

Diary and Proceedings of the Select Committee of Fort Saint George
Commencing 1st January 1774

Fort S^t George 1st January 1774

Received the following Letter from Mr. Meston
To the Honble. Alex. Wynch Esq^r
President & Governor & Members of the Select Committee
at Fort S^t George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Meston
can bear no thing of any
Value from the Dutch
Division of the March of
Rajah into the Dutch.

My last Address waited on your Honor & under the 19th
Ult. Dispatch of which is enclosed, & I was favored with your
Letter of the 4 November the 10 Inst. It was ever my wish for
me immediately to comply with your Request respecting
the report of the Dutch having sent an Ambassador hither
to solicit assistance for the King of Tanjore, as I was under
the necessity of dispatching Letters to Camp for Intelligence
for the I was certain, no Person had been here, either first hand
or secondly, with that Character before Rajah left Comat.
yet I was not prepared to say whether or no they might
not have sent an Ambassador to Camp. However this Morn-
ing, I received Answer from the Army to the Letter I sent
away on the Receipt of your Command by which I learn no Person
has been there from the Dutch, nor is there the least Tale of any
kind coming, but that a Vaguel which the Rajah of Tanjore
sent to Rajah before, or during the Siege is lately arrived
with Presents & that Chandrabhatrajee a Brother of the
Rajah's who escaped while the Nator was carrying the
Attack is now with Morawan Gorparah.

Conformable to my last, Rajah continued his March

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till the arrival within a few Cofs of Bidur where the
Moguls were encamped, the two Armies remained near
each other several Days, during which several skirmishes
happened and most of which the Marattas were masterd, &
At length by agreement the matters were accommodated between
Ragobath & the Moguls the 9th Instant, when (after every
thing had been settled by agreement the Don'tab) the
latter sent the former away. They pitched between the two Camps,
after the usual Ceremonies, the Moguls accompanied Ra-
gobath to his own Tent. By what I understand Ragobath at
first demanded of the Moguls twenty Leaks of Pay, but he
was refused. He afterwards consented to give, but he
afterwards gave up in Consideration of their long Jour-
neys, the Moguls agreeing on any Emergency to assist
him with a stipend of a hundred of Rupees.

I am with the best Degree of Certainty inform you
of Ragobath's future Intentions as Reports are various
respecting it. Some say, as soon as he has settled Matters
between Ladys & Madaya Bhandels he means to re-
turn to Pondicherry, others that he intends returning to the
Bands of the Nizam, or even to conquer Mysore by force
means of Force, to pay him the Sum of 100000 Rupees
to him. And there again says he has some thoughts of going
himself, or sending some Troops into the Carnatick which is
not altogether impossible from what I wrote you before, &
should the Dutch have nothing to him for his Assistance,
if he had any Ideas of that kind before, it will undoubtedly
be an Inducement to him to put them the more readily
into Execution.

I should not Ragobath return this Way it will not be in
my Power to keep your Honor of properly advised of this

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Notwithstanding the present Situation of the Army you will
have much greater & better Intelligence than I can possibly
send you at this Distance, however I shall continue to communi-
cate to you the same as I receive - I am with Respect

Poorah

Honorable Sir & Sirs

26th December 1773

Of the Hon^{ble} Old Sirs

Thomas Mordaunt

To the Honorable Weymouth

Honorable Sir

Letter from Mr Mordaunt
to the General on the
same subject.

My last Adversary waited on you the 19th Ult. I then ac-
quainted you with the Progress and Situation from the best In-
telligence I could gain, & of his Intention of releasing the Nizam,
as he gave out. I found he intended to proceed to Bidar, where the
Nizam came & resided for some time. After several skirmishes
in which the English generally got the better, & the Surprise
of Bidar, where he was arrested the 9th Instant, the Nizam
having that Day given the English his Tent. It was first agreed
to give Ragobat twenty Lacks of Rupees & to be conveyed
Tut, but at last made a Visit in returning them again on
Account the ancient Friendship between the two States, &
a Promise from the Nizam of assistance on any particular
Occasion.

I cannot Account for the sudden Alteration in the Nizam's
Sentiments, for I have felt that sentiment he was totally
unwilling to a Peace only two Days before. Reason We Don't but not
Ragobat, unless a Deserter amongst themselves, or that the
Party formed against Ragobat is at a Loss, as I have before men-
tioned to you in case of his being taken off, who to put up in
his stead, & apprehensive of the Government's being totally
washed out of the Brahmin Hands, are therefore under
the

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The Necessity of letting things go on until Gungah Nairain
-rui Woddy, who is six Months gone is brought to Bed. If
they will then have some Foundation & Plea for acting
against him. These are the only provable Conjectures I can
form for the late Saigee Rajah has had in bringing
the Nairain to India.

My friend Mr. Adams to the Committee
will acquaint you with the result of my Enquiries respecting
the Dates which Mr. Adams has reported upon. However Letter
received from him to say that the Rajah has talked
with Sir John Mordaunt. He turned Adly Caim's Vaguer in
a manner that I have before seen the agents of parties acting
on behalf of the Saigee Rajah. I am not acquainted with
the facts & circumstances that I put out you will be apprized of
the whole. Will the Nairain be returned as a poor sick of course
be full of his. I have the Letter also mentions that Rajah
has been writing to the Nairain on this subject.

Rajah is now at Calcutta but what
are his real Intentions it is impossible for me to learn.
He neither consults or acquaints any one with his Resolutions
nor even as I thought he knows perfectly himself what he
means to do but must be guided by Circumstances. He is
now treating with Mydus Wajid, who has received from
his Master Bills of Exchange to the Amount of twenty Lacks.
But of all these Circumstances, and his Motives, you must
have better & greater Intelligence than I can give you
while he remains the Distance to the Southward. I
shall nevertheless keep you advised constantly of every thing
worth your Notice.

I remain very respectfully

Honble Sir

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Loonah

The 26th December 1773 -

Your most Obedient

Thumble Servant

Thomas Mostyn

At a Committee Present

Monday
17th January

Meaures taken by the President

Joseph Smith

John Macmillan Stone

Mr John Smith & others

Letter from Sir Robert Harland read as

follows

Fort St George 16th January 1774

Gentlemen

Letter from Sir Robert
Harland with notice
from Lord Rockford of
the preparations making
in England in consequence
of the arms
manufactured by the
French.

Dear Sir, I had the honor to receive

Despatches from his Majesty's Secretary of State, Dated the
20th April 1773 expressing the Situation of Affairs
between Great Britain & France at that time, & added
they are his Majesty's secret Communications to me, yet
I imagine the present critical Situation of the Company's
Affairs is so exposed to the Country Powers, & the Danger
to be apprehended to their Settlements on the Coast from
the unfinished State of the Fortifications of Fort St George
will excite any communicating the same to you, with
which they must be safe as are the confidential Secrets
of the Company.

Therefore I send you a Copy of my Lord
Rockford's Circular Letter to all His Majesty's Ministers
as Foreign Courts to which I add, that altho it appeared
by later Despatches from France, that the French Armaments
had

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had in a great measure been laid aside, yet his Majesty
had not thought proper to suspect the Preparations in
England so that whenever Disputes arose they
were still carried on as if Peace or War would be the
Consequence.

The News which they receive in
England of France being continually sent to the Isle de
France, and that the famous Adventurer Mr. Bernier
who had lately entered into the Service of France, was
to sail on the 10th of January from London with 3
Sloops of the Line, the Venus, La Minerve, and La Concorde, but armed in
Peace, & without any French Troops on Board, as they
had been received on previous Accounts of their
Departure for the West Indies, yet these News had
made but little Impression on the Minds of the
Designers of the French, as they were not so much
informed of our Affairs in these Countries.

