov.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Gentlemen

We met the Nabob the 19th & accompanied him to his Encampment about a Mile from the Fort where according to the Eastern Custom he resolvd to wait for a lucky Day to make his Entry into the City. We had a privat conference with him the 20th where We delivered the Presid.ts Letter and prest him to visit Madraß before he entrd on any publick Business which he readily consented to, but said he could not propose setting out before Tuesday as it required some Days for him to settle his Family Execution the

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the Congratulations of his Subjects. He then desir'd that he would mention aloud at his Durbar that now the Army was arriv'd here, the Polligars & his other Tributaries should be first invited to settle Accounts and pay off their Arrears but that if they did not comply without Delay they should be forc'd to it. As we were convinc'd that this must have a good Effect we took an Opportunity of doing it at a full Assembly at which among the rest Abdul Rob Cawn Sampetrow & the Vellore Vakeel were present.

When Col. Lawrence inform'd the Nabob of your Intentions of quartering part of the Army at Conjeveram, he desir'd the whole might remain here for the present, for keeping the Country in Awe and supporting the better his Demands on the Polligars, promising on his part that as the Fort did not furnish proper Accommodations for the Military that they should have good Quarters prepar'd for them in the Town and be supplied with a plentifull Buzar. The Colonel consented to so reasonable a Request. He assures you of his Intentions to reduce all extraordinary Charges as soon and as much as the necessity of keeping the Troops in readiness for marching will admit. Capt. Polier is order'd to march in three Days with Eighty Men of his Company to Chingalapet, where the Colonel desires the present Garrison may be continued and that Capt Polier may be order'd to receive the Command.

Notwithstanding the Nabobs promise of entering on no publick Business we are apprehensive you will not reap all the Benefit from it that might, be expected for Meare privately inform'd that most if not all the Countries that were under the Charge of Abdul Rob Cawn are already farmed out, and the first Payments [illegible] are very large made.

The Nabob made his publick Entry this Morning in a very

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very splendid manner & this Evening visited the Fort. On y 28th
We hope to accompany him into Madrass We have the Hon.
to be with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most
Obedient & most humble Servants Stringer Lawrence
Robert Palk — John Wallis

Arcot Fort
28th Aug. 1755.

The Committee are much concern'd and surpriz'd
to find that Abdeull Vahab Cawn has given new Cowles for
some of the Farms before the Nabob's Arrival although
the President warn'd him against it. Agreed to defer the
Consideration of this Affair untill the Nabob is present.

The Committee approve of the Army's remaining
at Arcot according to the Nabob's Request, so as the
Expence of Batta be put an End to.

Capt. Howes writes that he shall deliver over the
Charge of the Garrison of Arcot to Captain Mashelyne &
accompany the Nabob hither.

The President is desir'd to write Captain Gaupse to
give the Command of the Garrison of Chingalapet to Captain
Polier, as soon as he arrives there, and after informing him
of the State of the Expedition against the Polligars, to joing
Messrs. Reith and Bannatyne the other Commissaries, and
proceed in the Examination of the respective Pretensions of the
Nabob and the French to the contested Districts.

George Pigot

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Henry Lawrence

Robert Orme

P Wynch

Wm. Percevall

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Lawrence, the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh

To Stringer Lawrence Esqr.
Messrs. Robert Palk & John Walsh

Gentlemen

We are glad to hear by your Letter of the 21st of the Nabobs safe Arrival at Arcot and that We may soon expect him here. We have prepaird Captain Maskelyne's House near Vepaure for his Reception

We observe what you say concerning the Disposition of the Troops and are equally pleasd with their remaining at Arcot so as the Company be eased of the Charge of Batta. The President wrote to Capt. Gaupp the 23d Inst. to acquaint him Captain Polier was to march from Arcot with his Company to take the Command of Changalapet.

What you write us concerning Abdul Vahab Cawn's having farmd out great part of the Country convinces us more and more of the Necessity there was for the Nabobs presence this way, that We may take the proper Steps to secure to the Company whatever they may produce hereafter We are Gentlemen Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot ... Henry Bourchier Robt Orme ... Alexr Wynch ... Wm Percival

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27. Sent a Letter from the President to Mr Leyrit of this Date agreable to the Resolutions of the 26th Entered in the French Correspondence N. 69.

Received this following Letter from Coll. Lawrence the Revd Mr. Robert Palk and Mr. John Walsh

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr
President & Governour of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Colonel Lawrence was this Morning favourd with

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your Letter of the 19. and is making the best Enquiry into the Truth of the Representations made by the Tripoty Renter. If he has any Ground for his Apprehensions, Orders will be left with Captain Ziegler for giving him the necessary Assistances.

The Coolies, Carriage Bullocks and about fifty of the Draught Bullocks are discharg'd and the Batta both to Sepoys & Military struck off but the Pay to the latter having been advanc'd them as usual, was all spent, and there was a Necessity of furnishing them with two Rupees a Man for their Subsistence to the End of the Month, which is to be repaid on their taking the Field again.

Colonel Lawrence encloses Returns of the Troops now under Command of Captain Ziegler, Captain Polier having this Morning march'd with his Company for Chingalapet. Captains Lin & Beaver Lieutenants Rumbold & Fraser, and Volunteer Tabby have leave to proceed to Madrass. Volunteer Smith appointed to Trichinopoly has leave likewise to take Madrass in his way. Col. Lawrence desires you will be pleas'd to order what Men may be at Madrass belonging to Capt. Polier's Company as well as the Recruits intended for him, to march to Chingalapet.

The Nabob will for certain set out the 26th in the Morning and by the Route he has laid down will be at the Mount the 28th in the Evening. We have the Honour to be with great Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servants Stringer Lawrence - Robert Palk - John Walsh.

Arcot Fort
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28th Colonel Lawrence, the Rev. Mr Robert Palk and Mr John Walsh arrivd with the Nabob at Marmelan

30th The Nabob having waited one Day at Marmelan to refresh came this Morning to pay a Visit to the President. He was receivd at the Company's Garden House by the President Rear Admiral

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Admiral Watson Rear Admiral Pocock and most of the Gentlemen of the Place — Twenty one Guns were fird at the Fort on his Entrance into the Garden House from whence he was afterwards accompanied as above to the House prepard for his Reception near Viparee.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Percival Robert Palk

Sunday the 31st

† The Nabob being on the Spot it is thought necessary to take a Review of the State of his Debt to the Company and of the current Expences in order that some Resolutions may be now taken for securing the Reimbursement of the Sums advanced by the Company in the most speedy manner, & to enable us to defray the present current Disbursements of the out-Garrisons and the future additional Charge of the Troops should they be obligd to take the Field by the Recommencement of the Troubles, or on any other Account.

The Nabob's General Account being first turnd to it appears that the Debt on the 30th April last amounted to Pagodas one Million, one hundred & ninety four thousand /1,194,000/ and has increasd considerably since.

And then a State or Computation of

Expences & Revenues was formd from the several Accounts as follows

Expences on Account of the Nabob

	Rupees
Trichenopoly Garrison & Annuity	396,000
Arcot	72,000
Changalapet	60,000
Carried over	528,000

or Pag.s at 370 Rupees p 100 Pagodas 142,700

Revenues of the Countries mortgagd by the Nabob to the Company

Tripaty & Annuity Pagodas	60,000
Changalapet	24,000
Mannarangalum	18,000
Cuvelong	8,000
Carried over Pagodas	109,000

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	Rupees
Brought over	528.000
or Pag.as @ 370 Rupees p 100 Pagodas	142.700
to which should be added Interest on the Amount of the Debt as above at 8 p Cent p Annum	96,000
Pagodas	238.000

This is in Time of Peace supposing no Troops in the Field, no military Stores expended.

In case of an Army in the Field there must be added for Camp Expences computed at 30,000 Rupees a Month or or 360.000 p Annum at 370 make Pag.as 259,000

For Military Stores	36,000
Additional Expence in case of any Army in the Field ... Pagodas	295,000

Brought over Pagodas	109,000
& Maganums	20,000
Pagodas	129.000

The Expences therefore even in Time of Peace and without reckoning Interest on the Debt exceed the Income of the mortgaged Countries by 13.000 Pagodas — If the Troops are in the Field the Excess is immense, especially when the extraordinary Charges of the Company at home in enlisting Recruits & otherwise are considered

Hitherto nothing has been paid for the Reimbursement of the Company out of the Rents of the Arcot Country, although the Districts now in the Nabobs Possession and formerly (in Sadder Adalut Cawns Time) to produce agreeable to a Calculation now laid before the Committee by the President the Yearly Revenue of Rupees three Million three hundred thousand (3,300,000) but which by the Account delivered in by the Nabob are now let for only one Million five hundred thousand Rupees (1,500,000) and of this he deducts five hundred thousand for Charges.

The vast difference between the former and the present

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present Revenues may be attributed partly to the Ravages all these Countries have undergone and partly to the bad management of the Nabob's Officers and Renters, many of whom being his Relations keep up a State equal to himself and as a considerable part of the Revenues has been spent in useless Pomp, and lost to the Nabob and to the Company, for four or five Years past.

It is therefore evident, that if the whole Districts were mortgag'd to the Company, and left to their management as out, it would be attended with great Advantages both to the Company and to the Nabob — To the Company it would be a Security for their Debt and the more speedy Payment of it — To the Nabob it would bring a great Increase of Revenues by the Removal of the beforementioned Abuses; These Revenues would be fairly and regularly brought to his Credit and as soon as his Debt to the Company should be clear'd, the Districts would return entire to him under a better Regulation than they have hitherto been.

It is therefore Agreed that the President, Colonel Lawrence, Mr. Orme and Mr. Call do wait on the Nabob with the foregoing State of Revenues and Expence, to propose to him to give us Grants by way of Mortgage for the whole Districts now in his Possession, that the Revenues may be collected by us, and a reasonable Sum shall be allowed him for his Expences.

If he concurs in this the Committee are of opinion that it will be best for him to return with Abdul Wahab (whom he all his Family to the Southward (where we will assist him with our further Endeavours to free the Madura and Tinevelly Countries from all Disturbance, after which very considerable Revenues may be expected from thence, and a part may be paid to the Company.

The following Letter from Capt. Caillaud read

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Govr
and the Gentlemen of the Committee at Madras

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was honord with your Instructions and Orders Gentlemen dated the 9.th Instant No 9. Inclosd are the Musters according to form, of my several Companies in Garrison.

My Attention and Care shall be entirely employd in endeavouring to make the Regulations which you desire, and I hope the Reduction of Expence in the September Month will be a proof of it. If any other Articles will admit of it, I will study the means, and submit them to your Consideration as they may occur.

I expect every Day Tondiman's Brother Monagee has sent me at Coson as I desird, well instructed in the Affair. I hope to make them adjust their Quarrell.

Permit me Gentlemen to put You in mind that Lieut.t Robert Campbell begs your Leave for a few Days absence to settle some Business on the Coast. I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your Faithful & most Obed.t humble Servant

John Caillaud.

Trichenopoly 21.st Aug.t 1755.

The Committee very much hope that Captain Caillaud Endeavours to reduce the Expences at Trechenopoly will prove successful — Coll.l Lawrence on this Occasion acquaints the Committee that by all the Observations he could make at Arcot he thinks the Methods laid down and followd by Capt. Howes as well in carrying on the Repairs of the Fort as in all the other Business of the Garrison appear to him so well calculated both for Oeconomy and Expedition that he cannot recommend the least Alteration to be made in them

Agreed that it be recommended to Capt. Maskelyne to follow the same Plans.

Captain

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Capt. Grauppe writes that Captain Polier arrived at Chingalapet the 27.th that after giving him the necessary Information he shall set out for Madavanteguem and proceed on Business with the Commissaries & that Lieut.nant Gurtler was on his March with fifteen Europeans, and the Madrass Sepoys towards Maubrauves Wood where he is advd Wirum Nauze still remains.

George Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Bowney

Robert Orme

Wm Mackett

Will.m Percival,

Rob.t Palk

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Friday the 5.th

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Percival Robert Palk

Colonel Heron's Diary and his Correspondence with the Officers under his Command having been examin'd agreeable to the Resolution of the 30.th July, the following Observations were made and order'd to be here minuted.

1.st That instead of collecting the Revenues of the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries in concert with Mr. Maunsel conformably to our Orders he enter'd into private Accomodations with Maupshoos Lawn and farm'd out those Countries to him.

2.dly That in so farming the Countries he does not appear to have made any Enquiry concerning their true value nor to have paid the least Regard to the Statement sent him by the Nabob in which Statement the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries are valued clear of all Charges at one Million, two Hundred Thousand Rupees (1,200,000)—

Col.l Heron farm'd out four Months of Madura Revenues for Eighty two Thousand Rupees which is at the Rate pr Annum of ---------- 246,000

And one Year of Tinnevely for ---------- 350,000

596,000

which is not the half of the Value set on them by the Nabob clear of all Charges and Colonel Heron besides sacrific'd so large a Share as 200,000 Rupees to Maupshoos Lawn without consulting Mr. Maunsell or giving any one Reason

3.dly That Capt Lin who was left in the Command of Madura mentions in one of his Letters from thence to Col.l Heron

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Heron that he had demanded seventy five Thousand Rupees from the Killedar and in another Letter he writes that he had receivd eleven hundred Pagodas, neither of which sums are any where accounted for or even mentiond by Colonel Heron.

4thly That Colonel Heron gave his Friendship and Protection to the Morawar without obliging him first to agree to the Terms pointed out by the Nabob in his Letter to Coll. Heron on this Subject viz: To restore the Countries he had usurpd and pay the Tribute due from him; No such Money being any where brought to the Nabob or the Company's Credit

5thly That Colonel Heron after he had receivd our Orders for returning as soon as possible with the Army to Trichinopoly, sent a Reinforcement to Capt. Lee's Detachment, waited 12 Days at Tinnevelly and after he had begun his march, went out of the Road to the Attack of a Fort without having first receivd any good or certain Intelligence of its Strength in order to Judge of the Force the Attack would detain him — By this Step many Days were lost and the Attempt proved unsuccessful. And

6thly That Col. Heron's Account of the Sepoys sufferd from the Colleries on the 29th May between Madura & Trichinopoly fall very short of the Information we have receivd from other Hands of the Cattle, Carriages, Stores, Ammunition &c.a taken from the Company on that Day; which Misrepresentation is in itself a Crime of a very high Nature, and at the same Time bespeaks a consciousness of some bad Conduct.

Ordered that the Secretary do draw out and deliver to Colonel Heron a Charge on the several foregoing Articles and require his Answer to every one of them.

And the Nabob having delivered to the President a List of the Amount in Money &c.a of about a Lack of Rupees

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said to be receivd by Colonel Heron from the Polligars and Countries indebted to the Nabob which the Committee cannot but regard as part Payments of the said Debts which Colonel Heron was sent to collect; Therefore as no credit has been given to such Moneys &c.a It is now Agreed that Col.l Heron be required to give in an exact Account of all that he receivd under any Title or Denomination from the Polligars, Chiefs or other Persons indebted to the Nabob.

The Secretary is ordered to copey all the Letters to and from Coll.l Heron concerning the Madura & Tinnevelly Expedition in a Book apart, leaving a large Columns for Remarks; and to enter all the Letters and Examinations that may pass in the present Enquiry, in the same Book, which being transmitted to our Honble Masters will give them a full detail of Colonel Herons Conduct in one distinct View.

Mauphoos Canoo having yet paid only one hundred & ten Thousand Rupees out of the two Hundred and thirty two Thousand due to the Company for the Revels of the Madura and Tinnevelly Villages it is Agreed that Capt Caillaud be directed to demand the Ballance of Rupees one hundred and twenty two Thousand /122,000/ Mahofoz

A Letter from Capt Polier at Changalapet read enclosing Copy of one from Lieutenant Gurtler who commands the Party sent against Maubrauze. Lieut. Gurtler advises that as soon as he came near to that Polligar's Wood he dispatchd the Presidents Letter to him and while he was waiting for an Answer some of the Polligars People who had hid themselves in the Bush fird upon our People & wounded some of them upon which they all ran away - Lieut. Gurtler then advancd towards the Wood with the Europeans five of whom being also wounded and having no Assistance from

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the Sepoys he thought it best not to attempt to force the Woods wherefore he returnd to Trivatoor to wait for Orders.

Agreed that the Sepoys be quarterd at Bonamalee, there to wait in readiness for a good Opportunity of falling on Maulrawaze, and that the Europeans with the wounded Men return to Changalapet.

Letter from Captain Mashelyne read inclosing the Monthly Returns of the Garrison of Arcot and desiring Directions how to dispose of 220 Pagodas collected from the contested Districts whilst he was Commissary.

Agreed that Capt. Mashelyne be directed to bring the 220 Pagodas to the Credit of the Commissary on the Nabob's Account and to keep it for the use of the Garrison.

Capt. Ziegler Commander of the Army at Arcot Advises that having receivd Intelligence that the Nabob of Cuddapah had an actual Design to make a Descent upon Tripaty during the Feast He detachd two Companies of Sepoys with proper Instructions to support our Renter.

The Committee approve of this Precaution and it is Agreed that Capt Ziegler be directed to send a further Reinforcement to Tripaty if he should find it necessary.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Powney
Robert Orme
Wm Wynch
Will.m Perceval
Robt Palk

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Sent to Colonel Heron a Letter of this Date from the Secretary conformably to the Resolutions of the 5th Instant, which is entered in the Book apart.

Tuesday the 9th.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alexr. Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

The President, and the Gentlemen appointed in Committee the 31st August to confer with the Nabob having had several Conversations with him on the Subject Matter of the Resolutions made in the said Committee, on all which Occasions he the Nabob expressd the greatest Sense of the necessity of providing as speedily as possible, as well for the Payment of the large Sum the Company has advancd for him, as to enable them to support the present Expence and the Heavy Charge of the Troops in case the Troubles should recommence, but at the same Time represented the Hurt it would do him at Court how much it would lessen him in the Eyes of the People, and alienate them from his Interest were he agreable to the Plan proposd, to divest himself entirely of the Government of the Arcot Country by making it over to the Company which would also render him incapable of discharging the large Arrears now due to his Troops, who are become extremely pressing on that Account.

The President and Gentlemen abovementiond thereupon represented to the Nabob that his Troops were of little or no Service to him, although extremely expensive, & recommended it strenuously to him to discharge the greatest Part of them. He promisd that it should be done immediately, and afsurd them also that he would reduce every part of his Expences, and thinks of Nothing but paying his Debt to the Company. As a Proof of these his Intentions he now offers by way of beginning

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To give us a Bill on the Soucars or Sorofs payable within the Year for eight Lacks of Rupees and to make over to the Company the Countries of Peddipollam & Ponarce which are valued at about 80,000 Pagodas a year and are the places where the Company's fore Goods are provided, for the Paymt in part of the above Sum, to be collected by the Company from those Countries.

And as the Polligars of the Arcot Country are indebted large Sums to the Circar, The Nabob desires we will assist him in obliging them to pay and he will give the half of those Collections also to the Company.

The Committee having considerd these Proposals find them very far short of their Intentions and that they will not more than clear the Expences of the Year — In Consideration however of the Eight Lacks of Rupees, which must be borrowd no doubt on the present Farms of the Arcot Country, of the large Arrears due to the Nabobs Troops and of his earnest Representations It is Agreed to leave the Government, in his own hands and to ask only the Addition of the Conjeveram Districts to the foregoing Offers, the Revenues of which are computed to be between forty & fifty Thousand Pagodas Its Situation is convenient for our Government and there is great Reason to imagine that by setting the Weavers on different Fabricks from what they make at present Considerable part of the Company's Coarse Cloths might be provided there, were this place in our possession.

This it is Agreed unanimously to insist on for the present Year, & it is also resolvd to take the Opportunity of the Nabobs Presence to make a further Provision for the next Year and to that end to ask his Consent to the following Proposals.

As the Nabob does at this Time find Means to pay Eight

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Eight Lack of Rupees out of the current Revenues of the Arcot Country, although a considerable Share had been receivd by Abdul Vahab Lavoor before his Arrival, and large Arrears are due to his Troops; The Committee judge that he will be able to pay more the next Year in proportion to the decrease of his Expences.

As the Rents of Madura and Tirunevelly will probably be a large additional Revenue for the next Year It is very reasonable the Company who were at the Expence of regaining those Countries should receive the half of that,

And in general the half of the Tributes from the Polligars of all the Dependencies in the Nabobs possession

The Committee unanimously resolve to desire of the Nabob an Agreement or Provision for the next year according to the foregoing Plan & for the better securing the Company from any Disappointment it is Agreed that it be represented to the Nabob that he must at all Times give us sufficient Notice when any of his Countries are to be farmd out that so an Agent on our part may be present at the farming & receive Security on the new Cowles for the Company's Share of the Revenues.

That the Nabob be desird to send Vakeels from hence to demand the Tribute due from the several Polligars of the Arcot Country & that the President write at the same Time to the Polligars requiring them to pay the Sums due & declaring that the Army will march against them if they refuse & make them answerable for the whole Expence over & above the Tributes due.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowry
Robert Orme
Wynch
Wm. Fenwicke

Fort St. George 11.th Septemr. 1755.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Bonnery
Robert Orme Adelt.r Wynch
William Perceval Robert Palk

Thursday the 11.th

The President having laid before the Nabob the Proposals resolvd on last meeting received Yesterday the following Answer

From the Nabob

Received the 10.th September 1755

I have received a Paper by Antazey Pient containing three several Articles & have observd the Particulars of them and now take the Liberty to answer the said Articles as follows which will inform you very fully.

You wrote to me to give the Company Conjeveram, Padapalam & Ponnar; On my part I represented to you several Times very fully the State of my Expences and at length agreed to give Pedapalam and Ponnar by way of Mortgage As to Conjeveram it remains in the Possession of the Circar with a few other Districts, I hope therefore that you'll be so favourable as to excuse me from complying with that Demand for I am not at all able to do it.

You wrote to me also to give you Bills upon the Sawcars for two Lacks of Pagodas in part Charges of the Company, which I agree to & after the amount of the Revenues of Pedapalem and Ponnar is deducted therefrom I shall get the Sawcars to give Security to the Company for the remaining part.

You wrote to me further that you'll give me the necessary Assistance to oblige the Polligars to pay the Circar's Peishcash & added that half of it should be paid to the Circar & the other half to the Company; This I agree to &

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you may be assurd that by the Blessing of God half of what I collect from the Polligars shall be paid to the Company. This is a proper Season to collect the Money from the Polligars. The Monsoon is near at hand, the sooner you send me away with a proper Force the better as a Delay will be of great disadvantage to Affairs. It is necessary to shew your Favour in this Affair. What can I say more?

The President then acquainted the Committee that the Nabob had most earnestly requested we would not insist on the Government of the Conjiveram Countries, its Situation so near to Arcot and in the Heart of the Province, rendering it of particular concern to him.

The Committee unwilling for many Reasons to do any Thing that might either disgust or disgrace the Nabob do Agree to recede from that Demand & and to be satisfyed for the Present with the Bills for Eight Lack of Rupees, the Mortgage of Poonaree & Pedipoddum in part of the said Sum and his Promise of half the Money that may be collected from the Polligars. part)

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That He will give us previous Notice when any Countries are to be farmd out, and at all Times acquaint us for our Agent with him before hand of all Accommodations or Agreements he may be about to make with any Polligar or other Person under his Government.

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half to the Company; The President is desired to apply to him for a List of the said Collegars and an Account of the Revenues due from each.

Letter from the Tripaty Renter read inclosing Bills for Arcot Rupees ten Thousand seven hundred and thirty four /10734/ which he writes is in full of the Farm or Third Kist being the last in the Year.

Ordered that the Account of the said Kist be drawn out and laid before the Committee, and the Commissary is directed to demand Payment of the Bills.

Geo.e Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lovney

Robert Orme

Wm. Monckton

Wm. Percival

Robt Palk

Fort S.t George 15.th Septem.r 1755.

Monday the 15.th

At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq.r Governour Presid.t
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
William Percival — Robert Palk Esq.r

A Letter from Colonel Heron to the Secretary without Date Read in Answer to the Letter wrote him by the Secretary the 9.th Instant pursuant to the Resolutions of the Committee held the 5.th Instant.

The Committee then proceeded to compare the said Answer Article by Article with the Letter wrote him, which Comparison is Order'd to be here inserted at length, together with the Remarks of the Committee on each Article.

1.st Article

Colonel Heron instead of giving Answer to the first Charge which requires him to name by what Authority he formd out the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries to Mauphoos Cawn proceeds to give his Reasons for so doing which are that he could find no other Person that had either Money or Credit, the Troubles having droove all the considerable Merchants and wealthy People out of the Countries and Mauphoos Cawn being himself Governour and Commander in Chief of all those Countries he look'd upon him to be the most able Person to raise Money for the Company.

Remarks

These Reasons serve as little to satisfy the Committee as they do to answer the Question proposd — Mauphoos Cawn, be he call'd by whatever name Colonel Heron pleases, was the Nabobs Officer, sent to take Charge of the Countries then in Possession of the Rebells Colonel Heron was sent, to subdue and it was from this Mauphoos Cawn as well as from Coll.l Heron

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Heron and Mr. Maunsell the Committee expected all Receipts should be given for Moneys collected, neither the one nor the other had Authority to act without the whole; The Committee are therefore of Opinion that Colonel Heron in taking this Step has acted contrary to their Orders which were jointly with those Gentlemen to collect the Rents.

2d ——— In Answer to the Second Charge which requires Colonel Heron to tell us upon what Information he fixd the value of the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries He replies that he had his Information from a Person who had formerly been Killedar of Madura, the Cutwall who had Charge of the Town of Madura and deliverd the Keys upon the Army's approach, the Nattore Polligar whose Country joins upon Madura, and others, in regard to the value of the Villages depending thereon; and as to those of Tinnevelly he inform'd himself from Modaly the most considerable Man in the Country who constantly attended on behalf of the Company, & from whom he learnt the Nabob had been grosly mistaken in the present value of the Countries and of the Money due as the Revenues were much decreas'd by the King of Travencore and several other Polligars who had seiz'd many Villages and are still in possession thereof.

Remark

The Committee think proper here to observe that on a Review of the several Accounts they find the three and a half Lacks of Rupees which they charge Colonel Heron with having set the Tinnevelly Countries at for one Year, appears to be the Amount of their Rent for four Months only which bringing it considerably nearer the Nabob's Statement lessens the Surprize they before expressed and therefore they have only to remark that had Colonel Heron been properly empower'd to farm out the Countries of

of Madura and Tinnevelly, the Informations he mentions to have got might have justified him in setting them somewhat under the value they were rated at by the Nabob; but as he had no Orders for so doing he should only have collected what Moneys he was able to receive during his stay there & deliver'd those Countries on his Departure to the Charge of the Nabob's Officers leaving it to us to settle what part of the future Revenues which might accrue therefrom were to be paid the Company.

3.d ——— Colonel Heron in Answer to the third Article whereby he is requir'd to give his Reasons for allotting so large a proportion as two Lack of Rupees out of the Tinnevelly Rents to Maupthoos Cawn instead of bringing the whole to the Company's Account and then in concert with M.r Maunsell allowing a reasonable Sum for the Expences of the Nabob's Troops Says That he did not assign one Shilling to Maupthoos Cawn out of the Tinnevelly Rents but when Modaly was upon Terms with Maupthoos Cawn and offer'd two Lacks; which He, Colonel Heron, would willingly have accepted, Maupthoos Cawn sent the Nabob's Buxie to acquaint him the Villages were worth three Lacks and a half upon which he himself waited on Maupthoos Cawn who refusing to give more than one and a half Lack He, Colonel Heron returnd to Moodaly but found he had been so much threaten'd by Mahomet Cawn the then Killedar of Tinnevelly that he could not be brought to treat further, He therefore agreed with Maupthoos Cawn on a promise that he would ask no Money out of what might be collected from the Polligars either for himself or Brother which he consented to and no more was paid him.

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Remark

The Committee remarks that Colonel Heron's Answer to

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to this Article does not Correspond either with the Letter
wrote the Nabob from Tinnevelly or with the Commissa
Account wherein the Expedition is credited three hundre
and fifty Thousand /350,000/ Rupees for the Tinnevelly Re
and debted two hundred thousand /200,000/ for the Nabob'
proportion; the other Reasons he gives might have been
sufficient to convince him that Maulphoos Cawn or N
or both of them wanted to impose on him and there
instead of closing with him he should have been
more cautious of entering into any Engagements
had no authority for.

As to the Agreement made by Colonel Heron
Maulphoos Cawn whereby this last gave up all Right
himself and his Brother to any part of the Money to
collected from the Polligars, was no doubt a written
ment, it is Order'd that he be call'd upon for it. This is
more necessary because the Nabob pretends a Right to
half of the two Lack for which Hostages are at Trich
poly.

Agreed to defer the Consideration of the rest of
Heron's Letter 'till to morrow Morning and the said
is order'd to be enter'd in the Book apart. N.o

Letter from Captain Caillaud read as follows

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Gov.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee at Madraß
N.o 11.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last was of the 28.th acknowledging the re
of your last Favor N.o 9 dated the 9.th August. Acco
to the Orders and Directions, with which I have be
honord from your Gentlemen, I have made some Re
in the last Months Accounts, and have charge to
Hilledar several Articles of Expence which were

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paid on Account by the Honble Company.

The reduction of the Batta is to take place this ensuing Month. Annexed is the Regulation & Reduction which I have made with regard to the Sepoys & which they have agreed to chearfully: especially as I have lowerd the Price of provisions / Rice being now sold at 14 instead of 13 Seer a Rupee / when the Harvest comes in, if I can still lower them something may be done towards the Reduction of the Military Batta. untill then the Soldiers have need of the Allowance. They must have Meat with their Rice: Besides some Articles in their Expence, which are much dearer here than on the Coast, in particular Shoes and Stockings.

This Month also I propose reducing the Pay and Batta of the Lascars from 10 to 8 Rupees P Month. Upon the whole Gentlemen, equal to the Confidence and trust you have been pleas'd to repose in me, equal to the Sense I have of the Honour done me, and of my earnest Wishes to deserve it; I will make it my Study to consult in every Article the Ease and good of my Honble Masters inseperable from their Advantage and Interests.

The Nabob farms the Revenues Customs arising out of the Buzar & Town Duties at 52 Thousand Rupees yearly. The Expences of the Fort one Month with another will not be less than 3000; That, with the Allowance he makes to the Shilledar of 1000 more, amounts to 48 Thousand Rupees yearly, a very small Ballance then remains to him of what is collected.

The Money for the Securities is not yet come: Being so often put off makes me afraid to mention any Time in which they promise to pay it. I have confin'd them to a Weeks, in which space of time if the Money does not come, I have threatend to change their Prison for a worse, and to put them in Irons; this menace I hope will have some effect. I have wrote to

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be entered after these Minutes and that it be observ'd whenever any Detachment takes the Field, which will lessen the Expence greatly.

The Treasury Renter's Account Current of the Stone Mint having been drawn out agreeable to the order of last meeting is now laid before the Committee, examin'd and found right, Ballance due from the Renter Pagodas four hundred and fourteen, thirteen Fanams and sixty Cash /414: 13: 60/ which the President is desir'd to order him to remit.

George Pigot
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Henry Lawrence
Robert Orme
W.m Wynch
Wm. Percival
Rob.t Palk

Regulation for the Reduction of Batta to the Sepoys to take place in Fort St. George the 1.st Septem.r 1755.

Present Batta in Garrison which is doubled in the Field	Batta in Garrison Reduced		Batta in the Field Reduced	
	Rupees ~ P.r Month or Pagodas P.r Month	Fanams ~ P.r Day	Rupees ~ P.r Month or	P.r
Subadar	15. 10.	4.	20.	
Jemidar	7. 5.	2.	9.	2. 1.
Havildars	5 3.	1. 1/5	5.	2.
Naigues	5 3.	1 1/5	5.	2.
Sepoys	3 3/4 2.	3/5 or 64 Cash	5.	2.

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Tuesday the 16th

At a Committee Present.

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
" " Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
William Perceval Robert Palk

The further Consideration of Colonel Heron's Letter read last Committee, being now enter'd upon it is observ'd

1st Article

That in reply to the fourth Article which requires him to give an exact Account of all that he receiv'd in Money or give an exact Account of all that he receiv'd in Money or otherwise upon any Account or upon any Title from the Polligars, Chiefs or other Persons of what Denomination who were indebted to the Nabob whose Debts he was sent to collect, Colonel Heron says that he never settled any Accounts with the Polligars nor their Chiefs; That the Nabob himself settled with all in the Trichenopoly District at Manapar and that he had the following Presents

1000 Rupees in Fanams from the Nabob himself on taking Lackynaig's Country.

500 Rupees & a small Jewell from the Nattam Polligar on passing thro' his Country.

15000 Rupees brought him by the Buxie on entering Tinnevelly

600 Pagodas and two trifling Jewells from the Morawar with a Sick Elephant which after died

That the Nabob meaning Maupshoos Cawn after having settled with the Polligars and receiv'd the usual Presents paid on these Occasions sent him 20,000 Rupees in Madura Fanams by Captain Lee — That he was promis'd five thousand 5,000 Rupees more from Maupshoos Cawn but his Hilledar not being in Madura

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Madura when he returnd, he never receivd it.

That the above are all the Presents of any Conse-
quence he can recollect to have receivd; that Mr. Maunsell
has rendrd a just account of all the Money receivd by
either of them on account of the Company and that he should
have marchd against the Tinnevelly Polligars to have set-
tled with them himself but his Health would not permit
it.

