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The Consultations and Diary Book of Alexander Wynch Esqr President & Governor &ca Council of Fort St George in their Military Department containing their Proceedings in Military Affairs and their Transactions with the Country Governments commencing the 3 January 1775.

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Tuesday 3 Janry 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr Presidt
Joseph Smith . George Dawson
Henry Brooke . Sam.l Johnson
John Maxw.ll Stone . Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

The Minutes of last Consult.tation read & approved

Read the following Letter which has been received from Mr. Whitehill at Masulipatam on the Subject of the Soucars representation Vide Consultation 2 Ult.o—

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council.

Of

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of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Whitehill explaining circumstances mentioned in the Souras Representation

I received this Morning a letter from Mr Secretary Petrie transmitting me by your orders, Copy of a Representation from the Gomastahs of Goverdondoss Souras respecting a part of the Rist of the tribute due in October last to the Soubah, for which he had received an order. And agreable to your desire I will now explain the Matter as far as I am acquainted with it

The Necessities of the Soubah obliging him to raise Money upon the Mortgage of his Revenue & the faith of the Company being considered as a certain Security - The Tribute of five Lacks has become an Object of general contention amongst the Souras, insomuch that as early as the Month of November last Year, a letter was brought me from Buccanna ad Doudah desiring that one Lack of the Rist which would be due in the October following might be paid to the Gomastah of Goverdondoss - Upon the delivering of this letter, Bagavan and Mariah the Agent of Goverdondoss applied to me for a Copy of the Receipt usually given by Buccanna and Doudah, desiring that he might transmit the same to his Master, to have it executed in proper form - I enquired whether it had been

* to give the Souras Copies of the receipt and being informed by the Munshies from whose Office it was given, & the Interpreter that it had been usual

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Mairchs request - He accordingly got a Copy & sent it to his Master who some time after sent him a receipt prapurly executed for the Money But he was too well acquainted with the Course of business to present this receipt then knowing the time of payment to be so far off as the 31st of October - In the mean time there arose disagreements in Accounts having arisen between Govindoss & Buccaun Vs Doss-sah. Sahl Dos and the Sons at took advantage of the Opportunity to treat for the Sack of Rupees and Obtained a Letter from Buccaun Vs Doss-sah to the Compranys Interpreter declaring that the Money might not be paid upon his Receipt to Govindoss - When this Letter was explained to me, I sent for Ragonaut Naick & acquainted him of its Contents he urged his Sent for payment upon the Receipt when it should become due. With many Argumen-nts, particularly by saying that his Master had advanced nearly the amount to the Sonbabs - My answer was an appeal to the Usage of Sowcars & Merchants, & the business acknowledged, that a receipt was of no Consequence till the day of payment & that Countermanders with respect to payments, always commanded above first given. Nevertheless as I thought his Master ill used I told him I would defer praying the Money to whoever else might bring the Order, until I should have your Sanction, & he seemed very thankful for it, & the next day had Intelligence that this was an Indulgence for

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for, I then paid to him a Sack & fifty thou-
-sand Rupees on account of some other Sou-
-cars who had negotiated for that part of
the Visit, & whose receipts had not been com-
-ter Ordered, early in November, Last Dos
brought Letters from Burcoun ud Dowlah ta-
-xing me back might be paid to him & he
produced the Receipt, but tho' by the Rules of
business I ought to have paid upon this Re-
-ceipt, yet as I could without impro-
-priety made it for a time by the excuse of
for the Presidents Sanction, for
the Money, & have to this time
upon the same excuse, which
must discontent in Last Dos
-ther information upon this
-to see Copies & Translations of
-tabs Letters to me, & of the an-
-ts together with the form of the receipt-
I also send you Copy & Translation of a letter
from Nazirah an Eavon to me, receive some
days ago

I hope these papers & the explan-
-ation I have given of them, will Satisfy you
that the Gomastah at Madras has misrepre-
-sented Matters, & as I cannot but think my-
-self injured by the Subject of this Petition I
am under the Necessity of applying to you for
justice for redress

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Masulipatam
8 December 1774

waiting
to pay
delays but
has occasioned
for your Hon
Subject Hon.
Burcoun Ud Dow-
to the Instance

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Translate of Runnum Ud Dowlahs Letter
to the Chief of Masulipatam Received the 27
November 1774

Translate Letter from
Runnum Ud Dowlah
Negatiat Loan on
the Subject

Having occasion to pay the Sum
of one Lack of Rupees to the Honble Company and
or Damodar Das. you will therefore pay the said
sum to them in part of 250000 Rupees on account
of the 2d Kist of the year of Phuzellee 1183 and send
me this receipt. I write you to remain with great
Success & to hasten what can I write you more

Translate of Runnum Ud Dowlahs Letter
to Vencatarayah the Company's Contractor
Received 23 September 1774

Now we begin to settle the
accounts with Damodar Das Sowcar therefore
I write you not to pay to the said Sowcar the Sum
of One Lack of Rupees which I have given him
Order to pay in part of the Sum on account of
the 2d Kist of the year of Phuzellee 1183 of the En-
-glish Company until you receive my letter
again, what can I write you more

Translate of Runnum Ud Dowlahs Letter
to the Chief of Masulipatam Received the
12 November 1774

I gave a Tamakah for the Sum
of One Lack of Rupees in part of the 2d Kist of
the year of Phuzellee 1183 on account of the
English Company to be paid unto Pershotta-
-mdas Sowcar, but the Said Sowcar not ha-
-ving settled his Accounts with Mutts addr

Therefore

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Therefore I beg you & have made Tamakah to Bir-
gidoss & Capawaramadum Sowcar & have sent
the Receipt agreable to the Custom & you will
pay the said Sum to the above mentioned Bur-
gidoss & Capawaramadum by the Name of Lall Doss
& about which I sent the Letters to Hanumanjah Behau-
dur & to the Governor of Fort St George in which you
would read them

Translate of Nass
Letter to the Chief of Mass
the 28 November 1774

by our Cawns
Tejpatam Received

That reg
given to Late Governor dos
he receive a Letter from Bu
& the said Sowcar being of a
of Character at Hydrabad an
care the business of the Soubahs
will have great regard on them &
doing to the Letter that Burrum
send you

revoked

doing the Tamakah
Sowcar, you will
Old Dowlah
civility and man
& also always taking
Sowcar Therefore you
this Honor Burr.
Old Dowlah will

After due
the Subject of the foregoing Letter
of the Board are of Opinion, that
declares he gave no promise for
of the first Agreement, & as the
ragement was revoked by a subse
Burrum Ald Dowlah, that the
he complied with, & the Said paid to the Sowcar
Lall Doss

consideration on
the Majority
Mr Whitehill
the Engagement
said agree-
ment Order from
Order should

Altho it is very probable

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the Sowcars Agent at this place has misrepresented matters. Yet as it is to be supposed his Petition contained nothing more than what he received from his master to urge in support of his Cause, & could not be meant in any respect to injure Mr Whitehill, the Board are of opinion that he is not responsible for y^{e} transmission

Brod Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Billingham with the Proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Cr Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Billingham with proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial

I am duly honored with your Letters through the Secretary for the Military Department concerning the repairs of the Fort Bray Wall, the contents of which I immediately communicated to Major Stevens, who will set about it with all possible expedition

The Enclosed is the Proceedings of a Sepoy General Court Martial, held here on a Sepoy whom I confined for enticing some Sepoys to desert to Hyder Ally and annexed to extraordinary Court Martial it is, The fact is fully proved by two Evidencies upon Oath, and notwithstanding the Prisoner is acquitted of the Crime laid to his Charge

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endeavoured to point out the Absurdity of
such proceeding, but to no purpose, they
kept steady to their first opinion and can
or will not not give any other reason for so
doing but that they are convinced in their
hearts that the prisoner is innocent not
withstanding the proofs are positive
against against him

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
John Bellingham

Seichinopoly
2 Decr 1774

The Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Seichinopoly this twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four, by order of Lieut. Col. Bellingham Commandg the Garrison & Fort thereof.

Muckhuen Sub. Commandant.