I leave it to your wisdom &
Gentlemen to consider what use of this Communication as
you may think necessary to the Security of the
Camp & the Success of the Campaign of this
Campaign.

I have the Honour to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

Robert Harland

St James's 23rd April 1773

The King having received Intelligence

Enclosed

Letter from Lord Bute
containing the above

See

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Intelligence from the Ambassador at Paris that the French Ministry had declared the Intention of sending out immediately at Toulon twelve Ships of the Line & six Frigates, under Pretext of a Fleet of Evolutions. His Majesty cannot consist with this Design, remains unvaried in its critical Situation, & has therefore thought fit to signify to the Lords Commanders of the Admiralty, his pleasure, that they give immediate Orders that for purchasing fifteen Ships of the Line & a proportionable Number of Frigates which will be replaced accordingly by the same Number of built being put into Commission. I cannot but be early in acquainting you therewith & desire you to be extremely diligent in transmitting home for the Kings Information every matter and Circumstance, or Intelligence that may come to your Knowledge concerning Negotiations & Proceedings of Foreign Powers at this time. I am with great Truth & Regard, Sir, Yours most obed^t humble Servant.

Sir Robert Harland

Dorchester

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Sir Robert Harland recommending him Thanks for his Communication of the above Advice, & as it appears necessary that the Gentlemen at Bengall & Bombay should have the most early Intimation thereof, It is resolved that Copies be forwarded accordingly, if Sir Robert Harland have no Objections. He having communicated the same, the under Injunctions of Secrecy, a Letter to him is therefore now prepared as entered in the subsequent Diary.

Wm Pitt
Joseph Smith
JMS

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Just the following Letter to Sir Robert Harland -
To Sir Robert Harland Bart

Dear Admirer of the Public, His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary &
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships for India

Letter to Sir Robert
Harland

We have been favoured with your Letter yesterday. And have
your kind offer of communication to the Lord Rastford Letter
on the subject of the petition presented to the King & France, as well
as for the Intelligence respecting the British Navy, as may
be required in our former state being called for
in view of the Intelligence of the Design of the
French for India, as well as to secure the Company's
Interests.

We are fully sensible of the necessity of keeping secret the
subject of the Intelligence, as it may be of great use to
the Government. The Gentlemen at Bengal & Bombay
should be made acquainted therewith in order that they
may make such Preparations as may be necessary for their
Security. We shall be very glad if it meets with your Appro-
bation, to send a copy of the Notice you
have been pleased to communicate to us. We have the
Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Son & Humble Servant

Attyndes Esq. Comptroller

In which the following Answer was immediately received -

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Letter from Sir Robert Harland

I have received your Letter of this Day, & your kind
offer of communication to make use of the Commission
which I sent you yesterday in the

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or in any other Way which you shall think proper to be con-
-ducive to the Company's advantage. I have the honor to be

Alex Weyrick Esq^r

Gentlemen

Select Committee

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort S George

Robert Harland

In consequence of which the following Letter was wrote to
Benjamin Binnings

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r

President & Governor of the East India Company

at Fort William

Honble Sir & Mrs

Letter to Benjamin Binnings
with the Advice from
Lord Rockingham

Sir Robert Harland having communicated to the
Letter received by him from Sir Robert Harland on the Situation of
Affairs between England & France, who takes the earliest
Opportunity of transmitting a Copy of the same to you together
with a Copy of Sir Robert Harland's Letter to us. We are with
Esteem

Honble Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient Servant

Weyrick & Committee

The same to the Select Committee at Birm'g

Received this Day the following Letter from Sir Robert
Harland

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Gentlemen

Letter from Sir Robt
Harland, advising of
his Intentions to send
the Warre ship to
the Cape

As I understand in a few Days to dispatch his Majesty's
Ship Harlan to the Cape of good Hope, in order to procure every
possible Intelligence of the Strength Motions & Designs of the
French, & as it is very possible she may touch at the Islands
in her Way. I have thought proper to give you this Notice
there

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That you may have an opportunity of writing to your Correspondents if you have any for Informations, or of using such other means of procuring Intelligence as you may have provided for that purpose.

And as it is not proper that the Instructions of his Majesty should be given to any one else, you will send your Letters on, that they may come there with due seals &c. &c. I am

Alia Wynne Esq
President of Select Committee

Dear Sir

of which I am not at

most humble service

Robert Hartard

20 To which I have been ordered to send to him.

To Sir Robert Hartard Esq

Dear Sir, I am of the Honourable House of Commons, Minister Plenipotentiary & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in India.

Sir

Letter to me answer

We have been favoured with the receipt of your Letter of yesterday, & are much obliged to you for the Information you have been pleased to give us of your Intention of sending His Majesty's Ship, *Hambro* to the Cape of Good Hope & of the possibility thereof of his touching at the Islands. We have not established Correspondence either at the Cape or the Islands to inform the same for Intelligence.

Fort St George
20th Janry 1774

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient &

most humble Servant

Alia Wynne Esq

This Day was received the following Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay, containing two Letters received by them at

To

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To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.

President & Governor of Members of the Select Committee

at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Select &
Committee at 20th

Returning it by express that you should be acquainted
with the Intelligence contained in the Letters just received
from our President at Pondicherry. One of which was
addressed to the President & the other to this Committee. We
immediately attached Copies of them for your Notice, informing
you further, it is generally reported here, that Ragubathur
intends to pursue an Invasion, & to send his Forces against
the Masses of the Carnatic.

The Intelligence likewise from Mr Townsend relates
to the go. Affairs between the French & Hydre
Aly Canan. A Copy of which Letter is transmitted to the
President & Council. Your Hon. & I, seem further to be
informed by Letters we have lately received from Tellicherry,
advising us that the Masses of the Carnatic from Prunje were
lately proceeded to Mythen where they received on board one
hundred Chests of small Arms, some Cannon, & a
quantity of Shot & Shells with which they returned to Prunje
again.

We should not fail to advise you of
any Occurrences that may materially affect your Business
Very truly with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servants

M^{rs} Hornby

DDraper

Math. Hackhouse

Wth Taylor

Jth Watson

To

Bombay Castle

31st Decr 1773

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That you may have an Opportunity of writing to your Correspondents (if you have any) for Informations, or of using such other means of procuring Intelligence as you may have provided for that purpose.

And as it is not proper that the Intention of this Voyage should be known to any one else, you will send your Letter to me, that I may enclose them with two sealed covers. I am

Alca Wynne Esq
President of Select Committee

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

Robert Hartard

20 To submit the following Answer was sent to him.

To Sir Robert Hartard Bart

Reur. Member of the House of Commons, His Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary,
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in India
Sir

Letter to me answer

We have been favoured with the receipt of your Letter of Yesterday, & are much obliged to you for the Information you have been pleased to give us of your Intention of sending His Majesty's Ships Standee to the Cape of Good Hope & of the proposed service of her touching at the Islands. We have no established Correspondents either at the Cape or the Islands to inform We can write for further information.

Fort St George

20th Janry 1774

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

Alca Wynne Esq

This Day was received the following Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay, enclosing two Letters received by them & entered hereupon

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To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq

President & Governor & Members of the Select Committee

at Fort George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Select
Committee at 28th

Enclosed at my request that you should be acquainted
with the Intelligence contained in two Letters just received
from our Friends at the Honble the Directors, one of which was
addressed to the President & the other to the Select Committee, the
enclosed attested Copies of them for your Notice, informing
you further, it is generally reported here, that Ragsdale
intends to pursue an Expedition, or to send his Force against
the Heads of the Comanchero.