Remarks

Upon this Article the Committee Remark that
while the Nabob was with the Army he certainly was the
properest person to settle Accounts with the Polligars
but this was only the Case with those that lye near
Trichinopoly — The Committee have no Objection to the
present the Nabob there made Colonel Heron, on the
contrary it is a pleasure to them to find that his Conduct
was them agreeable to him, But to the other part of his
Reply there are many Objections to be made, chiefly to that
wherein he says he never settled any Accounts with the
Polligars; It was only for this Intent he was sent into those
Countries with a force to enable him to do it, and for the
greater Satisfaction both of the Nabob and the Company,
Mr. Maunsell and the Nabobs Officer were joind with him
in this Commission — Colonel Heron having trusted this
material affair entirely to the Nabobs Officer gives the
Committee too great Reason to believe that not only their
Sums given as Presents by him, but many larger were
collected by that Officer which would have beene brought
to the Company's Credit had Colonel Heron paid a due
Regard to the Orders and Instructions given him by us
To be further satisfied herein it is Agreed to call upon
Captain Lee and the Nabobs Buxie now on the Place to

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give us what Information they can on this Subject and also to enquire of Mr. Maunsell what Money he receivd for the Company and to compare his Account with the Nabob's: Ordered that they attend the Comonittee to morrow morning.

5th — Colonel Heron in Answer to this Article which requires him to acquaint us for what Account Captaine Lin receivd 1100 / Eleven hundred Pagodas and demanded seventy five Thousand / 75000 / Rupees from the Killedar of Madura Replies that he cannot at this Time give an exact Account of this, it having escapd his Memory but that Captain Lin and Mr. Maunsell will; that as far as he can recollect now the 1100 Pagodas was one part on Accot of Prize Paddy sold to the Cotwal which has been accounted for among the Money receivd from Mauphoos Cavon for the Madura Villages; that the remainder he believes might be on Account of the Buzar or Town Duties which he thought his Right at the different Times he commanded there and was granted by Mauphoos Cavon for which he receivd five hundred Pagodas from Captain Lin; That he thinks this, as a Buzar Duty, is a Perquisite of Command and never disputed in this Country. That the 75000 Rupees must be Mauphoos Cavn's Debt still due but that it may be fully explaind by the above Gentlemen.

Remarks

The Committee have here to observe that if a small Tax is necessary to be levied on the Buzars in Comp.a to keep them near upon a Footing with the Buzars of the Blacks and that this Tax be as Colonel Heron says the Perquisite of the Commanding Officer they are well apprid it has amounted to very little more than has been disbursd in

sooner which were that a considerable Quantity of Paddy and Warlike Stores were in Nellelotahy and Palemcotah all which must have fallen into the Enemy's Hands had they been abandon'd before the Nabob could get Garrisons for them, and that even when he did march the Army, there were two parties out which had Orders to follow him with all possible Expedition. That his Reasons for going out of his way to march against the Pollitavre Fort were that he had received a Letter from Captain Lee who had then a Number of Prisoners with him as Securities from the Polligars for the payment of the Nabob's Revenues to the Amount of two Lacks and upwards which Money Captain Lee wrote he expected to receive in three or four Days & that Maupher Cawn and his principal Officers having represented that the Reduction of the Pollitavre Fort would be of the greatest Service to the Nabob's Affairs & that it being weak might be taken in three or four Days He thought to employ his Time for that purpose but upon viewing the Place he found that his six Pounders had no Effect upon the Walls for which Reason he sent with all Expedition for the Eighteen Pounder & had the Elevar been commonly expeditious the Cannon would have been up & the Place reduced before he received the two last Letters from the Committee which determin'd him to march directly for Madura.

Remarks

The Committee here take Notice that it neither appears to them by the Journal of Colonel Heron's Proceedings nor from his Letter before them that any Reasons he gives are of sufficient weight to justify his not putting their Orders to march immediately in Execution on receipt of them. Captain Lee's seems to be the only Com-

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Command that was abroad from which we could hope to receive any Collections of Consequence and whom Colonel Heron might with more ease have joind by keeping the direct Road to Madura than not, and as to the Hostages he speaks of, there is great Reason to believe that their Ransoms would be offerd as soon by the Partys moving as by its Continuance there, especially if these Hostages were People of Consequence, for it is natural to suppose that the Pollegars would be very desirous to redeem their Relations when they found they were going away Prisoners and as reasonable to think that those Pollegars would be more able to raise Money after the Army had left their Territories than while it was in them, But had this not been the case; admit that it was necessary for Captain Lee to remain abroad with his Detachment a few Days, as that Detachment lay directly to the Eastward of the Madura Road Col.l Herons marching to the Pollitavre Fort which lay near Forty Miles to the Westward, the Committee judge to have very little the Appearance of being in haste to join Captain Lee or to put their Orders in Execution, which Orders Colonel Heron had then received sixteen Days; How much less must it appear so when He could think of sending for heavy Cannon more than one Hundred Miles which could not reasonably be expected to arrive under sixteen or eighteen Days more, as appears by Colonel Herons Journal having wrote for them the 9.th May & not meeting them till the 17.th when they were little more than one third of the way from Madura

His other Plea of the Paddy and Warlike Stores laying on Nelle Cotah and Pollum Cotah appears very insufficient to justify the least Delay of the Army; their Value must have been considerable to have defrayd the Expence of the Army twenty four Hours and could not have been applied to a better use than the Defence of the Places they were in and the Support of the Garrisons, which Garrisons might have been furnished with Men out of the Number

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Number Colonel Heron was directed to leave in those Countries & it is amazing that He could not take Mauphoos Cawris Word for payment of the Amount of those Articles if it was thought necessary to charge for them after having trusted him with the Revenues of the whole Country.

The President having calld upon the Quarter Masters of the Military and Train for Returns of the Loss sustaind from the Colleries in the Nattom Woods on the 29th May, now lays them before the Committee and although upon a Comparison of them with Colonel Herons Account of the Loss of that Day they do not appear widely different Yet the Committee are well informd that near one hundred draft Bullocks were stabbd by the Colleries & many Carriages lost with them.

And the Committee have besides sufficient Reason to be asurd that this Attack of the Colleries was occasiond by Coll. Herons carrying away a large Number of the Religious Images from Colegudday Pagoda; which, because the Bramins would not pay the Sum of Money it was hopd they would give for the Ransom of them, were put into a Tumbril in order to be transported to Trichinopoly but the Colleries took them in this Attack on the 29th May.

The Committee cannot but esteem this to be an Action unworthy of an English Officer and an Action which must undoubtedly cause a great Prejudice against the Nation all through the Country where it was committed

There is Information also of two other Actions, which are said to have been committed under Colonel Herons Command and which are equally necessary to be enquird into — One is that Several Bramony Women were taken from one of the Tinnevelly Villages and detaind some Time in Camp. The other that a Guard was placd by Colonel Heron & kept for several Days on the House of a Moorman at Tinnevelly.

Ordered

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Order'd that the Secretary do form a Letter from the whole Substance of the forgoing Minutes & that it be compar'd with the Informations to be receiv'd to morrow from Captain Lee, Capt. Lin, Mr. Maunsell and the Nabob's Bouncy.

George Pigot
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Henry Lowndes
Robert Orme
Wm Wynch
Will: Percival,
Rob: Palk

Fort St. George 17th Septemr. 1755.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President —
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alexr. Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

Wednesday Mar 17th —

Captain Lee, Captain Lin, Mr. Maunsell and a Bramin deputed by the Nabob Buckscy being in Attendance agreeable to the Orders of last Committee; Captain Lee was first call'd upon and the following Questions being ask'd him he returnd the several Answers underwritten.

Question ——— What was the Substance of your Orders from Colonel Heron when you marchd from Tinnevelly against the Polligars

Answer ——— To go with five Companies of Sepoys to endeavour to settle by fair Means with all the Polligars, the Buxey accompanied me on behalf of the Nabob and Modilly on the part of the Company, without the Consent and approbation of both which Persons I was not to take any Step regarding the setling any Money Affairs but in Concert with them & with their Approbation I was empowerd to settle.

The 17th at Night I marchd to Wresth by the desire of the Buxey & Modilly at which place the Head Vakeel from Nedratura / the Capital of Ettapponaigs Country / agreed with the Buxey & Modilly to give such People as I should demand as Securities for 70,000 Rupees half of which was receivd by Bills on Tinnevelly payable in twenty five Days & the Remainder was to be paid in four Months for which a written Agreement was given either to the Buxey or Moodaly; The Bills were afterwards protested, had they been paid those Securities were to have been releasd, and the head Vakeel to have been sent as Security for the other half.

The same Night Viz.t the 17th of April I receivd Colo.l Herons Orders for returning to Tinnevelly, I set out the next Day

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Day leaving the Command with Capt. Callender.

The 26th April at Night I was sent out again by Colo Heron with a Reinforcement to join Captain Callender, & met him at Vellarroom the 29th

The 30th early in the Morning I march'd to attack Panschatacrutch / the Capital of the Polligar Kattaponaigue / into which place I flung some Shells and the 1st May in the Morning he sent some of his People to treat who gave Securities for the Sum of 80,000 Rupees; I afterwards march'd to Coyilpettah a place belonging to the Polligar Ettaponaigue where it was recommended to me by the Buaey and Modilly to remain three or four Days as they hop'd in that Time to settle with the Polligars of Coilpettah and Elirampary and also to have the Securites given by Kattaponaigue and Ettaponaigue Redeem'd, I wrote this to Colonel Heron who was at Trovewill & who in Answer desir'd to see me, I therefore left the Command with Captain Callender and meeting Colo Heron told him that I had great Hopes of settling with the Polligars and having the Securities redeem'd as above if I could remain about four Days which Colo Heron consenting to, I return'd back to my Command at Coyilpettah — It was at this Time Colo Heron determin'd to march against the Pullitavre I having acquainted him with the Information I had receiv'd that the Force of the Pullitavre was inconsiderable and that he would settle upon the first appearance of the Army in his Country which Information Colonel Heron the Pullitavre's Vakeel who had been with me all along and given me the above Information.

Question ——— Could you not have gone a direct Road to Madura from the Polligars Country where you then was and join'd Colo Heron there with more Convenience than at the Place where you did join him.

Answer ——— I could have gone a direct Road to Madura if I had been so order'd.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governour President

Wednesday the 17th. — Stringer Lawrence, Henry Powney, Robert Orme, Alexr. Wynch, William Perceval, Robert Palk

Captain Lee, Captain Lion, Mr. Maunsell and a Bramin deputed by the Nabob Buckscy being in Attendance agreeable to the Orders of last Committee; Captain Lee was first called upon and the following Questions being asked him he returnd the several Answers underwritten.

Question ——— What was the Substance of your Orders from Colonel Heron when you marchd from Tinnevelly against the Polligars

Answer ——— To go with five Companies of Sepoys to endeavour to settle by fair Means with all the Polligars, the Buxey accompanied me on behalf of the Nabob and Modilly on the part of the Company, without the Consent and approbation of both which Persons I was not to take any Step regarding the settling any Money Affairs but in Concert with them & with their Approbation I was empowerd to settle.

The 17th at Night I marchd to Weesth by the desire of the Buxey & Modilly at which place the Head Vakeel from Nedratura the Capital of Ettapporaigs Country agreed with the Buxey & Modilly to give such People as I should to accept as Securities for 70,000 Rupees, half of which was received in Bills on Tinnevelly payable in twenty five Days & the remainder was to be paid in four Months for which a written Agreement was given either to the Buxey or Modelly. The Bills were afterwards protested, had they been paid those Securities were to have been releasd, and the Head Vakeel to have been sent as Security for the other half.

The same Night Viz. the 17th of April I received Colonel Herons Orders for returning to Tinnevelly, I set out the next Day

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Day leaving the Commmand with Capt. Callender.

The 26th April at Night I was sent out again by Coll. Heron with a Reinforcement to joine Captain Callender, & met him at Vellarum the 29th

The 30th early in the Morning I marchd to attack Panschatacrutch / the Capital of the Polligar Kattaponaigue / into which place I flung some Shells and the 1st May in the Morning he sent some of his People to treat who gave Securities for the Sum of 80,000 Rupees; I afterwards marchd to Coyilpettah a place belonging to the Polligar Ettaponaigue where it was recommended to me by the Buaxy and Modilly to remain three or four Days as they hopd in that Time to settle with the Polligars of Coilpettah and Elirampary and also to have the Securites given by Kattaponaigue and Ettaponaigue Redeemd, I wrote this to Colonel Heron who was at Nonseuill & who in Answer desird to see me, I therefore left the Commandd with Captain Callender and meeting Coll. Heron told him that I had great Hopes of settling with the Polligars and having the Securities redeemd as above if I could remain about four Days which Coll. Heron consenting to, I returnd back to my Command at Coyilpettah — It was at this Time Coll. Heron determind to march against the Pullitavre I having acquainted him with the Information I had receivd that the Force of the Pullitavre was inconsiderable and that he would settle upon the first appearance of the Army in his Country which Information Colonel Heron the Pullitavre's Vakeel who had been with me all along and given me the above Information.

Question ——— Could you not have gone a direct Road to Madura from the Polligars Country where you then was and joind Coll. Heron there with more Convenience than at the Place where you did join him.

Answer ——— I could have gone a direct Road to Madura if I had been so ordered.

Quest.n

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Quest.n ——— What Money was receivd from the Polligars you was sent against

Ans.r ——— Not Money was receivd on Account of the Company only the Securities, but it was reported that the Buxey and Maddy had during the March receivd several Sums — The Buxey and I did receive in ready Money to the amount of 73,000 Rupees which I was told were presents, and I certainly advisd Colonel Heron of these Receipts about 30,000 Rupees was in my Hands and the rest in the Buxey's who proposd to me to make a Division of it between us and the Nabob's Company's Troops, I rejected this Proposal brought the Money to Camp and askd Colonel Heron what I should do with it, who said that as it was not the Company's Money he would have nothing to do with it, Maupkoos Cawn made a Demand of it saying that it was customary for the Polligars to make these Presents to the Nabob exclusive of the Revenues, with which I acquainted Colonel Heron who ordered me to deliver the Money to Maupkoos Cawn which I accordingly did, and Maupkoos Cawn gave me 3000 Rupees on Account of that Command & 2000 to discharge a former Obligation, I had from him at Madura The following is an Account of the Distribution of the whole Sum. —

1,000 to Maupkoos Cawn for the Nabob
15,000 to Maupkoos Cawn himself
20,000 to Colonel Heron
5,000 to the Buxey
5,000 to me as beforementioned
2,000 to Abdul Raheem Cawn
2,000 to Captain Callender
4,000 to Rangapah Colonel Herons Dubash
2,000 to M.r Maunsell on a former Obligation given him at Madura, M.r Maunsell and I being sent before the Army to Madura the Keys were delivd us & these Presents of 2000 Rup.s apiece promisd by Maupkoos Cawn

Carried over — Rs. 56000

1000

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Brot over Rx 56,000

1,000 to the Officers of my Command
1,000 to the Brucey's Dubash
1,000 to Mauphoos Cavon's Dubash
500 to Captain Lees Dubash
3,000 to Modilly
500 to Captain Beaver for taking Nelly Cotah which Mauphoos Cavon had before promis'd
1,000 to Goupal

73,000 Rupees

This Dividend was made by Mauphoos Cavon the 15th & 16th May at Bombelotah and wrote in Persians with his own hand. I gave no Receipts for any of this Money, nor did I take any when it was paid away

Captain Lee was then ordered to withdraw and Captain Lee being call'd in, was asked the following Questions to which he returned the several Answers underwritten

Quest.n ——— On what Account did you receive 11,00 and odd Pagodas from the Killedar of Madura and what did you do with the Money.

Ans.r ——— When Col.l Heron went away for Tinnevelly and left me in the Command of Madura, he order'd me not to interfere in the Collection of any Revenues whatever; Provisions being extremely dear in the Town I publish'd an Order by beat of the Tom tom that all Taxes upon Provisions should cease untill the Return of the Army upon which the Killedar and Cutwall came to me and represented that this Order would take off from the Revenues of the Town by which Means he Cutwall would be rendered unable to perform his Agreement with Col.l Heron, I acquainted Cutwall that the dearness of Provisions was the Reason of my publishing the Order, and proposed then to set up a Bazar of my own without the Town, to which Cutwall answer'd that even that would

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effect his Revenues in the same manner; I dropped my Intention upon these Representations and soon after receivd a Letter from Mr. Maunsel in which he told me that Colonel Heron desird I would apply to the Cutwall for the Buxar or Town Duties, On receipt of this Letter I sent for both the Killedar & Cutwall the latter of whom told me that he had been forbid by Colo. Herons Dubash to pay me that Money, but that he had contracted with Colo. Heron for a certain Sum to be paid him Monthly, that the Money was ready in Bags, but he could not be justified in paying it to me because He was forbid as aforesaid, I was then greatly distrest for Money for the Pay of the Garrison, for which Reason I obligd Cutwall to pay me the Money and accordingly receivd it, amounting to about the Sum mentiond. I gave a Receipt for it, as Money collected for Colo. Heron & then sent it to the Garrison upon Colo. Herons return, I sent Mr. Vaperot to desire he would acquaint me why he claimd that Money, because by Precedent it should belong to the Commanding Officer for the Time being; and although I had no Intention of claiming it, yet as it had been collected, I insisted on it as my Property. Colo. Heron soon returnd for Answer that I mistook the Thing for in that Sum which he had contracted for with the Cutwall the Buxar Duty was only a Part, that the Town Duties and a Cocoanut Topes were also included, & that the whole was assignd to him by Mauphoos Cawn on Account of a Debt due, when I afterwards waited on Colo. Heron myself he reproachd me for making application to him through a Second hand, repeated what he had before said to Mr. Vaperot and added that rather than he would have any Dispute with me or that I should have any Room to think myself injurd as to the Buxar he would give me half of the whole Sum collected which was more than could possibly

possibly accrue from the Buxar Duties; Coll. Heron accordingly receivd one half and I the other.

Quest.n ——— On what Account did you demand 75,000 Rupees from the Killedar of Madura and did you receive any part of it.

Ans.r ——— I demanded the 75,000 Rupees from the Killedar of Madura on Account of Mauptoos Cawn to be paid to the Company but I receivd only 20,460 Madura Fanams 15 : of which /at that time/ exchangd for a Pagoda which I have accounted for with Mr. Maunsel.

Besides receivd from the Buxey in the Nabobs Name a present of about 500 Rupees.

Quest.n ——— You mention in one of your Letters to Colonel Heron to have demanded Money for Images; What Images do you mean.

Ans.r ——— These Images were taken at Colegudda Pagoda when Colonel Heron made himself Master of that Place, they were look'd on as a part of the Booty, and being left in Madura in consequence of the request of the Officers, I demanded 5000 Rupees for them of the Bramins, which Sum Col.l Heron's Dubash said the Bramins had offerd for them, but the Money not being paid when Col.l Heron left Madura they were put into a Sumbrile brought away with the Army and taken by the Colleries in the Nattam Woods

Captain Lin was then ordered to withdraw and the Nabob's Buxey's Bramin & Mr. Maunsel were calld on for their respective Accounts with the Company which being produc'd and compard were found to differ in the Sum of Rupees nineteen Thousand, Six hundred and Eighty nine and three Quarters /19689: 3/4./ which the Company stand debted in the Nabob's Account but not credited in the Commissary's.

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The Statement is as follows

	By the Nabobs Account	By Comp.y Acc.t	Differences
Recd by the Comp.y Acco.t of Madura Villages	22069 ⅞	11323. 9	10746
From the Nattam Polligar	1350	3000	1650
Tribute from the Polligars	7593 ¾	Nothing at all	7593 ¾
			Rupees 19689 ¾

The two Accounts are ordered to be enterd after these Minutes and then Mr. Maunsel was calld in to give an Explanation of the foregoing Difference and of the other Points which Coll. Heron refers to his Information.

Mr. Maunsell being accordingly askd the follow ing Questions reguard the several underwritten Answers.

Quest.n ——— What Security is there for the Ballance owing by Maupthoos Cawn to the Company

Ans.r ——— I know of no Security and I believe there is nothing more than Maupthoos Cawns Promise

Quest.n ——— Where is the Agreement made by Maupthoos Cawn whereby he promisd not to ask any part of the Money to be recievd from the Polligars, either for himself or for the Nabob

Ans.r ——— I know nothing of the Agreement made by Colonel Heron with Maupthoos Cawn.

Quest.n ——— Whence arises the Difference of 19,689 Rupees between the Nabobs Account with the Company and yours.

Ans.r ——— I cannot account for it. I did not receive any more for the Company than is mentiond in my Account

Quest.n ——— When do the four Months farming of Madura and Tinnevelly Villages expire

Ans.r ——— Four Months from the Arrival of the Army at those Places.

Quest.n ——— Did you receive 20160 Madura Fanams from Captain Livs or Acco.t of the Company

Ans.r ——— I did and they are brought to Account in the Nabobs of Madura Villages.

Mr. Maunsell then withdrew and the President

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took the Nabob's Buxey's Information on the several Accounts and Matters which were under his management and laid it before the Committee as follows

Col.o Heron told Mauphoos Cawn that he would not let him interfere in the management of Tinnevelly but would let out the Villages himself, Mauphoos Cawn judging this would be detrimental to the Nabob's Affairs sent the Buxey to him to settle the Affair and to offer him 30,000 Rupees provided he would let him have the management; and the more readily to get him to consent to this he promised to pay one Lack and a half to the Company out of the Revenues, reserving two Lack for the Nabob's Use, which Coll.o Heron having consented to, He gave him Bills on the Soucars at Tinnivelly for the Sum of 130,000 Rupees which Money Coll.o Heron receivd before he came away brought 100,000 to the Company's Account & kept 30,000 himself. He himself & the Brannin went with the Buxey & delivered the Bills which were drawn upon the five following Soucars Subbia Detaya — Narainapa — Kistnama Chitty — Subbaraya Chitty. — The President then desird the Buxy's Brannin to explain the Articles in which the Nabob's Account differs from the Commissary's.

The Nabob debts the Company 7,593.3/4 Rupees receivd from the Pollegars which the Commissary does not credit for; To this the Buxeys Brannin said that the Collections from the Pollegars amounted in all to 80,593 Rupees of which only 73,000 being accounted for in the distribution, The Company is Debted for the rest.

In the Nabobs Account, the Company is debted 22,000 Rupees receivd on Account of Madura Villages in the Commissary's Account, there is Credit for only 11322-9.

The Buxey's Brannin avers that Dashmoud Cawn who was left by the Recommendation of Coll.o Heron in the manage-

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management of Madura paid a Stogethor 27,000 Rupees of which 11,000 in ready Money and 16,000 in Rice Sugar &c.a sup plied by Colonel Heron's Order — Out of this 16,000 Coll. Heron said he should take 5000 by way of Present for himself and bro the other 11,000 to the Company's Account, but this has not been done.

In the Nabob's Account The Company is debted 1350 Rupees receivd from the Nattom Pollegar. In the Commissary's Accou there is Credit for only 3000.

The Buxey's Brarmin says that the Second Payment of 1350 Rupees was receivd by Capt. Lin

From the foregoing Informations the Committee then collected the following new Matter against Coll. Heron.

First That he receivd Bills from Maupthoos Cawn at Tinnevelly for 130,000 Rupees, of which only 100,000 are brought to the Company's Credit, and that he refusd to let Maupthoos Cawn interfere in the management of that Country unlike he consented to this.

Buckshee | Secondly That Seventy three Thousand Rupees were collected in ready Money from the Pollegars by the Nabob's Bux and Capt. Lee. That the Money was brought to Colonel Heron & upon Captain Lees applying to him to know what was to be done with it, He replyd as it did not belong to the Company he would have Nothing to do with it, and when Maupthoo Cawn having made a Demand of it he orderd it to be paid him

them | The Committee think it very surprizing that Coll. Heron who was sent to collect this Money for the Company should give a Judgement that it did not belong to the Company and still more so that he should order it to be paid to Maup Cawn who as Coll. Heron himself tells us in his last Letter has engagd not to ask either for himself or his Brother any part of the Money to be collected from the Pollegars in Consideration of

of the two Lack of Rupees allowd him out of the Villages.

Such a Conduct can no ways be accounted for but by the distribution instantly made of these Seventy three Thousand Rupees by Mauphoos Cawn as particularly recited in Captain Lees foregoing Information, in which Distribution Colonel Heron receivd so large a Share as twenty Thousand /20,000/ for himself

And Thirdly the Differences between the Nabob's Account and the Commissarys, the which Coll. Heron should explain.

Ordered that the three foregoing additional Articles be inserted in the Letter to be wrote Colonel Heron by the Secretary upon the Minutes of last Committee, that the Letter be immediately sent him and his Answer required—

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme
[illegible]
Wm. Percival
Rob. Palk

No. 4.

D.r ——— Madura & Tinnevilly Expedition ——— C.r

To Madura and the Villages depending upon it farmd out to Mauphoos Cawn for four Months				82000	—
To Tinnevelly and the Villages depending upon it farmd out to Mauphoos Cawn for four Months also				350000	—
To the following Pollegars being Arrears settled by the Nabobs People					
Pattapparaigue	29000	Gullatore	1000		
Ettapparaigue	70.000	Naylapparum	12500		
Ullarampanny	15.000	Nittangarree	3062½		
Colapatty	15000	Gullypatty	3000		
Mailmandy	1250	Coral Goody	3000	205812. 6	—
To the Nattom Pollegar rec.d from him in part of his Debt which was never settled				3000.	— —
To the Sale of Paddy taken at Nelle Corah and some Horses that were sold				6465	— —
			Rupees	645277. 6	—

By Cash receivd from Mauphoos Cawn on Account of the Villages depending upon Tinnevelly on which the Company had Credit for in April Accounts		100,000	—
By D.o receivd from D.o on Account of the Villages depending upon Madura which the Company had Credit for, with the two following Articles in May		11.328. 9	
By D.o receivd from the Nattom Pollegar		3,000.	—
By D.o receivd for Paddy taken at Nelle Corah and some Horses that were sold		6465	—
		120793. 9	
By Ballance		524488. 9	
	Rupees	645277. 6	

Additional Account Current

By the Nabobs & Mauphoos Cawns Shares of the Tinnevelly Villages		200.000.	—
By Ballance due from Mauphoos Cawn to the Company for D.o		50.000.	—
By D.o also due from D.o for the Madura Villages		70676. 6.	
By the Account of the Pollegars which Capt. Caillaud has Securities for		191.906. 3.	
By D.o ——— on D.o which Mauphoos Cawn has Security for		11.906. 3.	
	Rupees	524488. 9.	
To Ballance from above	Rupees	524488. 9.	

A Copy

Thomas Maunsel

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Account of Cash receivd by the Company. —

From Madura Country ---------- 22069. 7/8

From Nattom as p.r Receipt ---- 3000.

without a Receipt 1,350.

4350.

From Tinnevelly Country Viz.t

Cash paid by Maupharoo Cawn out of

the Revenues of the Country — 100,000.

Peish Cash from the Polligars — 7,593. 3/4

107693. 3/4

Rupees 134013. 5/8

Out of what was agreed by the Polligars there remains a Ballance of Rupees 201, 643. 3/4 out of this Sum they promised to pay Rupees 101343. 3/4 by certain Payments and for the Payment of the remainder of Rupees 100,000, they delivered their Relations as a pledge who were brought and kept in the Fort of Trichenopoly.

Sept.r 19. Sent a Letter from the Secretary to Colonel Heron agreeable to the Minutes of the three last Committees: Entered in the Book of Col.l Heron's Proceedings N.o

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney

Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch

William Perceval — Robert Palk

Friday the 19.th

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Nabob signifying his Consent to the Requests made him by the President conformably to the Resolutions of Committee the 11.th Instant.

From

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From the Nabob

You are desirous that I should pay you half the Revenues of Madura and Tinnevelly, to which I agree after the Deduction of the Charges are made, but I must inform you that the Revenues of Madura will not be sufficient to pay the Troops there; and as to the Affairs of Tinnevelly I must also inform you that the Disturbance of the Polligars and the Malayavar was raisd there to the highest Pitch, for which Reason besides a large Number of Sepoys a considerable Army consisting of about 4000 horse & 5000 peons has been raisd so that the Incomes there will not answer the Expence.

The President also lays before the Committee the Translation of a general Mortgage Bond given by the Nabob to the Company in March 1754 as a Security for his Debt desiring to know their Opinion whether it is sufficient or if they think it necessary to procure another from him before He leaves the place.

The Bond is as follows.

Translation of a Bond under the great Seal of Nabob Anaverdy Cawn Bahader and attested under the Seal of the Cauzy.

The Circar is indebted or answerable for the Expence which the English Company have been or shall be at in assisting me to take care of the Country. Thus this Bond is given Date of the 11th of Jamadalevel Hegra 1167, which is the 6th of March 1754.

The Committee having considerd the Terms of the said Bond do hold it very sufficient and as properly expressed as they could desire; It comprehends all the Expences the Company have or may be at, it certifies that these Expences

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were incurr'd for the Sake of preserving the Country and obliges the Circar, which is the Country itself, to reimburse the Money.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Conway
Robert Orme
Wm Lynch
Wm. Percevall
Robt Palk

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At a Committee Present—

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r Presid.t—
String.r Lawrence Henry Lowney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
Will.m Perceval Robert Palk

Tuesday the 23.d—

The President lays before the Committee a Letter from Col.l Heron dated Yesterday directed to the President and Council in Answer to the Letter wrote him by the Secretary the 19.th Instant.

The said Letter being read is found contradictory in many Places to his own former Letters and Journal; in others full of Evasion — Order'd that it be Copied in the Book of Coll Heron's Proceedings, that the Contradictions and Evasions be remarkd in the Margin and the President is desird then to lay the whole before the Council with whom lies the Power of passing Judgement on any of the Company's Servants.

Three Letters from Messrs Gauppe Reith and Bonnatyne, Commissaries, dated the 13.th 17.th & 22.d Instant, entered 97 98 & 99 Read, containing a long detail of their Proceedings the Substance of which is this; that the French Commissaries perpetually raise trifling Difficulties, that they affect a Superiority throughout the contested Districts in order to gain upon the Minds of the People and will not proceed either to the Distribution of the Inhabitants Share of the Grain, or to the Proof of our Rights

Agreed to write the Commissarys that as the Disposition of the French is such that We cannot hope to see the Dispute settled, they have nothing more to attend but the Care of the Grain that is cut to see that none be embezzeld

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embezzeld and strictly to maintain the Equality We have a Right to insist on

Geo Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lawrence
Robert Orme
M Lynch
Wm Percival
Robt Palk

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President

Friday the 26.th

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bowrey

Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch

William Perceval — Robert Palk

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud read

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President

& Govern.r &c.a Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass

Honble Sir & Sirs

No. 12

In my last dated the 1.st Instant N.o 11, I had the Honour Gentlemen to inform you, how far I had proceeded in relation to the Disputes between the King of Tanjore and Tondaman. According to the Promise made me by the latter, the Copy of the Cowle he sent for came, which Copy, and the English Translation, I now send inclos'd. You will see Gentlemen it is not according to the proper form of Cowles, or Grants in General, but rather a Letter; in which however the promise is fair & plain. The last Paragraph only seeming somewhat conditional, intimating that Tondeman in return should be ready to espouse the King of Tanjore's Interest on all Occasions.

After the Receipt of this and Tondiman's Promise to desist from Hostilities I set out for Tanjore; and the Night I came I had an Interview with Monagee. I urg'd this Cowle or Letter, which he in Answer first, said was not a true Copy; but on my telling him I would get the Original, he drops that Plea, but said; that the Condetions of the last Paragraph had not been kept by Tondaman, for that in the late Affair between the King of Tanjore & the Morraver, Tondiman who first instigated him to it, had refus'd his Assistance, when ask'd for; I told him Tondiman could not act then on Accot of

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of the Truce; which Truce still subsisted, and we were resolvd should not be broke. That the King might have Patience until the Expiration of it, and every thing in the Country should then be settled according to right and Justice. The Conversation was long, and by the Lights Mr. Newton had given me how he was circumstanc'd I found he wanted to open himself which he could not do before so many People as were then present. The Day following was agreed on to see the King; but before the Audience the following true Account of the Affair was made me.

Monagee as I before have acquainted You Gentlemen had procur'd this Cowle for Tondiman in return for having help'd him to take Aradangee Fort; but fearing that the King would think the Concession of Corahonelly, would be paying too dear for the Possession of the other, Monagee owns he made use of the Kings Name and Chop and wrote that Letter without his Knowledge or Consent. He took care also to keep it a Secret from Tondiman; who by that means got Possession of the Country. This happen'd about six Years ago, some time before Monagees first Disgrace; who upon being turn'd out took refuge with Tondiman; and there the King first heard how he had been imposd upon. The War which broke out in these parts soon after has prevented him insisting on the recovery of his Right, and ever since Monagee by our Means has been restord to favour, the King has urgd him to get back that Country, which he has dard to give away without his Order and Leave. This is Monagees Situation, and on the Turn this Affair may take depends his Fate.

To add to his Misfortune, if a dishonest Action may be call'd so, other Accidents make him lose Ground every Day in the Kings Favour. His Expences and the Number of Troops he keeps up has exhausted the Country of Money, which indeed

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/not so much by his own Fault/ has never been in a Worse
Condition since his Management. The Damages made by
the last violent Monsoon on the Bank which was then but
newly repaird, & in other parts of the Country has coinsiderably
lessend the Revenues. The King loves Money too well, let the
Country be rich or poor, to relinquish any Part of his annu-
al Quota; to supply which and all other Expences, has run
Monagee in Debt; The Troops are not paid, and were so clamorous
a few Days ago for their Pay, as to stop him in his House
untill he could raise a Sum to satisfy their immediate
Demand.

Succoji has left the Kingdom, but knowing
Monogee's Situation, & to distress him the more, has perswa-
ded above half the principal Merchants to leave the Place.
Some Complaints of the Distress the Country is in, have
reach'd the Kings Ear, insomuch that he was talking of
making the Tour of his Kingdom himself, and enquiring
into the Causes of it. In short Gentlemen if Monogee can-
not get back this Country for his Son, his Ruin is inevitable.