President

Judges

Subedars

Abdul Naby
Imaum Sib
Sheick Imaum
Ecachenattah Brig
Chinnatomby
Anthonu Sib

Hyder Sib
Cossim Sib
Hussain Sib
Sheick Mahomed
Zetzyl Sib
Abdul Khanyman

Ensign Thomas Jones
Deputy Judge Advocate

The President, Members & Deputy Judge Advocate being first duly

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Examination of the Witnesses in behalf of the Prosecution The Crown

Sayad Sipoy an Uncalloo Company of the sixth Battalion of Sepoys Composed on the 8 of September 1774, by order of Lt Col Battingham, on complaint of Ibraim Said Commandant of the sixth Battalion for attempting to entice some sepoys to desert with him to Hyder Ally

The Prisoner being arraigned & pleading not guiltty. the Court proceed to the Examination of the Witnesses

Witness — Ibraim Said Commandant of y^e Sixth Battalion of Sepoys being first duly sworn according to the Cast. deposeth, that being on the Parade on the 8th of Sept^r the Subadar of Uncaloo's Company came to him & told him, that one of the Sepoys of his Company had been enticing three others to desert with him & on enquiring of the Subadar, how he came to the knowledge of it, he (the Subadar) said the Jemmidar & Hawildar told it him, he (the Commandant) then asked if he could prove it, he said he could & immediately called three Sepoys who informed to the Commandant what the Subadar had before told him

Witness — Uncaloo Subadar, being first duly sworn according to his Cast, informs the Court that being informed by the Jemmidar & Hawildar that the Prisoner had been enticing three Sepoys to desert with him as soon as they had received their Pay, went & complained

to

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to the Commandant on the 20th ammo above
related

Witness — Cauthen Sarah, Tomedar, being
first duly sworn according to this Cast, in-
forms the Court, that the Thanidar told him
that the Prisoner had been enticing three
Sepoys to desert with them, & that he then
informed the Subidar as above

Witness — Sarah Naigah, Thanidar, being
first duly sworn according to his Cast in-
forms the Court, that on the 8 Sept[r] one
Cuttay a Sepoy came to him as he stood in
the Bazzar & told him, that any of the Sepoys
of his Company intended to desert as soon as
he had received his pay, &c, (the Thanidar)
asked what was the Sepoys name, he said he
must not tell, the Thanidar then told him, if
he did not tell his name he would confine him,
upon which Cuttay told Sepoys name viz.[t] Syad
the Prisoner, he then took Cuttay with him & acquain-
ted the Tomidar as above

Witness — Cuttay Sepoy of the Sixth Battalion
being first duly sworn informs the Court
that one Bagaw apah a Sepoy of the 6 Batt[n]
told him, that the Prisoner intended to desert, &
he then acquainted the Thanidar as above
The Witness Bangapah being absent upon
leave, this Court stands adjourned till fur-
ther Orders Monday December 12. 1774

Friday December 16. 1774

The Court met this Day pursuant to Orders, but is fur-
ther adjourned to

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neither prisoner or interpreter being present

Saturday Decr 17th 1774

The Court being assembled pursuant to the last Adjournment & being all duly sworn, proceed to the Examination of the Witnesses in behalf of the Prosecution

Witness. Bang a pah a Sepoy of the 6 Battn being first duly sworn according to his Cast informs the Court, that on the Second or third day of September, which is of those days he does not recollect, the Prisoner came twice to him & told him he had an affair of Consequence to communicate to him, if he would hear or not to adjudge it, he said he would hear it adjudge it, if it required Secrecy, the Prisoner said it did & then said to him, that if he would desert with him to Hyder Ally he would get the Witness entertained as a Sepoy by Hyder Ally at two Pagodas PMonth, but he refused to go & told him what he had proposed to dissuade the Prisoner & himself to Country & then to the Havildar as above

Witness Shaick Mahommed Sepoy in the 6 Battn being first Duly sworn informs the Court, that being indebted applying to the Prisoner to lend him some money, he (the Prisoner) told him, if he would go with him to Hyder Ally, he would accompany him with the Money & get him two Pagodas but the Witness refused to go Saying he had a large family & could not leave them. The prisoner being put on his Defence said that instead

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of his entering the Witnesses to desert, one of them Ramgapah, wanted Swiam to desert, and as to the desertion of the other he entirely denies it.

The Court having considered the Witness against the Prisoner & his own defence, are of opinion that the Prisoner is not guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge & do therefore acquit him

Mackhum Sub Commandant
His ✠ Mark

Ensign Thomas Jones Deputy Judge Advocate

The Court being met pursuant to order, proceed to review the Proceedings of the last days sitting

Monday December 19th 1774

The Court having considered again maturely the Evidence against the Prisoner & his own defence, are of Opinion that he is not guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge & do therefore acquit him

Mackhum Sub Commandant
His ✠ Mark

Ensign Thomas Jones Deputy Judge Advocate

Disapproved, by John Bellingham
Lieut Colonel &c

Whatever impropriety there may have been in the Sentence of the said general Court Martial yet as Colonel Bellingham represented his sentiments thereon to the Commissioners & Ordered a revisal of the Proceedings

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of in these Cases & rests with Colonel Billing-
-ham, or the Captains of the Battalions to dis-
-miss the Sepoys the Service, if they are con-
-victed, or are engaged in such practices as
are charged against them

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Laing with Papers inclosed

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Colo Laing
with the Letter which
passed between Majr
Nixon & Lt Bonnet
the latter first under
an arrest by Colo Laing

The accompanying origi-
-nal Papers I beg leave to submit to your ho-
-nours &c. From them you will find that the Sen-
-tence of the general Court Martial mentioned
in my last has not been decisive. The general
Character & Conduct of Lieutenant Bonnet
are sufficiently known; however it may not
be improper in this place to observe that he
has asserts the Contrary in his late defence he
was deaf to every proposal of an accommoda-
-tion, He not only rejected three offers made him
there by the Adjutant, but ungenerously mis-
-construed my Conduct & said that a comman-
-ding Officer never interposed with a view to
serve the Prisoner. That he was once in the Circa
-joled into a Compromise by a Commanding
Officer, & that he would not be served so again
from a review of his past Con-
-duct & his behaviour on this occasion particu-
-larly, I will be bold to pronounce him unworthy

upon

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your Service, I therefore request you will be pleased to remove him at least from this place, for if after a regular & voluntary trial an officer is to be prosecuted with the utmost & personal resentment for doing only his duty, all Order & military discipline are at an end

I shall be happy to receive your Commands respecting them, in the mean time to prevent any misconstruction between the parties, I am. Sir Your Most Obedient humble Servant

Jam[s] Stemble Sir[r] Sir[r]

Velours
Jany. 1. 1775

Your very humble
and Obedient Servant
Ross Lang

Major Dixon's compliments to Mr Dunnet & would be glad to know what he meant by the discourse he held on the Play house with him this Morning, as it appears very extraordinary

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that any affront or misbehaviour should be regarded after the sentence of a Gen[l] Court Martial

Mr O Dunnet thanks Mr. Major for his favour & begs to say in justice to himself & Gentlemen concerned that he was not in the smallest trouble — The Gentlemen on the rounds this Morning passed by giving it as Colonel Harper, Capt. Edmonstone & Lieut. Major J. Davis, Whitehead & Glover which appears at will be disagreeable to Mr O Dunnet, as there's nothing

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Superiors a perceive judgement will settle
the whole as he deems no further scrutiny

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To Colonel Ross Lang

Sir

This morning in the Play
house Mr O Donnell expressed some dissatisfac-
tion at the decision of the general Court Mar-
tial & told me of the Customs of other Services
& the Honour of an Officer not clearly compre-
hending what he would be at I wrote him
the accompanying note to which his answer is
also enclosed, where the talks of a suitable ab-
tonement & nominates a Tribunal to decide
on the sentence of a Court Martial; with such
opinion as this discipline can [illegible] even by
General Court Martial, I am inclined to every li-
berality that you judge proper to show him, but
my situation is not pleasant, whilst such
a man as he has any rankling in his heart aga-
inst me for doing only my Duty

I am
Sir
most respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Eccles. Nixon

30 Dec 1774

Should any part of Lieut.
O Donnells Conduct since his late Punish-
ment be subject hereto to censure, the Board see
no impropriety in a general assembling another General
Court Martial for this trial. The Articles of
War do not provided a punishment for all

such

To be tried by another
Court Martial if
his Conduct requires it

foregoing

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such application, as Colonel Laing attended to
the foregoing Letter

The following Letter having been
received from Capt. Duncan is now read

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs &c. &c.

Letter from Capt. Duncan his representation to Mun. Monsat, on the Inhabitants of Pondicherry flying and off by the French

I have the honor to acquaint
you, that upon information that some of
the Inhabitants of Pondicherry (a Village in
the Carnatic Country) had been forcibly convey
ed by the French from the out settlements of
neighbouring Country, & that some Sepoys
belonging to them, were still left at Pondicherry
I sent to enquire into the matter, and at the
same time wrote to the French Commandant
desiring that the Inhabitants might be immedi
diately released & the Sepoys withdrawn

His answer I send you along
with this, I have since had before of the second Lieu
sent a few Peons & Sepoys, for the protection
of that Village, & have wrote again to Mons.
Monsat, in pretty strong terms, pointing out
to him, the Mode of his obtaining redress, if he is an
-joyed by any of the Nabobs Subjects, & by application
-cation to him or his commandant, but that his
sending troops into this Country, on the unwar
-rantable Lenity alone, can by no means be allowed of

As soon the Season of this Letter
I am apt to think that Mons. Monsat

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disposed, to act in a satisfactory manner
I beg to be favoured with your instructions
in case the Nawaub should Request me to
act offensively for the Recovery of his people
who are detained at Nairopilly

The perusal of Mons[r] Renaults
Letter will / Imagine / make any trouble
you with any thing more / at present
I have the honour to be with y[r]
greatest Respect

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted &
most Obed[t] Servant
Alex[r] Duncan

Cuddalore
24th Dec[r] 1774

Captain Duncan
Sir

I have received last night
the letter which you did me the honour to
write me on the Evening which I was lately
happened at Pondicherry, & of which I informed
my Dubash Pondicherry, who came
to me, but as he
Blacks frequently from personal Interest
alter Circumstances, I shall more inform you,
with the most exact Truth, of this transaction
requesting that you will give Orders, that
justice may be done

I confess Sir, that I have sent
Sepoys to search the House of a Merchant
named Gatti Massoli, after having been
informed