The Intelligence likewise from Mr Townsend relates
to the Intelligence received between the French & Hyde
Ally Comanchero, a Copy of which Letter is transmitted to the
President & Council under the 9th Inst, seems further to be
confirmed by Letters we have lately received from Telling-
cherry, advising us that the Massie Fleet from Prunco
hadly proceeded to Myhas where they received on board one
hundred Chests of small Arms, some Comanchero Moccasins &
quantity of Shot & Powder with which they returned to Prun-
co.

We should not fail and wish to advise you of
any Occurrence, that may materially affect your Business
Very truly and affectionately
Honble Sir & Sirs

Dombay Castle

31st Decr 1773

Your most obed^t & true Servants
W^m Dombay

DDrapet
Math^s Hackhouse
W^m Taylor
J^r Watson

To

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To the Honble W^m Hornby Esq
President & Governor of the Honourable the Select Committee
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Martin
to the Governor & Com-
mittee of the City

My last, having reached in your hands of the 21st Inst, some
information being very much in my hands.

Yesterday the 18th Inst, I accompanied to Camp with
Patterson Esq, and a gentleman representing the Agent of the
Dutch having sent some of his to the Dutch, returned
by the afternoon ship, bringing information that the Dutch
there, and is that the Dutch have not yet arrived. But
that a large number of the Rajah's of Tanjore sent to Pragerah
this before, and during the siege is lately arrived with Pre-
sents, & I am informed that the Rajah's Brother Chundrab-
hoy who escaped, and is now at Madras was carrying on the
Attacks, and with Mr. Gopalan, of this Commission, who
inform the Select Committee at Fort St George, having been
occurrence that has lately happened. The Dutch may
not have sent in a letter, they may have privately sent
for assistance, and is a Rajah's Brother, who gives some
reason for that suggestion for I am only supposing
he has sent the Rajah's of Tanjore, from my mind
Myra, or to bring him the Rajah's of Tanjore, & also to return
Tanjore to the Rajah, & as I cannot suppose the Rajah
will comply with the latter, it is probable, if Rajah
can settle with Myra, with whom I suppose
he is now treating, he may send some Troops into the
Carnatic.

Rajah's by the last Advice still remains at Calicut
-gah, & the very thing to outward appearance was cold
between the Rajah & him as long ago as the 1st Inst.
yet

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yet he has never returned the Moguls Visit, & his Vagueness is still at
Beedar, which seems as if Matters were not accommodated to mutual
Satisfaction. If the Peace concluded is on both sides sincere, it
may prevent for a time the Scheme, which I mentioned to
you of a Force of 5000 Men, & 3000 Horses being sent to me to be
forming against Ragobah's Palace. Tho' it is not
likely it will altogether frustrate them for the old Ministers
are still disgusted with him. A Moratut Furrier who was
the only one of any consequence remaining in Camp has now left
it, & by some means Ragobah has been induced lately to dis-
patch some of his Men on different Services many of the
Troops who were most devoted to his Person. These Circumstances
give Room to think there is something going forward to his
Prejudice, but whether his Enemies will succeed or no, or how
it will terminate it is impossible to say. However Your Ho-
nour may rest assured, I shall use my best Endeavour to
gain the most exact & true Intelligence of any thing that
may be interesting to our Hon^{ble} Company's Affairs, & that I
shall constantly keep you advised thereof.

Some Days ago, Ragobah sent his Governor and Gicquah
with the Sirpan of Seriah Cogyah instead of his Brother,
Tully Sing, but I am told Governor did not request, nor
has Ragobah yet given or promised him any Troops to put
him in Possession, tho' he has obtained leave to retire from
Camp, & return to Beedar, but Mordjah will remain with
Ragobah.

I am with Respect
Hon^{ble} Sir & Mrs

Your most Obedient & Loyal Servant

Thos. Mostyn

A true Copy

Geo. Skipp Secy

Poonah
27th Dec. 1773

Fort St George 22nd January 1774

To the Honble W^m Hornby

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Harty
to the Governor of B. Co.

I have the pleasure to inform you
that a letter was received from the Nizam's
Rajah with the following tenor. I send them from
it. I have since heard another letter was Rajah's
having surrounded D. Beder at a distance in such a man-
ner, as to prevent any provisions going to the Nizam
camp.

By letter received yesterday from Camp, I am informed
that Rajah is now at Cuddalore, & that Court Ben. Bader
is gone to the Nizam in some affairs yet remaining to be
settled, that our Agents are yet arrived from the Dutch at Am-
sterdam, nor any fault of our. If that Mr. Noyke is dispatched
I shall send to acquaint the Gentlemen at Madras. That
Rajah has talked with Muhammed Ally Causis. Vaguer
Dase. Now that shows he has some Intentions of inter-
fering with the Tadjah Rajah. He is also treating with
Rajah Vaguer who has received from his Master Bids
Exchange to the amount of twenty Lakhs. Now all these
Matters will be settled in a few days, or it is known
what Rajah's Intentions really are, & it is impossible
to get at the true Knowledge of them, for he neither con-
sults, nor argues with anyone about the means he is
pursuing. I do not think he knows precisely himself, but
must be guided from Circumstances. Notwithstanding all
this His Affairs from what I can learn are yet in a
very private Opinion he will still be embroiled in
Factions at home or abroad.

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He has given to Govindrao Guntavar the Supts of Siv-
nash Cossy, & Sumud for the Gurant Subah in the Room of his
Brother Fudly Sing, this dispatched from Camp. I do not hear of
his leaving yet, but he is again in the way first. This
with par. ally comes a word of before the Brothers for I do
not suppose Fudly Sing will rise to give up Possession / unless
Rajeeb has treated him in a manner with his Ministers
to say of whom he has given Sarcas for Fats at the same
time and the Mellores privately not to deliver Charge to
them.

I have this Morng been informed that Narro Appoo
the Mormay received Letters from Camp, & replying from
that to Appoo Narro. I dispatched with 15000 Horse towards
the Carnatic, & that Rajeeb means to return to Poona
to marry. It is also said that Prince Dranella has made Peace
with Trimbak Dhanu & I am further assured that
Yesterday Narro Appoo received two Letters from Ramchandra
Chinda Row Sahib as at Belapur & replying from that the
English at Bombay have at the British Commission &
Guns of all sorts, besides Shells, Flying Bombs, Land Bags & Cans
ready to strip off in small Boats prepared to receive them.
If on New year Day they are to set out, but which Way he is
not certain, from saying to Poona, thus to Sal the Secret
Letters of this Sort have been received, but little regard was
paid to them until these two last which have induced
Narro Appoo to send Orders for all their Fleet to assemble
in their Ports near Bombay. Has also wrote to Rajeeb
Angria about it.

Poonah

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Freeman of
Thos. Mostyn
Attest Copy
Geo. Hays Secretary

Fort George 6 Febry 1774

At a Committee Present

Sunday

6 Febry 1774

Alex Wyrick Esq. Governor President

John Smith

Joseph Smith

John Maxwell Steno

Resolved that the Committee consisting of these Gentles to go forth
Nathaniel being called and signed - Ordered that
the Secret be kept

Wyrick

Joseph Smith

J. W. M.

17 Fort S George 12th Feby 1774

Packet to the Honorable the Court of Directors to go by the Brigadier
containing Duplicate Letter of the 6th Instant & Triplicate of
that of 29 October was this Day closed.

Monday
21st Feby -

At a Committee Present
Messrs Wynne Esq Governor President
Joseph Smith
John Maxwell Stone
Mr John Fox the recorder.

Letter from Mr. Mudge received the 19th Instant
read as follows.