After this Information I had an Audience, but
as Matters stood, I did not urge any thing strongly, think-
ing it better to temporize and prolong the Time untill I could
make you acquainted Gentlemen with the Affair, & submit
it to your Consideration; and if you thought proper afterwards
to Honour me with your Opinion, Advice or Orders I might
Act in Consequence. I told the King in General that my
coming was to enquire into the Dispute. That I had heard
already what Tondiman had to say; & that when I knew
his mind, I would with Truth relate both the Accounts to
You Gentlemen as Mediators in the Affair, and to the Nabob
as Prince of the Country. That he might be sure Justice should
be done him, agreeable to the Regard & friendship the English
Nation

Nation had for him, and our Inclination to support him in what he said was his Right, as far as was just, & in our Power. He said he would wait a Month for our Decision, I desird he would mention no Time, but that he might depend on it that the Affair should be settled as soon as We could and that it must be done without fighting. He limited the Time again to a Months, I would have stopp'd him immediately with the mention of my Orders, but I was tender on Monacgee's Account, who must fall if this Affair should not be manag'd. so I only answer'd as I had before, & took my Leave.

The next Morning before I return'd to Trichenopoly I had a private Interview with Monogee I represented to him in the strongest Colours I could, his Situation by his Imprudence, the Distress the Country was in by the unnecessary Expence he was at in keeping up such a Body of Troops. He acknowledg'd every thing & begg'd with Tears in his Eyes that We would not forsake him. that if by our Means he could recover this Country for the King he still might be in favour. That he did not dare discharge any of the Troops untill this Affair was settled for fear of the King who was suspicious of his Friendship with Tondiman. But the Minute he could effect it he would discharge half of his Horse and all his Sepoys. that for his present difficulty of Money he would get over it when the Rents in October were paid, I told him I could make him no other Promise but that I would represent every thing with Truth that he did not want Proofs of our Friendship when We could serve him with Justice.

This Gentlemen is the whole Affair as to the first Agressor Tondiman so far is the first, That on the King of Tanjore's demanding the restitution of the Fort, the other began

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began to plunder his Villages. The Cowle is certainly n
proper form, and the last Article may be brought
Tondiman tho he should mention the Truce. For
Troops to Monoge, but insisted on his paying the
Monoge refusing, they were sent back: this I know
tain as it happend when I was with Monoge o
Morraw's Affair, who immediately complaind
me. I remain with great Respect Honble
Your most Obedient & most faithfull Servant J.

Tichenopoly
16th Sept. 1755.

Translation of the King of Tanjore's Letter to
Rogea Strie Vija Ragoo Nada Tondiman Maa Rajah
Sing Ram Ram.

As you are faithfull and of a Steadfas
my Affairs I am very glad.

Near by you is Corahnelly Fort and
with all the Places subject to them I make you
of; & your Generations after you for ever Viz. yo
& Children's Children

And if any thing in my Country shou
at any Time you must go on in one Mind f
my Affairs.

The Committee then took into consi
the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and
as related in Captain Caillaud's Letter; Great
appear on all sides; if it should be decided a
the King of Tanjore, that the Countries that
him this cannot be put in Execution without i
Articles of the Truce, whereby it is stipulated
shall remain in Possession of all that he held a
sion of the Treaty - On the other hand if it shou
favour of Tondiman that he shall keep the Co

of Tanjore would certainly sacrifice Monogee to his Revenge by which We should lose our best Friend at that Court, and would still not refrain from attempting to take the Countries by force which We are oblig'd by all Means to prevent, but the necessity of breaking with that Prince must if possible be avoided for without his Alliance Trichinopoly could not have been supported during the Troubles, and in case they should recommence it would again depend much on his Assistance.

After mature Deliberation the only Method that appears of preventing Hostilities is to propose to both parties to put the disputed Countries into our Possession under promise to restore them faithfully to whomsoever shall prove to have the Right.

Agreed therefore to write Captain Caillaud to go again to Tanjore and endeavour to gain the Consent of both Parties to this Proposal; with Tondiman he may argue that the King of Tanjore being resolv'd at all Events to attack the Countries he will them lose them without a Chance of recovering them, whereas if they are put into our Hands his Pretensions will still subsist; And the King of Tanjore must be told that however good our Inclinations may be towards him we are oblig'd to oppose any hostile Attempts of one Party against another during the Truce and therefore he had better be contented for the present with the Accommodation proposd.

The President is desird to write at the same time both to the King of Tanjore and Tondiman desiring they will discharge their Troops and depend on Captain Caillaud's Mediation.

Rear Admiral Watson intending to sail in a few Days with his Majesty's Fleet for Bombay, the President is desird to ask a Passage for Captain Ziegler and his Company of

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of Swifs belonging to that Place for whose Return the President & Council there have wrote very prefingly, and as we are well afsur'd that Mr. Watson will readily comply with this Request it is Agreed that Capt. Ziegler and his said Company be immediately order'd from Chicot that they may be in readineſs to proceed.

A Letter from the Nabob as entered in the Country Correspondence N.° 168, Read, requesting that as Meer Allumedeen Hufsain Killedar of Ellavanasore, still evades settling his Accounts with the Circar, a Force may be order'd from Fort St. David to expell him and place Khereddy Cauve in possession of that District.

As the Nabob has repeated Acknowledgments under the Hands of this Man of his Dependance on him & the President himself receiv'd a Letter from him to the very same Effect as entered in the Country Correspondence N.° 33 / the Committee are surpris'd that he should now give Room for these Complaints on the part of the Nabob & Resolve before they take any further Steps to enquire into his Reasons for which end it is Agreed to write Mr. Starke to send a trusty Person by way of Vakeel to that Fort to inform himself whether the Killedar is influenc'd by any Power of the French and assure him at the same Time that if he does not speedily settle his Accounts with the Nabob We shall send a Force and treat him as a Rebel.

Geo. Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowndes
Robert Orme
W.m Fraser
Wm. Percival
Robt. Palk

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Sent the following Letters to Richard Starke Esq.r and Captain John Caillaud pursuant to the Resolutions of last Committee and the President at the same time sent Letters to the King of Tanjore Monoagee and Tondiman as enter'd in the Country Correspondence N.o 172. 178 & 174.

To Richard Starke Esq.r Deputy Governour of Fort St. David

Sir

The Nabob has frequently press'd Meer Saib the Killedar of Illavanasore to settle his Accounts and pay the Ballance due to the Circar but has receiv'd only trifling and evasive Answers. The President has himself receiv'd Letters from this Killedar in which he acknowledges his Obedience and dependance on the Nabob; we want therefore to be more perfectly assur'd of the Intentions of this Man and of his Reasons for thus evading the Payment of the Tribute due from him, and therefore as he is situated near You, we desire you will send a good ingenious Man by way of Vakeel to him to enquire into his Situation, and whether he is influenc'd by any Power of the French; He may assure him at the same time that if he does not very speedily settle his Accounts with the Nabob we shall send a Force & treat him as a Rebel. Order the Vakeel to return with an immediate Answer. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Hen.y Powney
Rob.t Orme — A.r Wynch — W.m Perceval — Rob.t Palk.

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Please to forward the inclos'd immediately for Trichenopoly

To Captain John Caillaud
N.o 10.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letters N.o 11 & 12 dated the 1.st and 16.th Instant. It is with Pleasure we observe the Reduction you

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you have made in the Expence and your Hopes of seeing Provisions still cheaper which may enable you to lower the Batta of the Military also.

We shall now give you our Thoughts on the Dispute between the Tanjore King and Tondiman, and our Direction for your further Proceedings. These are only calculated to prevent Hostilities for the present, to which end the President has wrote to each of them that he has pasid his Word with the French Governour not only to keep strictly up to the Truce himself but that his Allies shall do so also; that he has given you Directions to consult with them relating to the Countries in Dispute, and in order to forward this reconciliation that it will be necessary they discharge all their Supernumerary Troops as at this Time no force must be in be the Right on which Side it will, but that you may more perfectly understand what is wrote on this Subject, incloso are Copies of the Letters - It will be your part then first to enforce this Point after which We imagine it may be no difficult Matter for you to prevail on both Parties to agree that the disputed Countries be put in our Possession till it more clearly appears who has the best Title to them. We would recommend it to you to go again to Tanjore on this Occasion as you will be best able to forward the Accommodation by a personal Conference with the King on whose part we think Objections are most likely to be raisd.

We wish your Endeavours to get the Money for the Polligar's Securities may have Effect the whole Sum is now due and Maupthoos Canoroves besides one hundred and twenty one Thousand Rupees, the Ballance of the Rents of the Madura & Tinnivelly Villages according to his Agreement with Col.o Heron.

For Madura he agreed to pay the Company ——— 82,000
For Tinnevelly ——— ——— 150,000
Carried over Rupees 232,000

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Brought over 232,000

Out of this according to Colo Herons & Mr Maunsells Account

He paid for the first 11,000
for the Second 100,000

111,000

Ballance as above Rupees 121,000

Write him that he promis'd to pay this Money long ago and that We expect he will remit it without delay. The Nabob has engag'd that the Company shall receive the half of all the future Revenues of those Countries; The Rents farm'd by Mauphoos Caron from Colo Heron expird in July or August last; you will therefore tell him that he must send you an Account howmuch they are farm'd for on the new Cowles, and inform yourself also as well as you can from other Hands of this Matter. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney — Robt Orme — Alexr Wynch — William Perceval — Robt Palk

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You will forward Tondiman's Letter & carry those to Tanjore yourself.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alexr Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

Tuesday the 30th

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receivd this Day from Colonel Adlercron dated the 27th Instant / as entered in the Book of Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron No 20 / wherein he mentions that Mr Bourchier Governour of Bombay seems very anxious for the reduction of all Angria's Forts and represents it as a Matter

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Master of little or no Difficulty with the Assistance of his Majesty's Squadron and Troops.

Although Colonel Adlercron does not give us his Opinion on the Subject of going to Bombay yet he mentions it undoubtedly in order to be informd of our Sentiments. The President having some time ago receivd a Letter from Mr. Bourchier on the same Subject wrote Colonel Adlercron on the 13th July that there were some Affairs of Consequence on which he would be glad to consult him both regarding this Coast & Bombay & therefore begd the favour of his Company for a few Days at Madrass. The Protector was then near her Dispatch for Bombay and a part of the Regiment might have gone on her had it been so agreed on. But Colonel Adlercron wrote the President the 21st July in Answer to his beforementiond Letter that he would come to Madrass after he had made it appear to him that the Business which the President said requird his Presence was such as could not be transacted by Letter, which would have taken too much Time; Capt. Forbes's Detachment was therefore sent and it is Agreed now to write Colonel Adlercron that as that Party is gone, we think it would not be prudent to part with so considerable a Force as his Majesty's Regiment while we are in an uncertainty of the State of Affairs in Europe, and to advise him of our Intention to return Capt.n Ziegler with his Company of Sepoys belonging to Bombay by the Kings Ships.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Council having Yesterday taken Major Heron's Conduct into Consideration had suspended him from his Seat at the Board & that Major Heron had thereupon applied to Colonel Adlercron for a General Court Martial.

As the Company's Records & many of the Evidences who must necessarily appear at this Court Martial particularly

particularly the Nabobs Officers, cannot be removd to Fort St. David It is Agreed to request of Colonel Adlercron to appoint it to be held at Madraß, promising at the same time that the Company shall defray the travelling Expences of such Gentlemen as he may think proper to send from Fort St. David to sitt on it.

The 5th Paragraph of a General Letter from Bombay dated the 22d August and directed to the President and Council, being by them referrd to the Determination of the Committee the same is now read, setting forth, that the Sepoys who returnd thither overland from Fort St. David, had besides the Expences of their March, demanded Subsistence or Batta Money for the Month of February when they were in Garrison at Cuddalore.

It is the Opinion of the Committee that the Sepoys should by no means be allowd any Subsistence or Batta Money for that Month, our Honourable Masters having signifyed their Pleasure that the Troops of the other Settlements should serve here on the same footing as our own who never receivd Batta in Garrison.

Ordered that the above Resolution be signified to the President & Council.

Geo. Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lascelles
Robert Orme
Wm. Mayne
Wm. Percevall
Rob. Palk

Fort St. George 30th Septem.r 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to Col.l Adlercron / as entered N.o 21. / pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day.

October 3. The President receivd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron / N.o 22 / dated the 1.st Instant inclosing Summons to several of the Company's Officers to appear at a General Court Martial to be held on Major Heron at Fort St. David.

As Col.l Adlercron wrote this Letter before he had receivd the President's of the 30.th requesting the Court Martial might be held at Madraß; the / the President / judgd proper to keep the Summons for the Officers untill he should receive Colonel Adlercron's Answer to that Letter – Of this Intention he immediately advisd Col.l Adlercron by Letter of this Date / N.o 23. /

5. Captain Ziegler arrivd with his Company of Swiss from Arcot.

6. Receivd a Letter from Colonel Adlercron to the President dated the 3.d Instant as enterd N.o 24.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Lynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

Monday the 6.th –

Colonel Adlercron's Letter to the President dated the 3 Instant read acquainting him that in Consequence of his Request that the Court Martial might be held here he had directed the Judge Advocate to write out the Summons enjoining the several Persons call'd on by Col.l Heron, to attend at Madraß; that he shall send Lieutenant Col.l Bagshaw for President and six other Members from his Majesty's Troops and more if we cannot furnish the remaining six, and that Lieut.t Carnac, the Judge Advocate being employ'd

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employd on his the Colonels Europe Dispatches will not be able to officiate but will depute any Person the President chooses to act in his Room.

The President thereupon mentions Lieut.t John Reith who came in lately from Madarantegum being one of the Commissaries as a proper Person for Deputy Judge Advocate He is desird accordingly to propose him to Colonel Adlercron, to thank the Colonel for appointing the Court Martial at Madrass upon our Request, and to send him a List of the Captains that are here and not interested in the Affair of Major Heron

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Nabob and a List of the Sums due from the Polligars

From the Nabob ——— Receivd 8.th October 1755

It was my Design to give Security to the Company for 8 Lacks of Rupees and then to march from hence soon but the People knowing that I could not move from this place before I give the said Security began to demand a Country worth three Thousand Pagodas for eight Thousand, which will occasion a Loss. My Affairs and those of the Company are to be deemd in the same Light. I have to this Day procurd Security for 350 Thousand Rupees and for the remainder I intend to give Orders upon the old Renters from whom I shall procure Agreements to the Company for the payment thereof according to the Kists and then to march soon; as the Crop of Grain call'd Bavera &c.a are now ready to cut in the Zemindars Limits which they are reaping and carrying away, if I delay my march any longer it will be a disadvantage to me, I hope therefore that you'll take these into your Consideration and order a proper Force along with me and then send me away

that

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That I may lose no Time.

In the Nabob's own Hand

I suffer Loss by two several Means, One is, by demanding the Countries at less Rents and the other by giving the Sawcar's Security. I hope therefore that you'll take what I wrote into your Consideration and order a Force soon and send me away.

Account of the Tribute and Rent due from the Polligars for 1 Year

Peish Cash or Tribute

Bommaraurie

On Account of Carat pala &c.a ——— 40,000

Matavalampalas ——— 1,500 41,500

Gopaul Naig Polygar of Chelampala ——— 3,000

Siddem Naig Polygar of Panapack ——— 3,000

The Polligars of Nagalapore Mountains ——— 28,300

Rents

From Comar Yachem Naigue

On Account of the District of Dursey &c.a ——— 16,000

From Damerla Venkatapa Naig

On Account of the District of Sitarampore 15,000

Rupees 106,800

This is the Account of one Year – None of the above Polygars have settled Accounts since the Decease of the old Nabob, but some of them have occasionally paid small Sums to Abdul Vahab Cawn & Maupthoos Cawn which must be allowd therein account.

It is very certain that the Shoroffs will be always ready to take Advantage of an Occasion of this Nature; they will not give Bills for the Nabob without receiving Security from him, this Security can be no other than the Rents of the Country, and they will insist on having these Rents on their own Terms, so that the bad Consequences mentiond by the Nabob

Nabob are inevitable The Committee would willingly avoid occasioning any Loss to the Nabob, and after mature Consideration of his Offers are unanimously of Opinion that his Orders on the old Renters, provided those Renters will themselves sign Obligations to the Company conformable to the Orders, are as good Security as that of the Soucars or Shroffs, for both equally depend on the Produce of the Countries; It is therefore Agreed to accept the Nabob's Offer of Shroffs Security for 350,000

And Orders on the Renters for 150,000

which Renters must also themselves sign Obligations to the Company for the several Sums they are ordered to pay.

The Expedition proposd by the Nabob against the Polligars of the Arcot Country being then taken into Consideration, the President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob has informd him his Design is to go first to Terpasore, to which Place he will order all the Polligars to send their Vakeels to settle Accounts and that it will be necessary the Troops should be in readiness there to march against any of them that may refuse; As well to support the Nabob in his Authority over these Polligars as to collect the Rents due from them, of which half is to be paid to the Company, it is Agreed to send a Detachment of three Hundred Men Rank and File and fifteen hundred Sepoys upon this Service under the Command of Major James Kilpatrick; that the Troops encampd at Arcot, Late under the Command of Captain Ziegler be held in readiness to march to Terpasore and be compleated from hence to the Number above-mentiond — The President is desird to acquaint the Nabob with the foregoing Resolutions and to learn when he proposes to set out, that the necessary Instructions may be prepard for Major Kilpatrick, as well as for the Censore who shall be appointed to accompany the Nabob to receive and pay all Monies

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Moneys for the Company.

Captain Polier writes from Chengalapet that the Shilledar for the Nabob having receivd Orders to desist from furnishing the Oyl he usd to supply for the Expence of the Garrison and to discharge all the Nabobs Peons and Servants from that Place he Capt Polier is at a Loss to know whence the Oyl should now be furnishd and as there are fifty among them Ons old Servants very useful in taking care of the Limits and overlooking the Harvest, he recommends them to be entertaind in the Companys Service as Sepoys.

As the Number of Sepoys already quarterd at Chengalapet is quite sufficient for the Service both of the Garrison and the Bounds it is Agreed to write Captain Polier not to entertain any and as to the Oyl requisite for the Service of the Garrison, to purchase it at the best Rate and see that it be usd with frugality

Captain Maskelyne advises that the Sepoys he sent to Tripaty for the Security of the Feast are returnd with the Renters Thanks, who writes that he has collected the Money without any Difficulty and had a far greater Concourse of People than usual, and that the Arms of the Sepoys remaining there remaining there are in extreme bad Order.

Agreed to write Captain Maskelynes to send Sixty Sepoys with a Serjeant to relieve those remaining at Tripaty whom he will order to Arcot and get their Arms repaird.

He likewise proposes some Repairs and Additions to the Forts of Timaree Conjeveram & Covrepauk, to make them more defensible.

Covrepauk

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It is Resolvd that none of the Company's Money be laid out on those Accounts but to write Captain Mashelyne, that if the Nabob thinks those Repairs necessary and will advance the Sums it will take to compleat them they may be set about.

Geo Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bourchier
Robert Orme
W Lynch
Wm Percival
Robt Palk

Fort St. George 6th October 1755.

Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Colonel Adlercron pursuant to this Day's Resolutions as entered in the Book of Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron N°25.

At a Committee Present.

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President

Wednesday the 8.th

Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

The President having received from the Nabob, the Security Bonds, Orders and Obligations mentiond last meeting now lays the same before the Committee.

The following is a List and Statement of them Three Security Bonds under the Hand & Seal of Soroff Singa Chittee for Rupees three hundred and forty nine thousand five hundred Viz.t

Pagodas

1 One for Rayal Pundat Renter of Terpassore ____ 187,500
1 One for Appirazey Ninar Renter of the two Conjeverams and of Malchery ____ 114,000
Security Bonds 1/3 One for Pushpenada Ninar Renter of Tervatore ____ 48,000

Seven Orders under the Hand and Seal of the Nabob on different Renters for Rupees four hundred and fifty Thousand, five hundred; conformably to which Orders, the Renters also or their Vakeels for them, have given Obligations to the Company under their Hand and Seal Viz.t

1 One on Narreabulla Carroo Renter of Saravapelly and Nellore ____ 122,000
1 One on Meer Mahomed Japher, Renter of Chittoor 86,000

Bayagamed Vakeel to both the above Persons, has given an Obligation under his hand and Seal for both the above Sums & engaged that his several Masters will send their own Bonds in fifteen Days.

Carried over 2

Carried over Rupees 526,500

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Brot over 2

Brought over 526,500

1 One on Hamed Alby Cawn Renter of Condaporam 93,068

1 One on the same Hamed Alby Cawn Renter of Conna 24,348

This Renter being himself present at Madras has given Obligations to the Company under his Hand and Seal for the above Sums

1 One on Mustead Cawn Renter of Solangaveram 84,084

Gulam Mohayedeen Gomastah of Mustead Cawn has given an Obligation to the Company under his Hand & Seal for the above Sum and has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in 15 Days

1 One on Mahomed Kieredeen Renter of Mafoorenauk 67,000

Namasingaraw Vakeel of Mahomed Kieredeen has given an Obligation to the Company under his Hand and Seal for the above Sum and has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in fifteen Days

1 One on Saudetmund Cawn Killedar of Covepauk 5000

Rusnagee Vakeel of Saudetmund Cawn has given an Obligation to the Company under his hand and Seal for the above Sum & has engag'd that his Master shall send his own Bond in fifteen Days

Rupees 800,000

Orders on the Renters with Obligations of the Renters for the several Sums 7

In all, three Security Bonds of Linga Chetty & seven Orders on the Nabob on different Renters for Eight hundred Thousand Rupees.

A Translation of one of the Bonds being then laid before the Committee the Terms are found to be as follows

That in case the Enemy should occasion any Disturbance during the Year, whatever Sums the said Enemy may

may plunder or possess themselves of, out of the respective Countries are to be deducted after the said Loss has been proved and verified by the Canongoes & Natanvars / Registers and Inspectors of the said Districts – To this no Objections can be made, as it is conformable to the usual Tenour of the Cowles, and in itself reasonable.

And the Money is to be paid in two equal Payments according to the Kists or Seasons of cutting the Grain Viz.t The first is due the 31.st December next, but four Months being allowd for collecting the Money, It is not payable 'till the 1.st of May The Second becomes due the 30.th June next, and two Months & a half being allowd for collecting the Money, it is payable the 1.st of September.

The Committee then thought it necessary to enquire for the Regulation of the Agreements to be made with the Nabob next Year whether all the foregoing Sums were due from the Renters on the present Cowles without borrowing from or lessening the Revenues of the next Year – The Nabobs Vakeel being accordingly called in and spoke to on that Subject informs the Committee that the present Cowles expired on the 30.th June next when the last Payment is due, and that all the Sums are outstanding upon the said Cowles without encroaching upon the Revenues of the next Year.

The President acquaints the Committee that the Poonamree & Pedapalore Countries which are to be mortgaged to the Company being a part of Teepassore their Rents for this Year are included in the Eight Lack beforementioned and the Nabob has promised to send from Arcot a particular Account of the Extent of those Countries & of their Revenues together with the Mortgage Grants.

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A Letter from Sanawasa Chery Renter of Tripoty Read, inclosing Bills on Gocarul Terwady for Pagodas fifteen thousand /15000/ in part of the September or first Kist of the present Year — Ordered that the Commissary demand payment of the Bills. —

Geo.e Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bourne
Robert Orme
P. Wynch
Will.m Percival
Rob.t Palk

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At a Committee Present.

George Pigot Esq.r Governour Presidt
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

Thursday the 9.th

The President acquaints the Committee that the Nabob has informd him he designs to set out for Tanjore on his intended Expedition against the Polligars in five or Six Days, whereupon it is Agreed to take into Debate First The appointment of a proper Person to go with the Nabob as Receiver and Paymaster General for the Company.

Secondly The Instructions necessary to be given to the Receiver and Paymaster General.

And thirdly the Orders to be given to Major Kilpatrick appointed in Committee the 6.th Instant to command the Troops on this Expedition.

It is consider'd on the first Point that as the Person who shall be charg'd with the Receipt of the Company's half of all the Moneys to be collected from the Polligars must be privy to all the Nabob's Transactions with them, and present at the settling their Accounts, and as the Direction of all the Disbursements of the Army will also belong to him, He should be a Person of Rank and Trust, it is therefore Resolvd that one of the Members of the Board do accompany the Nabob in Quality of Receiver General for the Company & Director of the Commissarys Disbursements; Mr Williams Perceval is accordingly appointed — & Mr Thomas Mason is to act under him as Commissary.

Ordered that Instructions be prepard for him to the following Effect.

To be present with the Nabob when he settles his accounts

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Accounts or makes Accommodations with any of the Polligars, — To receive for the Company the half of all the Moneys that shall be paid by the Polligars to the Nabob on any Account or under any Denomination — To enquire into the Nabobs Transactions with the Polligars and if he hears of his engaging in any Secret Accomodations with them to make the strongest Representations to him in our name —— To assist the Commanding Officer in settling all the Camp Disbursements on the most frugal footing & to direct the Commissaries Issues of Cash of every kind —— To take & transmit to us every Month a General Muster of the Military Sepoys & all the Attendants of the Army together with a List of Casties, and to attest the Truth of the said Muster which is to be signd by the Commanding Officer or the persons deputed by him.

Ordered that a List of Batta for the Military and Sepoys be inserted in Mr. Percevals Instructions; that of the Sepoys to be conformable to the new Regulations which has taken place at Trichinopoly, as entered in these Minutes the 15th September.

And for the better Regulation of the Pay both of Military and Sepoys it is now Ordered that the Day of the Death or Desertion of every Soldier or Sepoy be noted in the next pay Roll, and that the Paymaster, Deputy Paymaster, Commissary or other Officer who shall have Charge of the Payment of the said Soldiers and Sepoys do examine the Pay Rolls and regulate their Issues in the following Manner. When any Sepoy dies his Pay is to be stopped on the same Day; and for the Month in which he deserts / their pay being issued at the end of the Month / The same if a Soldier deserts, but if a Soldier dies on or before the 15th he is to be struck off the Roll at the end of the Month; if after the 15th he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month — This is a Consideration for the Burial Charges which the Captains Pay, but all Batta both to Military and Sepoys is to cease on the Day of their

his /

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their Death or Desertion.

Orderd that a Copy of the foregoing Regulations be inserted in Mr. Percevals Instructions, and transmitted also to Fort St. David and all the Garrisons.

And then Major Kilpatricks Instructions being taken into Consideration are Orderd to be prepard to the following Purport.

To assist the Nabob in settling Accounts with the Polligars, and if any of them refuse, to act against them upon the Nabobs Application as far as he sees prudent —— To be present with Mr. Perceval at all the Nabobs Transactions with the Polligars, & see their Accounts settled —— To act in concert with Mr. Perceval for the Regulation of all the Comp. Disbursements on the most frugal foting —— To order Report to be made to the Commissary whenever any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts, and the same when any promotions are made amongst the Military or Sepoys —— and to be present, or depute some one in his Stead, at the General Muster to be taken Monthly by Mr. Perceval.

These are the general Instructions to be given Majr Kilpatrick, but as the greatest part of the Troops he is to Command are now at Arcot It is Agreed to direct him to set out immediately for that place, receive the Charge of those Troops from Captain Maskelyne and march them down to Tripasore, where the Nabob will meet him and he will receive our abovementioned Instructions.

Agreed that Mr. Percevals Allowances be five Pagodas a Day for his Expences, and ten Shillings a Day as usual for Paymaster, that Major Kilpatrick have 5 Pagodas a Day Batta, the same as Colonel Heron was allowd; and Mr. Maunsell six Rupees a Day.

The Number of Sepoys in the Company's Pay being very

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larger than it is necessary to keep up in time of Peace it is Resolvd to send Orders to all the Garrisons not to fill up any Vacancies which may be caus'd by Death or Desertion untill further Directions.

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud read

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President
& Governour &c.a Gentlemen of the Committee
of Correspondence at Madras

Honble Sir & Sirs

Incloss'd I have the Honour to transmit to you Gentlemen the Returns & Accounts for the Months of September. I have reduc'd the Lascars Allowance 2 Rupees pr Month each, the Tindalls 3 & Serangs 4.

The Paddy is now cutting down all round the Country, and I only wait for your Orders Gentlemen to know what Proportion of the Revenues must be collected for the Honble Company. I have wrote circular Letters to the Pollegars to pay their Tribute, as Customary by the End of the Month.

I shall now as the grain begins to grow cheaper lay in twelve Months Provisions in the Magazine, which as soon as effected, I shall transmit to you Gentlemen a General Account of the State of the Magazine as receivd by me. An Account of what Grain is issued out as growing old, and at what Price; as also how much bought in & at what Cost, to replace what was delivered; or to compleat the Magazine with a twelve Months Stock.

Incloss'd I send you Gentlemen a Coust of Enquiry on an unhappy Accident which happened in my Garrison the twenty third of last Month. I also send down the Prisoner, that he may be proceeded against, as you may think proper.

Mauptoos Canon who was attacking the Pullitaver, must again I am afraid act on the defensive, Moodemia being returnd with

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with the Travencore Forces, and have begun by taking Prisoners 300 Sepoys & 200 Horse of Maupthoos Cawns; It is at an unlucky Juncture, being now the Time of Harvest & collecting the Rents all over the Country.

The last Letter I had the Honour of addressing you Gentlemen was N.o 12 dated the 16.th of Sept.r — I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and faithfull Servant Johan Caillaud.—

Trichinopoly 2.d October 1755.

The Nabob having promis'd to lay in Grain for the Service of the Garrison of Trichinopoly to the amount of one Hundred and twenty five thousand /125,000/ Rupees it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that That is the proportion he is to demand of the Revenues, & that as soon as he is secure of receiving so much new Grain he is to sell off the old, that is not fit for keeping, on the Company's Account.

Letters from Capt.n Maskelyne at Arcot, Read, representing that he is in great want of Money for the payment of his Garrison and the Troops in Camp.t

Agreed that Application be made to the President and Council for an Advance of thirty thousand /30,000/ Rupees to the Commissary for that Service and the Charges of the Troops about to take the Field.

Geo.e Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme
Wm Mynn
Wm. Percival
Robt. Palk

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Sent the following Letter to Captain Caillaud pursuant to yesterdays Resolutions, and at the same time dispatched Copies of the Regulations for the Payment of Military and Sepoys to Richard Starke Esq. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of Devecotah; Captain Edmund Maskelyne Commanding at Arcot & Captain Paul Collier Commanding at Chingalapet with Orders not to fill up any Vacancies of Sepoys.

To Captain John Caillaud
N°. 11.

Sir

We have just received your Letter of the 2d. The Nabob has promised to lay in Provisions at Tritchinopoly to the amount of one hundred & twenty five thousand Rupees - This therefore is the Share you are to demand of the Revenues and to receive it in Grain for the Store of your Garrison selling out the old that is not proper for keeping, on the Company's Account as fast as you can after securing the new.

The Prisoner you have sent in on Account of the Murder must be try'd at the next Quarter Sessions, which will be held in January, and you must make all the Evidences give Security for their Appearance against him at that Time.

We are sorry to hear that Maupheos Cawn is again in Trouble; If you can yield him any Assistance by raising more Sepoys for him or engageing any of the Polligars to join him, we recommend it to your Care.

We find the Number of Sepoys in our Service too large and have resolv'd to reduce it by not filling up the Vacancies of such as may die or desert from the several Garrisons. You will observe this in Yours untill further Orders. We are Sir, Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Pomney - Robert Orme - Alex. Wynch - William Percival - Robert Palk. -

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Pt. It must be notified in the Pay Rolls on what Day each Sepoy died or deserted because their pay ceases immediately.

12. Major James Kilpatrick set out for Arcot with the following Orders, and with him Mr. Thomas Maunsell Commissary—

To Major James Kilpatrick Sir

Sir—

Having appointed you to command the Troops at present encamp'd near Arcot and under the Care of Captain Maskelyne, you will please to proceed thither and receive that Charge from him; as soon after which as you are able you will march them down to Terpasore, at which place the Nabob will meet you and you will receive further Instructions.

Mr. Maunsell is directed to set out immediately for Arcot in order to pay the Troops and he will call upon you for any Directions you may have to give him concerning the Preparations to be made for the March.

We have been endeavouring to reduce the Expences as much as possible and have settled the Field Batta of the Sepoys at the Rates hereafter mention'd, which Regulation has already taken place at Tricheropoly; you will therefore order that they be paid accordingly from the Day they begin their march, and the Batta of their Holidary is to begin at the same Time— We have fixed upon Five Pagodas a Day, being what Coll. Heron was allowed to commence from your leaving this place.

Regulation of the Sepoys Field Batta

	Rupees	Fanams	
Subadar	20 p. Month of Thirty Days which is 8 p. Day		6 d. 8 - 12.
Serrodar	9	3 6 or	
Havildars, Naiques & Sepoys	5	2.	

Nailers

We are well assured of your Endeavours to make this

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this new Regulation easy to the Sepoys as well as of your Assistance in every other Measure that may be proposd for the Benefit of the Company. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney Robert Orme - Alex.r Wynch - William Perceval Robert Palk.

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13. The President advisd Col.l Adlercron of the intended Expedition against the Polligars, by Letter entered in Correspondence with Colonel Adlercron N.o 26.

— Arrivd Lieut.t Col.l Bagshaw with three Captains of Colonel Adlercron's Regiment, the former appointed President the rest Members of the General Court Martial to be held here on Major Heron.

14. Arrivd Major Verney Lovett with another Captain of Colonel Adlercron's Regiment both to sit as Members of the said General Court Martial.

19. Sent the following Letter to Captain Caillaud Commander at Toichunopoly and Orders to the same Effect to Captains Polier and Mashelyne.

(Commanding at Arcot.)

To Captain John Caillaud

N.o 13.

Sir

The Nabob has ordered his Killedar at Toichenopoly to furnish Money for the Repairs of the Fort which you will therefore call upon him for, but all other petty Necessaries for the Garrison as Oyl &c.a you will supply on the Company's Account, seeing that they be us'd with Frugality.

You must not let any of your People interfere in the Disputes of the Country Government, but leave them entirely to the Decision of the Nabob's People. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney - Robert Orme - Alex.r Wynch - William Perceval - Robert Palk. -

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P.S. Although the Nabob is to pay for the Repairs of the Fort you must transmit us every Month the Account Particulars that

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that we may judge of the nature of the
Sent Major Kilpatrick his Instructions as follows

To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

The Nabob now sets out from Madrass with a Design
to settle Accounts with the Polligars of the Arcot Country and We
have appointed you to accompany him with a Detachment
of three Hundred Men Rank and File and fifteen hundred
Sepoys. To compleat this Number thirty Military & two Companies
Sepoys will now join you under the Command of.