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informed that he had searched & collected a par-
cell of that Shod of Mootapilly
by the Caravan of this This hath been
found with the Said Merchant after that Jard
that Shod ordered to be made in this House in
presence of the head Man & the greatest part of
the Inhabitants of Town of this he car-
ried off as a property which belonged to one
the Caravan who sold it, declared that they de-
livered it to the said Gatta Moorsilly, who according
to other reports had already sent away two large
parcels You see the robbery proved which could
not have happened if Shod not taken such mea-
sures, which kept my intentions concealed
from this Merchant, otherwise he would
have taken care to have removed the Loot
he not been prevented. But as encreasing
this Search, I met with much difficulty from
the greatest part of the Inhabitants who made
resistance, as Shod only sent two Sepoys. But
the said Gatta Moorsily, taking advantage
of the Confusion to secrete himself, I determi-
ned to seize some of those who had favored
his escape, & who by the Event were found to
be accomplices with the said Gatta Moorsily
in the Robbery, having investigated the Affi-
air thereto

The Laws & Customs of the Coun-
try respecting Salt & are positive and are
authorized ones. Let be annexed three rubbees in
which at most place they could be found mathwash

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any other formality, & it is a Custom immemorial in that Country to act so in similar occasions, whenever a Theft has been made from your districts, your Subjects have resorted upon the thieves without any Ceremony & immediately with any opposition on our part. I do assure the same provided

You cannot be ignorant, Sir that in the present year, three Thefts have been made by the Paraos who live in the Woods, & that I have Remonstrated, any difficulty in returning what was stole, to one of your people as brought their Complaints to me & many satisfactory Testimonies to a Dubash who came to me with Subpoys on your part, your Name which you examined as having been stole from your Bounds. I flatter myself then Sir that actuated by the same principal of Equity, you will order the Tannadar to determine this affair & to cause the said Thief to be given up to me, that he may be punished according to the Laws & Customs of the Country I have wrote to the Tannadar Moodeen Saib to send a person of Confidence to settle this Matter with the Senior Pur Marcitte who will remain charged with the affair since during some time that I shall be absent upon indispensible Business

I cannot tell you the three people whom I have detained, because they have not only favored the Flight of the said

Gaby

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Gabby Moosite, but are accomplices in this theft, by their Instigation with the Parriars

I beg you to be assured that I have given you a faithful account of the affair; & that I have done nothing but what the usage of the Country authorized me to do I therefore expect from you that Justice which I have a right to exact.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Signed Arnot

Mairpilly
22 Decr 1774. Translation

Captain Duncan has acted properly in sending a few guards of Sepoys for the protection of the Inhabitants on the request of the amildar & the most Continuous to pursue such measures as shall appear to him best for the Security of the Country and the Inhabitants conformable to the Letter & Spirit of his Instructions on the occasion the President is desired to communicate the purport of Captain Duncans representation to the Nabob

This Paper should have been entered after the following Letter

The President reports that he has communicated to the Nabob on the Subject of Colonel Bellingham's Intelligence & his opinion is that Hyder Ally means nothing more at present by collecting his forces, than to watch the motions of the Mahrattas

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut Col Bellingham and. wherein of great preparations making by Hyder Ally Kn of the King of Mysore Death.

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

My Hircara arrived early this morning from Syringapatam & brings the following piece of Intelligence which I believe may be depended on Viz.t

Exclusive of the troops which Hyder Ally had at Syringapatam when he left my self the Power of writing you on the 12.th he has now a detachment of Eight Thousand Horse which arrived a few days ago from Bidanor, and was encamped when my Hircara was left that place to the Southward of Syringapatam between Mysoor & Nantibanna Hoodel

There is a Number of people employed in widening & repairing the road through the Praps at Balticotta which leads into the Coimbatoor

The 17 Sorkaluriga Naken formerly one of the King of Tanjores Generals marched from Sangli Luthom to Syringapatam with five Thousand Sepoys one hundred Horse & five hundred matchlockmen

Tippoo Saib is encamped at Mootapitte a Mud fort to the Northward in that district which was given by the Mahrattas some time ago to Hyder Ally the Force that he has with him is said to be ten Thousand Horse, the same Number of Sepoys, & twenty Thousand Matchlock Men with five Thousand Mahratta Horse under the Command of Bungaragen a Braman

(Shamanaseow

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Shannaw as arrow is arrived at Kattiwatta near the Pass

The Mahrattta Vaqueel is at Syringapatam where they talk much of the Mahrattas joining their forces with those of Hyder Ally's, but their real intentions are still kept a secret some say they will join & others that they will march to Kattiwatta

The King of Tanjore who has been as a prisoner did some time last month leave the Kings to be

Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Bellingham

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 26 Ultimo with Copy of a Letter from Capt Brumley, containing some Hyder Ally's Proceedings that the Dutch & French intend to assist Hyder Ally for which they are to receive considerable Sums of Money. Extract of Intelligence from the Subahs Camp & the Cuddapah Country as entered in Secretary Correspondence N 127

Prichinopoly
28 December 1774
Dispatched at 8 AM

Vaqueel from Hyder Ally to the French arrives at Pondicherry

The President acquainted the Board that he had an advice of the arrival of a Vaqueel from Hyder Ally at Pondicherry to whom he was received with a Salute & other usual Compliments

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The President lays before the

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the Board the following Letter which he has received from Mr Whitehill

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr.

Sir

I received a Letter this Morning from Mr Hastings with one addressed to the Nabob Vizam ul Mulk, which he desired might be forwarded immediately & which I have accordingly dispatchd

Letter from Mr Whitehill a Letter to the Soubah from the Govr General forwarded by him

I am with Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

John Whitehill

Masulipatam 24 December 1774

The President informs the Board that a letter from Mr Swan at Pondicherry to the Governor General at Bengal was committed to him Ordered that the said Letter be forwarded by the Sappiris

Read the following Letter from Mr Munro Paymaster at Chinglepet

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

President & Govr &ca Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In conformity to the Orders of your Honor &ca of April 1773, the Allowance of Storekeeper of this Garrison, was, on the report of the Commissary General of a considerable loss on the sale of Arrack to the Military, curtailed ten Pagodas pr Month, & with that reduction has since continued, but as it appears from the

Mr Munro applies for the former allowance of 20 Pag. as Storekeeper at Chinglepet.

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the accounts of the Agent that instead of the
supposed loss there hath accrued since that
time an annual profit. I trust your Honours
will not deem unreasonable my request of the
former allowance continued to the Storekeepers
those Garrisons where from the Sale of arracka
profit hath arisen and that in consequence
you will be pleased to grant Compliance & an
authority to that purpose, particularly as
the Garrison is on a very different footing
than in the late Commandants time when
composed only of a few Topasses & Peons

I remain
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
Your most Obt Servant
Robt Dr Munro

Chunglepatt
31st December 1774

Ordered that the Agent be
directed to deliver in an account of the sale
of Arrack at Chunglepatt with the profits
thereon for one Month

profits

The European Prisoners at Vellore to be sent to Madras

The President having been
desired in last Consultation to speak to the
Nabob on the Subject of the Petition of the French
& Dutch Prisoners at Vellore, he now reported to
the Board, that the Nabob leaves it entirely
to them to dispose of the said Prisoners as
they shall think proper, Resolved therefore
that Captain Hopkins be directed to send

them

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Sheers under a guard of Sepoys to Madras

Alexr Dirk
Joseph Smith
Cha Dawson
Henry Brooke

Thomas Saunders

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3 The following Letters were this day wrote and dispatchd

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Letter to Mr Whitehill on the Subject of the South ern Assignments

I am directed by the Presidt & Council to acquaint you that the Sou-thern Hist which became due the last October is to be paid to the assignment of Lall Dost. For whatever Landship the other Sowcar may suffer by the last Order in the Opinion of the Board revokes the former & gives the right to the latter

The Board agree with you in Opinion that the Sowcar have has misrepresen-ted the Circumstances of the Translation, but as this Petition, it is to be supposed, contains nothing more than what he received in Charge from his Master to urge this support of his Cause & could not be unwilling in any respect to injure you, who were not interested in the mat-ter, he is therefore in their opinion not re-sponsible for it

transaction

in

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Petrie Secry

Fort St George
3 January 1775

To Colonel Lang
Commanding at Vellore

Sir

To Colonel Lang re-questing Assistance

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your

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Letter to Mssrs of the 1st Instant & to say that as Lieutenant O'Donnels Conduct is immediately under your Eye, it remains with you to determine whether any part of it Since his late trial is cognizable by a Court Martial, & Should his Conduct appear to you in that light, they can see no impropriety in ordering one to proceed upon his trial immediately

The President & Council agree with you in opinion that such an appeal from the Sentence of a General Court Martial as you seem to allude to, Merits the severest Punishment and as the articles of War have Justly provided for such Cases, No Officer who commits such an offence can ever escape with impunity

Sam
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Petrie

Fort St George
3 January 1775

1st This day the following Letter was sent to Captain Duncan

To Captain Alex.r Duncan
Commanding at Ongole

Sir

I am directed by the President & Council to inform you, in reply to your Letter of the 24 Ultimo that they approve of your having sent a Few Gerards of Sepoys, on the desire of the Aumeldar

Letter to Capt. Duncan relative to the funds at Mootapilly

to

to protect the Inhabitants of Pondicherry, you will continue to pursue such measures as shall appear to you best for the Security of the Country and the Inhabitants conformable to the Letter & Spirit of your Instructions from the Governor & Council

Fort St George
4th January 1775.