To the Honorable Messrs Wynne Esq
President & Governor of the Honorable the
at Fort S George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Mudge

Duplicate of my last Remonstrance to your Honor of the 26th
Ultimo is enclosed & this is dispatched principally to advise you
that a number of persons, Henry Smith, Fortunate, the Anant Row Savage
this morning at Day break arrived off Guingalby Narain River
Widow (who is now married to a man called) & Peretty Boy
Sedavats Wife to Thomas Fort. All the old Ministers who
I have acquainted you were engaged at Ragobah & Dramm
Officers with Satya Buncelle are concerned, & I am credibly
informed that Rajah Molkar, Madjer Sandy & the Nizam are
in this League against Ragobah.

This Conduct of the Ministers with the very large
Force they have got together under Trimmick Row Marm
ma & Satya Buncelle can no longer admit of conceal-
ing their Intentions, for they have now in fact declared
openly against Ragobah. Some say they mean to take
out Sedavats & his wife confined in Dolatad Fort, and that

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To the Honble W^m Howdy Esq
Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Martin
to the Governor of the

last as I have been informed by you
that a letter was sent to the Honble
Rajah with the enclosed papers. I send them from
it. I have since heard another letter was Rajah's
having surrounded Peder at a distance in such a man-
ner, as to prevent any provisions going to the Nizam
Army.

My letter received yesterday from Camp, I am informed
that Rajah is still at Secunderabad, that Govt. Gen. Bales
is gone to the Nizam in some affair yet remaining to be
settled, that as Rajah has not arrived from the Dutch at Ne-
gapatam nor any letter of one of them. The Nizam has dispatched
Pattanam to acquaint the Garrison at Madras. That
Rajah has been dashed with Mahmud Ally Cause. Rajah
Dad. Govt. has from him some intentions of interfering
in the affairs of the Nizam. Rajah. He is now treating with
Rajah's Viceroy who has received from his Master Billa of
Exchange to the Nizam of twenty Lakhs. Now all these
Matters must be settled as yet uncertain, nor is it known
what Rajah's intentions really are, & it is impossible
to get at the true knowledge of them, for he neither con-
sults nor argues with any one about the means he de-
signed. I do not think he knows precisely himself, but
must be guided from circumstances. Notwithstanding all
this His Affairs from what I can learn are yet in great
sin my private Opinion he will still be embroiled in
Factions at home or abroad.

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He has given to Govindrao Guntavar the Serpents of Livi-
anah Cozy, & Sunda for the Gussant Subah in the Room of his
Brother Truly Sing, his departed from Camp. I do not hear of
his having left it, but imagine it to be long first. This
will probably cause a great deal of trouble in the Province, for I do
not suppose Truly Sing will ever give up Possession, unless
Rajoo has treated him in like manner with his Ministers
to whom he has given Sunda for Fate at the same
time sent to the Heliwara for a party not to deliver Charge to
them.

I have this Morning been informed about Narro Appoo
that Morning received Letters from Camp, & acquainting him
that Narro Appoo is reported to have 15,000 Horse towards
the Carnatic, & that Rajoo means to return to Ponnah
to marry. It is also said Rajoo has made Peace
with Trimmick Dowlah, & I am further assured that
Yesterday Narro Appoo received Letters from Ramchander
Chunda Rao Subdar at Bellary acquainting him that the
English at Bombay have at the British Commission &
Guns of all sorts, viz. Shells, 12 long Guns, 6 long Guns
and 2 short Guns, & are prepared to receive them.
I am very glad they are to set out, but which Way he is
not certain, some saying to Ponnah, others to Saleth. Several
Letters of this sort have been received, but little regard was
paid to them until these two last which have induced
Narro Appoo to send Orders for all their Fleet to assemble
in their Ports near Bombay. Has also wrote to Rajoo
Angria about it.

In witness of

Thos. Morkyn

Attest Copy

Geo. Shipps Secretary

Ponnah

27th Decr 1773

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Orders are gone from hence for that purpose, but from
proceeding of papers some at some to one of the Ministers
meant to go up at the Postwardship themselves, or carry it
on and in the morning of yesterday, I have from Moraviah
some have already sent Orders. The different Forts in the
Karnah but remain some I see, & have just Chetangs on every
one & supposed to be in danger. The Subjects

When Buzgah gets the same but I suppose I have to
make up all the rest of the Commission & be obliged to attend to
his own Business. Indeed there is little reason to
think he will be able to escape the Service laid for his
Destruction, more particularly as the greater part of the
army are against him. But whatever may happen
in Camp, from its Situation, Your Honor will hear
much earlier News of them I can send for by Letters
I have the pleasure to tell you Buzgah was at
Moraviah some weeks, but he has not when these Dispatches
were sent out right with the others.

The last Letter received from Hindostan
has informed us that the King & Sujah Daulah
had intended to sign a Treaty of Government of all they had
between the Government, & that they had sent the South
out of the Fort & were to be out of any Cor-
respondence with them. From the Frontier in the South &
the almost Impossibility of their being able to send
any Forces this Season into Hindostan, it is likely the Fort
& outposts will be for a long time of the immense Province they
formerly were from that Quarter. I am with great Respect

Moraviah
30th Feby 1774

Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
The Moston

Fort St George 21st Feby 1771

Communicated to the
Nabob.

to the Council
Copy to be sent to
Bengal.

The President acquaints the Committee, that he has com-
municated the Contents of the above Letter to the Nabob.

Agreed, that the same be laid before the Council, & that
a Copy thereof be forwarded to the Nabob.

Wm. Pitt

J. W. Pitt

J. W. Pitt

20 Fort St George 21st Feby 1774

Write the following Letter to the Select Committee at Fort

William of Ships Calcutta.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

President & Governor of the Honourable the Select Committee
at Fort William

Honble Sir,

Letter to Burgoyne
with Copy of Mr
Mortyn's Letter.

I have the pleasure to inform you from the Military Depart.
ment of the Honble the Select Committee that a copy of an
interesting and important letter we have received from
Mr. Mortyn at Calcutta. A copy of which comes enclosed here in
a great measure, and the former one I fear on that account,
& I believe they have put it to acquaint you by Intelligence
given us from the Maratta Army, which had advanced near
to Surry, & we heard that on the news of which had passed at
Pondicherry in France. The Army moved some days back
& Mr. Mortyn for some days & been at the Return to their
former position. We are with the letter.

Fort St George
21st Feby 1774

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt Servt

James M. Lewis &

A. Weymouth of Committee

Letter to the Court
of Directors from
Pondicherry.

24. The Ship Company being ordered to sail from Pondicherry
the 27th Inst for the Honble the British Court of Directors
of this City, advised of the situation of Affairs with re-
spect to the Marattas as well as under the care of
from the President to the Marattas. A Despatch there of
was also prepared to go by the Aquilon which was expected
would sail from Pondicherry a few Days after the before
- was -

At

24 Fort St George 25th Feby 1771

Friday
25th Feby -

At a Committee Present
Alex. Wynch Esq: Governor President
Joseph Smith, John Maaswell Stone

There being a vacancy in the Committee by the Resignation
of W. Selwin the Committee proceeded to the Choice of an
Assistant Secretary. Proposed as Mr. Selwin by his Office of Trans-
lator of the Bible being to all the Transactions between the
Native & the Government as well as to those with the Coun-
try People for settling them & as it is proper & expedient that
the same should be entrusted to as few as possible. It is
agreed that Mr. Selwin be admitted a Member of the Com-
mittee, of which he is accordingly appointed, & resolved
that the Board also are now assembled, & informed thereof.

Wynch

Joseph Smith

Edwards

22 Fort S George 25th Feby 1774

Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Mortimer at Ponnah
To Thomas, Mortimer Esq.