The Nabob has already wrote Orders to all the Polligars
to send their Vakeels to him and settle Accounts at Trepasore.
If any of them refuse or neglect to do this he will apply to you
to march against them with the Army & oblige them; which You
will comply with as far as you see prudent.

We have appointed William Perceval Esq.r to go with the
Nabob in quality of Receiver General for the Company and to
inspect and direct all Payments to be made by the Commissary
Mr. Maunsell

The Nabob having Agreed that half the Money to
be collected from the Polligars shall be paid to the Company
has promised also for their further Security that he will make no
Accommodations with any of them without your previous
Knowledge as well as Mr. Percevals, that both of you shall be
present at every Transaction and that all his Business with
them shall be done publickly, Therefore whenever a Vakeel
arrives in Camp from any of the Polligars the Nabob will
apoint you in p.r Tent where he will
settle the Polligars Account in your presence and Mr. Percevals
for the Company is to receive that half of whatever Money is
paid on any Account or under any Denomination.

You will regulate all the Camp Disbursements in
the most frugal manner in concert with Mr. Percival who is

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is to take once a Month for one what Day you shall find most convenient for the Service, but which should be as near as possible to the beginning or the end of each Month, a general Muster of the Military Sepoys and all the Attendance of the Army, as well as of the Cattle employd at which we desire you will be present, or if Business should prevent you, appoint some trusty Person in your Stead; and we further desire that whenever any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts you will order Report to be made to the Commissary and the same when any Promotions are made amongst the Military or Sepoys.

For by the General Muster which is to be signd by yourself or the Person Deputed by you and attested by Mr Perceval, and by the Reports before-mentiond of Death and Desertion He must regulate his Issues of Pay and Batta. We wish you Success and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot Stringer Lawrence Henry Bonnrey Robert Orme Alexr Wynch William Perceval Robert Palk

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At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esqr Governour Presidt
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonnrey
Robert Orme — Alexr Wynch
William Perceval — Robert Palk

Monday the 20th

Mr Percevals Instructions as Receiver General for the Company and Director of the Commissary's Disbursements are now read in their fair Copy, signd and delivered to him and as follow.

To William Perceval Esqr

Sir

The Nabob Anaverdee Cawn intending to set out in three or four Days in order to settle Accounts with the Polligars of the Arcot Country we have thought proper to appoint you to accompany him as Receiver General for the

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The Company and Director of the Commissary's Disbursements of every kind.

We have resolvd to send a Detachment of three hundred Men Rank and File & fifteen hundred Sepoys along with the Nabob to enable him to oblige the Polligars to settle Accounts, which Detachment is commanded by Major James Kilpatrick.

The Nabob has already wrote to all the Polligars ordering them to send their Vakeels to meet him at Terpassore, to which Place he proceeds first, and he has promised that he will make no Accommodations with any of them without the previous Knowledge of yourself and the Commanding Officer. The Nabob is to make his own Agreement but in your Presence, and whatever Money is paid him on any Account or under any Denomination, you are to receive half for the Company.

The Nabob has consented that his Business shall be transacted in the manner thus laid down, you will make careful enquiry into all his Proceedings with the Polligars, and if you find him engaging in any Secret Accommodations contrary to such his Promise, you will make the strongest Representations to him in our Name.

The commanding Officer will assist you in settling all the Camp Disbursements on the most frugal footing. All Payments of Cash of every kind are to be made under your Direction. The Captains draw for the Pay of the Military, but the Sepoys are paid from the Board of the Commissary, and you will observe, that when any Sepoy dies or deserts his Pay stops and the same Day the same if a Soldier deserts but if a Soldier dies or is lost before the 15th he is to be struck off the Roll at the End of that Month if after the 15th he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month

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Month — This is a Consideration for the Burial Charges which the Captains pray, but all Batta as well to Military as Sepoys ceases on the Day of their Death or Desertion

To enable you to enforce all these Regulations we have directed the Commanding Officer to give Orders that Report be made to you when any Soldier or Sepoy dies or deserts and to insert the Day in the Pay Rolls; the same when any Promotions are made among the Military or Sepoys, or any new Men enlisted.

You will send us every Month a General Muster of the Military, Sepoys and all the Attendants of the Army that are paid by the Company, together with a list of Cattle; This Muster is to be taken on the Day the commanding Officer shall approve & should be as near as possible to the beginning or the end of each Month; We have desird him to be present at it or to appoint some trusty Person in his stead and the Musters are to be signd by the Commanding Officer or the Person deputed by him and attested by you.

We have appointed Mr. Maunsell to go with you as Commissary and to act under your Direction in all the Business entrusted to your Care.

The following is a List of Batta to be paid

To Major Kilpatrick — — — — — — — — — —	₱ day — — 5 Pagodas
from the Day of his Departure from Madraſs	
Captains each — — — — — — — — — —	Rs. 6 ₱ Day
Lieutenants — — — — — — — — — —	4
Ensigns — — — — — — — — — —	3
Volunteers — — — — — — — — — —	3
Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers }	Dieted by the Contractors
Soldiers	

For

Fort. St. George 20th Octo. 1755.—

For the Sepoys as by Captain Caillaud's Regulations

Days Fanams

Atubadar &c. N°. of 30. Rupees 20. which makes &c. Day 8

Jemmidar ——— 9 ——— 3 3/5

Hawildars
Naiques &
Sepoys ——— 5 ——— 2

Every one from the Day of his taking the Field.

Mr. Maxwell is to have six Rupees a Day and your own Allowances we have fixed at 5 Pagodas a Day for your Expences and 10 Sh. a Day as Paymaster.

If you can find a convenient Opportunity during the Course of this Expedition to visit the Forts of Arcot and Chungalapet and other Upper Places where any of our Troops are posted, we desire you will review their Accounts, see if all their Business is carried on in a regular and frugal manner and make such Alterations as you shall judge necessary. We have wrote accordingly to Captains Mashelyne & Polier to give you all the Information you may require, and adhere to such Rules as you shall recommend to them. We are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney —
Robt. Orme — Alexr. Wynch — Wilkinson
Percival Robert Palk —

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The Hardwicke being near her Dispatch, the Draft of a Letter to the Secret Committee with whom We are directed by the Orders of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors dated 14. February last to correspond on all the Matters committed to our Management is Ordered to be prepar'd to be sent on her

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr. Desleyrit be advisd of the approaching Dispatch of the Hardwicke and that any Letters he may be desirous of transmitting on her Shall be carefully forwarded.

Geo. Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Ellis

Robert Orme

Wm. Mackett

Rob[t] Palk

Fort St. George 21st October 1755.

Sent a Letter from the President to Mr. Dedeyrit of this Date pursuant to Yesterday's Resolution. Enterd in the French Correspondence No. 70.

At a Committee Present.

Friday the 24th

George Pigot Esq. Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" — Robert Palk
Mr. Percival absent on Service

Letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors to go by the Ship Hardwicke being read in its foul Copy is approved and Ordered to be copied fair.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Powney
Robert Orme
Wynch
Robt Palk

Fort St George the 27 Octo. 1755. –

Recevd a Letter from Mr Deleyrit to the President dated 21st Instant in answer to the Presidents of the 13th and 27th of August, the first on the Subject of the Contested Districts, the other regarding the Pretensions set up by the French to the Ariolore, Madura & Tinnevelly Countries.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq. Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" " — Robert Palk

Mr William Perceval absent on Service

Monday the 27th

Mr Deleyrit's Letter of the 21st being chiefly on the Subject of the contested Districts & containing many Papers of too great a Length to be read and discuss'd before the Departure of the Hardwicke; and our Advices to go by this Ship being all clos'd it is Agreed that the said Letter and Papers do lye on the Table to be taken into Consideration after the Dispatch.

But the last Paragraph containing a Declaration of an extraordinary Nature is order'd to be here inserted that our Honble Masters may judge of the uncertainty of our Situation for if Mr Leyrit should proceed to act in the manner He threats threatens, the Renewal of the War cannot but be the Consequence.

The following is Copy of the Paragraph

"Avant de finir Je ne puis m'empêcher de vous faire
"observer encore que Mahomet Aly se comporte aujourd'huy
"d'une façon qui ne peut pas la Suitte que luy etre préju-
"diciable, il use d'une autorité qu'il n'a pas, et dont je veut
"luy demander sur quel fondement, et à quel titre il
"veut exiger des tributs de divers Palegars qui ou les
"doivent qu'aux Nabab d'Arcatte – Je vous previens sur
ces

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"cet Article Monsieur afin qu'en cas de recidive de la part
"du dit Mahomet Alby vous ne soyez point surpris des
"Moyens qui seront employés pour s'opposer a ces Actes
"d'hostilité qui ne peuvent avoir lieu dans l'etat actuel ou
"sont les Affaires de cette Partie.

Translation

"Before I conclude I cannot help calling to your
"Observation once more that Mahomed Alby conducts him-
"self at this Time in a manner which cannot but be pre-
"judicial to him in its Consequences; he exerts an Authority
"which he has not and it may be ask'd him on what Ground
"and under what Title he would exact Tributes from
"several Polligars who owe them only to the Nabob of Arcot.
"I forewarn you Sir on this Subject, to the end that in case
"of a Relapse on the part of the said Mahomet Alby you
"may not be surpris'd at the Measures which will be
"employ'd to oppose these Acts of Hostility which cannot
"take place in the present Situation of the Affairs of
"these Parts.

† This Expression must refer to the Expedition into Madura & Tinnevelly of which Mr. Leyrit speaks in the former part of his Letter.

It is Resolv'd notwithstanding these Threats of Mr. Leyrit's that We continue to assist the Nabob in collecting the Tributes due from the Polligars which he has an indisputable Right to demand, as we have to assist him in it conformably to the 10th Article of the Provisional Treaty which stipulates that "Every "thing shall remain on the footing of uti possidetis.

Now it is certain that these Polligars have at all Times acknowledg'd the Nabob, that they paid to his Agents a Portion part of their Tributes, during the Troubles, at the Time of the Conclusion of the Truce and since, which is a Proof of his Right always acknowledg'd by them and the same Right must subsist as long as the Truce

Although there is not Time to get a Translation of Mr. Leyrit's Letter it is Order'd that a Copy in French be sent to

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in our Packet to the Secret Committee and that a Postscript be added to the Letter advising of the foregoing Resolution.

A Postscript having been accordingly added the Letter to the Secret Committee to go by the Ship Hardwicke is now Signd and it is Ordered that the Books respecting all the Matters under our Management be seald up in a seperate Parcel & directed to the said Secret Committee

Geo. Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowndes
Robert Orme
Wm Lynch
Robt Palk

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At a Committee Present

Monday the 27th

George Pigot Governour President
Stringer Lawrence
Robert Orme
Henry Savorey
Alexr Wynch
Robt Palk

Esqrs

Mr Percival upon Service.

The Business of the Committee for the Dispatch of the Hardwicke being finish'd, the Several Letters lately receivd are Ordered to be now read that the necessary Answers may be given.

Letter from Duval DeLeyrit Esqr dated 21st Octo. as entered in the French Correspondence N.o 71. part of which was considerd in the foregoing Committee of this Date, and the rest regarding chiefly the contested Districts, it is Ordered that a Copy of the said Letter and of the Papers inclosed be sent to the Commissaries with Directions to make Enquiry into the Truth of them, and send us their Remarks.

And although we do not imagine Mr. DeLeyrit will proceed to Hostilities against the Nabob notwithstanding the Threats containd in the last Paragraph of his Letter, yet it is Agreed to advise Coll. Adlercron & Major Kilpatrick of what Mr DeLeyrit writes, and to direct the latter in case he should finde any French Troops joind with the Collegars first to protest against the Commanding Officer for bearing Arms in the Service of Rebells in Contradiction to the Treaty and then to proceed without any Regard to them, not committing any Hostilities on his part till they oppose his March, in which case he is to repulse Force by Force.

Agreed also that Mr. Starke be directed to place a Spy at the Choultry near Pondicherry where our Peons put up, in order to bring him immediate Intelligence of the Motions of any Party from that Place, to acquaint Coll. Aldercron of such Intelligence, & advise us by express Peons

From

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From William Perceval Esq.r and Major James Kilpatrick as follow

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Governr. &c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I receivd the Honour of your Orders of the 11.th Instant, to proceed to Arcot where I arrivd the 14.th in the Afternoon, and took Charge of the Troops that were encampd there under the Command of Captain Maskelyne & on the 16.th in the Morning I acquainted the Sepoys with the Regulation of their Field Batta, which has taken Place with them as well as with those at Trichinopoly. I march'd with the Army from Arcot the 17.th in the Morning and will be at Terpasore the 20.th about 10 o'Clock, Lieutenant Sutton is so very ill that I shall be obligd to send him to Madrass. Lieutenant Brooke joind me this Morning. I will send you exact Returns the 21.st by which you will be able to judge of what Supplies may be further necessary for this undertaking.

If my Address to you is not proper I beg that you will put me Right in your next Letter.

I have the Honour to remain with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

James Kilpatrick.

Camp at Narsingaporum
19.th Octo.r 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President and Governour &c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I arrivd at Terpasore the 20.th Instant, but finding no cover there for the Troops and Ammunition as I had but very few Tents, and a heavy Rain coming on at the Time, which was likely to continue, determind me to move on to a Place call'd

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call'd Trevatore where I found tolerable Cover for every thing without interfering much with the Inhabitants of the Place. The Nabob is encamp'd about two Miles from us. I waited on him upon my Arrival here, & represented to him the inconvenience that would attend his being at so great a Distance from us, particularly on Account of relieving the Guard every Day in so bad a Season. He Reason he gave for chusing that Situation, He thought it the most proper place to consult about Business but I am apprehensive that his chiefest View in being at such a Distance from me, is that He may pick up some Peice unknown to me, but I shall keep a strict Eye on him. He informd me that none of the Polligars have yet wrote to him nor sent their Vakeels, and that they are uniting their Force to oppose us. I have consented to Lieut.t Sullivin & Ensign Vouga's returning to Madras on Account of their bad State of Health, as they represented to me. I must beg Gentlemen that you will be pleas'd to settle the Ranks of the Officers in their different Stations and Commissions those who are only appointed, and send me a List of the Officers here agreeable to a Regulation that you are pleas'd to make, which will prevent in future all Doubts but what Justice is done them by whatever Officer Commands; As he must oblige them to do their Duty, and some of them will always think themselves injurd, without it is decided by you. There is at present an Instance of Discontent between Lieut.t Brook and Lieuten.t Raitland of the Train, Brook being Commission'd and Raitland only appointed; which Appointment (as He informs me) was some Months before Brook's Arrival in India. I have referr'd them to you to settle it between them and promis'd to represent it.

I have receiv'd the Honour of your Orders of the 19th which shall be strictly complied with in all Respects. Please to

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to let me know if I am to send Returns to Col.o Adlercron as usual. Enclos'd are the Returns which I promis'd to send you on the 21.st but the Weather has been so bad that I have not till now been able to get the Sepoys together. I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant James Kilpatricke.

Camp at Trevatore 22.d Octo. 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r &c.a Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Nabob having been last Night acquainted with Mr. Percevals Arrival we waited on him this Morning at his desire, & had a private Conference with him — He told us Maulbrauze came to him Yesterday, being the only Person, nor had any of the Polligars sent their Vakeels; he had Information that several Polligars were in Combination against him, he had as yet only receivd Maulbrauze with his Compliments, that he found he must treat him with Civility in order by his Means to break the Knot of these Polligars, before the Rains set in otherwise We might continue here perhaps a long Time, doing Nothing & at a great Expence, He was of the same Opinion but talkd of sending the Nelloor Subadar with some Sepoys; Major Kilpatrick objected to that, telling him he ought not to run the Risque of a Defeat in the first Enterprize; It would be safer & more for his Honour to march with the whole Army, while the fair Weather continued; He ask'd the Major when he could be ready, he said at two Hours Warning, He seemd greatly pleas'd at that, desir'd a little Time to consider of it, & would advise us at 10 o'clock this Afternoon; We did not hear from him till 6 this Evening, when by his Interpreter he acquainted us, that Bommarauzes Vakeel had sent him Word, he would wait on him to morrow, that he could not therefore come to any Resolution about the March of the Army, till he had conferrd with Him.

We beg leave to assure You, we shall not be wanting to advise

† We think we ought not to take any Notice to Maulbrauze of his Relation till the Nabob's Business is over; and that Bommarauze has to act with him after.

The proceed to the Nabob the inclosed Letter from the Polligars

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advise and encourage him to act as We think will best Answer the Intent of our Commission and are with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servants

William Percevall
James Kilpatrick

Camp at Trivetore
24th Octr. 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

I arrivd here Last Night about Ten Oclk.; Major Kilpatrick has put me into very good Quarters & the Men are all extremely well provided in a large fine Pagoda.

This Morning the Major and I waited on the Nabob; I deliverd him your Letter, which he said was very agreeable to him.

Maulrawze came in Yesterday & the Major being informd a little before I arrivd; that Maulrawze had been with the Nabob & gone away again; sent an Handsome Message to him to know if it was so, but it proved otherwise. We had Occasion to talk of this, this Morning; we observd to him he promisd to you, we should be present whenever he setled with any Polligars or others especially relating to Money Affairs, he said it was very true, that as yet, he had only receivd a Complimentary Visit from Maulrawze, that He must be sensible of the Forms & Customs of this Country, that he could not himself settle his Affairs with these People, but that his Officers & the other Vakeels undertook that Business, & when things were agreed they should be made publick in our presence, & that he would strictly adhere to his promises made to you in every Respect. Indeed I do not see how he or We can act otherwise.

Our People are in such good Quarters that Should We continue here the Rains which possibly may be the Case if the Jovrnal Vakeels come in, & it is now reported that some are on the

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the Road hither, I believe they might be put upon half Batta at most, I should be oblig'd to you for some Directions on that Head.

I find it would be very agreeable to the Officers here, if the present Officer of the Train was to be continued as their head Officer, I only mention this to you.

I had not time to mention the Affair of Mootas Ally Cawn to the Nabob, but the Linguist tells me they have a different Account of his Prime Minister's Death, that he had beat one of his own Servants in a most violent manner, who in revenge kill'd him. He seems to know nothing of the Seven Articles. I hope you will believe always

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Honble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

William Perceval.

25th I could not copy over these Letters till this Morning, tho intended for yesterday Night.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Honble Sir

Nattamal Lallah Vakeel from Bungarasemy Naig Polligar of Vingavagery came in Yesterday; The Nabob finding he only trifles with him, We shall march with the Army this Afternoon towards his Country; We go by the way of Peddipollam or Perripollam Pagoda to the Northward, & may reach that to morrow Noon, the Stores indented for may be sent that way; the few Men that are Sick will be sent to Terpasore Fort; Mr. Keir has not yet sent the Medicines Chest which is much wanted. Major Kilpatrick wishes he had some of his Captains with him, you will please to order them out as soon as possible

We have but nine Thousand Rupees in Camp, & Pay Day is at hand, you will please to send out what Money you may think necessary with Mr. Maunsell.

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I am with much Truth and Esteem Honble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant Will.m Perceval.

Twelve Sick Men are left at Terpasore.

The President acquaints the Committee that Mr. Maunsell set out last Night with 2000 Pagodas for the Service of the Troops, that the Stores indented for were sent to Camp yesterday, and is now order'd that the Medicines be dispatch'd as soon as possible — That the Commissary send Dooleys to bring in the twelve sick Men from Terpasore and that such Men as may hereafter fall sick in Camp, and are not likely to recover there, be sent to the nearest place where We have a Garrison.

In Order to prevent any future Disputes among the Officers about Rank, it is Agreed to send Major Kilpatrick a General List in the order they are to stand and to put an end to the present Dispute between the two Lieutenants of the Train it is Order'd that Mr. Brooke who came from England with the Company's Directions to succeed to the first Vacancy of a Lieutenancy in the Train before Coll. Heron's Appointment of Mr. Raillard to act in that Station was confirmed, do take the Rank, and that a Brevet be sent Mr. Raillard dated the Day after Mr. Brookes Commission.

As all the Captains now in this Garrison are required to be present either as Members or Evidences at the General Court Martial to be held on Colonel Heron it is impossible for us to send any to Major Kilpatrick till that is ended, after which it is Agreed to supply him with as many as We shall judge necessary for the Service.

Order'd that Letters be immediately wrote to Mr. Perceval & Major Kilpatrick pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

From Richard Starke Esq.r dated 12.th Instant inclosing a Letter to him from Meer Saib Killedar of Wandewash in Answer to what he wrote him by the Vakeel he sent to that

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that Place in Consequence of our Directions of the 27th. of last Month — Accompanying the said Letter is a Copy of Meer Saib's Requests to the Nabob and his Answers, also an Account of the Revenues of Ulavanasoor, all which are entered N°. 177 in the Book of Country Correspondence.

Those Papers having been communicated to the Nabob, it is Agreed to wait his Explanation & Opinion upon them before we take any further Resolution on this Affair.

Captain Maskelyne writes from Arcot that he delivered over the Command of the Troops encamp'd there, to Major Kilpatrick the 17th Instant, that he has acquainted all the Subadars with our late Regulations concerning the Sepoys, with which they seem well contented, that he is informed by Intelligence from Sadguel that Mr. La Volontier (commonly call'd Conna Pringy) was detach'd from Pondicherry with Forty Europeans, twenty by Coffrees, fifteen Horse a Field Piece and two hundred Sepoys to assist the Nabob of Cuddapah in recovering two or three Years Tribute from some Polligars of his Dependance & That the Rout of this Party is through Pollikonda, Aumoor & Wanianbaree.

Letters from the Renter & Tasealdar at Tripaty Read inclosing Bills for Pagodas tenn Thousand (10,000) and Rupees five Thousand three hundred (5,300) in further part of the Sept. or 1st. Kist of the present Year.

Ordered that the Commissary do demand Payment of the Bills

Geo. Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Savage

Robert Orme

W. Wynch

Rob. Palk

These

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Sent a Letter of this Date to Colo Adlercron, as enterd N.o 27; also the following Letters to Richard Starke Esqr William Perceval Esqr & Major James Kilpatrick, pursuant to this Day's Resolutions

To Richard Starke Esqr

Governor St. David

Sir

The President this Day received a Letter from Mr. DeLeyrit, the last Paragraph of which is as follows

"Before I conclude I cannot help calling to your "Observations once more that Mahomed Ally conducts himself at this time in a manner which cannot but be prejudicial to him in its Consequences, he exerts an Authority "which he has not, and it may be askd him on what "Grounds and under what Title he would exact Tributes "from Several Polligars who owe them only to the Nabob of "Arcot, I forewarn you Sir on this Subject to the end that in Case "of a Relapse on the Part of the said Mahomed Ally you may "not be surprisd at the Measures which will be employd "to oppose these Acts of Hostility which cannot take Place "in the present Situation of the Affairs of these Parts."

We cannot imagine that Mr. Leyrit, does really intend to commence Hostilities on so bad a Title and his Threats have not produc'd any Alteration in our Designs. In order however that we may be apprizd as certainly and as speedily as possible of his Proceedings we direct that you send a trusty Peon or other Person for a Spy to lodge at the Chaultry near Pondicherry where our Topasses put up with Orders to give you immediate Intelligence of the Motions of any Party in or out of that Place — which Intelligence you will dispatch to us by express Topasses without Loss of Time & communicate the same to Colo Adlercron. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot &c.a

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To William Perceval Esqr.

Sir

We have receivd your joint Letter with Major Kilpatrick dated 24th Instant & the President has communicated to us your Letters to him of the 24th and 26th

The Stores are already sent by the way of Tervatore Mr. Maunsell set out Yesterday with two Thousand Pagodas and We shall supply you further if you have occasion for it.

We have directed the Medicines to be packid and dispatchid to the Army immediately.

The President has this Day receivd a Letter from Mr. Desteyrit which concludes with threatening that Measures will be taken to oppose the Nabobs proceeding in his Demand of Tribute from the Polligars; but as he can have no kind of Plea for such an Act of Hostility we imagine it is only a Sopal he has a Mind to make of our Resolution, & We have not thought it necessary to make any Alteration in our Plan; We have communicated this to Major Kilpatrick and directed him first to protest against the Commanding Officer of any French Troops he may find joind with the Polligars and if that has no Effect to proceed in his Operations without any Regard to them unless they use force against him in which case he is to repulse force by force.

If Mr. Maubranze has settled with the Nabob & is still in Camp or you meet with another Opportunity we would have you secure him. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Richd. Wynch Robert Palk.

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Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

We have receivd your Letters of the 19th & 22d October and your joint one with Mr. Perceval dated 24.

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We are preparing a General List of Officers to be sent you with the Ranks settled but in order to put an End to the Dispute between the two Gentlemen of the Train we have determin'd that Mr. Brooke have the Rank & a Brevet shall be sent Mr. Raillard dated the Day after Mr. Brooke's Commission.

Whenever you have any Sick men that are not likely to recover in Camp, you will please to send them to the nearest Place where we have a Garrison — We have order'd out Dooleys to bring those left at Terpasore hither.

Some Captains shall be sent you as soon as possible — They are detain'd as yet by the General Court Martial — We approve of your sending Returns regularly to Col. Adlercron and you may advise him at the same time of any material Occurrence

If Maubraure has settl'd with the Nabob and is still in Camp, or should come within your reach again you may secure him.

The President has this Day received a Letter from Mr. Desleyrit which concludes with threatening that Measures will be taken to oppose the Nabob's proceeding in his Demand of Tribute from the Pollegars, but as he can have no kind of Pleas for such an Act of Hostility, we imagine it is only a kind of Pleas for such an Act a Tryal he has a mind to make of our Resolution, & We have not thought it necessary to make any Alteration in our Plan — If you should find any French Troops join'd with the Pollegars, you are first to protest against the Commanding Officer, for bearing arms in the Service of Rebells in Contradiction to the Articles of the Treaty, and then proceed without any Regard to them, not committing any Hostilities against them, till they oppose your march, in that Case you are to repulse Force by Force.

The Stores were sent away Yesterday by the Terrabore Roads.

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The 4 Companys of Sepoys which joind You from Poonamalee are the same who were on Command with Lieut.t Gurtler, that Gentleman is now sent out to you, We therefore desire you will make Enquiry into their Behaviour which has been represented to us to be very Scandalous. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney - Robert Orme - Alex.r Wynch - Robert Palk.

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N.B. Received a Letter from Duval Desseyrit Esq.r to the President, dated 23.d Instant as entered in the French Correspondence N.o 72.

At a Committee Present.

Thursday the 30.th

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" " — Robert Palk

M.r Perceval absent on Service

Since last Meeting the President received the two following Letters from M.r Perceval

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

Agreeable to what I wrote you Yesterday the Army march'd after Noon, & encampd at this Place, about 8 Miles N.E. from Trevatoor, Nattamul Lollah has prevaild on the Nabob to remain here six Days, in which Time he promises to settle every thing to his Satisfaction; the Nabob declares to him if he does not perform his Promise & he should be obligd to move again towards his Country, He will show neither his Master nor him any Favour, but proceed with the utmost Rigour. Vencatachilum tells me, we may be assurd every thing will be settled with this Man, & Money will be forthcoming. Bommanauze's Vakeel is not yet arrivd.

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As We are now in the Field, we are in great want of both Officers & Men's Tents.

Mr. Mansell came in this Morning, & tells me he must return to Morrow to attend at the Court Martial, I hope it will soon be over. I am with great Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient humble Servant

William Perceval.

Camp at Killenoor 27. Octo. 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Honble Sir

The Nabob did us the Favour of a Visit last Night, He told us Comma Sringy with 10 French 20 Coffrees, 500 Sepoys and 3 Guns was gone against a Fort near Sadgul, call'd Amoor or Amboor, He desir'd I would mention it to you & wishes you could send one Hundred Europeans & three Hundred Sepoys to its Relief with 2 Guns, He would join four or five Hundred of his Horsemen to them; Venkatachilum says, He believes the Person in possession would gladly pay the Expence — Is not this an Infringement of the Truce, the French daring to attack a Fort that has always acknowledg'd the Nabob? after the Nabob has reduc'd these Petty Colligars I find his Intent if possible is to reduce Veloor, but of that you will hear more hereafter.

We remain here in hopes to settle with Nattamul Sollah, it is said there is more than one Lack of Rupees expected from his Master.

The Nabob has desir'd some Snuff of me, but seems in want of a Snuff Box, I wish you would be so kind to supply him with one, I have not one fit to give him.

Abdul Vahab Cawn arrived at the Nabob's Quarters this Morning. I am with great Esteem Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant William Perceval.

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I fear I shall want a Secretary.

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Letter at the same time received from the Nabob as entord in the Country Correspondence N.° 184, Read, complaining of Disturbances lately raisd by the French in the District of Sumrapoor, and that Connafringy with the Party mentiond in Captain Maskelynes Letter read last Committee had besieg'd Aumoor Pettah a Place near Sadgul belonging to the Circar — Agreed that a Representation be made to M.r Dedeyrit of these Infringements of the Truce and that Capt. Maskelyne be directed to watch the Motions of Connafringy's Party.

All the Tents as well for Officers as Soldiers having been already sent to Carrp.r it is agreed to write Major Kilpatrick to acquaint us how many more he shall want to cover the whole Army, and as the Rains have lately been very heavy and more may be expected, which will be very hurtful to our People if they are expos'd, the President is desird to recommend to the Nabob to keep the Army lodg'd as much as possible in Places of Shelter, and it is Agreed to direct M.r Percival and Major Kilpatrick to put him in mind of this necessary Caution as often as they see Occasion.

M.r Dedeyrit's Letter of the 23.d Instant N.° 92 contains a Complaint that our Commissarys lately seiz'd five Inhabitants of the Contested Districts and carried them Prisoners to Carangoly Fort of which five Persons M.r Dedeyrit demands the Release as Subjects belonging to the French & living under their Protection — For[illegible]ent acquaints the Committee that Captain Gaupse one of our Commissaries who was Lately at Madrass gave him the following Account of this Affair, That these five Persons had often insulted and even struck the Perpatims appointed by our Commissaries to watch in their respective Villages and obstructed them in the Execution of their Offices that the French Commissaries frequently seiz'd Inhabitants of the contested Districts & sent them away to

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The President

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Pondicherry without any Reason by which means they had struck an Awe of their Authority into the People very prejudicial to our Interest, for which Reason our Commissaries thought it necessary to make an Example of these five Offenders

The Committee approve of this Proceeding of our Commissaries & it is Agreed to direct them to send us a particular Account of the Persons seized by the French & carried to Pondicherry from the contested Districts & Resolved in the mean time to write Mr Dedeyrit, that We look upon all the Inhabitants of the contested Districts to be Subjects at least equally belonging to us, that the five Persons in Question by their insolent Behaviour to our Peripatetics offended not only against the Respect due from them to us, but also against the Treaty concluded between the Presidents & Mr Godeheu on the Subject of those Districts & that whereas we have reason to be satisfied that they will behave better in future it will be a proper time to shew them Marks of Clemency.

The Vakeel of the Tripaty Renter now delivers in a Bill for Pagodas 207 in full of the Ballance due on the June or last Kist of the former Y[ear] deducting 3[per] Cent as usual for the Sorofs & Premium on the Bills — The Account of the said Kist as examined in Committee the 15th Sept.r last, being referd to, the Bill is found right & the Commissary is ordered to demand the Money.

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Eliz.th Pitt
Benger Lowsley
Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme
W.m Lynch
Robt Palk

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Sent two Letters from the President to Daval De Leyrit Esqr. one dated Yesterday, one this Day, pursuant to the Resolutions of the two last Committees, Enterd in the French Correspondence N°. 78374.

Sent also the following Letters to William Perceval Esqr. and Major James Kilpatrick pursuant to Yesterday's Resolutions.

To William Perceval Esqr.

Sir

The President yesterday laid before us your Letters to him of the 27th & 28th. We have complaind to Mr. Leyrit of the Proceedings of Connafringy and shall wait his Answer for we do not imagine the Fort of Amboor is in any immediate Danger and we are unwilling to expose our Men to the inclemency of the Weather without absolute necessity.

For the same Reasons we desire you will enquire of the Nabob when he thinks his Business will be finisd & where he intends to lodge the Men, recommending it to him whenever he designs to make a stay of three or four Days to fix on some Spot where the People can be sheltered from the Rain, otherwise we must expect to have them fall down very fast. We have already sent out all the Tents we could get made and more are in hand.

We have just receivd your Letter of the 30th and are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney — Robert Orme — Alexr. Wynch — Robert Palk.

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To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

We have sent out all the Tents we have been able to get ready as well for Officers as Men and beg you will dispose of them so as to shelter as many of your People as possible — We have ordrd more to be set about and should be glad to know what number will be necessary for the whole Army. That the Men may be as little expos'd as possible We have recommended it to the Nabob to fix always on some Spot

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where they can be sheltered whenever he designs making Stay of three or four Days and We desire you will put him in mind of this as you see Occasion.

The Nabob acquaints us that Comria Pringy with a Party of French and Sepoys seems to have a Design against the Fort of Amboor belonging to the Nabob – We do not apprehend much Danger on that Score and have therefore contented ourselves for the present with complaining to Mr. Leyrit. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot – Stringer Lawrence – Henry Powney – Robert Orme – Alex.r Wynch – Robert Talk.

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3 Received a Letter from Colonel John Adlercron dated 30th October, as entered N.o 28.

Monday the 3d –

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" " Robert Talk
Mr. Percival Absent on Service

Received the following Letter from Captain Caillaud &
Mr. Newton.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Governour
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass

N.o 14.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The last Letter I had the Honour of addressing you Gentlemen was N.o 13 dated the 2d Instant since when I have received your Favour of the 27th September N.o 10.