Sam
Sir
Your most Obed Servant
William Petrie Secry

To Captain Charles Hopkins
Commanding at Vellore

To Captain Hopkins
on the Subject of
European Prisoners

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that on the receipt hereof You will be pleased to send the European Prisoners mentioned in your Letter of the 5 Ultimo to the Governor, under a proper guard of Sepoys to this place

Fort St George
3 January 1775.

Sam
Sir
Your most Obd Servant
William Petrie Secry

At a Consultation Present

Thursday
5 Jany 1775.

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam Johnson
John Mc Leane " Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

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Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Colo Bellingham the Nabob Managers application to him for some Sepoys to punish some Polygars in Hyder Ally's Country

Their day I was waited upon application to me (in the Name of the Nabob) for two Companys of Seapoys without their European Officers to go into some part of Hyder Allys Country that lays among or near the Hills, to punish or take prisoners some Polygars who he says has been plundering in the Nabobs Country, but as I have no Instructions on that head, I have refused to Comply till I have your Orders Concerning it

In September last the young Nabob wrote me, that it was Customary for the Commanding Officer of this Garrison on application as above, to grant one or two Companies of Seapoys, as occasion might require, for the use of the Circar. this I made known to the Governor, & requested that I might have some Orders Sent me on that head either Positive or discretional, to be a stand. and for my Conduct in any future occasion, but never got any answer from him, therefore I request that I may have your Instructions how I

am

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am to act both in the present or any fu-
-ture case of this Nature I have the Honr
to be with Respect & Esteem

Pulicinopoly
5 January 1775

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
Solon Bellingham

Minute in Consequence

Resolved that the Presid.t
be desired to speak to the Nabob on the
Subject of this Message & recommend
Colonel Bellingham for Employment
forth in the foregoing Letter, & that Colonel
Bellingham be directed to satisfy the
Nabobs Manager with Respect to the Sum
-mon to Join the Coolies on this Expedition
for the same, for the Encouragement
the Peons, or procuring Boats & Provisi-
-ons in the Nabobs Territory

The President to speak to the Nabob on the Subject

Came on the Deliberation of the
Board the Letter & Enclosed at Vizagapatam

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam appointed Distributor with Kimedy Country

In the Letter We had the plea-
-sure of writing to you under date the 16
Instant we acquainted you that We had
deemed Captain Matthews to send to Viza-
-gapatam with such a force as We thought Necessary
for its protection in Consequence of which

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Sir we ordered this Letter with the greatest part of this Battalion & the following is Extract of a Letter we received from Siam on the Subject of a Letter we received from Siam on the Subject

I have reason to know that

"there will be some attempts to disturb the
"tranquility of Kimmendy as the Corps is
"gathering and especially upon its being
"known that the Country is to be Heavily
"Managed by the Highest Bidder, There is
"also danger to be apprehended from the
"assistance that the Mussalmen Rajah
"may afford Malcontents, He hath now
"collected a great force not far from the West.
"-ern Frontiers of Kimmendy at a place that
"leads from the Mahratta Country to this
"City & our communication for intelligi-
"-nce cut off so that what may be doing in
"the interior parts which may affect us, will pro-
"bably shall not know until it is too late to pre-
"-vent bad Consequences without a strong
"party move that way immediately

Captain Matthews that Sir Sees drove away a party from the Borders of Kimmendy & we have not a doubt but he will take the most effectual measures of preventing those who may want to disturb its tranquility, and thereby prevent any party from joining Guzzy Puddoo, should Sir shew the same disposition as he Did the last year of entering that Country

We

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Vizagrapatam
27 Decr 1774

Have with great Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Geo Stratton
Peter Perring
Jno Williams

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam in reply to the foregoing directing them immediately to call upon the Naig Rajah or whomsoever else may be attempting to create troubles in the Circars, to desist from such Conduct, on pain of being proceeded against with a Military Force

Letter to be wrote in Consequence

Read Letter from the Select Committee at Fort St George Dated 31 Decr 1774 Consultation N 128, with Bills for Pags 125000 for the Rent of last Month & Pags 3500 on account of Pensions also Extract from the Proceedings of the Select Committee at Fort St George dated 22 Decr 1774 with Letter from Bangalore N 129.

A Letter having been received from the Chief & Council at Ganjam advising that the Zemindar of Gunnavar had agreed to the Conditions required of them & set forth in Consultation the 11 July and 22 August the Subject is therefore to be taken

The Zemindar of Gunnavar agrees to the Conditions required of him.

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to the Department of Business

Wm Wyrick
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Thomas Hamilton

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5 This day the following Letter were wrote & dispatched

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam to threaten with immediate Punishment whomsoever may attempt to create disturbances in the Kimmedy Country

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 2d Instant containing an extract of a Letter from Captain Thatcher from which it appears that he is of Opinion attempts will be made to disturb the tranquility of the Kimmedy Country & you add, that you have since heard a Party has been drawn off from the Borders of that Country by Captain Thatcher

You are directed by the President & Council immediately to acquaint Boyah Brahmans & others that if any attempts be made by them to disturb the Peace of the Kimmedy Country, that you will immediately detach a Party of Sepoys & Peons to bring them to Punishment

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
William Petrie Secy

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5 January 1775

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

Letter to Col. Bellingham

I am directed by the President & Council to reply to your Letters of the 26 Ultimo & 1st Instant

Whatever imperfectly there may have been in the acquittal of the Sepoy you have done your Duty, in admonishing the Members & ordering the proceedings of the Court Martial to be revised further the Law doth not admit of

With respect to the assistance which may from time to time be required of you by the Nabobs manager at Trichinopoly you will be pleased to observe that it is the intention of the President & Council, that for the collection of the Nabobs Revenues as to preserve peace & tranquility in this Country you furnish the said Manager with a few Sepoys as has hitherto been the custom whenever he may require them for those purposes

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
William Petrie Sec.ty

Fort St George
5th January 1775.

At a Consultation Present
Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
George Dawson . Henry Brooke
Saturday 7th January Samuel Johnson . John Maxwell Stone
Edward Stracey . Francis Sourdan
Genral

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General Smith indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

the Board being assembled

at the Export Warehouse on the business of the

Investment the President take the opportunity

of laying before them the following Letter from

Colonel Laing & Lt Dannet

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

President & Govr & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Laing Lieutenant with Dannet & Lieutenant Brooks in his Commission

As few hours before I was favored with your Commands respecting Lieutenant Dannet, he sent me the accompanying Letter with his Commission & requested I would forward them to you, which I was ready to comply with the 2 Instant he had addressed me to the same purpose, & sent his Commission for my acceptance but I returned it informing him I was not guided to receive it.

Perhaps, Gentlemen, his resignation may be acceptable to you, as you will thereby prevent his further disgrace, if not a Court Martial shall be commenced for his trial But I beg leave to observe that unless there is an account to actual Dimission, he may have an opportunity of insulting Major Nixon to prevent which is the principal Cause of his present visit, & my Intentions are totally Counteracted I am perfectly convinced that he is and is still ready to do so and personal Satisfaction of the

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Major Wahab I am proposed of this Opinion
I cannot with propriety consent to his Enlarge-
ment in this Garrison

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very obedient Servant
Rose Lang

Vellore
5 January 1775

Honble Sir & Sirs & General

I humbly beg leave to send my
Commission to Colonel Rose Lang Command-
& pray Since what is time I contracted with
the Company is expired You'll accept of it
for my Resignation & shall proceed to Mad-
-ras when I settle a few affairs here

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs & General
Your most humble & most
obedient Servant
Francis O'Donnell

Vellore
6th December 1774

Resolved with the Concurrence
of General Smith, that Colonel Lang be directed
to order Lieutenant Donnel immediately
to Madras, & to require him, that on his ar-
-rival he will receive an answer to his Letter
Resolved also that Lieutenant O'Donnells re-
-signation be accepted on his arrival here

The President now acquainted
the Board that having spoke to the Nabob rela-
-tive to the application of his Manager ab
-ject in of yesterday mentioned in last Consultation

(to

Letter from Lieutenant
O'Donnel resigning his
Commission

Lieutenant Donnel
ordered to Madras &
his Resignation
to be accepted of

The President reports
the Circumstances
of the Application
to Col Bettingham
by Nabobs Manager
& Petition of yesterday

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to Colonel Bettingham for some of the Com-
pany's Sepoys to go into Hyder Ally's Coun-
try to punish or to take prisoners some Poly-
gars who had been plundering in the Na-
bobs Districts, he the Nabob explained the
matter as follows

That the Killidar of Namull
a Dependant upon Hyder Ally had
complained to him as also that some people
belonging to the Trichinopoly Country had
carried off some Cattle belonging to the Dis-
trict of Namull which Hyder Ally had
mentioned to the Nabobs Vackeel at Sy-
ringapatam, that by the Nabobs Vackeel
he has wrote to his Master at Trichi-
nopoly to send out the Robbers & that they
were Cattle belonging to Madan Naigue
the Moneyapauna Poligar a Defendant
upon the Carnatick, that this application
for these two Companies of Sepoys was not to take
from him into a restoration of the Cattle stole
as the consequence of not giving Hyder Ally
satisfaction on this head, would probably
be his Retaliating in the like manner on
the Nabobs Districts

The Moneyapauna Poligar a Defendant of the Carnatick

The President further reports
that upon further enquiry, he has found
that the Moneyapauna Poligar is a Defen-
dant on the Carnatick