Letter to Mr. Mortimer
S^r

We have been daily pained with your Letter of the 26th and
3rd inst. and the information contained in the latter could not but
afford the greatest satisfaction and gave us reason to hope the
success of the present campaign and the recovery of another to the Invasion
At the same time we received your Letter the 26th and we had some
opinion on the 26th inst. that had passed at Ponnah and we had
some doubt whether we should be able to do that place. We are
not without some other Measures for being taken.

At the Board of the Company & the Committee may be
materially affected by the Motion of the Marattas & the
Measures taken for being taken. We are not but you
will be most anxious to be most andy advised of all material
occurrences. - We are with Sir

Fort S George

25th Feby 1774

March 2nd 1774

To the Honble. Mr. Weyrick Esq.
President of Council of Madras & the Select Committee
at Fort S George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Ponnah with
Copy of one from Mr
Mortimer

We have just received a letter from our Resident at Ponnah
advising us of the present situation of the Affairs of the
Government, a Copy of which we enclose for your Infor-
mation & as we had before very reason to believe from the Infor-
mation sent us by the Resident of which agreeable to our Orders
We

[illegible]

22 Fort St George 25th Feby 1774

Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Mostyn at Penang
To Thomas, Mostyn Esq

Letter to Mr. Mostyn
S^r

We have been duly favoured with your Letter of the 21st Inst &
3rd Inst. The Intelligence contained in the latter could not but
afford the most perfect satisfaction and we are to hope the
short time that has elapsed since the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Inst
about the time of the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Inst
has not been unprofitably employed in the consideration of the
various Measures that have been taken at Penang in consequence
of the Intelligence contained in your Letter of the 21st Inst. We are
not without some Measures for our defence.

As the Interest of the Company & the Community may be
materially affected by the Situation of the Marattas & the
Measures each party may pursue We do not but you
will be constantly kept the most fully advised of all material
Occurrences - We are with Sir

Fort St George
25th Feby 1774

March 2nd 1774

To the Honble Mr. Wynch Esq
President & Governor of the Island of Penang
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Madam

We have just received a Letter from our Resident at Penang
advising us of the present Situation of the Affairs of the
Malta Government, a Copy of which we enclose for your Infor-
mation & as We had before long reason to believe from the Infor-
mation sent us by the Resident of which we enclose to our Order.

Letter from Blag with
Copy of one from Mr
Mostyn.

23 Fort St George 2^d March 1774

We have no Doubt acquainted you, that Ragobah was fully bound to
Duties & that Trust of the Committee, We are removing Ragobah in
having great reason to suppose, that he must relinquish those
Intentions, & that he will be obliged to return speedily to Ben-
mat, if possible to visit at least his Father & Family in the Coast
of the Maratta Empire.

We shall from time to time advise you, Honour & of every
Occurrence that may be necessary for you to be acquainted
with, being with Esteem

Bombay Castle
2^d Feby 1774

Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Yours most Obedient Servants
William Hornby
D. Draper
Nathl Stackhouse
Jm Watson

To the Honble W^m Hornby Esq
President & Governor of the Members of the Select Committee
at Bombay

Copy of Letter from the
Masters to the Committee
writing of Affairs at
Poonah.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Last address of your Honour of the 24th Inst, & this is solely to
acquaint you, that Kanara Furrier, Henry Beant Furrier,
& Mount Raji Seraja, this morning at Day break carried off
Gangarath Kanara son of Duns Wadon, who is owner of the
gun with Child / & Peretty Raj, Sardabatis Wife, to Coond
Fort, At the & Ministers & Poramian Officers to a Man
with Seraja Bannulla, are concerned & I am credibly
informed that Tekraj, Holkar, Madje Scind & the
Nizam are in the League against Ragobah.

This Conduct of the Ministers can no longer admit of
concealing their Intentions, & they must soon act openly
against

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received one in particular, & withary pressed out a few Compliments,
showing from about I could perceive, & to be since learnt it seems
as if the Ministers meant to grasp at the Partnership them-
selves, or carry it on under the Name of Company, & that your
orders have already been issued to the different Ports by the
Marshall is true. As for the Mariner, Ruler, & the
under the Colonial Licence & paid Chawkey on all the
Shores of these our Regencies. I doubt from this Behaviour of
Marshall, at present, as if the way is dispatched for India.
but I believe as a body of Men to induce the Wife the man
to go to great Lengths, that they really do not mean to take
him out at all. But your Honour may be assured I shall
constantly keep your Affairs of substance. Your Affairs may
take. I am with great Respect

Poorah

30th Jan'y 1774

Honorable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servant

Thomas Montgomerie

I enclose the following Letter to the Select Committee at Bombay &
Pattanam.

To the Honorable W^m Hornby Esq

President & Governor of the Honorable

Select Committee at Bombay

Honorable Sir & Sirs

We have been duly favoured with your Letter of 31 Dec & 2 Feb^y.
We had also on the Satisfaction on the 19 Feb^y of receiving a
Letter from Mr Montgomerie of the same Date with that trans-
mitted by your Honour & containing the like Intelligence
of the Situation of Affairs at Biorah, which could not but
give us great pleasure, as it relieved us from the Apprehensions
We had for some time been under of the Marattas entering this
Country

26 Fort St George 5th March 1774

Provincians

By the last Address the House that they at present in the River they
have the 21st 22nd & 23rd in being but should be both paid the Hotel
before they leave.

We have requested of Mr. Martin to keep the constantly down
of what is contained in my letter at Bernabé, as the Antient
of the Company & the Council may be greatly affected by
the Measures they are going to take.

Yours with great esteem

Honble Sir

of the Council of the Province

A. Weynck Esq. Committee

Fort St George

5. March 1774

Sunday

6th March

At a Committee Present

Mr. Weynck Esq. President

Joseph Smith Esq. Mr. Maunel Horn

Edward Stracey

Letter from the Honble Committee of the Council received this

Morning

To the Honble Mr. Weynck Esq.

President of the Council of the Province
at Fort St George

Honble Sir

We have received your letter of the 7th ult. accompanied
by a copy of Letter from the Honble Committee of the Council & the
request you wish communicated to the any further service you
may receive concerning the Views and Proceedings of the
Frontier.

The 2^d Brigade has lately marched from Dinapore into the
Province of Oud at the Viceroy's Request & will be in possession
of the

Letter from Sir John
at Bengal sent a Brigade
into the Province of Oud
at the Viceroy's Request.

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probable that it will be employed only in the Protection of this Country,
yet We take the earliest Opportunity of informing you of this
Measure. We are

Fort William
10th February 1774.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Warren Hastings

Albany

N. Alderson

J. M. Davies

Agreed that the Draft should be acknowledged.
The Board in their Military Department having under their
Consideration Letters from the N. & S. dated in Country Correspondence
N. 20 containing a Proposal for raising a Body of
Troops at Government to be employed for immediate Service at such a time with
the Council at large to deliberate & determine on the Expediency &
Practicability of the Plan proposed. There are however some Re-
flexions arising from the N. & S. Proposal which cannot with
 propriety be taken into consideration immediately appertain
to the Executive of this Government.

The first Observation which occurs is that the Proposal
which the N. & S. announced was the Subject of a Letter to him
dated as long ago as January 1773 & one which his Lordship
was then & lately mentioned. He however did not think it proper
to return any Answer & it is rather to be regretted that he in the one
instance did not give the least notice of such a Letter having
been presented to him. We indeed understood from the Report of
our late President that the N. & S. was adverse to the Measure
on account of the Expence attending it. The sudden & unexpected
Manner in which the N. & S. hath now revived & recommended
the Subject cannot therefore not give the Board to suspect that
his Views extend further than the mere Utility of the Plan.