In consequence of the Measures Gentlemen which you pointed out for me to pursue, I went to Sanjore, and delivered the two Letters to the King and Moraroo. Moraroo seemed well pleased with

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with his and made great Promises to acquiesce in every thing We could desire. From him I went to the King; who tho when his Letter was read, expressd nothing to me in particular that he was dissatisfied, yet I plainly saw he was nothing less than pleasd. My Audience was Short, the King retiring to dress on Account of the Feast, and to make his Appearance that Night in Publick. The next Day I saw Monogee, and intimated to him what I thought and what I suspected, with my Wonder at what the King could be displeasd in the Letter. Monogee owned my Suspiccions were true, but assurd me that by the Conversation he had after my Departure with the King, he had removd all Grounds of displeasure, especially when he told him, that I would endeavour to make Tondiman deliver the Country to us until a proper Time came to settle this Affair. That I should see the King the next Day, and be convinced how well satisfied he was with our Intentions towards him, and willing to abide by our Decision in the Affair. The next Day instead of seeing the King, a Message came from him, desiring me in a very pressing manner to stay two Days longer and then he would see me, but he could not before on Account of his Feast, which forbid him at that Time to do any Busineſs. Finding it was to no purpose arguing against it, I agreed to stay, and the third Morning after went to Monogee, from whence I expected to be introducd to the King. But then after a great many Apologies, another trifling Excuse was made why I could not see the King that Day, but that I should the next. I insist then staying any longer, and told Monogee I suspected the Reason why I could not see the King, for that I was sure he was not satisfied. I urgd his not acting sincerely, and the Folly of endeavouring to deceive us who were his Friends. He assurd me over and over the King was satisfied, that I was mistaken, and that he entirely submitted and depended on us. I then took my Leave, and set out for Trichenopoly. In half an Hour after I was gone a Person came from the King expecting to find me at Mr. Newton's, but tho I was not there he delivered his Message to

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to him.

"That the King would wait no longer than fifteen or
"twenty Days, untill we could have Letters from Madraſs;
"That he expected the Country, and that if it was not agreed on
"by our Means to put him in Poſſeſsion of it in that Time, he
"must send Monogee with his Army to recover it for him."

Two Days after Mr. Newton who had been some time out of Order, intending to come here; sent a Meſsage to Monogee acquainting him with his Design, before he set out. Monogee immediately sent for him, and after begging his Pardon, and hoping he would not be angry, desir'd him to tell me he had the King's Order to march and recover that Country as soon as the Feast was over if the next Letters that came from Madraſs which he would wait for, did not decide the Affair in his Favour. Since Mr. Newton's Account of what happen'd after my Departure I have wrote to the King and Monogee, Copies of which Letters I take the Liberty to enclose to you.

It seems the King is very averse to the Scheme of the Country being put into our Hands, for then he knows he dare not attempt any thing against it. But as it is certainly the best Method to prevent his acting, and of our ever making him comply with the necessary Measures at this Time, I shall use my utmost Endeavours to make Pondiman agree to it. I hope and expect to see him or his Brother in a Day or two and so to be able to settle it. If you thought proper Gentlemen a more peremptory Letter than the last might have a good Effect, & may I beg your further Orders & Instructions how to act, should things come to an Extremity.

I have followd your Directions Gentlemen as to Mauphoos Cawn, and in a few Days expect his Answer. as also to be at some certainty with regard to the Payment of the Money from the Pollegar Securities, As soon as I can get Satisfactory Accounts I shall not fail to transmit them. I remain with great Respect &c.a John Caillaud

To

† Adl. Clayton's Letter from Madraſs Octr. 15th. Received Novr. 21st. Pagoda

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To the King of Tanjore

I was very sorry to be obligd to go from your Court without having the Honour to take my Leave; But I was more sorry afterwards to find I had come there to no purpose. I thought the Letter from my Master, which I had the Honour to deliver you, was sufficient to satisfie you. I thought the Assurances I made you Sir would content you. I thought you wanted no Proofs of the Favour and Friendship of the English Nation, and how ready and willing they were at all Times with Justice to support your Honour and Interest. I thought all this when I came away from your House; And now I find you are not willing to trust our Words even to settle about a little Country for you. My Masters won't believe me when I write all this, and tell them the Message you sent after me. I cannot believe it myself, but think it was a Dream, or that the Man you sent did not tell the Words of your Mouth. I have wrote all to Madraß; and I hope and expect you will wait the Answer as you promisd Mr Newton, & as it was upon that he told me & to oblige you that I wrote. Since you was not willing to hear what I had to say from myself. Monoagee your General can tell you every thing and when he tells you what I promisd, it will be this, That as you claimd that Country from Tondiman, it must of Consequence be your Right, and therefore we would not justly and get for you your own, but that it required some time to hear what Tondiman had to say, and that the Governor desird you would wait and leave it to us to settle / This you promisd when you desird us to be middle Persons / That We hopd you would not think of fighting; because you knew very well we had given our Words that there should be none yet in the Country. All this I told Monogee, and would have had the Honour of telling you so myself had you thought proper to see me. But the next Time I come to Tanjore I hope to have better Fortune, I expect it too because I come in the Place of the Honourable Governor

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Governour and speak his Words, therefore I deserve to be treated with Respect; But I say no more you will know his mind by his next Letter, and I am sure you will be contented and satisfied that the English Nation are your Brothers, and the well wishers of your Honour and your Happiness for which I always pray.

To Monsieur ——

Little did I think after I left you Sir that the King would send such a Message. You told me the King was satisfied; could he be satisfied and speak such Words? But I knew better; I knew the King was angry and that was the Reason why you would not let me see him. You have been promising the King more than ever I promisd you. You have been deceiving us and deceiving him. You call me your Brother and your Friend, and yet you will not tell me to day. What can I say to all this? What can I do? You have desird Mr Newton to tell me you have the King's Orders to march after the Feast, if the next Letters from Madraß do not give the Country to the King. Perswade the King to think otherwise, It is your Interest to do so, It is for his Good. Talk to him reasonably he will hear Reason, and by little and little put out of his Mind that thoughts of fighting when he can manage his Business better without it. Let him Leave it to us to settle all, let him wait till we can manage it properly. I am afraid the King is Angry with You about this Business, But you make him worse by promising more than he ought to expect. You promise every thing to be done in ten or fifteen Days, and you I believe have told him that I promisd the same Remember what I told you Sir, that I would do every thing in my Power, with Justice for him, and that for our Sakes as well as his own, we would settle it as soon as We could; But that I would not hear of any Time, nor would I hear talk of fighting. Did you tell him these Words, and did he then send that Message after I was gone

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and desire you to tell Mr Newton what he told me? I am sorry for all this, not for my Sake, but for yours. The King does not frighten me by being angry; I had rather he was pleas'd and it is your Business to make him so, but not in the way you do, by telling him what is not true. The Fire will blaze out at last against you tho you cover it for a little while, and then you will not be able to stop it. I have wrote to Madrass, I expect an Answer in the common Time; The King will have a Letter and so will you, it is your Business till then to keep the King quiet, and to make him reasonable, I expect this from your good Sense, and the Love you have you say for us all, and owe as your Brother. Write me your mind, I hope to have an Answer to this Letter, and that then you will tell me for sure the King is as he ought to be; I shall meet Tondeman's Brother in two or three Days & I hope to make every Thing easy, in the way I promis'd I would.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Honble Sir

I hope your Goodness will excuse the Liberty I have taken, in leaving Tanjore a small time without your previous Consent, but being much out of Order, I am in Hopes by a change of Air and Doctor Wilson's Assistance to receive great Benefit.

Captain Caillaud having acquainted your Honor and the Committee with his Proceedings in regard to the Disputes between the King of Tanjore and Tondeman, was the Reason of my not addressing you lately on that Subject.

The King's Behaviour to Captain Caillaud a few Days ago when there, and his Declaration to me since of his intending to send Troops against Tondeman in 15 or 20 Days if not put in Possession of the Country seem to indicate his Resolution of being satisfied with nothing less, and I believe it has been owing only to a want of Money, and expecting to be put in possession by your Mediation that

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that they have deferr'd it so long; The want of Money is I believe in a great Measure removed by the Rents coming in lately and other Methods Managee has taken to procure it.

A few Days after I wrote you last the King returned the Watch you sent him on pretence it did not go well, but really because he did not think it good enough, and expects to receive a Repeater, I was order'd to promise him.

I would be glad to be favour'd with your Commands in regard to that, as also my longer continuance at Tanjore, or where you would please to have me repair to. I am with great Respect

Trichenopoly
22d October 1755.

Honble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
Andrew Newton.

The Committee do with great Concern observe from the Purport of the foregoing Letters the King of Tanjore's averseness to the Method of accommodating the Dispute between him and Tondiman propos'd to him by Captain Caillaud in Consequence of our Resolution of the 26th Sept. and that in spite of all our Endeavours to prevent Hostilities he seems still resolv'd to attempt by Force the Recovery of the Countries he claims——— The Difficulties set forth in the said Committee of 26th Sept. do still subsist; On one Side a Breach of the Truce, On the other a Rupture between us and the Tanjoreans; The first We are determin'd on no Account to engage in, the other We would avoid if possible, but We see no Method except the last propos'd (viz.) That the Contested Countries should be deposited in our Hands untill the Right can be determin'd — It is Agreed therefore to direct Captain Caillaud & Mr. Newton to make another Tryal of it and to enforce it by representing To the King of Tanjore that We absolutely cannot see him commence Hostilities without opposing him, that if he will consent to our Proposal an Opportunity may offer of favouring him; as we should always be glad to do other Circumstances will admit of it. And to Tondiman that by lodging the Countries in our Hands his Rights will be preserved entire

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entire, whereas if the King of Tanjore should take them from him by Force, he will have no Chance of recovering them.

Agreed further to write Capn Caillaud that if by his expected Conference with Tondiman's Brother he should discover any other means of settling this Dispute amicably, it will be highly agreeable to us, and that We leave it to his Discretion; And although these our utmost Endeavours to prevent Hostilities should all prove ineffectual, and the King of Tanjore actually send his Troops against Tondiman we would still avoid being the first to oppose him, and if possible oblige the French to begin the Work, for fear of his throwing himself into their Arms, to which end it is resolv'd to direct Captain Caillaud to advise us if the King of Tanjore should commence Hostilities & wait our further Orders, and if in the mean Time the French Commandant should prepare to assist Tondiman and demand the Junction of a Party of English, that He / Captain Caillaud return for Answer that he has advis'd us and expects our Directions.

Letter from Col.l Adlercron dated 30.th October as entered N.o 28. Read, in Answer to the Notice We gave him of M.r DeLeyrit's threatening to oppose the Nabob in his Demand of Tribute from the Pollygars. Coll.o Adlercron expresses some Doubts whether We have not first broke the Treaty by sending an Army with the Nabob upon such a Service, which doubts he says he should have been able to clear up if he had been trusted with a Copy of the Provisional Treaty; He assures us however that he is willing to exert his whole Strength in Support of the Company's Interests in this Country although he has met with the most unprecedent Usage, and concludes with a Complaint of our not having answer'd his Letter of the 8.th August last.

unprecedented

It is equal Surprise and Grief to us to find by the whole Tenor of Colonel Adlercron's Letter that all our Endeavours to see him satisfied and a Harmony established have been ineffectual, and that he cannot address us on publick Business without a large

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large Mixture of Expressions tending only to inflame Divisions —
The want of a Copy of the Provisional Treaty seems however to be
the only Pretence he now has for speaking of Grievances, and
although that Treaty does not as we have often avow'd him con-
cern any thing that can happen in India during the Truce, it is
however Agreed to send him a Copy of it, in hopes that our compli-
ance in this Point will deprive him of the possibility of further
Complaint.

We are convinced beyond Doubt by his Majesty's Instructions
to Colt Adlercron, that he is only to execute the Plans sent him by us as far
as the Council of War find them practicable without enquiring into
our Reasons. Yet it is Agreed to explain to him particularly the
Nabob's Right over the Polligars and the weakness of Mr Saunders's Pre-
tensions in order to remove his Doubts on that Subject. And in Answer
to the other Parts of his Letter it is Resolv'd to write him,

That We never imagin'd the usage he has met with
could lessen his Regard for the Interest of the Company which is
the Interest of the Nation in general, for if that Usage has been
unprecedented, it can be only for this Reason, That no Person of
any Rank soever who has come to India has been treated with
so much Respect, Civility and even Indulgence.

And, That our Desire of Harmony and of an end to
the disagreeable part of the Correspondence between us was the
Reason of our not replying to his Letter of the 8th August — By
this Letter enough is said in Committee of the 13th of that Month
when a Resolution was taken to answer it by a General Memoir
which We actually prepar'd, but for fear of lengthening a Discus-
sion on the several disputed Points, and thereby inflaming Divi-
sions, it was resolv'd not to send it, and the Secret Committee are
acquainted with these Reasons in our Address of the 27th Feb.
last, by the Ship Hardwicke.

Received

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Receivd since last Meeting the following Letter from
William Perceval Esq.r

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r and
Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I Yesterday receivd your Favour of the 27.th and acquainted the Nabob with the insolent Behaviour of the French; He was very much pleasd with the Directions you have given to Major Kilpatrick; He has Advice of a Skirmish happening between the Polligar of Amboor & Connaginy & that the latter was obligd to retreat. Maubrawze is now under the Nabobs protection and look'd upon as a necessary Man in the present Situation of his Affairs; We shall wait for a proper Opportunity to secure him.

Camp at Killinoor 30.th Octo.r 1755.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant
William Perceval.

The Committee approve of Mr. Percevals deferring for the present the Execution of our Orders regarding Maubrawze for the Reasons mentiond in the foregoing Letter.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bowyer
Robert Orme
W Lynch
Rob.t Palk

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Sent the following Letters to Captain Caillaud and Mr. Newton pursuant to this Days Resolutions and the President at the same time wrote the King of Tanjore the Letter entered in the Country Correspondence N.o 188.

To Captain John Caillaud
Commanding at Trichenopoly
N.o 14. Sir

We have receivd your Letter dated the 21.st October. We are much concernd to find the King of Tanjore so obstinately bent on the Attack of the Countries he disputes with Tondiman, the consequence of which must inevitably be the renewal of the Troubles The President has now wrote him positively that it must not be done, and that it will be more advisable for him to consent to your Proposals till the Right can be determind, or an Alteration of Affairs give us an Opportunity of shewing him the favour we would always be willing to do.

the King's Letter

We have inclosd / of which herewith is a Copy / to Mr. Newton and desird him to go back to Tanjore to deliver it, and explain to the King more particularly how impossible it is for us at this Time either to assist him in attacking Tondiman or to see him do it without opposing him. We desire you will also give Mr. Newton such Instructions as you think may be useful.

If by your Conversation with Tondiman you should get any new Lights by which you can discover a Possibility of settling the Affair amicably by Tondiman's consenting to give up a Part and the King agreeing not to ask more, or by any other means it will be very pleasing to us and We leave it to your Discretion. But if after all your Endeavours the King should still insist on the whole and avoid his Troops, we would not have you commence Hostilities against him, but wait for further Orders, and if in the mean time the French Commander at Tyrinjam should summon you to join him against the King of Tanjore, you may give him for

hostilities/

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for answer that you have acquainted us with the Affair and that you are expecting our Orders on the Subject. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Lowney — Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch — Robert Palk

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To Mr. Andrew Newton

Sir

I have receivd your Letter of the 22d Octo.r, and now inclose you one for the King of Tanjore which I would have you deliver yourself. The Translation will acquaint you with our Resolution on the Subject of the Dispute between him and Tondiman which We do not see any other method of settling amicably except the last propos'd by Captain Caillaud.

You will represent to the King that it is impossible for us to avoid acting against him if he begins Hostilities; on the contrary if he will consent to leave the Countries in our Hands untill the Right can be determin'd, an Opportunity may offer of shewing him the Favor, which we would always be glad to do. when Circumstances will admit of it.

You will consult with Captain Caillaud before you set out, and receive such Instructions as he may think proper to give you. It will be necessary for you to remain at Tanjore untill this Affair is ended. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant George Pigot.

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Govern.r President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Lowney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" — " — Robert Palk

Tuesday the 4th —

Mr. Perceval absent on Service

Last mon receivd the following Letter from Richard

Starke Esq.r

Fort St. George 1st. Novem.r 1755.

To the Honble the President & Governour and the
Gentlemen for conducting Country Affairs

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this Instant received Advice that a Detachment consisting of 200 Soldiers and 150 Sepoys with two Field Peices set out this Day from Pondicherry and are arrived at Rangapillah's Choultry with a Design (as they say) to go to Maderantegaum. I am with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant Richard Stanke.

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At the same time came in the following Letter from
William Perceval Esq.r

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 31.st Ultimo came to Hand Yesterday Morning.

The Time granted to Nattamul Sollah being expired, We attended on the Nabob by his Desire Yesterday at 4 o'Clock. We acquainted us he had settled with Nattamul much more to his Satisfaction than he could have expected which with many Compliments upon the Occasion he imputed to our Presence & an English Army. The Agreement is for 125,000 Rupees for the Carnar & 15,000 for the Durbar; in all 140,000: He asked me if he should keep the Durbar Money; I only said he knew his Agreement with the Company; well then says he, we will keep all, 70,000 for the Company & the same for me; I will promise the Durbar People something another Time. Abdul Nabob Cawn & others coming in, he sent for Nattamul Sollah, who after some Conversation, in the Presence of the whole Durbar, delivered the Nabob two Copies or Agreements One for One Hundred & twenty five thousand Rupees (125,000) the other for fifteen Thousand (15000) The Nabob read them to us and did

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askd if he had got Bills of the Merchants for these Sums? Nattamul request-
ed two or three Days to do it; the Nabob desird he would be expeditious, for
We had staid here thus long out of Complaisance to him — We shall continue
here two or three Days to finish this Affair; indeed We have had
so much Rain for six Days past, & the Roads are so bad, that We
cannot march far till We have fair Weather — The Nabob proposes
going neat against Bommaraure by way of Trevatore & Trepasore.
When I mentiond to the Nabob you hoped he would take care of
our People, he shew'd me he had taken Care of the Guards attend-
ing him by placing a Tent for them within his own Walls, & would pay
a due Regard to what you recommend to him.

From this Happy beginning I hope We shall be able to collect
enough at least if not more than will answer the Expence of the Expe-
Camp at Chittoor 3 Nov. dition, which I shall most carefully attend to; and am with great
Hillmoor 1755. Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant
William Percival.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Honble Sir

In my Letter to the Committee I have acquainted you with the Nabob's
Success with Nattamul Vakeel from Bungarasum Naigue.

The Nabob told me with much Joy he was now Governour of Arcot, having
taken all that Country into his own Hands from Abdul Vahab Cawn; and that
Murtaz Ally Cawn had sent a Man from Vellore with an Offer of one Lack of Pagodas
upon certain Terms & ask'd me whether he shall take it or not; Abdul Vahab Cawn
came in upon us, that We could not talk on that Subject, I believe he will write to
you about it. You will be best able to Judge whether he shall take that Fort or go
against his Fort; which will require a large Force, will take up much Time,
cannot be undertaken till after the Monsoon & will be attended with a great
Expence which expence will chiefly fall on You. Abdul Vahab Cawn arrived
for Arcot last Night, it is said not greatly satisfied, tho I hear he has
the Promise of Chittoor Fort & its Dependencies & something in the Vellore
Country. The Nabob told me here the Durbar 15000 Rupees were to have
been

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been disposed of; Five Thousand to Abdul Nabab Cavera five to Sumpetroow 2,500 to Sumpetroow's Brother & the Remainder to the other Servants of the Durbar. Comma Tringy it is said has left this Province & gone into the Pattan Country

Camp at Pallanoor 3. Nov.r 1755. Noon — The Nabob ask'd me Yesterday again for a Setting Boat. I told Dody say I had wrote for one & hope you will be so kind to supply me. I am with much Truth and Esteem Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant William Percival. —

Agreed that immediate Notice be given to the Commissaries of the March of the French Party mentioned in Mr Starke's above Letter, and as from the Contents of Mr Percival's Letters there is Reason to hope the Nabob will settle his Affairs with the Polligars to advantage if our Troops are not obliged to leave him, we would avoid if possible the commencing of Hostilities in the contested Districts to which end it is Agreed to send Directions to our Commissaries to endeavour by all means to settle their Disputes with the French Commissaries amicably, and to acquaint us more particularly with the Source of them, contenting themselves with protesting against the French Gentlemen, if they proceed to any Acts of Violence in the meantime.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bourchier
Robert Orme
P Wynch
Robt Palk

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At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Powney
Robert Orme Alex.r Wynch
" " Robert Palk

Mr. Perceval absent on Service

Letter from Richard Starke Esq.r to the President dated the 6th Instant Read, advising that the Party from Pondicherry mention'd in his Letter of the 1st was intended only to relieve the Garrisons of Waldour Villenour and Alamparva

Received the following Letters from Major James Killpatrick and William Perceval Esq.r

Wednesday 12th

The Honble George Pigot Esq.r President
and Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have had the Honour to receive your Letters of the 29th & 30th of October, and will punctually observe your Orders in regard to the French, should I find any of them in any way — Maul Rauze is yet in camp under any Protection which I promis'd him upon the Nabob's representing to me that it would be a Means of breaking a Knot of the Collegians who were joind together to oppose us, but that Maul Rauze was inclined to leave them and join him but was afraid of the English. Should he take his Leave of the Nabob and afterwards come in any way you may depend upon my making him a Prisoner. I shall follow your Directions regarding the Sick Men; I sent you three Yesterday from Tirupa-sore, the rest that were left there not as the Doctor informs me will be able to join the Camp in a few Days. With regard to the Nabob's Affairs here I must beg leave to refer you to Mr. Percevals Letter for Information — I hope may depend upon my Care of your People & every Thing that I have the Honor to

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to be entrusted with. The Nabob informd us Yesterday that Coun
Fringy with his Party were retird from Amboor Fort. Enclos
are the usual Returns of the Camp with the Proceedings of a Co
of Enquiry held on the Sepoys as you desird, and another
ceedings which Captain Mashelyne forwarded to me from
We want fifty private Tents and nine Officers Tents in
the Six Officers Tents already indented for, to cover the wo
I have the Honour to remain with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servan
James Kilpatrick

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We have already sufficient of private Tents in
Camp for our Military & Troops.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Honble Sir

I have lately had two Visits from Maulavee by the Nab
Permission to him, the first only complimentary; This Morn
told me he was very much concernd for the Accident that happ
some time ago which he was no ways concernd in, being at th
Time absent, that he was always a good Friend to the English
pleaded his long and faithful Services at Fort St. David to
Company and the Nabob, & hopd the Governour & Gentlemen
Madrass at Madrass would always look upon him as a good
faithful Servant, and a great deal to that Purpose, I was
to give him an hearing, that he might have no Suspicion
gave him no Encouragement, but hopd now he was with the
Nabob he would prove a good Servant to him, & desird
The Nabob I believe has no great good Opinion of him
thinks he may be useful to him at present.

It is now noon & I have heard nothing from
Nabob in Relation to the Bills or our marching from
Vencatachellum being with me, I now send him to
and desire I may have his Answer before Night that

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advise you of, for you would not be pleas'd at our staying here so long, doing nothing

Honble Sir

I did not receive the Nabob's Answer till Late last Night, which I now enclose you, I sent again this Morning, I sent again this Morning and have the same Answer; I believe the Nabob does not chuse to move without the Bills any more than I do. They plead the heavy Rains in excuse for this delay, We have had two very fine Nights, but Rain came on in the Day, & more seems to be again set in. The People are as yet all very well, but if frequently wet I fear will not long continue so; I shall not be wanting in my Endeavours to hasten our march. Last Night I received twenty five thousand Rupees and two Thousand Pagodas which Mr Maunsell writes me will be sufficient for this Month. The Weather has been so bad we have not been able to muster the People, but shall take the first good Opportunity to do it. I am very truely Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

William Peacock.

Camp at Killenoor
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To the Honble George Pigot Esq. President & Govr
&c. &c. Gentlemen of the Committee at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you a General Muster of all the Military Sepoys and Attendants of the Army that are paid by the Company with a List of Cattle; most of the Draught Bullocks, if not all, belong to the Company, most of the Carriages I am told are hired, Mr Maunsell will tell you how many of each are the Company's; most of the Draught Bullocks are in very good Order, but some of the Company's Carriage Bullocks so old and weak that I have order'd ten of the worst of them to be sold & others hired or purchas'd in their Stead; please to let me know if I shall purchase and keep all the Bullocks on the Company's Account, as was once proposed

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proposd. The great Number of Tents & Baggage make it necessary to keep so large a Number of Bullocks & Coolys. I am in great want of an Assistant to write for me, & beg you will be so indulgent to supply me with one. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant William Percival.

Camp pak Killenoor
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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Honble Sir

The Nabob acquainted me Yesterday that Bramma rauze's Vakeel was at Trevatore & waited for a good Day to come to him. He has receivd Letters from his Vakeel at Golcondah, that Mr Law with three Hundred Men was arrivd there; that five hundred more were expected & Salabad Jung was very ill. He shewed me a Letter he had receivd from You advising him to consult with me in regard to Muntaz Ally Cawns Offer, that he had considerd his Proposal & read me what Terms he would grant Muntaz Ally Cawn & likewise the Terms he expected from him, that he would send me those Papers translated that I might consider of them, Muntaz Ally Cawn is to pay one Lack of Pagodas part of them upon signing those Agreements, the Remainder at a certain Time to be limited; Indeed I do not see any Prospect of Success in going against Vellore at present, I told the Nabob I thought he had better take this Money, for We should be always near at hand & ready to keep Muntaz Ally Cawn in Subjection; he seems to be of my way of thinking, and says, One Lack of Pagodas is more than he ever paid to any one before. The Nabob of Cuddapah & others have join'd in a defensive Alliance against Salabad Jung & solicit our Nabob to join them, which he thinks he must do, as these may be troublesome Neighbours, and the other is at a great Distance. He hears the French have

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have sent two Hundred Men into the contested Villages near Chinglepet, but supposes you will have Notice of that, and provide accordingly — Nattanaulls Agent with the Soroffs are coming from Madraps to settle the Affair of the Bills, I heartily wish this was ended that We might move from hence — I prest him much in regard to Comar Naigue; Sanapetroffs Dallah being much afflicted with the Gout, sat out for Madraps last Night.

You have not been pleas'd to take any Notice of the Request I made you for an Assistant to write for me, I should not repeat it if I did not find it absolutely necessary. I am with much Truth Honble Sir Your most Obedient hble Servant William Perceval.

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The Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry held on the Sepoys who misbehavd when they were on Command with Lieut. Gwatkin against Maatraire, being likewise read and the Subadar Narazut Naigue appearing to have acted the least like an Officer on that Occasion, it is Agreed to direct Major Killpatrick to have him tried according to their own Forms, and to write Mr. Perceval in Answer to his foregoing Letters That if he should meet with any good Bullocks he may purchase as many as are wanted and keep them on the Company's Account. That as the General Court Martial appointed on Colonel Heron is nearly at an end, Mr. Maunsell will soon return to assist him in his writing Business. And that We wou'd have the Nabob encourage the Nabob of Cuddapah &c.ª in the League mention'd in Mr. Percevals last Letter, writing them in answer to their Invitation, that as the present Truce is soon to expire he keeps himself in a Condition to defend his Countries, and will be ready to assist them to the utmost of his Power — This League the Committee judge may be of Service if the Troubles

Troubles

should

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" You requested me also to grant Masselmedy, Checarayer
" Cocconore as a Sagueer to Zayenelabadeen Cawn; &c
" I must preserve your good will above all other Affairs
" I grant it to you."

But Murtaz Ally Cawn upon the Strength of the above has formid to himself other Indulgences and lately sent Captain Masketyne, who transmitted them to the President, the following Seven Articles, as a Copy of the Agreement he pretends to have been made with him & Abdul Vahab Cawn and confirmid by Mr Saunders.

1st " That Murtaz Ally Cawn be releasd from
" paying Tribute to the Morattas.

2d " That he be releasd from paying Tribute to
" Salabad Jung.

3d " That he be releasd from paying Tribute
" to the Nabob.

4th " That all the Carangoly Villages and other
" belongd formerly to the Sagueer of Veloor be given up to him.

5th " That the Sumets of Agaram and Trotepet
" which produce 60,000 Rupees P Annum be given up
" to him by the Circar.

6th " That the said two Sumets be confirmd
" to him by Salabad Jung.

7th " That he be releasd from furnishing any
" Troops or Assistance to the Nabob."

The Difference between the two foregoing Agreements is very evident and is a Proof of Murtaz Ally Cawn's ill faith. As to Abdul Vahab Cawn, it is certain that he has receivd Sums of Money from Murtaz Ally since the Conclusion

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Conclusion of the Agreement. The Nabob declar'd to us that he very much disapprov'd of his Brother Abdul Vahab Cawn's Conduct on this Occasion, and that he neither did nor would give his Sanction to the Agreement as he thought it out of his Power as well as quite unreasonable to free Murtaz Ally Cawn who never did him any Service, from the Tribute due to the Circar.

The Nabob when on this Subject acquainted us further that Abdul Vahab Cawn never gave him any Account of the Money he receivd from Murtaz Ally, and that he left all the Troops maintaind in his Province six Arrears although the whole Revenues came into his hands, that these Troops now poesing him/the Nabob/for their Pay was a chief Reason why he could only assign eight Lack of Rupees to the Company out of the present Years Revenues.

Upon all the foregoing Considerations the Committee cannot but be of Opinion that the Agreement made by Abdul Vahab Cawn & Murtaz Ally Cawn was a private Contrivance between them solely for their own Benefit & although Mr. Saunders at the Recommendation of Abdul Vahab Cawn did write Murtaz Ally Cawn the Letter of 1.st Octo. 1754. yet that Engagement of Mr. Saunders could only depend on the Nabob's Approval and Confirmation of the Agreement, which he never did nor will grant. The Committee do therefore esteem Murtaz Ally Cawn to be tributary in the usual manner to the Nabob and do resolve not to be concernd in any former Agreement. But the President is desird to write him in general Terms, that he is much rejoicd to hear his Friendship with the Nabob is on the point of encreasing; that he may be assured of our Assistance as long as he continues in his Obedience & therefore there is no Occasion for any Articles of Agreement between us.

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The Commissaries for Affairs of the Contested Districts having lately transmitted ten Papers with their Letter of the 3d Instant, as entered in the Book of their Proceedings from No.r 107 to No.r 118, which Letter and Papers prove that they were under an absolute Necessity of taking the Resolutions to seize Ramiyah &c.a for their insolent Behaviour, and that the French Commissaries have at different Times committed many Acts of Violence against the Inhabitants and particularly one, forbidding under pain of Death any of them to speak to our Commissaries — It is therefore Agreed that Copies of those Papers to be sent to M.r Bedeyrit with a Letter in full Reply to his Complaint of the 23d October last on the Subject of the Seizure of the People beforementioned

Agreed also that the Commissaries be directed to release those People as soon as they appear to be sensible of their Error and promise to behave better in future

The Secretary representing to the Committee that he has occasion for another Assistant in the Office Agreed that Application be made to the President and Council for another Company's Servant, and that M.r William Aldersey, one of the present Assistants, be Sub-Secretary

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Bowery
Robert Orme
W.m Brooke
Rob.t Clive

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Sent a Letter from the President to Duval Dedeyrit Esq. as entered in the French Correspondence N.75; also the following Letters to William Percival Esq. and Major James Kilpatrick pursuant to the Resolutions of this Day.

To William Percival Esq.

Sir

Since writing you the 21st October we have received your Letters of the 30th Octo. 3d & 7th Nov. and the President has laid before us your Letters to him of the 3d N. 5th & 10th November.

We shall be glad to hear the Nabob has got the Bills from Bangor Yacht now Navigue that the Troops may move to some Place where they can be better sheltered than over their present Situations.

The President lately received a Letter from Murtaz Ally Cawn, desiring him to confirm the Agreement made between him and Abdul Vahab Cawn, in Answer to which the President has wrote him that he is glad to hear the Friendship between him and the Nabob is likely to increase shortly, & that as long as this Friendship subsists We shall be ready to do him any Service. We are of Opinion with You that the Money he offers should be secured, but upon such Terms as may not subject us to future Trouble, for which Reason we have desired the Nabob to send us a Copy of the proposed Agreement before he signs to it. We desire you will repeat this Caution.

We had Intelligence of a Party of two Hundred Men coming out from Pondicherry, but We have since heard that they were only to relieve the Garrisons of Villenpauve, Waldoor and Villenoor.

If you should have an Offer of any good Bullocks, you may purchase as many as are wanted and keep them on the Company's Account.

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As the Court Martial is near over Mr. Maunsell will return to you very Shortly, and will we hope be a sufficient Assistance in your Writing Business.

We would have you advise the Nabob to encourage the Nabob of Cuddapah &c.a in the League you mention, and to write him in Answer to his Proposal in the following manner, That although he has for the present entered into a Truce with the French and their Allies, yet that will expire shortly; that he therefore keeps himself in a Condition to Defend his Countries and will be ready and willing to join them upon any Occasion. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants

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George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch — Robert Palk

To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

Since writing you the 31.st Octo.r We have receivd your Letter of the 3.d Novem.r We approve of the Resolution you took to suspend the Execution of our Orders concerning Mawbanze on the Representation made you by the Nabob in his favour — The Subadar Naraund Naigue seems to have behaved the least like an Officer when we Command with Mr Guerles. You will please therefore to have him tryd in the manner usual among the Sepoys.

Mr Starke advisd us of a Party having from Conjeveram the 1.st Instant but has since informd us that they were only intended to relieve the Garrisons of Walaxor Villenoor and Allumparvee.

You will please to try Corporal Patton by a Regimental Court martial, and punish or acquit him accordingly. We send you the Proceedings of both Courts of Enquiry and are

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Sir Your most Obedient Servants Geo. Pigot — S. Lawrence
Hen.y Powney — Rob.t Orme — Al.r Wynch — Rob.t Palk

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Fort S.t George 14.th Novem.r 1755.

Receivd a Letter from the Commissaries at Madarantagam as entered N.o 119. enclosing their Remarks on M.r Dedeyrit's Memorial of 21.st October, and two Certificates one of which signd by two Inhabitants declares that they never signd the Paper to which their Names are put by M.r Dedeyrit, the other signd by Ramiah shews that he signd a Paper which he supposes to be the same as is now produced by M.r Dedeyrit, under the Title of Mootoomalee Pedjis Declaration at M.r Dubochers House at Pondicherry without reading it, and that the other Witnesses whose Names are put to it, were not present.