Colonel Bettingham directed to furnish the Sepoys

Resolved that a letter be wrote
to Colonel Bettingham directing him to

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furnish the Nabobs Manager with two Com-
-panies of Sepoys for the purpose set forth
in the foregoing report from the President

Read Note from the Nabob
dated the 5th Instant with Extracts of Intelli-
-gence from the Southern Camp to the 13th Ult.
as entered in Country Correspondence N.1
& also of two Extracts of Intelligence from the
4th to the 16th Ultimo entered in Country Cor-
-respondence N.2

The most material of which
is that Ragunaut Row has seperated himself
from Molcar & Tondia, crossed the Taptyguam
& was proceeding towards the Northern Provin-
-ces The reason of this sudden step, is said to
have proceeded from a discovery which has
made, that the aforementioned Hindostan
Chiefs were negociating with his Enemies
to deliver him into their Hands

Ragunaut Row Se-
-perates from the
Hindostan Chiefs
who precipitate-
-ly cross the Top-
-ty river

J Whitehill
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

J Call

Francis Sheridan

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16 7 Dispatched the following Letter to Colonel Lang

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding at Vellore
Sir

Letter to Col. Lang Dt. O'Donnell ordered to Madras

In reply to your Letter of the 5th January, I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that on Receipt hereof you will be pleased to Order Lieutenant O'Donnell to proceed immediately to Madras & to inform him, that on his arrival here, he will receive an Answer to his Letter

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Wm Petrie Secy

Fort St George
16th January 1775

16 12 Wrote the following Letter to Lt Col. Bellingham

To Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham
Commanding at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Colonel Bellingham to furnish the Nabobs Manager upon his application with two companies of Sepoys for proceeding against the Mummiparah Polygars

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that if the Nabobs Manager at Trichinopoly application to you for two Companies of Sepoys, for the purpose of reducing the Mummiparah Polygar into a restoration of the Castle which his people have stolen from the district of Nunneault in Tondaman Allys Country you will be pleased to comply with the said application

I am Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

Fort St. George
12th January
1775

At Fort St George 16 January 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Governor President.

Monday 16 January

Joseph Smith — George Dawson
Henry Brooke — Samuel Johnson
John Wm.d Hastings — Edward Stracey
Francis Sowerdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Read Letters on which the following resolutions pass'd

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Army Ill State of Health

Lieutenant Samballais requests to resign his commission

will not permit me to discharge my duty as I could wish I therefore request the favor of you to accept my resignation of the Honble Company's Service

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Jn.o Samballais

Fort St George
16 Jan.y 1775

Agreed that Lieutenant Samballais Resignation be accepted &c

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Obedience to your Orders of the 4th Instant. We caused advertizements &c

Letter from Major Spratt

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Sealed

to be affixed for receiving proposals for contracting to build the Sepoy Barracks upon the Plan transmitted Us, But none having been tendered to us. We beg leave to recommend that the Work may be undertaken upon the Company's Account The Materials being all in Store, there will be no new Expence, but for the mere Workmanship & that We think will not be found durable tho' We cannot expect it will be executed so expeditiously or so cheap as work of the same kind would be done at the Presidency, our best Workmen having returned to the Southward for want of Employment

We have furnished our Engineer with an Extract of your Orders respecting his Correspondence with the Chief Engineer & have directed them to be Carefully observing them with

Lieutenant Dargoe's Illness

of which having Obliged us to let him proceed to the Southward before he had copied all the Sketch of the Survey he was employed on & our information being imperfect without them We request Your Honor & will be pleased to Order him to furnish them & send them to Us

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Servants
John Whitehill
Archdale Palmer
Charles Dargoe
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
5 January 1775

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Sepoy Barracks to be built on the Compys Acct & Lt Dugood ordered to finish his drawings

Resolved that the Sepoy Barracks to be built on the Companys account — Ordered that Colonel Ross be directed to see that Lieutenant Dugood compleats the Drawings of this Survey as soon as possible

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Bellingham

My Surrarahs who arrived a few Minutes ago, bring the following Intelligence Viz. That Mear Saibs Camp which was at Karattapetah is now within ten English miles of Dindegull & is hourly expected there

Shanadasarow is now at Manharacottah about 70 English miles from Dindegull, His force consists of one thousand Horse, four thousand Sepoys & five thousand Matchlocks. His brother Chandanyen is at Ballicatah with five thousand Horse, one Thousand Sepoys, & one thousand Matchlocks with one thousand Lascars chasing that pass which is almost finished

Since I sat down to write another Hurcarrah is arrived, who informs me that there is a Detachment of Hyder Allys Army Arrived within ten miles of Carroor Consisting of three hundred Horse, one thousand Sepoys & one thousand Matchlockmen & three Cotors to assist & protect the Nabobs Country unless some Cattle &c be returned which they say has been drove away from

Namcull

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Namcall & Pappyapah Countrys by the Pal-
-iggars belonging to the Country near Tsichi-
-napoly and the Commandor of the above de-
-tachment has wrote to Shadi Kan the Bulli-
-dar of this place & to Tattingar the Manager
acquainting him of Sir Instructions in case
his demands are not complied with
In Consequence of your last
Orders to me by your Secretary for the Milit[y]
Department, I have this day at request of the
Manager for the Nabob granted him two
Companies of Sepoys to be employed as he
the said Manager may find Necessary on
the Business of the Circar

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Bellingham

Tsjchinopoly
16 January 1775

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr &c Council
Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St George

Letter from Mr
Wood requesting
the Governor and
Council with all
their Endeavours
to Obtain paym-
-ent from the Na-
-bob of y[e] Money advanced
by Col Wood to pay
Sepoys in 1768

My approaching departure
for Europe puts me to the Necessity of addressing
you on a Subject, on which I have hitherto for-
-bore from a delicacy towards Sir Highness the
Nabob, but my duty to my Children and the
Estate of my deceased Husband will not al-
-low of any further delay

When my deceased Husband
Colonel Wood commanded the detachment that

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Invaded the Cozy ambatoor Country in 1768
the Tanjore Auxiliaries that accompanied him
were distressed for Pay, as regular Supplies
of Cash could not be brought them on account
of the Enemys Horse that hovered round the
Army. The Commander of those troops there-
fore by the express directions of the Rajah of
Tanjore requested Loans at three different times
for which he gave bonds that are now in
my possession. And the desire of the then
Governor M^{r} Bourchier was an additional
Inducement to comply with his Request
The Amount of those three Bonds is 42,500 Pag^{s}
& the Interest of 10 $\frac{p}{c}$ Cent has been accumu-
-lating till the present time, A Variety
of Impediments arising from unsyste-
-matic Proceedings occasioned a Delay of Pay-
-ment till the actual Fall of Tanjore, since
which repeated applications have been made
to His Highness the Nabob, as the Money was
advanced on account of his Service but his
Highness has not yet been pleased to discharge
this Sum however justly due, I find myself
Obliged though with Reluctance, to trouble
Your Honor & C^{a} whose Influence is wanted
cannot fail of Success

I need not mention to your
Honor & C^{a} as an additional Motive for ac-
-ting in my behalf, that his Highness has
undertaken to indemnify others who had
concerns in Tanjore at its Surrender, & that no
payment of that kind can with more Justice

&c

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be required of them than I now beg your Protection for

I am respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
Eliz. Wood

Fort St George
the 16 January 1775

The President is desired to speak to the Nabob on the Subject of the foregoing Letter and as additional inducement to his payment of Mrs Woods to be informed, that in consequence of Col. Woods having acquiesced in the Boards adjustment of the Law Suits between the Company & him upwards of seventeen thousand Pagodas have been recovered from his Estate, which will be carried to his the Nabobs account

The President to apply to the Nabob

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs of Fort St George

Having learnt by Report that Mr Stracey has declared his intention of leaving India in January, I beg leave on this event, to request you will do me the favor of approving me, to succeed him in the Office of Persian Translator. The distance I am at from the Presidency will, I hope, be deemed a sufficient apology, for my not deferring my application until I had actually heard of it becoming Vacant

Holland applies to succeed Mr Stracey

I have for many years applied with attention to the

Ft St George the 16th Jany 1775

having understood the Court of Directors had
Strongly recommended to the President and
Council to encourage the Study of it among their
Servants upon the Madras Establishment.