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Provincers

By the last of these I have the honor that you have ordered the New Regt
to be sent to the 21st Regt and in consequence thereof to be both joined the New Regt
by one of these Regts.

We have requested of Mr. Martyn to keep the constantly due
of the Company & the Committee of the Regt as the Interest
the Members of the Regt are by affected by

Fort S George
5th March 1774

Honble Sir & Mrs
James & Mrs Robert Brown

A Wynch & Committee

Sunday
6th March

At a Committee Present
Messrs Wynch Esq. & Messrs Prudens

Joseph Smith Esq. Mr. Maxwell Hon^{ble}
Edward Stracey

To the Honble Messrs Wynch Esq.
President of the Committee of the Regt
at Fort S George

Letter from Sir (Comm)
at Bengal sent to the Regt
into the Province of Sir
at the said Regt.

Honble Sir & Mrs

We have the honor to receive your letter of the 7th ult. accompanied
by copies of letters from Sir Robert Gordon & Robert Gordon & Mr
request you will communicate to the Regt the same as you
may receive concerning the Vicine and Proceedings of the
Frencher

The 2^d Brigade has lately marched from Dinapore into the
Province of Sir at the Vicine Regt & it is expected
the

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yet We take the earliest opportunity of informing you of this
Measure. We are

Fort William
10th February 1774.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Albany
M. Alderson
J. M. Daines

Agreed that the Decree should be acknowledged
The Board in their Military Department bearing under their
Consideration a Letter from the NABO entered in Country Correspondence
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Troops at Government's Service for immediate Service it will contain with
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Practicability of the Plan proposed. There are however some Re-
flexions arising from the NABO's Proposition which cannot with
Propriety be taken into Account immediately appropriate
to the Business of this Committee.

The first Observation which occurs is that the Proposal
which the NABO now makes was the Subject of a Letter to him
dated as long ago as 3rd January 1773 & on which his Sentiments
were particularly requested. He however did not think proper
to return any Answer. It is true that he in the one
would suppose that the least notice of such a Letter having
been made to him. We indeed understood from the Report of
our late President that the NABO was aware of the Measure
on account of the Expense attending it. The sudden & unexpected
Manner in which the NABO hath now revived & recommended
the Subject cannot therefore but give the Room to suspect that
his Views extend further than the mere Utility of the Plan.
and

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This Government to withstand the repeated Efforts that have been
used to compel the into an Alliance with the Marattas
and it becomes us to be careful that we are not led to
adopt a Measure which hath always been considered
as dangerous to the Interests of the Company & the
Carnatic.

We remain to consider the Advantages to be expected from
the Alliance with the Marattas & the Company. With re-
spect to the latter, the proposed Object is the Tranqui-
lity of the Carnatic, we must be sensible we obtained by
an offensive alliance to one of the contending Parties.
Although the Marattas have been lately by their Treaties in
relation to the affairs of the Carnatic to some degree then can
secure the Peace & Tranquillity of the Carnatic by yet the Union
has only hope to obtain it by procuring from the Marattas a positive
renunciation of the Carnatic & a permanent renunciation of all future De-
mands on that Account. But can it be supposed or desired that
the Marattas should make such an Acquittance or Discharge
when it would secure them in the least? Will it prevent
any future Chief of the Marattas, or even the Queen who may
prevent it from renouncing & enforcing their Demands for the
Carnatic to determine the Situation of their Affairs with a view
of it. Little Reason is required to convince us that the
Marattas will not do more for the Interests of the
Carnatic than the Marattas, and much more effectual
Arguments for the Security than the Bare Word, or any
written Engagement of from any Maratta Chief whatever.

With respect to the Advantages to be derived to the
Company from the plan proposed by the Marattas. As the
Company have expressed themselves very fully against any
Measure for extending their Possessions on this Coast, the only object

We

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without any Arguments for or against the Measure,
or We must send it with our Reasons for this Measure, or
against it.

If we were to send it without expressing our Sentiments,
might it not be said, & with great reason, that considering
the subject of the Letter and how much the
General System of the Company's Affairs may be affected
thereby, that our Duty to the Company, and our Duty to the
Gentlemen at Bombay ought to have obliged us to state to
them the full and true Idea of the Danger to be apprehended
from adopting the Native Plan, being that our Silence on
this other would be an appearance of indifference to the Measure
which comes before them, and would be by this it were their own
Fault in such strong & forcible manner, without any Reasons
for the proposed Measure.

We cannot transmit a copy of this Letter with any Arguments
in support of the Measure, because We have entirely dis-
approved of the Plan for the Reasons above given. It
therefore only remains to consider whether We ought to
send it with our Ideas of the Danger to be apprehended from
adopting the Plan.

The Gentlemen at Bombay, from their Proximity to Coasts,
must be better informed of the state of Affairs there than We at this
Distance can possibly be, & if we are better enabled to avoid them
we are thereby for the sake of the Company any Advantage
on the Malabar Coast which the present Conjunction may
point out of which & for purposes of procuring them they
must be the most competent to Judge, & cannot stand in need of any
hints from the Native to direct their Measures. Did the Plan appear
eligible & practicable, or were we under Doubt of the Expediency
thereof, We might with Propriety, & indeed it would be our
Duty,

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Duty to consult the other Residents thereon. But bearing in the
strongest manner possible my Disapprobation thereof to over
bore the weight of the Danger resulting from it it
appears to the Majority of the Committee both necessary & right
to propose to take any Motion thereon to the Gentlemen of
Parliament.

Wm Pitt

J. W. Smith

J. W. Smith

W. Pitt

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signify the same to the Admirals as our Opinions

We have not yet heard what Mr. Pigeon may take on
his return. Indisputably the measures pursued at
Parrish to the Indians will be of great service. It were augmented
by our letters I am sure. The Ministry there appears
to be already divided as you will perceive by the
enclosed copy of a letter from our President dated the 10th
last and signed within 48 hours received at Madras
from that Quarter. We are with esteem

Bombay Castle

15th Feb 1774

Honble Sir & Co. Members

of the Council of India

Wm Pitt

D. Duple

Nathl. Stacks House

W. Taylor

J. Watson

To the Honble W^m H. Cavendish Esq.

President of the Council of India

The Select Committee

Bombay

Honble Sir & Co.

Since my last of the 6th Inst. I have had several letters that
I can find received from the British Camp, therefore it is im-
possible to say whether the British is situated, but there
are Reports in India that the British has returned from the British Camp,
has joined by a number of troops and is now 15,000. It is come a
Days Journey this way. It is also said that with some truth
known that he has wrote both to the British & the British
Camp for Assistance. However as matters are daily expected
the Letters the Ministry dispatched to their friends in Camp
the

Letter from Mr. Hester
to B. on the state of
affairs at Bombay
Some differences
amongst the Council
Regulate

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In the Letter to Bening on the subject of employing
the Ships of His Majesty's Squadron in destroying the
Mansions on the Madagascan Coast in case they had invaded the
Connecticut coast from the Channel in this Military De-
partment. It is agreed that the above Letter from Bening
with our Letter in Consensus to the Admiral, be laid
before the Council.

March
1774
Gravy

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Innocent with the view that they might be so situated as
to give Protection and assistance at whatever part of India
they might be wanted in Case that they should make an
Attempt upon any of the Company's Possessions, & this I com-
mended to be agreeable to the Caution expressed in the
Majesty's Secretary of State's order of 22nd April 1773 which
I communicated to you the 11th of January 1774.