16. Receivd a Letter from M.r Dedeyrit, to the President dated the 11.th Instant as entered in the French Correspondence N.o 76.—

20. Sent a Letter [N.o 77] from the President to M.r Dedeyrit in answer to his of the 25.th Octo.r last on the Subject of the contested Districts, enclosing a Memorial founded on the Remarks of our Commissaries, and the two Certificates abovementioned.

Friday the 21.st

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esq.r Governour President
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" — Robert Palk

M.r Percival absent on Service

M.r DeLoyrit in his Letter N.o 76 dated the 11.th Instant, now read, disowns any Knowledge of the irregular Proceedings of Canna Frongy or the Poramen Vencatron, concerning which Complaint was made to us by the Nabob in Committee of 30.th October last, and in support of the threatening Objections he made in his Letter of the 25.th October against the Nabobs Right over the Polligars he only asks whether

Mahomed

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Mahomed Ally is Nabob of Arcot, whether he has Rights and is acknowledgd.

The Committee do not think it material to the present Dispute to enter into a Discussion of the Nabobs Rights, it is sufficient that these Collegars acknowledgd him and were subject to him on the 11th October 1754, the Day of the Publication of the Suspensions, to which purport it is Agreed to write to Mr Dedeyrit in Answer to his Letter, that he disowns Cornafringy and Vencatroro they can be regarded no longer in any other Light but that of publick Robbers, wherefore it is resolvd to send Orders to Major Kilpatrick and Captain Maskelyne the former to seize if an Opportunity should Offer and to desire the Nabob to send some of his People to secure the Latter.

Received the following Letters from William Percival Esqr and Major James Killpatrick.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President & Govr &c. Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Favour of the 15th Instant, and communicated to the Nabob what you write me relating to his Agreements with Murtaz Ally (sent and the Nabob of Cuddapah; He will send you Copies of the Agreement, with the former before he signs them, He does not chuse to close with him till he moves nearer to him, I fear there will be more Difficulties in this Affair than we imagind — In regard to the Nabob of Cuddapah &c. he keeps or will write much in the same manner you desire him.

Buckinjee Cashedajis Man was at Camp 2 Days and returnd to Madrass last Night, Baregee Pachem & Naigues People are gone with him to finish the Affair

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The Nabob is so well assurd all is safe, that We were to have movd this Morning towards Bommarauze's Country had not the Rain prevented us. Every thing being in readiness We shall take the first fair Opportunity.

One half of Yachoma Naiques Money is to be paid at forty five Days the other in Seventy. I am Honble Sir and Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant W.m Perceval.

Camp at Killenoor 16th Novemr 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Honble Sir

It rain'd very hard all Sunday and Night, Monday Morning the Weather being a little favourable, the Nabob and the whole Army remov'd to this Place, where our People are under good Cover, and very well, as are most of those that were at Tripassore; The Roads are so very bad indeed that if would the Weather continue fair, We shall not be able to march for some Days.

The Nabob expects Yachoma Naiques Bills this Evening and says he will deliver them to me himself. Murtaza Ally Cawn and Bommarauze's People are here, but no Business transacted yet, probably more will, till we move towards their Countries.

I imagine when I send you the Muster Rolls of the Military and Sepoys, you would have made some Regulations, Major Kilpatrick thinks you intend only Eight Serjeants and Corporals and three Drums to each Company. you will observe where there are more, if you approve, they shall be regulated accordingly; also among the Sepoys to be four Jemmidars, Ten Havildars and Ten Naiques each Company; We have got here good Men to compleat their Number, Officers included, to fifteen Hundred. I am with much Truth and Esteem Honble Sir, Your most Obedient Humble Servant William Perceval.

Camp at Trivetoor 18th Novr 1755.—

P.S. Some of our Draught & Carriage Bullocks died on Sunday Night for want of Shelter, by the inclemency of the Weather, I am told they had been long in the Service; Some of the Nabobs Horse died also.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
&c. Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is with great Pleasure I now enclose you the two accompanying Bills on Buckanjee Cashedoss.

One for thirty four Thousand Rupees f35,000 payable the 1st January next.

One for thirty five Thousand Rupees f35,000 payable the 3d February following: which Seventy Thousand Rupees are the Company's half of what the Nabob Annaverdee Cawn Bahadur received from Bangar Yachere Naigue, for which I have given the Nabob a Receipt, you will please to advise me of your receiving them and of their Acceptance as soon as possible.

We are now setting out on our march for Bommarauze Country, from whence I hope I shall send you as agreeable and Satisfactory an Account as I have from this Place.

I chose to send this by Lieutenant Dawson rather than trust it by an Hircar. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant William Percival.

Received the 20th Nov.r 1755.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
President and Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honour to receive your Letter of the 12th Instant, and agreeable to your desire have had Narrapa Naigue tried by a Court Martial composed of the Sepoy Officers the result of which was that he should be dismissed the Service for behaving unbecoming an Officer, which I immediately put in Execution at the Head of his Company. The Nabob informed of it on the Morning of the 16th Instant. That he had settled his Affairs in three Days the Particulars of which Mr. Percival has wrote you, but the heavy Rain coming on that Night which continued all the next Day prevented

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prevented me from moving till the 17th. Our Troops and Ammunition are now very well Secur'd should the Weather again prove unfavourable whilst we remain here. I have the Hon.r to remain with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs your most Obedient and most Humble Servant James Kilpatricke.

Trevatore the 19th Nov.r 1755.

The two Bills on Buchanjee Cashedas enclos'd in Mr. Percevals Letter of the 20th Novem.r for thirty five thousand Rupees each, one payable the 4th January next, the other the 3d. February having been tender'd and accepted, They are now lodg'd with the Commissary that he may demand the Money when it becomes due.

The Regulations of Military and Sepoys propos'd in Mr. Percevals Letter of 18th Novem.r being taken into Consideration it is Agreed that there be Eight Serjeants & Eight Corporals (including those appointed to command the Sepoys) to each Company, and three Drummers — That all Supernumerary Drummers be immediately discharg'd the Service; The Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals to be continued in their Rank, but no new ones to be made untill they are all incorporated into the Companies — That the Sepoy Companies consist each, of one Subadar, Four Jemmidars, Eight Havildars, Eight Naigues, Eighty Four Sepoys, Two Colourment, Two Tomtoms for Drums, One Trumpet and One Conicoply. — That no new Sepoys be Paid, but those that are now in the Service lower'd to the Establishment as soon as conveniently can be.

Agreed that Mr. Percival and Major Kilpatrick be advis'd of the above Regulations and that they be directed to send in Bullocks or Cooleys for the Carriage of the Stores they may hereafter indent for, as it is found very difficult here to procure Conveyances for them.

The following Letter from Captain Caillaud Read with Translation

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Translation of the King of Tanjore's Answer to his Letter to him which which is entered on Committee of the 3d Instant.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President & Governr

&c &c Gentlemen of the Committee at Madraspatan

N.15.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honoured with your several Favours N.11 12 & 13 dated the 10th 13th & 19th of October.

I shall make use of the best Methods I can for selling out the old Grain to advantage; for which purpose I have sent for some Tanjore Merchants, to agree with me and to take it off my Hands; which they will be able to do at a better Price than I can get any others else on Account of the dearness of Grain in that Country. The Paddy which is gathered now not being of the best kind, and apt to spoil soon, as it is cut in a moist Season; I believe it may be for the best if you think proper Gentlemen, to lay in the greatest part of the Pagoda which the Nabob is to pay in the Month of January. That Harvest produces the best sort of Grain call'd Sher Samboo Paddy, fitted to keep and that always yields a good Price.

I now send down Gentlemen Such a Form of Pay Rolls for the Sepoys, as will best I hope answer your Purposes and Intentions. I must take the Liberty to observe to you Gentlemen, that it is impossible for the Sepoys were paid daily to stop the Pay on the very Day a Man may die. They are paid twice a Month; the first and fifteenth. Those that die or desert in the beginning of the Month, their Pay may be stopped at the Second payment and by inserting also those who may die or desert in the Second half of the Month you will be able to know the effective Number and that no more are paid the ensuing Month. The Form of a Roll with the Sepoys Names which you have desired me Gentlemen to keep

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what I have always practis'd and they are call'd over twice in the Month by the Adjutant; Besides which I every now and then take a Muster myself. The Form prescribd for Deaths and Desertions in the Military has always been observ'd as you desire

Out of the Monthly Revenues arising from the Customs and Duties in and about the Burrar, I thought Gentlemen according to the Hints you were pleas'd to honor me with in your Favor of the 9th of August I might lay the whole Account of Repairs and Charges General, except some few Articles upon the Nabob I acquainted the Killedar with it, who was satisfied and said he would inform the Nabob, and that he would pay me my Bills as I presented them monthly: depending on which I struck off those Charges in my Accounts both for August and September. The Killedar made some Excuse of not having Money for the first Month; but desird me to go on, and he would pay me altogether the next. But the Second Time when I presid him for Payment he refusd me untill he said he had Orders from the Nabob. As I thought my Design was approv'd of by your Silence on that head Gentlemen, and that the Nabob or the Killedar were imposing on me by not sending such Orders, I told the Killedar if he would not come to me the Payment of what I had advanced, and for what in future might be the Charge of each Month that I would not make the Cutwall pay me the Money arising from the Burrar Duties &c.; upon the Killedars refusing me I took that Step. I did not Gentlemen intend to keep it in my Hands any longer than untill what I had advanced was paid, and Security given for the Monthly Expences. I have since therefore receivd your Orders what is to be paid here. But I should be glad to know whether that extends to the two Months past and whether I must transmit again other Accounts for them in the form you now desire, or let them pass as they are, only to send You

Copies

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Copies of the Accounts as I have deliverd them in; that you may judge of them.

The Nabob has not even yet sent Orders to his Killedar to pay the Repairs of the Fort Monthly, which you have acquainted me Gentlemen is your Agreement with him. nor that the Sum advanced already upon that Account, with the other Charges which I by mistake included, should be paid: I beg also to be informd if I may continue to keep the Buzar, until such an Order comes. I do not pretend Gentlemen as I have said before to keep the whole, because the Mon will not pay a part, but only to be reimburs'd what already I have advanced & security given for what you desire should now be charged Monthly. A line from you Gentlemen to the Nabob will I dare say make him send the Order.

I am at a Loss Gentlemen to guess from whence your Caution arises, of my People not to interfere in Country Disputes; If they have done so, it is without my Knowledge; and if you have been acquainted with any particulars, were they communicated to me I would endeavour to put a Stop to it. But I am entirely ignorant of any such Transactions; and I flatter myself with the Hopes that you have a better Opinion of me Gentlemen, than to think that I have or any body by my participation, has interfered more in them, than was agreeable to the Orders and Directions I have every now and then been honor'd with from you on that head.

This I wrote to Mayphood Cawn immediately as you desired, and sent a Man on purpose in quality of a Vakeel to enquire into the Particulars of what you are desirous of being informd; I have yet received no Answer. The Incursion of Moodemia only extended to some of the frontier Villages in the Country where they surprized a Party of Sepoys and took some Horses, unluckily the Sepoys were some of ours left there; Soon after

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Subadaars were killd and the rest dispers'd; after which Mondemia retird again. And all the Accounts I hear of Maupihoos Cawn are that he is still before the Pallitaarre who I am also told offers to treat, but on such conditions as Maupihoos Cawn will not hear of.

I have once more tried the Securities, taken off their Sons and given them their first Liberty. A Fortnight is the Time in which they promise to have the Money paid. They still insist that they are only Securities for the first Payment. It were to be wish'd even that were paid, and then I shall await your Orders.

Inclos'd I send the Answer which the King of Tanjore has made to my Letter. I chose rather to trouble you Gentlemen with the Original, as your Interpreters will be better able than any I have, to give you an exact Translation in English. Neither Tondiman or his Brother are come to meet me as they promis'd tho I have wrote them pressing Letters on the Subject. I remain with great Respect Honble Sirs & Sirs Your faithfull & most Obed.t Servant

John Caillaud.—

Trichenopoly
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P.S. Since writing the above I thought it would be more regular and more agreeable to your Intentions Gentlemen, to deduct out of the Nabob's Account the Articles of Charges General for the two Months of August and September and add them to my Accounts of this Month. I have sent the Particulars besides in seperate Accounts; and also Copies of the Accounts for Repairs, as I have presented them to the Hilledar, who as yet says he has no Orders from the Nabob to pay them; and for which I receive the Duties arising out of the Bunar Customs &c.a

Copy of the Letter from the King of Tanjore to Captain Caillaud.

I receivd your Letter and observe the Contents. You was pleasd to say that the Country in the Possession of Tondiman shall be mine according as I told you, and that on your meeting him I

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I Should obtain what is my own in a reasonable manner, but that it would take up some time to consider about it and you added that the Governors Letter is coming which I Shall finde to my Satisfaction, and that I Should esteem the English as my own in every Respect, all which gave me great Joy — Let me inform you that I sincerely depend upon the Governor, to whom I wrote about the Restoration of my Forts, and the Country which Tondiman had possessid himself of, and his Honor was pleasd to write me accoringly about it, and when you were here you was pleasd also to promise me about the same saying that there was no Occasion for War, and that you'll get the Forts & the Country restord from Tondiman in an amicable manner: As I thought it better to hear you I did not venture to fight Tondiman to this Day. I continued to hearken to you, but Tondiman trifled with your Words. I told you that I shall have Patience till the Feast of Deapavelly which will end the 2.d November after which I Shall act against Tondiman: but in the interim Should you get them restord in an amicable manner I Shall decline acting against him. We demand our own Forts and the Country. tho you and the Governor are sensible of the same yet you delay it; I am not to be blamed; I recommend these things to your Notice. Write to me always of your Health. What can I say more?

The Store of Provisions in the Garrison of Tricheropoly being an Article of particular Consequence, the Committee are of Opinion that no Vigour Should be run of falling Short and do therefore Agree to recommend it to Captain Caillaud until he is quite certain of a full Supply in January, to lay in such a Quantity as will Secure him from want; If the January Crop Should afterwards prove plentiful he may sell out what he now lays up and Store the Garrison with the Sort of Grain called Cumbou

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Sumboo, which is Ripe at that Time and is reputed much better for keeping.

The Committee entirely approve of Captain Caillaud's taking the Buzar Duties out of the Hands of the Nabob's People for they think but reasonable the Expences of the Fort should be paid out of the Revenues, and it is therefore Agreed to direct Captain Caillaud to keep so much of the Buzar Duties as will reimburse what he has advanced for the Repairs and Charges General of the Fort, and to continue to collect sufficient to defray those Charges for the future, unless the Nabob shall settle some other Method of supplying Money for those purposes

And it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud in answer to the other Parts of his Letter, That in order to obviate the Difficulty he mentions in stopping the Sepoys Pay on the very Day of their Death or Desertion on account of it being advanced, he may follow the Method practic'd in Europe, and wherever Batta is receivd; Viz.t to pay them on the 15th what is due for the first half of the Month; and what is due for the last half, on the 1st of the next Month.—— That the form of his Abstracts is very regular and approvd, and his mustering the Sepoys himself as often as he conveniently can, very proper —— That The Orders not to interfere in Country Affairs, were sent to all the Garrisons at the Nabobs Request, and not in consequence of any Information or Suspicion of his having so done —— That We have nothing to add to what We wrote him the 3d Instant on the Subject of the difference between the King of Tanjore and Tondeman, and that We depend on his Care to get the Money due from Maupshoo Cawn and the Polligars Securities as soon as possible.

Letter from the Nabob as ordered in the Country Correspondence № 200, Read, advising that he has permitted Abdul Wahab Cawn to finish the Agreement with Murtaz Alley Cawn.

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The Committee reflecting on what has already past betw
Abdul Vahab Cawn and Mortaz Ally Cawn, of which the Transactio
there is a Detail in the Minutes of last Consultation, cannot b
esteem him (Abdul Vahab Cawn) to be a very improper person
to be trusted with the Nabobs Concerns with Mortaz Ally Co
and it is Agreed to write again to the Nabob to settle that Bus
himself and send us Copies of the Agreements before he conclud
them.

Letter from Captain Maskelyne read advising that
Abdul Vahab Cawn having rented Nellore under the Gundoor fro
the Nabob was preparing to set out thither and desiring of
taking with him some Hammerd Shott lying in Great Fort
which were made long ago out of an old Malabar Gun —
Agreed that the Shott be deliverd to Abdul Vahab Cawn as
never belongd to the Company.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Berney
Robert Ormes
Wynch
Rob Palk

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Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr Dezeprit as enterd in the French Correspondence N.o 92.

Also the following Letters to William Percival Esq.r and Major James Kilpatrick, pursuant to this Days Resolutions

To William Percival Esq.r

Sir

We have receivd your Letter of the 20th Novemr & the President has communicated to us your several Letters of the 10th 16th & 18th.

We are glad to see so good an end to your Business with Bangor Yachurn Naeque — The two Bills of Buchanjee Casha dos for thirty five thousand Rupees each, came safe, and are accepted.

By the regulated Establishment of the Military there are to be Eight Serjeants, Eight Corporals and three Drummers to each Company — The Supernumerary Serjeants & Corporals you have with You may be continued, but no Vacancies are to be filld up 'till the whole is reducd to the above Regulation — As to the Drummers we would have them reducd immediately to the Establishment

And the Establishment of our Sepoys is each Company to consist of

1 Subadar
1 Jemmidar
3 Hauldars
8 Naiques
2 Colourmen
2 Tomtoms
1 Trumpet
82 Sepoys and
1 Corncopty

But it is not our Intention that you should raise any more Sepoys, we would only have you keep those that are

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are with you, to this Establishment in the next Month as nearly as you conveniently can.

We now send three Officers Tents with Markees and as the first Difficulty in getting Bullocks & Coolys to carry the Stores to Camp, we have desired Major Kilpatrick to send us a proper Number when he sends for any, as well as an Escort to return with them.

When the Batta of the Military was stopped at Arcot an Advance of 2 Rupees a Man was made them for their immediate Subsistence which they were to repay out of their next Batta, but We have now desired Major Kilpatrick to acquaint them that We make them a present of it for their Encouragement.

Mr Dedeyrit utterly disowns Louisa Frongy and all his Proceedings, we have therefore given Orders to Major Kilpatrick and Captain Maskelyne to take him if they should have an Opportunity.

We are sorry to find the Nabob has left it to Abdul Vahab Cawns to settle with Khurtar Ally, he is certainly a very improper Person to manage that Business, and We have wrote the Nabob so.

We hope you will have the same good Success upon Pennimarauze as you have hitherto met with and are Sir

Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot Stringer Lawrence Henry Bourne Robert Orme Alexr Wynch Robert Palk.

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To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

We have received your Letter of this 9th November and are glad to find the Nabobs Affairs with Bangar Yacoob Paigah are so well settled. We hope he will have as good Success with Pennimarauze.

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Mr Percival transmitted us the muster Rolls of the Military and Sepoys – The following is the Regulation we would have them fixd on as soon as conveniently can be.

That to each Company of Military there be Eight Sergeants, Eight Corporals and three Drummers; you will please to reduce the Drummers immediately to the Establishment but you may continue the Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals, observing only not to fill up any Vacancies that may happen until they are brought down to the Regulation.

Each Company of Sepoys is to consist of

1 Subadar
4 Jemmidars
8 Havildars
8 Naigues
2 Colcurmen
2 Tomtoms
1 Trumpet
84 Sepoys &
1 Lascopply

We Would not have any more Sepoys raisd, but level those You have as nearly as you conveniently can to the Establishment, in the next Month.

We find it difficult to get Conveyances for the Stores we send you and desire therefore that when you indent for any you will send in a proper Number of Coolies or Bullocks, with an Escort which shall return with them – Three Officers Tents with Marked are now sent you.

Mr Boscawen having disowned any Connection with Conna Pringy, We desire you will endeavour to take him if he comes within reach of you and secure him immediately.

We have sent the same Orders to Captain Maskelyne.

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Wee are Your most Obedient Servants

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George Pigot_ Stringer Lawrence_ Henry Parkeney_ Robert Orme_ A.r Wynch_ Rob.t Palk.

P.S. When the Batta of the Military was stopped at Arcot an Advance of 2 Rupees a Man was given them for their immediate Subsistence, which they were to repay out of their next Batta; but as their Behaviour has been to our Satisfaction we are willing to give them an Encouragement, you will please therefore to acquaint them that We make them a present of that Advance

25. Sent the following Letter to Captain John Caillaud, pursuant to the Resolutions of the 21.st Instant.

To Captain John Caillaud

No.15.

Sir

We have receivd your Letter No.15 dated the 1.st of this Month with the King of Tanjore's Answer to your Letter with the King of Tanjore's Answer to your Letter which being translated We now send you a Copy. We have Nothing to add to what We wrote you on that Subject the 3.d Instant, for We cannot think of any other Method of accommodating the Affair, and are assurd at the same Time, that if there should be any, it will not escape your Attention.

We are oblig'd to you for your Care of the Grain and leave it to your Management as you will be best able to judge what Dependence you can have on the January Crop; recommending it however to you as this is a Matter of the greatest Consequence, that unless you are very certain of the necessary Supply in January, to lay in such a Quantity more as will secure you from falling short, for if the Crop of Tanjore should afterwards prove more plentiful than you expected, You may

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Supply yourself fully with that, & sell out what you now buy.

What We wrote concerning the Sepoys was chiefly intended to establish a Regulation for those Day Colls, in which before no Casualties are to be owned; and in order to obviate the Difficulty you mention in stopping their Pay on the very Day they die or desert, we recommend it to you to follow the Practice observed in Europe, and indeed wherever Batta is paid, that is, to pay them the first half of the Month on the 15th and for the last half on the 1st of the following Month. The form of your Abstracts is very regular and agreeable to us, and the taking a Muster yourself every now and then, as you see convenient, is so extremely proper that We are well pleasd. you constantly practice it.

We very much approve of your stopping so much of the Buxar Duties as will defray the Disbursements you make on Account of the Nabob. We have wrote him that We shall continue to do so until he can shew us some other Method of securing You from further Trouble on that Head. We find the Charges General are a much more considerable part of the Expence than We intended to take on the Company. You will please therefore to put that also to the Nabobs Account, and pay yourself what you advance as well for Charges General as Repairs for August, September & October, continuing to secure out of the Buxar Duties enough to satisfy both those Disbursements in future. We have no Alteration to recommend in the Model of your Accounts, which are very clear and Satisfactory; An Abstract of the Sepoys with the Casualties annexed will be sufficient.

For the more easy adjustment of your Accounts of Stores with the Company's Books here, we have ordered that a regular Invoice be sent you with every Supply, expressing also the Charges of Carriage; you will please therefore constantly to examine the Stores that arrive with the Invoice; and give us a particular

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for information where there is any Difference, that your Receipts may perfectly answer to the Issues made.

You may send us over Month's Account particularly of the Sayer Duties, as usually collected by the Nabob as We should be glad to see in what manner they are levied.

It was not from any Information or Suspicion of your interfering in the Country Disputes, that We wrote to You on that Head, but the Nabob having frequently desired that a General Order of that Nature, might be established, as a standing Regulation, in all our Garrisons, It was sent to yours among the rest.

We depend on your Care to get the Money in from Mauperkoy Canon and the Polligars Securities payable and are For Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney — Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch — Robert Palk.

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At a Committee
George Pigot Esq.r Governr. — Present
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" " — Robert Palk —
Mr. Percival absent on Service

Thursday the 27.

The following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence read

To George Pigot Esq.r President and to the Committee for Affairs of Country Government &c.a &c.a

Gentlemen

I give you this Trouble to represent to You a great Injustice I think I receive, and that an Injury is done me

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my Honour and Reputation, when Troops are sent out on Service under the Command of a Junior Officer. And by Laying before you what I believe is a true State of my Situation in this Country, I hope to obtain your Confidence, and an Assurance that the like shall not be offerd me for the Time to come. I have too great Respect for you as a Body, and hope I stand too well in your Esteem as Particulars, to receive such unkind usage by Contrivance or Design.

I am the eldest Officer on this Coast after the Commander in Chief, and if the Customs of all the States in Europe are of any weight, I have an undoubted Right to Command any Party or Body of Troops equal to my Rank sent out for the Service of the East India Company, where the Commander in Chief does not act himself, and untill I am convicted of want of Courage, Capacity and Conduct, I cannot be set aside without the greatest Partiality and Injustice: I will wait on you in Council, to prove this more circumstantially if you think proper, and depend on your Justice, to weigh this Matter duely, and to receive such Reparation for my past, in my future treatment, as is worthy you, and will Re-establish me.

I believe the Merchants of England are superior in Wisdom as well as Riches to those of any People in the World; Yet I will presume to say, their Credit and Esteem with other Nations depends on their Integrity, and the justness of their Actions, not on their Riches or Understanding: And I hope the Gentlemen who represent the most considerable Body of Merchants in Great Britain, will not refuse even to a single Person, that Equity they would observe to a Community; I came hither at the hazard of my Life, and I came with Inclinations, if it is not my Fault I have not endeavourd to be usefull, I have always been, and now am ready to go on any Service you shall think for the Honor or

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Advantage of the East India Company. I desire to be favour'd with an immediate Answer, and am with all becoming Regard and Respect Gentlemen Your most Obedient and faithful Humble Servant Samuel Bagshaw. {Lieutenant Colonel & Agent & Cor.

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The Committee are of Opinion that a Representation of the above Nature from Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw is quite irregular and out of place, it belonging only to the Commander in Chief to make any Proposals or Complaints concerning the Offic.rs or Troops of the Regiment. It is Agreed however to forbear in our Answer from any Remarks, either on the Nature or the Terms of Lieut.t Colonel Bagshaw's Letter, and that the Secretary do only write him That having propos'd Fort St David to Colonel Adlercron as the most useful Station for his Majesty's Troops, we concluded that to be his [the Lieutenant Colonel's] proper Residence, and that we little expected to be charg'd with doing him Injustice by not giving him a Separate Command, as We look'd on him to be more immediately under the Direction of Colonel Adlercron.

Concerning

Receiv'd the following Letter from Captain John Caillaud.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Governor &c. Gentlemen of the Committee at Madras

Gentlemen.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honourd with your Favour of the 2.d Instant with further Directions in regard to the Dispute between the King of Tanjore and Tondiman, and wish it were in my Power to give you a more Satisfactory Account of my Success.

Tondiman's Brother, according to his promise came here, there was Nothing to my best Judgement left entirely to him to some Conceptions, either of the whole or part; or to give up the Country to us. That last Proposal I really did not doubt his readily acquiescing to; because it was only made on the Strength of

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of an Offer from himself on his first Visit. But neither Threats, nor fair Words, promises or Menaces, could induce the Men to agree to any thing. His Answer was, that We might hinder the King of Tanjore from fighting; for his part he was quiet, and would remain so, unless attack'd; and then he must defend himself.

My Intentions were, had he submitted to put the Country under our Protection, as Mediators, to have sent the English Colours to the Fort, and some Bears with the Honble Company's Badge's to the Villages, and then have acquainted the King of Tanjore in form; who certainly would not have ventur'd an Insult to our Flag; Time by that means might have been gain'd, & left us at Liberty to chuse a proper Season to decide the Dispute.

Tondeman's Brother had left me but the Day before I was honour'd with yours. Had I found him more compliant, I would have thought it for the best, to have gone myself to his Brother, after the receipt of your Letter and tried the Success of another Conference, but I had not the least room to expect more than a disagreeable denial to every thing I could propose. I therefore declin'd it; and I thought also to seem too anxious in an Affair of that kind, in which rather we ought to dictate, and be obey'd; might make us lose that necessary Respect, which We are oblig'd to keep up with the Country Powers. However I sent after him, desiring he would Either come back or send a Vakeel to whom I had something more to communicate, but having waited two or three Days for an Answer, to no purpose, I let the Affair take its own Course, and Mr Newton is set out for Tanjore.

We have thought (Excuse us Gentlemen) that your Letter had better not be delivered but at the last Extremity. Mr Newton when he goes back will talk with Monajee, and if possible with the

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the King, and let them know that I have acquainted you of Tondiman's refusal, and expect your Answer. He is also to give them a Hint, that he much doubts, since there is no Answer yet to the first Letters, that perhaps you do not intend to write any more on the Subject. And the Reason that he believes you are much displeased at their late Proceedings; That King not being willing to grant what He designs to ask as a Favour, when He has a Right to demand it from Justice. That he supposes I have got my Orders how to act, if there is any Disturbance in the Country. This may perhaps intimidate them, and protract at least the Time, which is all now I can pretend to do.

I believe the King of Tanjore's Troops are not in every fit Condition to take the Field, However if they do attempt it, and Mr Newton finds they are in Earnest, the Letter then is to be delivered. In order to give the greater weight to what Mr Newton may say, as to believing I have any Orders, I am seemingly getting every thing ready for a March. The field Train is ordered out of the Gates, and all my Motions made as publick as possible. For fear that our Neighbours should be too inquisitive on the report of such Preparations; I have put them on another Scent, by telling them that the Ballegaux having plundered some of our Neighbouring Villages, I am getting ready to march against them; if they do not make proper Acknowledgements in time; I am sorry I am reduced to such trifling resources, but to the best of my Capacity I try every thing that can be of Service in the Affair.

Hauptmann Carron has received another Check before Ballitaure; A Detachment of Sepoys he sent out being routed. The worst is, it supplies them Collegues with five Guns, but which also they will soon spoil, or be useless for want of Flints. He however keeps yet his Ground, and may by Time and Perseverance be forced

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bring about, what I believe neither the Courage of his Troops, nor his own Skill and Capacity would ever accomplish. I remain with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your faithfull and most Obedient Humble Servant — Joseph Caillaud.

Trichinopoly 17.th Nov.r 1755.

The Committee seeing that neither the King of Tanjore nor Tondimans are inclind to hearken to any Proposal for an amicable Accommodation of their Difference, think it best to avoide by their Resolution of the 3.d Instant on that Subject and it is Agreed to write Captain Caillaud that We are well satisfied with his Endeavours & that as both Parties are so averse to any reasonable Accomodation he must now let the Affair take its Course only observing our Orders of the 3.d in case Hostilities should be commenced.

The following Letters from William Percival Esq.r dated.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

The Nabob with the Army arrivd here Yesterday between 2 & 3 in the Afternoon, after a very fatiguing march, the Roads being in many places extremely bad.

Before we left Trivadoor the Nabob had advice, that Mustaz Ally Cawn had send two hundred Horse and three hundred Boors to joine him, We found most of them encampid here; His Vakeel paid his Compliments to the Nabob in the Evening and We attended there — Affairs so far look well; It is said Bommaraw's Vakeel has offerd two Lacks of Rupees, but on Terms not quite agreeable. The Nabob proposes sending five Hundred Horsemen into his Country this Night, and the whole Army will move that way early to Morrow Morning.

The Nabob desires me to acquaint you, he has very lately receivd Letters from Golcondah, that Saladad Sing was so ill his Life is dispaird of that he had delivered his Seal to his Brother

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Nizam Ally, desiring him to take the Management of Affairs upon him, but that he declined it. The French had prevailed on him to write three Letters, one to you, one to Murtaz Ally and another to the Nabob, that to you, requesting you would give the Nabob no further Assistance; to Murtaz Ally, not to pay him the Nabob's annual Money or Tribute as formerly to the Nabob, not to molest or make any Demands on Murtaz Ally. He does not doubt but you know where and how to answer this Letter, how little regard is to be shown to one who has already wrote you to assist him and at other Times not to do it.

In regard to the Nabob of Cuddapah, he hopes you will write him that you are very glad to hear he is in good Friendship with our Nabob, and that while he continues so, he may be sure of your Favour, Friendship and Protection against any of his Enemies. I am with great Truth

Camp near Perembacum 21st Nov.r 1755.

Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant
William Perceval.

To the Honble George Pigot, Esq.r
& Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 21st Instant came to hand the 22d advising of the Receipt of the two Bills of Exchange on Buckanjee Cashedjee for 36,000 Rupees each and their being accepted.

Your Directions regulating the Establishment of Sergeants and Corporals, shall be duly complied with. Those of the Drummers in the two English Companies are, but the Commanding Officer of the Ships desires time to write to Captain Caillaud to know their particular Establishment respecting their Drummers, which he thinks is more than you mention. You will be advised of that before the beginning of next Month.

By

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By the Returns sent you of the Sepoys you will observe, we have now fifteen Hundred in Corps, Officers included, and but Eleven Companies; If We reduce the Number of Men in each Company to your new Establishment, we shall have only twelve Hundred and twenty one left, which Major Kilpatrick thinks cannot be your Intention, as in your Instructions you appoint him to the Command of fifteen Hundred, should We make two or three more Companies of the Sowpties Men, we must appoint some more new Subadars and Jemmidars, which would greatly encrease the Expence; and on the other hand it will be a great Hardship on many of the Havildars and others who are good Men, to be reduced at such a Time as this; If you approve of it, we shall conform as much as possible to your Establishment as Opportunities may offer, but continue them as they are at present.

Bommarauze's Vakeel has detained us here in hopes of being able to settle his Master's Affairs, and is gone for that Purpose, he is to come back again in Eight Days, We hope to get two Lack of Rupees at least from him; we are now endeavouring to bring the little Polligars to Reason, when that is done, we shall be able to settle with Mootaz Ally; The inclosed Papers are the Terms offer'd him by the Nabob, and the Terms required of him; which he desires me to send for your Inspection: Abdul Vahab (whom the Nabob says is no Way concern'd or employ'd but as his Vakeel, and is to do Nothing but by his Orders.

Touching in Bommarauze's Country

I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient Humble Servant. W.m Lexcelval.

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A Copy of the Agreement to be given under the Seal of Gulam Mootaza Cawn Bahadur.