Beg leave to observe, that
when I began to apply, I did not know of any
other person being employed in the same pursuit
excepting Mr Latham, & I flattered myself I had a prospect of rendering
myself useful in a time, so few had engaged in
I remain with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Holland

Pondicherry
December 20. 1774

Ordered to lie on the Table

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Officers & people belonging
to his Highness the Nabob, who were on the Expe-
-dition against the Great & Little Marrawars in
the year One thousand seven hundred & Seventy
two, having been under the Necessity of Commence
ing an action in the Honorable the Mayors
Court at Madras against the Ag-
-ents who have received the Prize Money or Money
Given or paid by the Nabob for one in Lieu of y^e
Plunder of Bammadapooram & Caticoil, which
were taken on the said Expedition, and the said
Agents having disputed the Right of the Nabobs
Officers & People's thereto pretending that the Nabobs

(intentions

Letter from Henry Alexander to apply for a Copy of the Nabob's Letter respecting the Marrawar Prize Money

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intentions were that they should not share thereon Copartake of what they Conceive by the Rules of War they as a part of the said army on the said Expedition & of the Captors of the said place are justly Intitled to, and having been informed that the Nabob with all or some part of the ground Surrounding of the Illumden of the said place or round he agreed to give or pay and has actually given or paid in lieu thereof In a letter addressed to this honourable Board Expressed His Sentiments with regard to his said Englishmen Troops that his intentions were that they should Deduct in the amount of the said prize Money in lieu of the plunder of both or one of the said places Jas one of the said Nabobs Officers on the said expedition do for & on behalf of myself & the rest of the said Nabobs Officers & people. Who have been under the Necessity of Commencing the said action to recover their right, begged the favor of this honble Board either to cause the said Nabobs Letter respecting his sentiments and intentions relative to the said Matter, an authenticated Copy of it to be delivered me to be produced to the said honourable the Mayors Court in the said Cause in Order that it may appear to the said Court as well as the appeal Should there be an appeal what the said Nabobs Intentions were as to the said Prize or purchase Money, that justice may be done to the said Nabobs Officers & people as a part of the said Army & Captors, for it would be a great hardship

of Injustice that they, as one part of the Army on the said Expedition, should be excluded from a share of the Reward customary on these Occasions & agreable to the Rules of War as well as the intention of the said Nabob who was the principal in the said War—

This being a matter of justice by which I conceive the Honble Company cannot Sustain the least Injury I flatter myself this Honble Board will be pleased to Comply with the before mentioned Request which will be Esteemed a particular favor & act of Justice

I have the honor to be with much Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & very humble Servant

Major Wm Alexander

for myself & the Nabobs Offices

Fort St George
December 1774.

It being Contrary to established Custom to grant Copies of any Papers from this Department, am sorry applications thereof cannot be Complied with

Cannot be granted

Henry Alexander

Read Letter from the Nabob dated the 9th Instant with Copy of an Arabic Letter from Ally Nawaz Cawn from Seringapatam Country Correspondence N 3. advising that a quantity of Military Stores have arrived at Mahai from France for Hyder Ally That Vacquels are employed between the Portuguez at Goa & Hyder Ally, the latter offering an

exemption

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Report of a Negotiation between the Ally & y.e Portuguese at Goa +

exemption from certain Duties on Rice &c.e in the Beddama Country, & a small Jaguire near Goa, on their sending him 1500 Europeans 6000 Sepoys & 3 Ships of War.

Lt Bonnell informd that his Resignation has been accepted

The President reports that Lieut.t O'Donnell is arrived from Vellore, Ordered that the Secretary do signify to him that the Resignation of his Commission has been accepted

Collings.

The President reports that Serjeant Adam Collins of Capt.n Godfrey's Battalion of Sepoys some time ago applied to the Secretary for leave to come to Madras that he might make application to go home, having had considerable property left him in consequence of this the Man was permitted to come to Madras & on his arrival he produced an advertizement in the Westminster Courant describing him particularly and directing to apply to Mr Gwyn N.o 18 Aldersgate Street London, whom he would hear of something much to his advantage offering likewise a reward to any person who could give Notice of the Place of his residence, from these Circumstances the President thinks the said Collins should be permitted to proceed upon one of the Company's Ships to Europe, as the Court of Directors have never refused such permission to any of their Military in like Circumstances The President further Reports that the said Collins has applied to have an advance of £15 to provide himself with Necessaries on Board Ship Agreed that the said Collins

Collings.

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Report & Orders respecting Serjeant Dan Collings.

Just Come in Charter Party Passengers upon one of the Ships of this Season, & that he is advanced £15/ for which his receipt in triplicate must be taken, & also an Obligation on his part to repay the Company for his Passage & to return his Recruiting Money what he received Last July

Wm Monckton
Joseph Smith
Cha Dawson
Henry Brooke

Fra Wm

Francis Fowke

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20 Sent the following Letter to Lieutenant Donnell

To Lieu.t Francis Donnel

Sir

Letter to Lt Donnel this Resignation accepted

I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you, that your resignation of the Honble Company's Service has been accepted

I am

Sir

Your most Obt Servant

Wm Petrie Secry

Fort St George
20 Jan.y 1775

At a Consultation Present

Monday 23 January

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r President & Gov.r
Joseph Smith . George Dawson
Henry Brooke . Samuel Johnson
John. Mar.t Stone . Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

President spoke to the Nabob on account of Mr.r Wood

The President acquainted the Board that he spoke to the Nabob on the Subject of Mr.r Wood's last application, as mentioned in the Minutes of Consultation; that the Nabob would acknowledge nothing to be due on that account but when the President mentioned to him the Consideration that the application came from a Widow who was left with a Number of Children the Nabob immediately said that as such if he would order the payment of the Original Sum, on Mr.r Woods delivering up the Bonds to have been insured for the Money which Col Wood at his Age was advanced by him to the Service

The Nabob will pay the Interest but not the Principal and

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Troops, but positively refused to allow the Interest because he denied the justness of Colonel Wood's demand, & only consented to pay the Principal on the before mentioned Consideration — The President acquainted Mr Wood with this & she has accordingly sent in the following Letter

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The President has acquainted me with his Highness the Nabobs Reply to my request concerning the Tanjore Debt and I beg leave to present Your Honor &c my best thanks for your Intercession in my Behalf. His Usual however of the Interest tho' he agrees to pay the principal is what I can see no just Reason for, & therefore if nothing more can be done at present, it is my earnest desire to refer the Matter to the Honble Court of Directors & beg your Honor &c will please to represent it in the most favorable Terms

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
very humble Servant
Eliz: Wood

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Agreed that the Matter be submitted to the Consideration of the Court of directors

Tho[illegible]

Lr from Mrs Wood requests that the Matter may be refd to the Court of Directors

Agreed

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Read the following Letter from
Capt.n Pascal

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Council
Honble Sirs & Sirs of Fort St George

Capt.n Pascal applies
for Leave to proceed
to Europe & requests
to have a Passage
on the Sea Horse.

The very low Condition to
which I am reduced, by a long Illness; and my
no prospect of Recovery make me desirous of re-
turning to Europe in hopes of there meeting with
Relief; for which End permit me to pray your
permission, for my being Received & Accommo-
dated on board the Company's Ship Sea Horse
Now with all Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most
Humble Servant
Edm.d Pascal.

Monday.

Agreed that Capt Pascal be permitted to pro-
ceed to Europe, & that he be furnished with a Passage
to Capt Matthews to be received on board the Sea-
horse.

Granted.

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Pres.t & Gov.r & Council
Honble Sirs & Sirs of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut.n
Appleton for Leave
to Pass for
on the Sea Horse

Having obtained your Honours Per-
mission to Resign the Honble Company's Service & thereby
now an opportunity of re-

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ordering a Passage on the said Ship

I am with due Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Ob.t Servant

Brennan

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January 23. 1775.

To accept his Commission & to give him a permit for the Sea Horse

Although Ensign Brennan never made an application to the Board, & consequently could not have obtained their Commission to resign the Service Yet they understand Mr Brennan some time ago Signified to his Commanding Officer an intention to resign his Commission, to avoid being brought to a Court Martial for very ungentlemanlike Behaviour, the Board therefore will consent to his resignation, & to give him a permit to be received on board the Sea Horse

Read Papers of Intelligence sent in by the Nabob dated 20 Ultimo which mentions the attack of Sabul by our forces from Bombay

Intelligence of the Attack of Sabul

Read Letter from the Nabob N.o 7. & Country Correspondence Dated 17th 19th & 29 Instant

The Nabob represents the ill consequence of the Exportation of Gold, & requests that it may be prevented (referred to the other Department) the formidable preparations of Hyder Ally Cawn, The Nabob apprehensions of the Consequences of his Alliance with the French in case of a War with that

The Nabobs Letter Exportation of Gold - bad consequences thereof - Formidable preparations of Hyder Ally this designs against the

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The following Letters were received on the 21st & 23d Inst.
from Trichinopoly

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Council

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut.t Billingham stating the Dispute between the Nabob's People and Hyder Ally's for Cattle driven off by the former

In Obedience to your Orders of the 12 Instant, I shall comply with the Managers request by giving him two Companys of Seapoys in order to frighten the Shunnia parah Polygar into a Restoration of the Cattle which his people have stolen from the District of Namcull in Hyder Ally's Country

But from the following Piece of Intelligence you may perceive how this matter is likely to End Viz.t One Thousand Cattle being drove off the Bildars of Coroor & Namcull the Manager desiring that they would Oblige the above Polygar to Restore the Cattle and other things which his people had carried off from the Subjects of their Master, which the said Shaadi Khan & Sattingar soon time promised to do. till being at last, hard pres'd by them for a positive answer, whether they would or would not make good the damages which that Country had suffered from the frequent Inroads & Robberies committed by the Polygars belonging to the

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To which they replied that the Polygar had run away & that the Cattle could not be found

In consequence of which a detachment was ordered to encamp at Papparam Pitti 15 Miles from Mamcatt consisting of three Hundred Horse, one thousand Seapoys & one thousand Matchlock Men with Orders to be in readiness to march at the Shortest notice

And Hyder Ally has sent positive Orders to the Killidar of Carroor & Namcatt, that in Case the Cattle &c.a is not restored in 10 Days that they must make Reprisals by returning the Nabobs Country about Trichinapo.ly & the Troops & Setarm & all along that Frontier, have actually received orders to be ready at the Shortest notice for the purpose abovementioned

Shadi Khan & the Manager with the two Companies of Seapoys that Sent them, are now at Amoor 15 Miles from hence but what they intend doing or what they are about I do not know

I have the Honor to be

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& very humble Servant
John Bellingham

Trichinopoly
17 January 1775.