At the same time in Case either the Company's
Employees should be threatened with Danger from the Marattas
or from any other Country Power, if you or the Garrison is
Deeming it to be proper in the present distracted
Situation of the Affairs of India to form any Plan of Action
for the Advantage of the Company in which His Majesty's
Service might be concerned, they ought then to be ready
and to have us ready to give every Assistance in my
Power, just as the Marattas have retired from the Carna-
tick - as the Directors employ themselves for the
preventing Approaches of Danger either here, or at Bom-
bay at present - as the Directors think their
Marine Force perfectly sufficient to protect them against
the Marattas at all times. And as want of Money
may only confine their Land Forces to their Island for the
Defense of which they must be supposed sufficient, Has you
do not even hint at any Plan of active Service, but only
that some of them might of their own being in the narrow
Channel would be so as to assist in the Company's Affairs
Garrison, that it may be highly improper to divide
the Squadron under any Command for any Particular
Purposes.

I trust by leave to add that I

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that if you will take into Consideration the Information
which I communicated to you the Sixteenth of January
I think I may lead it to your Grace to decide whether it may
be prudent or necessary to employ to detach two or three
Sloops to assist the ships upon Coast a few days. Pretence to
be locked up in that Harbour during the approaching
Season at a time when their Service might be
wanted, or given. And which of that Season would
be instructive to the Service which would be useful to
Government and to the Company, and advantageous
to many but perhaps to a few Individuals. And thus at
a time when the Company's Share of the Capital of this
Trading, or the Company's Expenses are being at my
want the whole Force of this Squadron for their Protection.
Thus is my Opinion which you may communicate
to the Gentlemen at Bombay as my Reason for refusing
their Request.

I see that a Letter from the Select
Committee of Bombay to you of the 2^d Ultimate, and
another from the Company's President at Purnah to
show relation to the Marath's Affairs are mentioned
in the Letters which I have had the honor of receiving
from you, & as I am inclined to believe that it will be
satisfactory to his Majesty's Secretary of State to receive
any Information of such Transactions if consistent
with your Discretion. I hope to be much obliged to you for
Copies of these Letters. I have the Honor to be

Alex. Wynch Esq
Trusty Select Committee
Fort George

Gentlemen
Yours most Obedt. Servant
Thomas Servant
R. Harland
Signed

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Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to
the Honble the Secretary of the Admiralty & that Copies of the Letters
wherein the Honble the Secretary is mentioned be sent to him, as they
contain nothing more than the Intelligence respecting
the Affairs of the East India Company & the Company's Affairs.

Wm Pitt

Wm Pitt

Wm Pitt

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Write the following Letter to Rear Admiral Sir

Robert Harland

To Sir Robert Harland Bart
Rear Admiral of the Blue, His Majesty's
Minister Plenipotentiary & Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

Letter to R. Harland

Respecting your request of the 11th inst. for a copy of which,
We have been directed to the Gentlemen at Bombay

You will receive from the Committee to your address a copy of the
Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay dated 2nd Febry
8 of 1774. I have also enclosed a copy of it in the
enclosed paper.

Fort St George

13th March 1774

Sir

Your most obed^t humble Servant
Messrs Weymouth & Committee

Copy

Tuesday
15th March

The Committee Present

Messrs Weymouth Esq. President

John Maxwell Esq.

Edward Stracey

General Smith Esq.

Letter to the Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors of this Date
by Mr. Harcourt read and signed -
Ordered that the Packet be
closed.

Weymouth

Stracey

Smith

To the Nabob

Letter to the Nassau
acknowledged payment of
fine of the 3^d Decemr
his presence of con-
templating in the fu-
ture to send some of
the Emigrants to

this to Providence
 only to think of 15th mile
 of your from 15th mile
 island

2000

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Poonah

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Quartermaster Genl. to the Servant

Thomas Mastey

23 In consequence of the receipt of the following
Letter from the Honble. Mr. Mastey, the following
Letter was this day wrote & dispatched to the Secret Com-
missioner at Poonah.

To the Honble. Warren Hastings Esq.
President & Governor & Commissioners of the Select Committee
at Fort William

Letter to Mr. Mastey
with copy of order from
the Committee.

Honble Sir & Sons

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter lately re-
ceived from Mr. Mastey at Poonah & signed by Mr. Henry Do-
-mond & Mr. John Alcock & signed by you with the earli-
est notice of any material document respecting the Inter-
ests & Rights of the Maratta.

We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sons

Your most Obedient

Thomas Mastey

Alex^r Mastey Esq. Commission

Fort St George

22 April 1774

May 20. Write the following Letter to Mr. Mastey
To Thomas Mastey Esq.

Letter to Mr. Mastey
requesting the Contract
for the purchase of the
saw of the Maratta
Commission.

Sir

In the 20th of the month, you will find the Receipt of your
Letter & in the 21st, the same was delivered to you for the Inter-
ests & Rights of the Maratta.

We are anxious to learn what may be the Result of
the Commissioners among the Maratta Chiefs with which Mr.

Dear Sir

Fort St George
20 May 1778

Friday

27 May

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him. This Affair however appears to be at an End as you will observe by Mr. Montague's Letter.

We have lately received from the Hon. Admirals Reply Dated the 11th Instant to that part of our Letter of the 15th February which relates to the Request of the Hon. East India Company, which the Admirals have refused to grant, but they have desired us to present our own Arguments in the Admirals Court by Appearances in this case before the Admirals. They have given you and I permission in this respect. We shall however, but the Admirals being desirous to have the Admirals Court to be held at the Admirals Office, we are obliged to attend to it. We are however, we would perfectly justify that Court in its conduct at the same time. We are however, we are obliged to attend to it. We are however, we would perfectly justify that Court in its conduct at the same time.

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Quartermaster General & Lieutenants

William Rouse

D. Draper

W. Taylor

J. Watson

Bombay Castle

3 May 1774

Extract of a Letter from the President of Poona Dated the 10 April 1774 to the Honble the Governor & Select Committee of Bombay

Extract from the City Council once with Mr. Montague on the subject of offering the assistance of the Company towards the Establishment of a Hospital.

It is dated last Night. It is in the form of a Request of the Honble the Governor & Select Committee of Bombay.

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I have not been able to attend to any other business.

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6 Fort S^t George 27th May 1774

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thousand Horse crossed the Nildah River.

Agreed that the enclosed Letter should be
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with the other Fort Manners immediately forwarded.

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Fort St George 27th May 1774

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Agreed that the enclosed Letter under
the charge of the Secret Committee at Bengal, be,
with the above Intelligence immediately forwarded.

Wm Pitt

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63 Fort S George 1st June 1774

Alarmed by the appearance of the assistance
of the British and the arrival of the French against the
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Fort William

9th May 1774

Gen. Harrison

Major General

His Majesty's Service

Warren Hastings

Esq. Quarter

23rd June 1774

To the Honble. Mr. Secretary

President & Council of the Honble. Company

at Fort S George

Letter from Mr. Secretary

Warren Hastings Esq.

1774

My dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ult.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

John P. Harrison

Major General

His Majesty's Service

Warren Hastings Esq.

Esq. Quarter

Fort S George

1774

64 Fort St George 23rd June 1774

Received from the Honble the Secretary of the Admiralty, that is he peruse
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Poonah

31st May 1774

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The following letter from the Honble the Secretary of the Admiralty to the Honble the Secretary of the Admiralty, as an Enclosure, was received this day received.

Adm

Sir

San Francisco

Fort St George 27 June 1774

My dear Sir

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 24th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well.

I am very much obliged to you for the trouble you take in writing to me.