I hereby swear laying my Hand on the holy Book of Kourhan, swearing God and his Prophet as also the Blessed Patriarchs

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Patriarchs and Alcoran as Witnesses, and acknowledge Nabob Sawaid dawla Bahadur Governour and Subadar of the Carnatick Payen Ghaut under the Jurisdiction of Golcondah, and it shall be my constant Study to act and do whatever may be conducive to the Welfare, Happiness and formness of Affairs which may lead to the Success and prosperity of the Nabob on a firm footing. I shall observe the foregoing and shall on no account act contrary to the Nabob's Word and Writing. Should any Enemy endeavour to disturb the Peace of the Country, I shall always yield my Assistance to the Nabob with Sincerity in punishing him; I shall be an Enemy from my Heart to all the Enemies of the Nabob.

Terms offer'd by the Nabob to Murtaz Ally Cawn

I hereby swear laying my Hand on the Holy Book of Khurkan chusing God and his Prophet as also the Blessed Patriarchs & Alcoran as Witnesses to act by the Blessing of God according to the Articles hereunder mentioned on Condition of perpetual Alliance.

I shall not dispossess the Forts and Pagueers which you and your Brothers as also the Mansebdars and those belonging to you had in the Time of the deceas'd Nabob. By the Blessing of God, after the Troubles and the Disturbances in the Country are over, the Fort of Chellore shall be given you together with the Mastcaroot Pagueer as also a Pagueer on Account of Thankam. As I have great Hopes of Benefit on you, the Custom Taxes signifie nothing, I shall therefore not demand of you Coll. neither at present nor in future. As to the Fees no Body shall molest you.

You demand a Pagueer to be given unto you at what you have at a Distance on the Bain Ghaut Country about this

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(after the Troubles in the Country are over) I shall dismiss a certain Person and then will grant it to you.

Should any one molest You, by the Blessing of God I shall on all Occasions yield my Assistance to You. Believe me to be in Union with You.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr

Camp near Tritchinopy in Bommarawee's Country — the 24 Nov. 1755.

Honble Sir

Having wrote very fully to the Committee, I have only to add, that the Nabob, when he has finished his Affairs here, proposes going against Ellavanasoor Fort, to reduce the Amaldar. Meer Saib, I hopes you will approve of it. In regard to the Grain in dispute at Madavarattigum, the French and Inhabitants in Conjunction have taken great part of it, & the Garrison of Carangoly is in such great want that the Nabob is obligd to send them Money for Subsistence from hence, If agreeable to you the Nabob says he will engage the Inhabitants on our part to take as much, which will prevent its being spoild. I am with much Truth Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

William Percevall. —

The two Papers enclosd in Mr Percevals Letter, one containing the Terms offerd Murtaz Ally Cawn, the other the Terms requird of him, by the Nabob, being read and considerd; the Advantages seem to be too great on the Side of Murtaz Ally Cawn, especially as no Stipulation is made of the Tribute he ought to pay the Nabob — Agreed to acquaint Mr Percival of these our Sentiments that he may inform the Nabob and represent to him that We shall not be able to judge of the Articles of Accommodation with Murtaz Ally untill the Sum he shall pay is also settled, which Sum should not be less than a Lack of Pagodas.

The Polligar Bommarawee with whom the Nabob is now employd being the only one of Consequence, It is thought proper to

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to consider how to dispose of the Troops after that Affair is over so as to save as much of the Expence as possible, as We imagine it will not be necessary for the whole Army to march against the Petty Pallegars who may remain to be called upon. The taking of Illavanasoor from Meer Saib as proposed by the Nabob in Mr. Percevals last Letter, does not appear to the Committee to be of sufficient Consequence to answer the Expence of sending the whole Army thither and may be undertaken by a small Party of Military with a good Body of Sepoys. The settling to Advantage with Murtaza Ally Cawn seems to us a matter of much more Consequence and might probably be forwarded by the Army's moving to Arcot and there making a Show of Preparations for the Attack of his Fort, in order to alarm the Hill Dar, which Destination of the Army would be attended also with the further Advantage of easing the Expence by quartering the Troops on the Rivers and striking off their Batta. It is however Resolved to defer coming to a finial Resolution untill we hear more fully from the Nabob and Agreed to write Mr. Perceval to consult with him on the Subject; and also to represent to him that as the Affairs of the Contested Districts are left to the management of Commissaries appointed for that purpose, it would not be proper for him to interfere in them.

The President is desired to write a Letter of Friendship to the Nabob of Cuddapah, agreeable to the Nabobs desire in Mr. Percevals Letter of the 21st Instant.

And in Order to prevent any future Doubts or Difficulties which may be occasioned by the want of a perfect Knowledge in Europe and all the Garrisons of the regular Establishment of the Military both English and Seapoy, Lists of Artillery and Sepoys, as well as for the better management of

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of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores.

The following General Regulations shewing the field Establishment, Pay and Ratta of Military Artillery and Sepoys, pointing out also a proper Plan for the management of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores are Ordered to be transcribed in several Copies to be sent to Fort St. David, Devicotah, Camp, Trichenopoly, Arcot and Changlapet, and Copies also to be delivered to the Commissary & Military Paymaster, that the whole may take place every where as soon as possible.

Regulation of the Military Artillery and Sepoys on the Coast of Choromandel.

Military

English Companies

Establishment		Pay	
1	Captain	₰ Day	10 Shill.
1	Lieutenant		5
1	Ensign		4
6	Serjeants		1" 8.[2]
6	Corporals		1" 2
94	Private when they can be compleated to that Number		10
3	Drummers		1" 2

Serjeants commanding Companies of Sepoys Pay 3 ₰ Month extraordinary.

Swiss Companies as regulated in the Contract made between the Honble the Court of Directors and S.t Luc de Blanc

Establishment		Pay as above	
1	Capetain	6 Serjeants	2 Drummers
2	Lieutenants	6 Corporals	1 Fife
1	Ensign	1 Drum Major	120 Private

Artillery

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Artillery Companies conformably to the Orders of the Honble the Court of Directors in their Letter dated 15th December 1752.

Establishment		Pay
1 Captain	p Annum	£200
1 First Lieutenant		100
1 Second Lieutenant		90
1 Third Lieutenant		90
6 Serjeants	p Day	2 Shill
6 Corporals		1-8
30 Bombardiers		1-8
30 Gunners		1-6
10 Matrosses		1-
2 Drummers		1-

Sepoy Companies

Establishment		Pay
1 Subadar	p Month	60 Rupees
1 Sowmidars		16
2 Havildars		10
2 Naigues		8
21 Sepoys		6
2 Colowarmen		
2 Tomtoms		
1 Trumpet		
1 Cuttacoply		

Field Batta

Commanding Officer of the Troops in the Field [illegible] Field Officer	£5 p Day
A Captain receiving Batta on a seperate Command	15. p Day
A Lieutenant and Ensign on a seperate Command	6 p Day

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Every Captain ... Rupees 6 p.r Day

Lieutenant ... 1

Ensign ... 3

Volunteer ... 3

Serjeant Majors & Serjeants comanding Companies of Sepoys ... 20 p.r Month

Serjeants
Corporals
Private Sepoys
Drummers
} Victuailld by the Contractors at 1 Fanams p.r Day each Man.

Sepoys

Subadar ... p.r Day ... 8 Fanams

Jemidar ... 1

Havildar ... 2

Naigue ... 2

Sepoy ... 2

Lascars Pay

Serang ... p.r Month ... 3 Pagodas

Tindal ... 2 1/2

Lascar ... 2

Lascars Batta

Serang ... p.r Day ... 3 Fanams

Tindal ... 2

Lascar ... 1 1/2

Cooleys have 2 Fanams p.r Day Batta in the Fields but no Pay.

Standing

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Standing Orders concerning Pay Rolls and Pay of Military and Artillery

All Pay Rolls of Military and Artillery to be sent by Monthly to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George and all the Men to be drawn for and paid on the Spots where they are.

For this purpose the Commandant of each Garrison & the Commanding Officer of every Detachment in the Field is to receive Monthly the Rolls of every Company or part of a Company both Military and Artillery under his Command, signd by the eldest Officer on the Spot of each Company; and if it should happen that there be some Men of a Company in any Garrison or Detachment of which Company neither the Captain nor a Subaltern Officer is present, then the Roll of such Men must be signd by the Serjeant or Corporal of such Company present on the Spot.

The Commandant for Town Major at Fort St. George is to examine & deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery on the Garrison to the Military Paymaster who will issue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot.

The Commanding Officer in Camp is likewise to examine the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery under his Command and the Paymaster in the Field to issue the Subsistance, receive the Pay Rolls & transmit them to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George

Whenever a Detachment is made from Garrison or from the Army in the Field, the Subsistance of the Men for the Month they march in, to be paid into the Hands of the Commanding Officer of the Detachment, who is afterwards to draw agreeable to the foregoing Order.

The Commanding Officers at Trichinopoly Arcotah Changlapet are in like manner to send the pay Rolls of all the

the Men both Military and Artillery under their respective Commands to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George, and to draw on him for the Amount, ipsuing to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot, the Pay for such Men of that Company as are present.

As it may sometimes be difficult for the Commanding Officer at Trichenopoly to get Money for Bills on Fort St. George, he may draw on the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort St. David for the amount of his Pay Rolls, transmitting them nevertheless to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.

Fort St. David

The Commandant at Fort is to deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery in that Garrison to the Military Paymaster at Fort St. David, who will ipsue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot and then the Military Paymaster at Fort St. David is to deliver a Copy of the said Pay Rolls to the Deputy Governor, to be forwarded to the Governor of Fort St. George.

The Commandant at Devecotah is to deliver the Pay Rolls of all the Men both Military and Artillery in that Garrison to the (they) Have, who will ipsue the Pay to the eldest Officer of each Company on the Spot, and then transmit a Copy of the said Pay Rolls to the Governt of Fort St. George.

The Serjeants commanding at Poonamalee & Serjeantsow are to send their Pay Rolls to the Town Major at Fort St. George who is to deliver them to the Military Paymaster and receive their Pay.

The Serjeants commanding at Chettapet and Conjeveram are to send their Pay Rolls to the Commanding Officer at Arcot, who is to transmit them to the Military Paymaster

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Paymaster at Fort St. George and receive their Pay.

That the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George will have in his Hands all the Pay Rolls of Military and Train in Camp and in all the Garrisons; and it is Ordered that he cause the said Pay Rolls to be copied Monthly into a Book to be kept for that purpose.

It is to be observed that a Soldier or Man of the Train who dies on or before the 15th of the Month, is to be struck off the Roll at the End of the Month; but if he dies after the 15th he is to be continued on the Roll for the next Month. When a Man deserts no further Pay is to be drawn for him after his said Desertion.

Concerning Pay Rolls & Pay of Sepoys

All Pay Rolls or Abstracts by which the Sepoys are paid, are to be sent regularly every Month to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

Those at Fort St. George, Choultry, Arcot and Changlepet by the several Commandants.

Those at Poonemalee, Perpettah & Perpanore by the Commandant for Jemmy Major / at Fort St. George

Those of Chettapet & Conjeveram by the Commanding Officer at Arcot.

Those in Camp by the Commissary there.

Those at Fort St. David are to be delivered by the Commandant to the Military Paymaster there, who is to issue the Pay, and then to forward Copies of the Pay Rolls or Abstracts to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

Those at Devecotah are to be delivered by the Commandant to the Chief there who is to issues the Pay and then to forward Copies of the Pay Rolls or Abstracts to the Commissary at Fort St. George.

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The Commissary at Fort St. George is to cause all the Abstracts of Sepoys to be copied Monthly into a Book to be kept for that purpose.

The Day of the Death or Desertion of every Sepoy is to be carefully noted in the said Abstracts or Pay Rolls, as well as other Casualties, and it is to be observd that when any Sepoy dies or deserts, his Pay is to be Stopp'd immediately.

To effect this the Pay or Batta of the Sepoys must not be advancd; but that which is due for the first half of the Month is to be issued on the 15th and that for the last half of the Month is to be issued on the 1st of the next Month.

Concerning Stores

A regular Invoice to be sent with all Supplies of Stores to Camp or either of the out Garrisons, and the Commanding Officer of such Camp or Garrison is strictly to examine the Receipt of Stores with the said Invoice and to give particular Information to the Governour when any Deficiency or Overplus is found.

A List of Stores expended in the Field or in Garrison is to be given in to the Commanding Officer, by the proper Officers at the End of every Month for his Inspection.

General Orders

The Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals in the Service are not to be included in any Companies but to be drawn for seperately by the Commanding Officer wherever they are either in Camp or Garrison.

The Serjeants and Corporals Commanding Sepoys are to be exclusive also of the Companies, and to be drawn for seperately by the Commanding Officer wherever they are either in Camp or Garrison.

All Vacancies of Serjeants and Corporals that may happen in the several Companies are to fill'd out of the Supernumerary Serjeants & Corporals, & no new ones to be made until those

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to
those are incorporated.

The off reckonings for Sepoy or Supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals may be drawn for by the Agents for cloathing the different Companies.

All Supernumerary Drummers are to be discharg'd the Service immediately, and any Topazes who may be judg'd by the Commanding Officer in Camp and the several Garrisons to be unfit for the Service.

Many of the Companies of Sepoys being now above the Establishment, no new ones are to be raisd untill the whole are reduc'd to the said Establishment and when any Company of Sepoys is so reduc'd, the Vacancies that may afterwards happen in the said Company must be fillid out of the other Companies which are above the Establishment untill they are all on a Level.

It is Ordered also that the Commanding Officer in Camp & the several Garrisons, do muster the Sepoys under his Command once every Month and whenever he finds any among them that are unfit for the Service, they are to be immediately discharg'd

(Sign'd) George Pigot

The present Method of paying the Sepoys, partly on the Nabob's Account by the Hands of the Commissary and partly on the Company's Account by the Hands of the Pay masters at the several Garrisons, causing a great Confusion in those Pay Rolls; it is Agreed that all Sepoys be hereafter paid on the Nabob's Account by the Commissary who by that means will have all the Pay Rolls in his Hands and be enabled to discover any Irregularity or abuse. +

As Major Kilpatrick may have Occasion to detach small Parties of the Army against some of the Sepoy

Boggars

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Polygars. It is Agreed to direct him to insert a Caution in his Instructions to the Officer he may appoint to the Command of every such Party, that no part of the Money stipulated for or received shall be accounted Presents, but the whole to be the property of the Company and the Nabob. The Committee think this necessary in order to prevent any future bad Consequences from the extensive meaning given to the Word Present by Coll. Heron in his Defence of his Conduct in the Madura and Tinnevelly Countries.

Letters from the Renter and Tasseldar of Terpettah Read inclosing Bills for Arcot Rupees Eleven Thousand eight Hundred and fifty /11850/ and Pagodas five Thousand eight Hundred and Seventy /5870/ said to be in full for the Septemr. or first Kist of the present Year. The Account of the said Kist being at the same time laid before the Committee and examined, there appears to be a Ballance still due from the Renter of Arcot Rupees Seven /7/ and Pagodas one hundred Sixty two, twenty one fanams and forty Eight Cash /162. 21. 48./ which the Commissary is Ordered to demand from the Renters Vakeel and to get Payment for the Bills.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lyttelton
Robert Orme
W Lynch
Robt Palk

— The Secretary sent the following Letter to Lieut. Colonel Wagstaff pursuant to this Morning's Resolution

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To Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Bagshaw

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and the Gentlemen of the Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the 23d Instant; and in Answer thereto to acquaint you, that in the present Situation of Affairs, it being their Opinion the Regiment his Majesty was graciously pleas'd to send hither, to support the Rights and Priviledges of the Nation would best Answer that End by being stationd at Fort St David, where on account of its Vicinity to Pondicherry, they judg'd the greatest Strength ought to be posted, they had recommended that Station to Colonel Adlercron: It therefore very naturally occurr'd to them that where your Regiment was, there also was your properest Station, and indeed so little did they think of doing you Injury that it was impossible they could imagine your Reputation to be in the least affected by not giving you a Seperate Command as they deem'd you to be more immediately under the Direction of Colonel Adlercron.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Henry Vansittart

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Fort St. George 30th Novem.r 1755.

Sent the following Letters to Richard Starke Esq.r William Percaval Esq.r Mr. Charles Hopkins Major James Kilpatrick & Captain John Caillaud pursuant to the Resolutions of 27th Instant inclosing the Military Regulations entered on the Minutes of that Day, and of which Copies are also now dispatch'd to Captains Maskelyne & Polier commanding at Arcot and Changlepet.

To Richard Starke Esq.r
Deputy Governor of Fort St. David

Sir

We send you herewith a Book containing the regular Establishment of the Military Artillery and Sepoys on the Coast of Choromandel together with the Orders made in Committee the 27th Instant for the regulating the Troops conformably to that Establishment and a plan for the better Disposition of the Pay Rolls, and Accounts of Stores sent to Camp and the Out Garrisons — You will please to establish those Orders and that plan in your Garrison, give a Copy of the whole to the Military Paymaster, and cause them to be carefully observed by all those whose Office it concerns.

The Pay of all Sepoys whatever is to be charged hereafter to the Account of Nabob Mahomed Alley Cawn and the Pay Rolls sent to the Commissary at Fort St. George as set forth in the Regulations abovementioned. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Powney — Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch — Robert Palk —

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To William Perceval Esq.r

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 21st and those to the President of the 1st and 24th

We send you enclos'd a Book containing the Establishment

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Establishment of the Military both English & Swiss Artillery and Sepoys with sundry Regulations concerning Pay Rolls, Stores &c. which We have transmitted also to Major Kilpatrick Ordered them to be put immediately in Execution in Camp as well as all the Garrisons, as far as conveniently can be.

We herewith transmit you Translations of the two Papers of Proposals concerning Muntaz Ally Cawn. They are by no means agreeable to us and We are indeed surprized to see the Nabob offer him so many Advantages while on the other hand there is no mention of the Tribute he ought to pay the Nabob; you will please to acquaint the Nabob that We shall not be able to pledge of this Agreement unless the Sum to be paid him is stipulated, which We think also should be at least as much as is mention'd in your Letter of the 3d Novemr in return for those Advantages.

There will be no Occasion for being at the Expence of sending the whole Army against Ellavanasore nor for the Nabob to go himself. It will be sufficient We imagine to detach a small Party of Military with a good Body of Sepoys: when your Business is finish'd with the Polligars it will be time enough for us to order this Party. You may tell the Nabob that it is necessary he should always weigh the Expences of every Expedition he is desirous of undertaking with the Advantages to be reasonably expected, and resolve accordingly: We desire you will hasten the Conclusion of your Affairs with Bommeraze and all the Petty Polligars We suppose it will not be necessary for the whole Army to move against them, it is therefore time to think of the future Disposition of the Troops, in order to save as much of the Expence as possible; you will please to consult with the Nabob on this Subject, and write us fully. The Affair of Muntaz Ally Cawn seems to us to be the most interesting

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interesting and We imagine it might be forwarded by the Army's moving to Arcot and there making a Show of Preparations to attack Velour; The Killedar would probably be glad to come to good Terms with the Nabob rather than run that Risque, and the Expence of Batta might at the same time be saved by the People's being quarterd in the Town.

from Golconda

We do not think the Nabobs Advices are much to be depended on; the President has wrote to the Nabob of Cuddapah agreeable to his Desire.

Desire the Nabob not to interfere at all in the Affairs of the Contested Districts which must be left entirely to the manage-ment of the Commissaries appointed for that Purpose. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Bonney — Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch — Robert Talk.

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To Mr Charles Hopkins
Chief of Devecotah

Sir

We send you herewith a Book containing the regular Establishment of the Military, Artillery and Sepoys on the Coast of Choromandel together with the Orders made in Committee the 27th Instant for the regulating the Troops conformably to that Establishment, and a Plan for the better Disposition of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores sent to Camp and the out Garrisons — You will please to publish those Orders and that Plan in your Garrison, observe them carefully as far as they concern you and see that they are strictly obeyd by all others under you

You are hereafter to charge the Pay of all Sepoys what-ever to the Account of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn. We are

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Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot &c.a Comm.rs

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To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

We send you herewith a Book containing the Regulations Establishment of the Military Artillery and Sepoys on the Coast of Choromandel, together with the Orders made in Committee the 27th Instant for the regulating the Troops conformably to that Establishment and a Plan for the better Disposition of the Pay Rolls and accounts of Stores You will please to establish those Orders and that Plan in the Army under your Command and cause them to be carefully observed.

If you should have occasion to detach small Parties against the Polygars, it will be proper that you insert a Caution that no part of the Money stipulated for or received shall be accounted Presents, but that the whole Sum either received or agreed for shall be the Property of the Company and the Nabob. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servant

George Pigot_ Stringer Lawrence_ Hen.y Vansittart
Robert Orme_ Alex.r Wynch_ Robert Palk_

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* Vid in the Instructions you are to give to the Officer you shall appoint to the Command of any Party

To Captain John Caillaud
N.o 16.

Sir

Since writing you the 23d Instant we have received your Letter of the 17th we are very well satisfied that you have done whatever could be done both with the King of Tanjore and Tondiman in order to bring their Disputes to an amicable Accommodation. As they are both so obstinate we are resolved to let Things take their Course. Mr Newton may deliver our Letter to the King at the time you settled together and you will act according to our Directions of the 23d Instant.

We send you herewith a Book containing the regulations Establishment

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Establishment of the Military Artillery and Lgnoys on the Coast of Choromandel together with the Orders made in Committee the 27th Instant for the regulating the Troops conformably to that Establishment, and a Plan for the better Disposition of the Pay Rolls and Accounts of Stores. You will please to establish those Orders and that Plan in your Garrisons and cause them to be carfully observd. We are Sir Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Henry Ponney — Robert Orme — Alexr Wynch — Robert Palk.

Fort St. George the 30. Novemr. 1756

At a Committee Present

Friday the 5th Decemr. 1750.

George Pigot Esqr. Governor President
Stringer Lawrence
Robert Orme
Henry Ponney
Robert Palk

Alexr Wynch indisposd
Wm Perceval absent on Service

Since last meeting received the following Letters from

Major James Kilpatrick

To the Honble George Pigot, Esqr. President & Governor
&c. &c. Gentlemen of the Committee of Correspondence

N.o 1.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honourd with your Letter of the 21st Instant and shall observe your Directions in regulating the non Commissiond Officers of the Military, and the Lgnoy Companies as soon as possible, Mr. Perceval having already acquainted you with the Reasons why the latter could not take Place immediately. The Supernumerary Drummers are discharged.

The Army marchd from Trevadoor the 21st and encampd

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encampd here the 23d; the Nabob being met by a Vakeel from Bommeraauze, notice gave him reason to expect he would settle in a few Days; has desird We might halt here till the return of the Vakeel, who is gone to acquaint his Master with the Terms of Accommodation that the Nabob has offerd him.

Captain Lee and Mr. Maxwell joind the Army 24th Inst. I have also receivd three Officers Tents and Marquees, which came very seasonable as the Weather has destroyd all the old ones. We are still in want of a few more, which should be glad were forwarded as soon as possible.

I have had no Intelligence of Town since my last Party left it. Should he be in the way of the Army, or I receive any positive Advice of his coming within reach, shall endeavour to secure him if I prudently can, by detaching a Party to surprize him.

I have acquainted the Military with your Honours in remitting them the Payment of two Rupees P Man advanced at Arcot, they are extremely sensible of your Favor & desire me to return you their Thanks.

There are two French Deserters just come to Camp who offer their Service, I shall send them down to Madras with a Guard of Sepoys. I am with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

James Kilpatrick

Elmajee the 26. Novr. 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President & Govr &c. & Committee of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I did myself the Honor to address you from Elmajee Camp the 26th Ult, since which the Nabob thought it necessary He should march into Bommeraauze Country, that he might be frightend into Compliance the sooner, and he are

are now encamp'd near a small Pagoda and Fort call'd Tritany; late last Night his Vakeel return'd to Camp, so I hope he will settle his Affairs amicably, or at least the Nabob come to some determination soon if We are to act against him.

I enclose you returns of the Army Ordnance Stores &c. and am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient and most humble Servant James Kilpatrick.

Tchipotore Camp 2d Decem.r 1755.

As the Nabobs Affairs with the Polygars are likely to be soon settled, it is Agreed to write Major Kilpatrick to consult with him concerning the future Disposition of the Troops in the same manner as We have already wrote Mr. Percival and conformably to the Minutes of last Committee.

The President lays before the Committee the two following Letters receivd from Mr. Andrew Newton at Tanjore.

To The Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

On receiving your Letters of the 3d Instant at Trichenopoly Capt. Caillaud again wrote to Tondiman to see if he would make any Concessions but no Answer coming in three or four Days I set out for this place; on my waiting on Monogee, he told me that the King seeing there was no probability of receiving Satisfaction from Tondiman by Capt. Caillauds means, had order'd him to raise 2000 additional Sepoys, and immediately march all his Troops against Tondiman, which he should do in five Days, I told him Captain Caillaud had wrote to acquaint you of Tondimans refusing to give the Country into our Possession as he had promis'd and begg'd he would delay his March

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till an Answer came, he said he could not without the Kings Orders, but would acquaint him with that and every thing else I had said; he did so, but instead of procuring Delays, received Orders to march next Day; when I found they were determind I sent to let him know, that I had a Letter from you, and wanted to talk with the King, he was there with the King, and was immediately sent away with barely his own Attendants at their Request; I went to him three or four Miles out of Town, and acquainted him in private, with the Contents of your Letter, he told me he could not prevent his marching but must obey the Kings Orders, who had accus'd him of Treachery in not setting out before; I immediately then sent your Letter to the King and begg'd I might wait on him; in the Afternoon he sent me word he would see me on the Morrow, which was Tuesday the 25th Instant, I accordingly went and urg'd to him the Truce and every other Article of your Letter, he said as Morogee had before that the same Objections were made, when he went against the Morrowah, but that the French had taken no notice of it, I told him that as the Morrowah had first applied to the French for Assistance and had been refus'd, your Friendship for him would not permit you to take more Notice than they had done of it, to his Prejudice, he talk'd a great deal of the Expence he had been at and what his Country had suffer'd, I urg'd that our Honor and his equally were concern'd to preserve the Truce. He then wanted to know if Capt. Caillaud had orders to join Jordiman, having heard of his Preparations; as I knew your Orders to Captain Caillaud I did not answer this directly, but told him he knew the Engagements we were under, and that no doubt all our Officers had Orders accordingly, for you could never have imagin'd he would be the first to break the Truce, begg'd him to consider well the Consequences, and again referr'd him to your Letter. He

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He askd what I would advise him to, I answerd you only wanted him to be true to his Engagements and at a better Time would do any thing to serve him if he would recall his Troops and be quiet, this he absolutely refusd, and said what would the World think for him to be thus usd by a Pollegar; I then askd him if he would order Monogee to be quiet, till I had wrote you and receivd your Answer, and I would undertake for Captain Caillaud's doing nothing in that time; would I promise him that your Answer would not be the same as the last Letter; I could promise him nothing, he knew the Engagements we were under and the bad Effects that would ensue if he obligd us to act against him, by committing any Hostilities; he was then very much at a Loss, at his motion I was going, and then desird to sit down, we talkd all over again, but as he would come to no determination I left him, desiring him to consider well before he acted, that it was yet in his Power to keep us the same Friends we always had been to him; he promisd to consider and let me know as Yesterday. almost all the Troops they have are now gone after Monogee, which I believe are no great Numbers having scarce any Money but what the King has advanced out of his privy Purse; he is to make some stay at Auraudangy where they expect to be joind by 20,000 of the Morrawah People.

I have wrote to inform Captain Caillaud of their Motions & shall agreable to your Orders, regulate myself by his Direction.

Having now sent to the King, to know his Determination whether he would delay committing Hostilities till I knew your pleasure, and receiving only an evasive Answer, I thought it not proper to delay any longer acquainting your Honor with the above. I am with great Submission Honble Sir Your most Obedient and most humble Servant Arch. Newton

To

Tanjore
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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

I yesterday wrote to acquaint you of the Mingo Troops being march'd to act against Tondiman and the ineffectual Method Capt. Caillaud and I had taken either to prevent or postpone their setting out or to have them recall'd. I afterwards endeavoured to keep them inactive, till We could know your further Pleasure. The King could not then determine to agree to that, but having since sent to consult Monoque and I also having deliver'd a Letter from Captain Caillaud, he has this Evening promis'd that his Troops shall not move out of his own Districts, for fifteen Days, he hopes in that Time Orders will come from you, that will be more favourable to his Designs, tho' I have assur'd him, you cannot recede from your Engagements.

The fear of Captain Caillaud's marching to join Tondiman, has been the reason of this Delay, tho' I imagine their Troops (with the Morravahs) would not have been ready to act sooner.

As We were very apprehensive, of their pushing Matters so far as to find they were only threatned I had propos'd to Captain Caillaud and which he approv'd of, that when things were at a Crisis, and they found our Troops did not act against them, to acquaint the King, that our resentment to Tondiman, for not giving up the Country to us, as he had promis'd as well as out of Friendship to him, you had order'd him not to march unless call'd upon by the French; but as We hope now to receive your Orders, before they commit any Hostilities, shall regulate our Conduct thereby.

It seems pretty certain, that nothing but their Troops being beat will make them relinquish or delay any longer their Designs.

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I have wrote Captain Caillaud to inform him of the Orders the King has sent to Monoger, and what I have promis'd him in regard to his not joining Sondiman in the time mention'd. I am with perfect Respect Honble Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant And.w Newton. —

Tanjore
the
28. Nov.r 1755.

The Committee approve of the Arguments Mr. Newton made use of in his Conference with the King of Tanjore and although contrary to that Advice he has sent his Troops into the Field, yet from the Scarcity of Money in Tanjore, there is Reason to hope he will not push the Affair to any great Length. The Committee remain in their former Opinion that it is best to let it take its own Course, avoiding as long as We possibly can the necessity of acting against the King of Tanjore & the President is desir'd to write Mr. Newton in consequence.

Letter from Captain Mashelyne read inclosing the Petition of a Soldier belonging to Arcot Garrison for Pay during his Imprisonment, after the taking of Madras. As he and all his Comrades had a Gratuity of twenty Pagodas each in full for their Prison Pay, it is Agreed that the Petition be rejected.

The Vakeel of the Tripaty Renter now pays in Arcot Rupees Seven /7/ and Pagodas One Hundred fifty nine and ten Fanams 159: 10 —
Allowing 2 ℘ Cent Premium for the Bills as usual — — —

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Ballance of the September or 62d Kist of the present Year as by the Account examin'd last Committee.

Geo.e Pigot

Stringer Lawrence

Henry Lewis

Robert Orme

Rob.t Palk

Fort St. George 6th Decem. 1755.

Sent the following Letters to Major James Kilpatrick and Mr Andrew Newton pursuant to the Resolutions of yesterday's Committee.

To Major James Kilpatrick

Sir

We have receivd your Letters of the 26th November and 2d December. We wish Bommeravze may satisfy the Nabob without obliging him to proceed to Hostilities and as to all the lesser Polligars we imagine it will not be necessary for the whole Army to move against them. You will please therefore to consult with the Nabob concerning the future disposition of the Troops. He seems divided between Ellavanasore & Velour: the former We are of Opinion is not of sufficient Consequence to employ the whole Army, and the latter We should rather wish to see amicably settled which perhaps might be brought about by the Army's moving to Arcot and there making a shew of Preparations for the Siege of that Fort, but We can come to no Determination 'till We hear from the Nabob on the Subject. We are Sir

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6th December 1756.

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Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot Vce Committee

To Mr Andrew Newton

Sir

I have receivd your Letters dated 27th & 28th November. Your Arguments with the King of Tanjore and Monogee were quite agreeable to my Sentiments. Nothing more can be said on the Subject, and We have resolvd to let the Affairs take its Course, as you will before have been informd by Captain Caillaud.

As by your last Letter I learn the King had stopp'd the March of his Troops for fifteen Days under pretence of expecting to hear further from me, should he at the end of that Time enquire whether I have wrote any thing more, you may tell him you believe I wait to hear from him first, in Answer to my several Letters; This may perhaps gain a further Delay

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which next to an amicable Accommodation is all We can wish. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant

George Pigot.

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6th Decr 1755.

At a Committee Present

George Pigot Esqr Governor President
Stringer Lawrence Henry Bourne
Robert Orme Alexr Wynch
" " Robert Palk

Mr Perceval absent on Service

Saturday
the 13th

The two following Letters received from Captain John Caillaud & Read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr President & Governor
&c. Gentlemen of the Committee at Madraß

N. 17

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Newton has acquainted me Gentlemen of his having laid before you every thing that has occurred at Tanjore since his Return. The delivery of your Letter on Monoguis going out of the Town had a very good Effect, which added to the Report that I was getting every thing ready for an March & Mr. Newton's Hints that he supposd I had my Orders, all this put the King in a strange Perplexity.

To bring them still to some more favourable Resolution for us, I wrote to the King in the strongest Terms I could think of to dissuade him from marching, & so far it has succeeded as to procure another Delay of fifteen Days, untill I say, We can have Letters from Madraß.

The last Letter I was honord with from you Gentlemen was quite plain what Part I was to act in, in case they proceeded to Extremities. Tondiman's Refusal to give up the Country into our Hands makes some Alterations I think

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and I humbly beg leave to lay what follows to your Consideration.

Whether if our Army is to come here on the Spring, a Promise might be made by you to the King, that he then should be put in possession of the Country; If he will now be put in possession of the Country; If he will now be quiet, I dont think he would refuse that especially for fear of the Alternative, which must be mentioned, & which also he much apprehends, as he thinks we now in Earnest.

This is only offer'd Gentlemen if you thinks from what I have already communicated to you on the Subject, that the King of Tanjore has the best Right. It appears to me he has some; Tondiman's Behaviour in my humble Opinion, deserves little Favor; Indeed it has been so ridiculous & contrary to his own Interest; that even his Brother & all his People blame him very highly.

By the Army's coming up here Gentlemen the Affair may be easily adjusted with the rest, which the French have no manner of Business to interfere in.

I apprehend we may say it is the Nabob only settling & fixing the proper Bounds & Limits of the respective Countries, of these different Princes; that we may know if any Infringements are made; who to punish; the best & easiest Method to keep the Country in Order, and to preserve the Peace of it.

Tondiman I think will make no Difficulty if once he sees our Army & is acquainted with our Resolution, and if he gives up the Country quietly, he may be promised to be considerd at a proper Time.