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.rs
President

To Fort St George 30 Jan. 1775

President & Gov.r & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Jamm the Cattle Entered Hydrs Dispt. Endeavouring of the Nations and Numbers of Hydrs & Mysls Troops

In my letter to you of the 15th Inst. advised as near as possible to make you acquainted how matters were situated betwixt the Nabobs & Hyder Allys troops & ours during the Battle &c. which had been carried off from the Nawaubs districts

A few days ago the Complainants finding that the Managers gave them only trifling & Evasive Answers they sent down a detachment of three Hundred Horse, One thousand Sepoys & fifteen hundred Matchlockmen to the Borders of the Tottiam districts seemingly with a determin'd Resolution to carry their threats into Execution, by entering the Nabobs Country Sword in hand

When Sadik Khan, and the Managers thought proper to send back the Cattle & Sheep, upon which Hyders people Immediately withdrew to Bolavelli a small Fort which is about twenty English Miles from Carroor, This Intelligence I had in a Letter from the Soubadar who Commands the two Companies that are out with the Managers Hyder Allys Army is now encamped at Marroor, his force is Eight thousand Horse, Seven thousand Sepoys & ten thousand Horse & Foot Matchlockmen with 10 Guns 18 & 24 Pdrs & Eight

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...matter once Hyders Grand Feats are painted at this place but he is at Syringapatam Tipoo Saib is arrived with the Army under his Command at Syringapatam, His Force they say consists of Nine thousand Horse as many Sepoys & ten thousand Matchlockmen with 15 large Guns, 108 & 24 ℔^rs & 10 Smaller ones & four hundred Topasses who are his Gunners. The Report at Syringapatam is that Hyder is going against Bamaa a Rajah on the Malabar coast

Meer Saib with his Detachment is arrived at Vindegull & has orders to join the Army at Syringatam, Shans was or ere is daily expected at Vindegull with five hundred Horse, the Work of clearing the Pass is finished, at the entrence of which he has posted ten large Guns five hundred Sepoys one thousand Matchlockmen & fifteen Topasses with an Officer to attend the Guns, There is some Disturbances in the Marrawar Country at a place called Tripatoor where an Officer of the Nabobs Commands, but I Shall not hear the particulars, all I know is that Capt^n Burnley is March'd from where he was in a great hurry to said to reduce the place

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Bellingham

Tritchinopoly
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The following Letter having been sent home a
Number in the Packet the Spike is now ordered
be entered

Honble Sir

I have perused & Studied the
papers Regarding Hospitals which you were the
other day pleased to give me & the following obser-
vations have arisen out of the Subject of them
1st That the Contract Hospital here is to the Surgeons
a Subsistence only whatever may be imagined
to the Contrary therefore any deminution of Emo-
luments would effectually render their Labours
useless to themselves & of little convenience to others
as they are Capacitated only to perform the Du-
-ties of their profession, in an extensive round of
Practice, by the gains arising from the Hospital
the Amount of which You will please to obser-
ve the Ballance of the accompanying Account
Current for last Month which is among y.e
largest that happens & is correctly just
2. The accurate Calculations You
have thought proper to make are sufficiently
expressive of the Expences attending the Sick
in Hospitals here but how it is possible to
Accommodate them with the same decency
the same Humanity & the same Care, at
a less Expence, I confess I know not, the Navy
Hospital is a greater expence without half
the Conveniences or advantages to the Sick

which

the proposed Hos-
pital Regulation
ns, & according
to the Hospital
Returns which are
represented indis-
pensibly Necessary
in ordering the
Hospital Allowance
for August

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which the Bedridden of the Honble Companies
always expensive And besides the expensive
Acts of Humanity which are necessarily entai-
led on Surgeons Such the expence of their Attin-
dance on a Numerous and dispersed Sick &
their private expences are sufficiently known-

The field Expences attending
3 the Sick & Wounded are Contingent and
unavoidable & Swell considerably & others
expences of the Sick in Hospitals but if it is
considered that, on an Average more than the
Number of Troops on the Coast are during the
year in Hospitals the expences will be less
wondered at & this Extraordinary circum-
stance is accounted for from the easy and
unexpensive access the Soldiers have to Wo-
men Arrack irregularities & the Effects
of the Climate which expose them to constant
causes of disease so that they are no sooner
cured from one, than they are attacked with
another

NB. Discharged Cured from Madras Hos
pital in the year Seventy one 1366 Patients
in Seventy two 2003 in Seventy three 1360
which is more than double the Number
of Men, that were in the Garrison at any time

Withdrawed to the Suspo-
4 sition of Patients being detained longer
than Necessary in the Hospital, I have
nothing to accuse myself, On the contra-
ry I am conscious of a Scrupulous and
Conscientious conduct in that & every other

Thing

thing that relates to my Profession. If it is attended to a full proportion of Officers to the Number of Men are Sick in their Lowrs and when so kept longer in Sick Quarters. The Difference is the former remain during their own pleasure the latter are discharged sometimes with & sometimes without their Consent, It is not possible for any Surgeon to prevent men from falling Sick, nor can he refuse receiving them when they are so, but you may see by the Monthly returns I have given you that more men are discharged monthly than received which happens not in any Hospitals in other parts of the World & is sufficient of itself to remove the Imputations of Men being kept unnecessarily in the Hospital

5 Pr Month for every European on the Coast in lieu of the Contract Victualling &c

The Proposal of one Pagoda

Victualling & Furnishing Necessaries attended with many inconveniencies & deductions, The Expences of Cloathing for an Hospital are considerable & known The Revenue arising from a Pagoda Pr Mon Monthly must be ever indefinite as it depends on a fluctuating number of men on certain Wastes & uncertain Supplies of Europeans

From the Calculate of 2000 Europeans at a pagoda Pr Man a deduction

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of Stoppages to the amount of 14880 &c
is made & the Additional pay of Surgeons
Mates, & a Surgeon General taken from the
Ballance will be about 3000 Pag.s more from
all which it would appear uncertain whe-
ther the Amount would even defray the
Neat expences of the different Hospitals
for we have trouble here but no gain from
the Victualling the Hospital

I am not certain who are

6 meant by the Junior Surgeons perhaps
it is those who have Contract Hospitals
If so great inconveniency arises in the Ex-
ecution of this plan from the Subordinate
Hospitals - Pallamcotta - Madura. Vellum
Viza gapatam & Ganjam where there are
no Contracts & where many who are proposd
to share in the fund reside

Another Not Less inconve-

7 nience may arise from the advancing
Money to the Surgeons for Supplying
the Hospitals, also it may be difficult to
ascertain the proper Shares as there is a
great difference in the Expence Surgeons
are at in different Stations are at, in Carrying
on the Business of their Profession &c

If the Service admits of the

8 appointment of a Surgeon General You
will Sir excuse me for Observing that it
would seem inconsistent for him to be a
Pensioner of the other Surgeons

The Above is what has occurred

to

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to me in pursuing the proposed Regulations
for the Management of the Hospitals I
should be very happy if it throws any light
on the Subject I can however upon Honor
assure you that the Emoluments of the Hos-
pitals have in proportion even to Our necessary
& unavoidable Expence are very Considera-
-ble when divided between two Surgeons, as
a striking proof of which I would lay over
the Hospital Account Current
I have the Honor to be
With the most perfect Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Gilbert Hasley

Dr Hospital Account Current for the Month Cr
of August 1774

Pagodas Fanams

To disbursements for the Sick & Victualling
viz.t Rice, Bread, Sheep, Sugar, Saga, Wine &c = 11.35.40
To Oil & fuirwood — 59.12.20
To Buzar Medicines — 31.21
To Servants Wages — 105.
To Wine & Dozens — 28.
To Vinegar & Arack — 15.
To Cloathing Bedding, Cotts, Stools, Candelas, Wooden legs & Month — 158

1008.26.60

Ballance 357..20

Pagodas 1365.27.

Pagodas Fl.

Cash Received from the Paymaster on Account of the Contract at 5 Fanams P Man P Day — 831.19.

Ditto for 2 Pagodas Stoppages from the Men P Month — 364.36

Ditto from the Paymaster the Additional Allowance of 36 Cash P Man P Day — 169..16.

Pagodas 1365.27.

The Hospital Dr to Cash Paid Sundry Accounts

At Fort St George 30th Jan.y 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President

Monday 30 Janry. Joseph Smith . George Dayson
Henry Brooke . Samuel Johnson
John Maxw.ll Stone. Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdan

The Minutes of last Consult-
-tation read & Approved

Mr Mackay takes his Seat at the Board

Mr Mackay having returned from Bengal takes his Seat at the Board

Received last night the follow-
-ing letter from the Gov.r & Council at Bombay:

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
Triplicate
President & Governor &.ca Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Bombay apply for two Compa-nies of Europeans & a Company of Bat-talion of Sepoys

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Letter to your Honor &.ca was dated the 16 of September, since which we have been duely favored by the receipt of yours of the 20 of that Month, & the duplicates of those of the 10 & 16 of October, the Originals of these two last which we suppose are coming by the Cal-cutta, are not yet received, nor have we had intelligence of that Ships Arrival on the Coast of Mallabar.