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Fort St George 27 June 1774

Handwritten
3 April 1774

Sir
My most Obedient
Service to
Samuel Mordaunt Esq

By Mr Mordaunt the following Letter to Mr Mordaunt
To Thomas Mordaunt Esq

Letter to Mr Mordaunt
of the 1st of the 1st
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Sir

Letter of the 1st of the 1st

Fort St George
6 July 1774

My most Obedient
Service to
Mr Mordaunt Esq

By Mr Mordaunt the following Letter to Mr Mordaunt
To Thomas Mordaunt Esq

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To Thomas Mordaunt Esq

To the Honble Mordaunt Esq
President & Governor & Member of the Select Committee
at Fort St George

Letter from Mordaunt
of the 1st of the 1st
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Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received yours of 22 April enclosing Copy of

Fort St George 10th July 1774

and letter from Mr. Hastings dated 30 March & 27 May
acknowledging the letter from Bombay

The Board of Directors for the Communication of Mr
Hastings's Letter to the Letter from the Gentlemen
referred to the Dates 10 April, the Board has since
continued pretty much in the same state & since the
departure of the Marattas

Nothing material has happened in
the progress of the war since the Date of our last
letter. The British have over Staffer Radwan & his
sons & have given the issue of the 9th & 10th of
the month being of any consequence, remaining
the same.

Our Troops with the exception of the
British, are in the same state as before, & the
Marattas are in the same state as before.

Fort St George 15th June 1774

Respectfully
Yours
Wm. Hastings
Esq.

Enclosed is the foregoing letter from Mr. Hastings
To the Honble. Mr. Warburton
President of the Committee of the British Committee
at Fort St. George

Letter from Mr. Hastings
Honble. Sir & Sons

affairs in the
Confusion to ascertain
with, providing the
Sum of the Contingent
The
I have 2 or 3 years of the police to arrange your Honor & the
31st May Duplicate of which is enclosed, it was forwarded with
your commands of 20 of that Month, the 14th ult.

Fort George 2 August 1774

My dear Sir
I have just received your letter of the 26th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am
very much obliged to you for the
information you have given me
concerning the
disposition of the
British troops in the
Province of New York.

Yours truly

John Jay

I am with respect

to the Honble Secy of State

of the Province of New York

at Albany

27 August 1774

Friday

26 August

My dear Sir
I have just received your letter of the 26th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am
very much obliged to you for the
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27 August 1774

91 Fort St George 26th August 1774

When I began to write this I was not expecting
a Treaty of Peace & Friendship between us & the Indians in this
the latter side is included, & from that time I have not
been able to do anything else of a nature of business
I am in their favour, & I am clearly of opinion that it is
more to better the Nation should do so also by his private
business business to the care of the extensive country
he has at present in charge, without interfering
in the interests & disputes of the several Countries
between us

Wm Pitt
Joseph Smith
L. Smith
J. Smith

95 Fort St George 16th Sept 1774

To the Honble Alexander Macleay Esq
President & Members
of the Select Committee
at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mary is with
a Backer for the 10th
Cant to be forwarded by
first conveyance from
the Coast.

to the Departure of one of his
Majesty's Ships from Cape Breton, and the
the are early opportunities of communicating with the
in Dept. We request you will forward the same
expediently to the Honble the Lords of the Council of Dir.
by that Conveyance.

Yours
Gentle Service

Yours
Honble Servants

Warren Hastings
W. H. Davies
B. H. Davies

The Honble the Lords of the Council of Dir.
are requested to forward the same
by that Conveyance.

Attest Committee Present

Tuesday Alexander Macleay Esq President
1st December Joseph Smith Sir Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey

98 Fort St George 1st December 1774

The Chief Deputy of the East India Company is on his way but
does not expect to sail till the 10th of January. He has been told, or
has seen, that the East India Company has been informed by
successive reports, that the Government has intended to
take up the late Agreement for the Regent's service
at not more than a week, but must certainly be here before
that time.

The Company's expression
has been very much altered, and they are very much
displeased with the late Union among those at Bristol
and the other Towns of their Affairs unless some sudden
alteration should take place. In former times it was very
common for the Company to suppose that the Regent's
service would be continued.

The Regent of Tangier
has been & remains, but are yet here, the mother of
this great project will certainly do any thing to
this great project, and will be able to do some few of
the most important projects.

Journal

6th Nov 1774

Yours with Respect
Honble Sir & Sons
Your obedient servant
Thomas Mestyn

The Board are in consequence
of the late report from the Governor General & Council at
Bengal, and the late report from the Governor General
(Account of the late & present commissions of the
survey of the Bay of Bengal) It is agreed to furnish
the

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Bengal

Letter to enclosing the Advice from the Secretary of State 9. Letter to
with the Intelligence from Poonah 20. Letter from, at the Visier's
request a Brigade is ordered into the Province of Oud 26. Receipt
to be acknowledged 27. Letter to, with Copy of one from Mr. M.
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and Mr. Maclyn's Letter of 7th June from which it may be seen
from Capt. and Genl. of the Dutch Forces & Fortifications
of the 6th June 65

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Worship Thomas Esq. V. P. Poona

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The following is a copy of a letter from a certain British
subject to the Mahratta Government, dated 18th April 1818, in
reference to the Mahratta Government's request for the assistance
of the British Government in the purchase of arms and
ammunition for the Mahratta Army. The letter is signed by
Thomas Esq. V. P. Poona, and is addressed to the Mahratta
Government. The letter contains the following text:
"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 18th April 1818, in reference to the Mahratta
Government's request for the assistance of the British
Government in the purchase of arms and ammunition for
the Mahratta Army. I have the honor to inform you that
the British Government is prepared to assist the Mahratta
Government in the purchase of arms and ammunition for
the Mahratta Army, provided that the Mahratta
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assist the Mahratta Government in the purchase of arms
and ammunition for the Mahratta Army, provided that
the Mahratta Government is prepared to pay for the same."

Poona

Letter from Mr. Maclyn to the Mahratta Government of 7th June 1818
from the Dutch to the Mahratta Government of 6th June 1818

Duchess. Mr. 3. Letter from Mr. Mestyn to the Governor nearly
to the same purport 3. Letter from Mr. Mestyn advising of the
disputations at Bonnah in consequence of Rago's absence 17.
The same to be communicated to the Board & copy to be
transmitted to Bengal 18. Letter to Mr. Mestyn, requesting
his Punctuality of Advice of Every material Alteration in
the Position of Affairs at Bonnah 22. Letter from Mr. Mes-
tyn, Rago's defeat Trimuck Row Manna, after
winning many Wounds is taken 49. This Event causes great Con-
fusion in the Madras Government Ibid. Letter to Mr. Mes-
tyn, requesting the Earliest Advice of the result of the Dispu-
tations at Bonnah 51. Letter from Mr. Mestyn Rago's after
the Defeat of Trimuck Row Manna makes a general Engage-
ment, & retires to Bramproore 52. Nannai Row's Widow
delivered of a Son 53. Letter from Mr. Mestyn Affairs still in
much Confusion at Bonnah 63. Letter to Mr. Mestyn, advising
him of the President's receipt of a Letter & 4. Letter from Mr.
Mestyn, Affairs in too much Confusion to ascertain with
probability the Event of the present Disputations in the Mad-
ras Government 85. Letter from Mr. Mestyn, advising
that the late Rajah's Son's Brother is now at Bonnah
preventing Success by Disunion 92. Letter from Mr. Mestyn
advising of the late Rajah's Son's Brother is now at Bonnah
& the late Rajah's Son's Brother is now at Bonnah 93. Copy of the
foregoing for the Information of the Governor General & Council
at Calcutta to be delivered to the Board. Ibid

Stracey Edward Esq.

appointed a Member of the Committee in Lieu of Mr. Selby
who has resigned 21st