If you think fit Sirs Gentlemen to make such a Promise to the King the sooner you will please to do it

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Duplicate by
2d Ship Nov.r 1755.

If the Letter we can hope keeps them quiet until that Time comes I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most faithful
Servant Isaac Maillard

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President &c. &c.
&c. Gentlemen of the Committee at Madrass

N.o 18.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclos'd I have the Honor to transmit to you gentlemen, the Returns and Accounts of last Month. There are yet come no orders from the Nabob to his Hollodar, about paying the Repairs of the Fort; Nor have I yet been honord with an Answer to mine of the 1st Nov.r N.o 15. on that Subject, whether I ought to continue keeping the Pagoda in hoard for the Payment of those Expences Monthly, until the Nabob's Order comes, and also till what is already owed be repaid.

I have acquainted you Gentlemen with the Situation of Affairs at Tanjore, in my two last Letters of the 17th & 20th N.o 16 & 17 nothing since those were wrote has happend differently from the Accounts I had the Honor of sending you.

I have had no News from Maupthoo (as I do either cant not or will not answer my Letters neither have I had any Accounts from the Man I sent, tho' I desire to enquire into those particulars, you were desirous of being acquainted with; untill a few Days ago & then he wrote me a fit of Sickness had prevented his proceeding to Maupthoo (as I) but, that he was on his Recovery & would immediately set out,

The Polligors Incursions have just kept this

Words

Fort S.t George 15th Decem.r 1755.

Words now as before; I have wrote to their respective Masters, acquainting them that I ordered to send their Seervices down to our head Settlements, if on Receipt of my Letters they will not contrive Means to pay for their Release. I cannot promise myself much from this Threat, tho I know it is what they are greatly apprehensive of. I am with great Respect Honble Sirs Your most obed.t & faithfull Servant

Tricheno.poly
3.d Dec.r 1755.

Stephen Caillaud.

The Committee then debated on the Proposal submitted to their Consideration by Captain Caillaud in his foregoing Letter of 30.th Nov.r, as a means to prevent the King of Tanjore from proceeding to Hostilities against Tondeman; which is: "in case our Army is to move that "way in the Spring, to make a Promise to the King "that he shall then be put in Possession of the Countries "he claims" — Although the King of Tanjore's Right to those Countries is not made indisputably plain, yet in order to prevent Hostilities during the Truce, and in consideration as well of his former Services as of the weight he will again have should the Troubles recommence we should be extremely glad to give him Marks of our Friendship and might on this Occasion make him the Promise proposed, was it certain that our Troops will be to the Southward in the Spring, and that the Situation of Affairs at that Time will permit us to assist in taking the Disputed Countries from Tondeman; but as it is quite impossible for us to foreseen any but the most Doubtful Judgment of the Turn things may take, it depending entirely on the Answers we are to receive

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receive from Europe concerning the Treaty. His resolve to avoid entering into Engagements, of which the Execution is so uncertain, and to write Capt. Caillaud and Mr Newton to acquaint the King of Tanjore that the utmost We can do in his favor is to remain as if ignorant of his Designs, until We are publickly call'd on by the French to support the Articles of the Treaty and that he can thus blame only himself for the Consequences, as he has sent his Troops into the Field contrary to our repeated Advices.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Ellwey
Robert Orme
W Wynch
Robt Palk

Fort St. George 13.th Decem.r 1755.

" Sent the following Letters to Captain Tolbon Caillaud and
Mr. Andrew Newton pursuant to this Days Resolut-
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To Captain Caillaud
N.o 17.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 30.th Novem.r
and 3.d Decem.r, with the Monthly Papers inclosed in the
Latter.

We should be extremely glad as all our former
Letters will shew, to prevent Hostilities between the King
of Tanjore and Tondimans, but We are unwilling to
enter into any new Engagements because the present
doubtful Situation of my Affairs as to Peace or War makes
it uncertain whether we shall be able to perform those
Engagements or not. In any thing lawfull or where we
could do it with Justice we should be glad to assist the
King of Tanjore but in the present Case the utmost We
can do is to remain as if ignorant of his Designs until
we are publickly call'd on by the French to support the
Articles of the Treaty. We have permitted Mr. Newton to
hint as much to the King after his Troops are march'd,
and to tell him that as he has proceeded to extremities con-
trary to our Advice he must not blame us for the Conse-
quences. We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney
Robert Orme - Alex.r Wynch - Robert Palk -

Fort St. George
13.th Dec.r 1755.

To Mr. Andrew Newton

Sir

Since answering your Letters of the 27.th and 28.th Novem.r
I have heard further from Captain Caillaud of the King of Tan-
jore

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Sanjore's Proceedings. If his Troops move forward I desire you will once more represent to him that We have given him our best Advice, as he thinks proper to act contrary to it he must not blame us for the Consequences, that in any thing Lawfull or where we could assist him with Justice we should chearfully do it, but in the present Case the utmost Measure in his Favor is to remain as if ignorant of his undertaking untill we are publickly called on by the French to support the Articles of the Treaty. I am Sir Your most Obedient Servant George Pigot.

Fort St. George
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At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq.r Governor Presid.t
Stringer Lawrence — Henry Conney
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch
" — " — Robert Palk

Mr. Perceval absent on Service

The President lays before the Committee a Letter he receivd lately from the Nabob as entred in the Country Correspondence N.o 206 also Copies of two Letters wrote by the Nabob to Antrarey Pundt his Vakeel, to which he the Nabob refers

One of them contains a circumstantial Detail of the Madura and Tinnevelly Affairs from the beginning of the Troubles; Shewing that Moodemia the late Rebel Chief of those Countries submitted to the Nabob even in the Life time of Chunda Saib; that the Mysoreans far from being acknowledg'd in those Countries sent several Parties to attack them, which Parties were constantly defeated, so that neither He nor the French ever had

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footing in them. This Detail is a sufficient Confutation of the Pretensions M.r DeLeyrit endeavoured in one of his late Letters to set up; and it is Agreed to transmit him a Copy of it if he makes any Reply to the Answer sent him by the President.

The other Letter from the Nabob to his Vakeel is chiefly on the Subject of the Bowcar Duties of Trichinopoly; representing the Disgrace it will be to him if those Duties remain under the independant Direction of our Officer and earnestly requesting they may be delivered back to the management of his People —— That he is willing to advance the Money necessary for carrying on the Repairs of that Fort as well as Arcot and Chingleput but unable to provide for the Charges General, &c.a Exc.a for the use of the Garrisons.

The Nabob did before promise to find Money for the Repairs of the Forts, but the Hilledar of Trichinopoly never having received any Orders on that Subject refused to pay Capt Caillaud's Bills. For this Reason Captain Caillaud took the management of the Bowcar Duties and We approved this Step in Committee the 21st Novem.r In confidence however that the Nabob will now fulfill his repeated Promise and provide for the Repairs of all the Forts it is Agreed in compliance with his Request to direct Captain Caillaud to give back to the Nabobs People the Bowcar Duties of his People, and in future to advance the Charges General out of the Company's Money.

And for the better Regulation of the said Repairs it is Agreed to send Orders to the several Commanders to transmit us an Estimate of the Cost of such as they may find necessary for the Defence of the Place and wait our Answer — If We judge it to be a useful work We shall send the Estimate to the Nabob that he may give an Order for the Money to carry it into Execution;

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And if the Nabob upon such Application should at any time neglect to give the Order, either the Work must be stopp'd or the Bonar Dubies be again taken into the Hands of our Officers, untill he shall furnish the Money necessary, for We are determined to abide by the Resolutions heretofore made, that none of the Company's Money shall be disbursed on the Repairs of Country Forts.

The Company being however charged with the Repairs of Fortifications since the Month of August by Reason of the Killedars refusing to pay the Bills it is Agreed to direct Captain Caillaud to bring to the Company's Credit whatever he may have collected from the Bonar to the Day of his receiving these Orders, which will Reimburse the Sums advanced.

Letter from Captain Maskelyne dated the 9th Instant read advising that he is under great Apprehensions that the Killedar of Chettypat has a Design to declare for the French and admit them into the Fort; that these Apprehensions are grounded on the Reports made to him by the Chief Peon of the Place who has informed him that the said Killedar has Lately entertained one Gordon, a Runaway Scotch Doctor who is said to be a Spy for the French, that several Letters have been privately sent and received to and from Pondichery, and that he (the Killedar) has placed Sappoys on the Arcot Roads as far as Auveny to advise him if more than five Men move that way together, for which Reasons He Capt. Maskelyne has given Orders to Serjeant Rose, who commands the Sixteen Men we formerly posted there, to keep his People sober, be strictly on his Guard and on case any Suspicious People from Pondicherry Lurk about the Fort, to secure them,

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At the same Time the President laid before the Committee two Letters he received the 15th & 16th Instant from the Killedar of Chettapet as entered in the Country Correspondence N.os 212 & 213 — In the first of these he complains that Serjeant Rose had seiz'd Doctor Gordon an old Friend of his, whom he had sent for to give Physick to his Father, that the said Serjeant began to lay great Restraints upon the Merchants and Inhabitants passing to and fro, and that he had also opend the Powder Magazine and distributed Cartridges to his Soldiers, which making him the Killedar very uneasy he begs the Serjeant may be recalld or ordered to behave in a quiet manner. The Killedar in his Second Letter complains of further Irregularities committed by the Serjeant one Instance of which is that he came to his House about Midnight, and wanted him (the Killedar) to go home with him, under pretence that he had something of Consequence to communicate, whereupon to prevent any further bad Consequences, he by politick Measures took the Serjeant Prisoner and sent him in under a Guard. He begs that Corporal Glen, the next in Command may be continued there but the very Men who were last sent recalld by reason of the great Confidence he is at in maintaining them.

Serjeant Rose who was accordingly brought in Yesterday Says in his Justification that he thought himself obliged to take all the Measures complaind of by the Killedar in Obedience to the Orders he receivd from Capt. Maskelyne to secure all suspicious Persons and be watchful that the Killedar did not make his Escape.

The Committee considering all the above recited Circumstances are of Opinion that the Killedar of Chettapet is not a Friend either to the Nabob or the

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French but aims to be independant of both. He has a considerable Army both of Horse and Sepoys, and the Fort is one of the Strongest in the Country, for which Reasons it was very indiscreet in Captain Maskelyne to give such extensive Orders to the Serjeant, whose small Command must needs be at the Mercy of the Killedars. In this Situation it is thought prudent to endeavour to keep him in temper for fear of his calling in other Assistance before any Opportunity may offer of reducing him to the Nabobs Obedience ——— To let all the Men that are there remain under the Commands of Corporal Glen, giving the Killedar for Reason that as we are yet uncertain about this Peace it is best for him to keep them with him, and in order to obviate his Plea concerning the Expence, to acquaint him that he has no Occasion to make them any Allowance / Capt Maskelyne will send them their Pay and their Batta must be struck off as in the Garrisons of Arcot and Chingleput / that we were not acquainted with the Steps taken by Captain Maskelyne and very much disapprove them / as we are confident it is both his Interest and Intention to keep in Friendship with us, and as he is desirous of corresponding only with the President concerning his Affairs, and not with the Commander at Arcot it is Agreed to write Captain Maskelyne that he is not to send any Orders to Chingleput in future, except on any Emergency the Killedar should apply to him for Assistance

The following Letters from Wilson Percival Esq. and Major Kilpatrick, Read.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.

Honble Sir

The 30th Ultimo in the Morning the Army march'd to this Place about 10 Miles, the Vakeel of Pommarauze not

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not having sent the Nabob satisfactory Accounts as has been expected, — We should have marchd into his Country this Morning had not the Vakeel arrivd in Camp last Night, We hope Affairs will now be accommodated, for I cannot see much Profit can accrue to the Company by taking or plundering the Country, the Inhabitants have carrid away every thing and lodgd them in a strong Holds, so that We shall find great Difficulty to get at them. — Trichiany or Tritani is about three Miles distant bearing about N.W.t I was at it Yesterday, it is a pretty Pagoda very pleasantly situated on an high Hill and a Fortification round it, inhabited chiefly by Brammins. I am very truely Honble Sir Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

William Perceval. —

Camp near y.e Hills
under Trichiany
2.d Dec.r 1755. —

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now enclose you the General Muster of the Military Sepoys &c.a Attendants on the Army taken Yesterday.

As We are on the point of settling with Bowmerauze, I hope in a few Days to send you an agreeable Account of our Success. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient
Camp at Trichiany the 8.th Decem.r 1755. humble Servant William Perceval.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r
&c.a Gentlemen of the Committee

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 30.th Novem.r with the Book of Regulations and Translate of the two Papers of Proposals concerning Murtaza Alley Cawn came to hand the 4.th and Yesterday

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Yesterday I acquainted the Nabob with your Orders.—

The Terms offer'd to Murtaza Alley Caxon are on Condition of his paying one Lack of Pagodas, agreeable to my Letter of the 8th Novem.r One Lack of Rupees to be paid in ready Money, as I advis'd the Governor in my Letter of the 10th the Remainder in a certain Time; This the Nabob says, we may be assured of he thinks, without committing Hostilities.

The Nabob is of your Opinion, that there is no Occasion for sending the whole Army against Ellavanasoor or going himself; but wish'd me if it could not be done while he was at Arcot, I said to be sure it was, or you would have prepar'd it; he said very well, but it should be done soon, for he did not intend to order Arcot, till the Velore and Ellavanasoor Affairs were finish'd, but to remain in his Camp, by it as he then intended to give Arcot a new Name.

In regard to retrenching the Expences of the Expedition, and quartering the Troops in Arcot to save the Expence of Batta, The Nabob express'd great Surprise; have not I, said he made over the greatest part of my Country to the Company, to the Amount of Eight Lack of Rupees? and did not they promise, before I left Madraß, that this Army should go wherever I pleas'd, to settle any Affairs in the Arcot Province? why should they think so much of two or three Month's Batta? have not you already sent more Money than they expected from the Expedition? He desir'd me to write this to you, which I could not decently refuse but promis'd to do.— In order to compleat his Affairs & settle him firm in the Nabobship of Arcot, I believe it may be necessary that you give Orders to Major Killpatrick to

to detach a party of his Military with a Body of Sepoys, when the Nabob and he may find it convenient.

When his Affairs in this Province are well established he talk'd of going to Trichinopoly and the Southward; I said when we had finish'd with Meer Taz Alley Cawn, I would beg leave to go to Madura and he might then acquaint you with his Intentions, that you might consult and determine, what might be thought necessary for such an Expedition, which he purposes to Do. I am Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient humble Servant

William Perceval.

Trichinopy
11th Decem.r 1755.

Pt. One chief Reason why the Nabob is desirous of keeping the Field near Arcot is his having the Vellore and several other Killedar's Troops with him, intending to settle the Vellore Affair before they seperate which they otherwise would probably do. Idem W. P.

To the Hon.ble George Pigot Esq.r &c.a Committee of Correspondence at Fort St.t George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I am just now honoured with your Letters of the 30th Ult.o and 6.th Instant the Regulations the former contains, and the Orders enclosd with it shall be carefully observd in Camp.

On the 7.th at Night, Bommeraweze Vakeels settled their Affairs with the Nabob to his Satisfaction; and at the Expiration of four Days from that time, half the Sum stipulated for, ie to be paid in ready Money, Mr. Perceval tomorrow will fully inform you of the Particulars of that Agreement. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs your most Obed.t &c.a James Killpatricke

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To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r President & Gov.r
&c.a Committee of Correspondence at Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of your Letter of the 6th Instant I have apply'd to the Nabob to know his Resolutions with respect to the Lesser Polligars, and the future Disposition of the Army. He tells me that as soon as the first part of the Agreement (with Commorauze) is fulfilled, by the ready Money's being receivd, His Intentions are to go to Arcot with the Army, and employ a party of Marrumaraweis Men with some other Country Force to settle Accounts with the Little Polligars hereabouts.

He does not seem at all apprehensive that the Killedare of Velore will give him any Trouble but imagines his Affairs with him, will be easily adjusted on his Arrival at Arcot; On the contrary he is very desirous of a Party's being sent against the Polligar of Ellavanassor as soon as the Army have finish'd their present Business, you will be pleas'd therefore to acquaint me whether or no it is agreeable to you that I should give him the Detachment he desires. I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

James Killpatrick.

Camp near Tritany 17th Decem.r 1755.

As the Nabob thinks the Reduction of the Fort of Ellavanassor of great Consequence to his Affairs, it is Agreed to direct Major Killpatrick to send a proper Person to observe the Strength and Situation of the Place and of the Roads to it, to transmit us the information he may receive with his Opinions of the Force necessary to act against it, after which He shall order a proper Detachment for that Expedition, and as to the rest of the Army the

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Committee are of Opinion that it had better be quarterd at Arcot and the Batta said, than lye encampd near it according to the Nabobs Proposal, at an unnecessary Expence.

And it is further Agreed to write Mr. Percival that We shall be very glad to have the Nabobs Affairs with Murtaza Alley Cawn finished on the Terms mentiond in his Letter of the 11.th Decem.r, One hundred thousand /100,000/ Rupees to be paid in ready Money, provided good Security, which We look upon to be only Sonjeh Bills, is got for the Remainders of the Lack of Pagodas to be stipulated for.

Mr. Commissary Orme lays before the Committee the November Account of Disbursements recd from Camp, which being examind, the following Remarks are made.

First that Captain Lee is paid Batta both as Captain and Secretary from the 12.th October to the 30.th November. As Captain Lee did not leave Madras till the 30.th Novem.r this Charge is very irregular and not to be admitted, for it is our constant Rule that Batta shall commence on the Day of every mans taking the Field and be paid only while he is on actual Service, or on his Journey between Camps and Garrisons.

Secondly that the Artificers and Cooleys are paid by Abstracts deliverd in by the Train Officer and Quarter Master. This is contrary to our Regulations which point out that every Disbursement is to be made directly by our Paymaster or Commissary who are the proper Persons to be responsible to us.

Thirdly—

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Thirdly that nineteen new Lepoys were entertain'd in the Month of Novem.r This also is contrary to our Intentions which are that, no new Sepoys be raised without our particular Directions.

Ordered that the Account be returned to Camp, that the first abovemention'd Article may be rectified, and that Mr. Percival be desired to see that our Intentions regarding all the three Articles are more Strictly observed in future.

Ordered also that the Commissary do regularly lay the Monthly Account of Camp Disbursements before the Committee with his Remarks on any Article that appears extraordinary.

The President acquaints the Committee that Mr. Percival has represented to him by Letter dated the 26th Novem.r that the Allowance of 5 Pagodas a Day made to Major Killpatrick will be very insufficient to defray his Expences unless his Servants as Linguist, Dubash, Pallanquin Boys, Peons &c.a according to a list enclosed amounting Monthly to 87½ Rupees be allowed him further by the Company.

The Committee do not approve of paying the Commanding Officers Servants in the manner proposed by Mr. Percival, but chuse rather to let a fixed Expence and therefore as we would not have Major Killpatrick suffer himself while he is doing Service to the Company it is Agreed to give him an additional Allowance of three Pagodas a Day, in all eight Pagodas a Day, in lieu of every kind of Allowance, requiring of him at the same time to be strictly careful that no one on Camp in the Company's Pay do serve any Officer or other

Person

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person in a private Capacity.

Letters from Captain Maskelyne and Capt. Polier read, acknowledging the Receipt of the Military Regulations, and promising that they shall be strictly observ'd in the Garrisons of Arcot and Changlepet, under their Command; representing also the necessity of some few Repairs in the Fortifications of those Places

Ordered that they send in Estimates pursuant to our former Resolution of this Day.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lawrey
Robert Orme
W Lynch
Rob Palk

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This Evening the President received the following Letter from Mr. Perceval, by which the Committee have the Satisfaction to observe that he himself had taken Notice of the Irregularity of Captain Lee's Demand. As to the Batta paid to Mr. Mawnsell the Committee think it reasonable to allow it him on Account of the frequent Journeys he made during that Time to Arcot and Camps which must have cost him his Batta.

To the Honble George Pigot Esq.r

Honble Sir

The Regulations for the Camps you were pleas'd to send me, are very good & very necessary — That you may not think me negligent in my Duty, I take the Liberty to mention to you what appears to me irregular, that you may give me Instructions accordingly.

Mr. Mawnsell has charg'd in the Commissary's Account Batta for himself & Capt. Lee from the Time the Army took the Field, which I told him I believ'd would not be allow'd for I understood no Man or Officer was entitled to it, but when in the Field, he pleaded for himself that he had acted all along as Commissary & had been once or twice at Camp during the Court Martial; For Capt. Lee, that he had been order'd to Camp but detain'd in Town by the Court Martial, however if not allow'd that Money is to be return'd.

I always thought Batta was only intended while in the Field otherwise every Officer that may come at to Camp may expect the like Indulgence; I beg therefore you will be very particular to me in this Head by your Advice very much oblige Honble Sir Your &c.a Wm. Perceval.

Camp at Sreehary
17.th Decem.r 1755.—

Sent

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Sent the following Letters to M.r Perceval, Major Killpatrick and Captain Caillaud pursuant to Yesterday's Resolutions—

To William Perceval Esq.r

Sir

We have before us your Letters of the 8.th & 11.th Decem.r and your Letter to the President of the 2.d Decem.r

As We do not spare Expence to forward any necessary undertaking, so it is our Duty to put an end to it, or lessen it as much as possible when that necessity ceases. We only desire the Nabob will hasten his Affairs with the Polligars and our Intention is afterwards to send a Part of the Army to Ellavanassoor and to quarter the rest at Arcot in order to save the Batta for We do not see to what end they should lye encamped near it when they can be so easily set in motion again upon any Occasion. We can perceive already that the Expences of Batta and Stores are at least equal to the Sum we have received and the Nabob surely cannot think much of this if he reflects on the largeness of the Sum the Company is in Advance for him, nor ought he to be surprized that We have some further Object than barely to save Charges.

We shall not object to the Contract proposed between the Nabob and the Killedar of Vellore provided the Sum you mention of ready Money is paid and proper Security given for the rest, but We can look upon none but Troops Secured in that Light, all others must in the present Case be subject to Doubts and Difficulties.

As to your Representation to the President of the Insufficiency of Major Killpatrick's Appointments we have Agreed to allow him three Pagodas a Day more, in all eight

Pagodas

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Pagodas a Day which is to be in lieu of every kind of every kind of Allowance; and therefore no Linguist, Persian or Moratta Writer, Musick Washerman or Barber or other Retinue is hereafter to be charg'd to the Company. We have made this Allowance to Major Killpatrick in order that he may employ what Attendants & Servants he chuses, and desired him strictly to observe that no Person paid by the Company is to serve any Officer in a private Capacity.

In our Examination of the Novem.r Account of Camp Disbursements, we found some Articles which require Amendment and Regulation.

First We observe that Capt. Lee is paid Batta both as Captain and Secretary from the 12th October although he did not leave Madraspatan till the 30th Novem.r It is one constant Rule and a Rule from which We cannot deviate, that every Man's Batta shall commence on the Day of his taking the Field, and be paid only while he is on actual Service or on his Journey between Camp and Garrison; We have therefore order'd the Commissary to return the Account that the Charge above mentioned may be struck out, and commence only from the Day of Captain Lee's leaving Madraspatan. You will please to see this done and to be careful in future not to admit any such Demand. We have no Objection to Mr. Maxwells Charge of Batta for himself as he has been at an extraordinary Expence in going several Times to Camp and Arcot.

Secondly We observe that Abstracts of Batta are given in by the Train Officer & Quarter Master and the Cash is paid according to such Abstract which is contrary to our Orders. We intend that every Disbursement shall be made immediately by the Paymaster or Commissary

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who are the proper Persons to be responsible to us — Thus every Cooley and Artificer is to receive his Pay with his own Hand from the Paymaster or Commissary directly; And the same of every Sepoy.

And thirdly we observe that nineteen new Sepoys are entertained in the Month of Novem.r which is contrary to our Intentions — We have at Devecotah and other Places a great Number of Sepoys more than are wanted, therefore no new ones are to be raised but if by Reason of the Season we that may happen, there should be occasion for more Sepoys in Camp, we shall detach some from other Places.

We have thought proper to put the Bullocks on a new Regulation, you will therefore be pleased to follow the Directions you may receive from the Commissary General in regard to them.

We do not order the Detachment against Ellavanasoor untill We have some Account of the Strength of the Place whereby to judge what Force will be necessary; For this purpose We have desired Major Killpatrick to send a proper Person to take an Observation of the Nature and Situation of the Fort and of the Roads to it, and its Distance from Trenomalee. We are for Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot — Stringer Lawrence — Hen.y Vansittart
Robert Orme — Alex.r Wynch — Robert Palk &c.

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P.S. Since closing the above, the President has communicated to us another Letter from you, by which We are glad to see that you have yourself taken Notice of the Irregularity of Capt.n Lee's Demand, & intended to rectify it to

To Major James Killpatrick

We have receiv.d your Letters dated the 8.th & 11.th of this Month

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We shall be very glad to see the Nabobs Hopes of settling easily with the Hilledar of Velour fulfilld, and as he is of Opinion that his Country Forces will be sufficient to finish with the lesser Polligars, it is our Intention to send a part of the Army to Ellavanasoor and to quarter the rest at Arcot in order to save the Expence of Batta.

But before We give Directions for the Party to be sent to Ellavanasoor, it is necessary to be acquainted with the Strength of that Fort, or rather fortified Pagoda that We may judge what Force will be proper for the undertaking; You will please therefore to send what Person you think most fit, to observe the Nature and Situation of the Place; & whether the Roads will admit of heavy Cannon to pass, should it be necessary, from male we imagine will be most convenient for supplying it, & therefore the Nabob should desire Hiereby Cannon to make Preparations as secretly as possible, as We think it would be easiest to surprize it— acquaint us with the Information you get and at the same Time with your Opinion of the Force requisite for the Expedition proposed.

Upon a Representation made by Mr Percival to the President of the Insufficiency of your Allowance to defray your Expences in the Field we have agreed to encrease your Batta from five to eight Pagodas a Day, which he is to pay you in lieu of all Linguists, Writers, Attendants and Allowances of every Kind— We thought this the best way of fixing it, in order that you may employ what Retinue and Servants you please and pay them yourself— We must expect from you on your part that you carefully observe that no one do

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Comp.a in the Company's Pay do serve any Officer or
Person in a private Capacity, as their Batta frugally
ma.y will be more than sufficient to defray all extra-
ordinary Expences. We are Sir Your most Obed.t Servants
George Pigot - Stringer Lawrence - Hen.y Powney
Robert Orme - Alex.r Wynch - Robert Palk.

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18th December 1755.

To Captain John Caillaud

N.o 18.

Sir

Since we wrote you concerning the Buxar Duties,
We have agreed upon the Nabob's Representations, to deliver
them back to his management. You will be pleas'd therefore
to bring to the Company's Credit whatever you have col-
lected from them to the Day of your receiving this Letter;
and debit the Company for all the Repairs and Charges
General to the same Day. Then give up the management
of the Buxar to the Killedar,

And hereafter the Charges General are to be put
to the Company's Account and no Repairs to be carried
on but under the following Regulation - When you find
any Repair of the Fortifications necessary, you will
make an Estimate of the Expence, transmit one Copy
to us and deliver another to the Killedar, for the Nabob.
From this Estimate We shall form an Opinion and when
we judge it to be a useful Work we shall write to the
Nabob for an Order for the Sum required. You are therefore
not to begin on any Works 'till you have the Money frain
you, & in case of too great a Delay you will represent
the same to us that We may take the necessary Measures
to get you supplied. We are Sir Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
George Pigot &c.a Committee

Fort St George
18th December 1755.

Wednesday 24th Dec.

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At a Committee Present
George Pigot Esq. Govern. Presid
Wednesday Stringer Lawrence Henry Ver
" Robert Orme Alex. Wed
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Mr. Percival absent on Servi

Two Letters from Mess. Vansittart and Barnaby now Commissaries at Madaverandeguee dated the 21st and 22d Instant, read as entered in the Book of their Proceedings No. 127 & 128, setting forth that on the 20th Instant Three Sepoys belonging to the French Commissaries entered armed into Madaverandeguee, and one of them, within fifty Yards of the Choultry where our Commissaries reside, fired his Piece, the Ball of which struck a Pillar within three foot of the Spot where our Gentlemen then were: that they immediately demanded Satisfaction from Mr Duplessis, the French Commissary then on the Spot, and in the mean time for their personal Security placed six Sepoys in each of the Avenues to their Choultry. That Mr Duplessis at first promised to enquire and find out the Criminal, but in his second Letter dated the 22d Instant, absolutely refused to take any Notice of the Affair, so far the Contrary that since the committing of this Insult, other French Sepoys have entered with their Arms into Madaverandeguee.

Although the Committee can hardly imagine the firing of the Piece was an intended Act of Assassination against the Persons of our Commissaries, yet the entering of French Sepoys

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armd into Madaranteguon which is a place belong
contestably to the Nabob without giving previous Notice
their Intentions is contrary to the Law of Nations, and to
Faith of the Treaties subsisting between the English and Fren

And Mr. Dulocher's absolute Refusal to
give our Gentlemen any Satisfaction, and his suffering other
French Sepoys to enter armd into Madaranteguon after this
Action / whether it was an Accident or not / are Proofs that he
is an Encourager of the Insolencies of his Sepoys.

It is Agreed therefore to transmit to Mr.
De Leyrit Copies of the Seven Letters which passd between our
Commissaries and Mr. Dulocher on this Occasion, and to demand
of him Satisfaction adequate to the Insult our Commissaries
receivd in their publick Character, and the Personal Bisque they
Even.

And as the Superiority in Number of the French
Sepoys over ours / they having near two hundred, we not more
than Sixty / makes them no doubt the more inclind to be insolent,
and may also have a bad Effect on the Disposition of the Inhabit-
tants of the Contested Districts; It is Resolvd to direct Captain
Polier to detach one Hundred Sepoys from Changlepet to
Carangoly Fort, situated close to Madaranteguon, which
will make our Numbers nearly equal to the French, and Agree
at the same Time to caution our Commissaries to behave with
their usual Prudence, avoiding as much as possible all Oc-
casions of Dispute, and not ordering the Sepoys out of the Fort
without a material Necessity, that the Expence of Batta may
not be incurrd.

It is thought absolute necessity the Committee
resolve to send more Sepoys into the Contested Districts, being
of Opinion that an armd Force is inconsistent with the Nature

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for their personal Security posted six Sepoys in each
of the Avenues to their Choultry. That Mr Duchoche,
at first promised to enquire and find out the Criminal,
but in his second Letter dated the 22d Instant, abso-
lutely refused to take any Notice of the Affair, so far
the Contrary that since the committing of this
Insult, other French Sepoys have entered with their
Arms into Madarantegum.

Although the Committee can hardly
imagine the firing of the Piece was an intended
Act of Assassination against the Persons of our
Commissaries, yet the entering of French Se

armd into Madaurantegum which is a place belong
contestably to the Nabob without giving previous Notice
their Intentions is contrary to the Law of Nations, and to
Faith of the Treaties subsisting between the English and Fren

And Mr Du Rocher's absolute Refusal to
give our Gentlemen any Satisfaction, and his suffering other
French Sepoys to enter armd into Madaurantegum after this
Action (whether it was an Accident or not) are Proofs that he
is an Encourager of the Insolencies of his Sepoys.

It is Agreed therefore to transmit to Mr
Deleyrit Copies of the Seven Letters which pass'd between our
Commissaries and Mr. Du Rocher on this Occasion, and to demand
of him Satisfaction adequate to the Insult our Commissaries
received in their publick Character, and the Personal Risque they
run.

And as the Superiority in Number of the French
Sepoys over ours (they having near two hundred, we not more
than Sixty) makes them no doubt the more inclind to be insolent,
and may also have a bad Effect on the Disposition of the Inhabit
tants of the Contested Districts; It is Resolvd to direct Captain
Polier to detach one Hundred Sepoys from Changlepet to
Carangoly Fort, situated close to Madaurantegum, which
will make our Numbers nearly equal to the French, and Agree
at the same Time to caution our Commissaries to behave with
their usual Prudence, avoiding as much as possible all Oc-
casions of Dispute, and not ordering the Sepoys out of the Fort
without a material Necessity, that the Expence of Batta may
not be incurrd.

It is through absolute necessity the Committee
resolve to send more Sepoys into the Contested Districts, being
of Opinion that an armd Force is inconsistent with the Nature
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of those Discussions which should be carried on only by a free and impartial Examination of Facts, And it is Agreed to enforce these Sentiments to Mr Delegyrit and propose to him the withdrawing all the Sepoys on both Sides.

Mr John Smith, Supervisor at Devicotah having represented to the President and Council that the Number of Sepoys at present at that Garrison is far more than sufficient for the Occasions of it; the President and Council in their Answer referd him to the Committee for Orders on that Subject.

As it was thought more prudent to keep up a Body of those Sepoys who have been us'd to Service, than to be obliged to raise new ones upon every Occasion, a large Proportion of them was posted at Devicotah, it being in general the most convenient place for making Detachments, and the Expence the same as if they were kept in any other Garrison.

Agreed to write a Letter to Mr Smith, of the above purport, and to direct him to hold those Sepoys in readiness to take the Field, as we may probably have Occasion for their Service on the Expedition intended against Elavanore

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence
Henry Lowndes
Robert Orme
W Wynch
Rob Palk

N.B. Sent a Letter of this Date from the President to Mr Delegyrit with

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with Seven Papers inclos'd, as enterd in the French Co
ence under No. 81 and pursuant to the Resolutions of the
going Committee, also the following Letter to John Smith Esq.

To John Smith Esq.r

Sir

The President and Council have communicated to
us your Remark concerning the Sepoys laying at Deve Cotah
They have not been continued there as the standing Number
for that Garrison, but on account of the Situation of Deve Cotah
which lays convenient for detaching Parties where they may
be requird - In few Days we shall have occasion to draw some
of them away & must desire therefore that you will please to
give Directions for their being held in readiness. We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servants George Pigot -
Stringer Lawrence - Henry Powney - Robert
Orme - Alex.r Wynch - Robert Palk.

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