The Disappointment we have suffered to reperusse in the Remittances

We

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We had reason to expect from the President
of Fort William, has obliged us to draw upon your
Honor &ca whatever in our power, tho' in Consequence
of what you have represented in your Letter of
the 5th October you may depend we shall be as
sparing as possible of granting Bills upon
you. We have therefore only drawn one of Sett of
Bills of Exchange upon you from Since our
last Advices, being for Arcot Rupees 21,19526.0
payable to Mr Antonio D'Souza or order at
30 days sight & at the Exchange of 92 Bom-
bay Rupees for 100 Arcot which We request
you will duely honor

Having judged it very ex-
pedient for the Interest of our Honble Em-
ployers Sine to obtain Possession of the Is-
land of Salsett & Cazanja from the Mahra-
rattas. We sent a suitable Military & Marine
Force against the former & have the pleasure
to acquaint you that Tannah the Capital
Fort on the Island was taken by Storm on the
26 Ultimo after our forces had been 15 Days
before the place, which with the Reduction
of another Fort a few days before by a seperate
Party has compleated the Conquest of that
Island

Our Loss in killed & Wounded
on the occasion, was not very Considerable
except by the Death of Mr John Watson
our Superintendant of Marine, who to our
great Concern died on the 27 Ultimo of
the Wounds he received before Tannah

The

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The Island of Caranja was
reduced without the loss of a single Man
but it is necessary until the
Mahrattas may be reconciled to the Mo-
tives for our proceedings. that the trade up &
down the Coast should be protected by strong
Convoys least the Mahrattas fleet should
attack to make reprisals on it. And as a con-
siderable part of our marine Force is employed
at this juncture in the Bay of Bengal &
remote, that we have no
ning, for the purposes, [illegible] which it is wan-
ted here. We therefore
Hughes desiring him
ment for him to pro
his whole Squadron,
send round two of the
tions to the Comm
against the Mahrattas
as may most effectually
letter to him is ready
you will cause to be
Necessity of his co
quest. As the Number of
table to garrison our new
as for other indispensible Services, we are at
present in great Want of an Additional
Military Force. We therefore earnestly request
you Honours will send us as many as possible
two Companies of European Infantry & one
complete Battalion of Sepoys, which shall

be

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be returned when we are sufficiently recruited
If no Convenience offers for their proceeding
directly Either send them by Land to an
Engo

Mr Morlyn our Resident
at Poonah sometime since quitted that
& is returned Either

Our Honble Masters Ship
Hastford imported Here from England the 26th
of October last, On the 8th November their Ship
the Europa sailed from Here for Great Britain
& on the 3d Instno We dispatched the Thames
to compleat her Cargo with Pepper on the
Coast

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
W.m Hornby
D. Draper
Tho.s Mostyn
B. Fletcher
J. Taylor
Robert Gordell +

Bombay Castle
the 4th January 1775 +

The President reports that
in Consequence of private intelligence re-
ceived on the 7th Instant of the Attacks of Sal-
set, the Select Committee had advised the
Governor Genl & Council thereof +

The Board proceed to take
into Consideration the foregoing Letter

From

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Deliberations of the Board and

From Bombay & attending to the present state of our European Military on the Coast, the extensive Possessions entrusted to our Charge & the difficulty at this Juncture of providing Europeans to Bombay, they are of Opinion that consistently with prudence the request of the two Companies of Europeans cannot be complied with. But as the Gov.r & Council of Bombay in their said Letter represent the Necessity to be urgent for a reinforcement of Troops from hence, & as a Battalion of Sepoys may be spared from the Coast without distressing the Establishment, it is resolved that Captain Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys now at Tritchinapoly be ordered to proceed from thence to Anjengo, & that they may meet with no Obstruction in their March through the Travancore Country it is Agreed that the Nabob be requested to write to the Rajah for his Consent to their Proceeding through his Country & that a Letter from the President be dispatched Post to the same purpose

their Instructions thereon left Kelly with his Battalion of Sepoys at present to that Service

Order in Consequence

Ordered that, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution, Lieutenant Colonel Bettinghams be directed to cause the said Battalion of Sepoys to proceed on their March with all convenient Expedition & as an encouragement to the Sepoys who are called on this Service it is Agreed that the Sepoys be at Tritchinapoly be directed to advance Month thly such part of their pay to their Families

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during their Absence, as Lieutenant Colonel Bellingham & Captain Kelly, after consulting with the Subalterns of the Battalion, shall approve of - The Names of the Sepoys, for whom such advances are made, together with an Account of the said advances to be transmitted to the Govr. & Council at Bombay, that Stoppages accordingly may be made from the pay of the Battalion

Resolved that the Govr. General & Council at Bengal be advised of the Measures we have taken in Consequence of the Application from Bombay

The Govr. Genl. & Council to be advised thereof

Read draft of a Letter to Govr. Nabob agreeably to the Resolutions of the Majority relative to the Exportation of Gold Vide Consultations: Civil Department

Letter to the Nabob on the Exportation of Gold

Ordered to be wrote Govr. Hinde

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Parby & Anderson

To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr President & Govr. &c. Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The two Extracts from the Genl. Letters regarding Students for Medicines from Fort St George & respecting the Service have with Surgeons, are the Subjects of the following address to the Board & we flatter Ourselves that You will

Letter from Messrs. Parby & Anderson presenting the Names of Assistant Surgeons the Qualifications Necessary to reach

as

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may be appointed and accounting for the Consumption of Medicines with the least

you will be pleased to represent the inconveniencys the Service may sustain if the Honble Court of Directors are pleased to adhere to the resolution they propose of furnishing Surgeons for this Establishment. Sure & Considering the annual Supply of Medicines

Some years since during the Government of Mr Pitt, application was made to the Honble Court of Directors to send out Surgeons mates who had been regularly educated at Physical Colleges & Hospitals only, but the multiplicity of other important affairs occasioned no Supplies this necessary Object to be Overlooked by which means the Service was destitute of Assistants & evidenced the Necessity of Occidental Supplys Many however have been recommended to you, but those who had been regularly found deficient in their Medical Education at Colleges and in Hospitals so this Their Services now are a sufficient testimony It has been our Constant Custom here to keep the Assistants two or three years in this Settlement when there is an extensive Practice that they might acquire some knowledge of the diseases of the Country before they were allowed sometimes promoted to take charge of the Sick & Constitutions of Men by themselves For we beg leave to assure you that whatever knowledge or even practical abilities a Surgeon may have learned in Europe, he is more a dangerous member of Society until he

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has acquired by time & Experience a Local knowledge of the Diseases of this Country It would seem therefore most consistent with the good of the Service if the Honble Court of Directors approve of it, to send out only Young Gentlemen who have been regularly Educated & who can produce Certificates from Hospitals of Physick & Surgery of the Callidges that they have attended. It is not answers to a few Lines.. strains that proves general abilities in a person, on the Contrary, modest merit, is often discountenanced with the most trivial Questions, in a publick Examination

The Service here is much distress'd for want of Surgeons Assistants, Detachments march without them & many Subordinate Garrisons are not within reach of any Physical Assistance. I would therefore recommend Necessary in the mean time to employ such as may exert & are worthy of the Service untill the Honble Court of Directors think proper to send some from Europe

We have read with infinite concern the Honble Court of directors remarks on the Indents for Medicines from this place, if we could be supposed to embezzle them, it is well known that there is no private practice here, to occasion an Expence of Medicines out of the place here of the Service unless it is unallowable, to Judge the poor, the indigent & the distress'd. If the Honble Court of Directors

will

To Sir J. Grant 30 Jan^y 75

will be pleased to attend to the Annual Report of the Sick in this Hospital the poverty of this Settlement, & consider at the same time there are three other Hospitals as large, besides many other inferior Garrisons, Camps & Blockships, among which the Medicines are divided. They will perhaps be less surprised at the Expence of Medicines here, & may still be less so if they will please to Observe, that the annual Supply is divided parcelled out & packed in such manner as the Country Surgeons, put in to Work Casks & send on the Heads of Coasts along the Coast almost from Cape Coast to Bassa or beside inland Garrisons, by means of which unavoidable inconvenience many are lost by Carelessness in Rivers, Monsoons & by Enemy from these Circumstances, want of proper Shops Pharmacies &c. from no doubt are sometimes apprehended but unless a full Supply is allowed, the Service must suffer for want of them or some must be purchased at an advanced price which is indeed now our procedure & may be clearly seen by the Report of the Remains of Medicines & the Report of deficiencies of last Supply which did not amount to Sixty Pounds. For, The Consequence is we have at this time scarce a Capital Medicine in the Settlement

Regarding Instruments we

Have

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have to observe that the most attentive care will not preserve them from dust in this Country many of them arrive Wasted & unserviceable particularly Lancets

If the Honble Court of Directors thought proper to send an instrument Cutler to Madras with a monthly pay that wd would be of Wonderfully Considerd very many wd all demand Discharges Necessary

We have the Honor to be
With much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
most humble Servts
Gilbert Paslay
Ja Anderson
Surgeons

Fort St George
23 January 1775.

It is but Justice to our provincial Surgeons at this place, to declare that, from the unwearied tenor of their Conduct in their Professions we are convinced they would not indent for a greater Quantity of Medicines than are required for the extensive purposes of the Establishment Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the Sea horse & as the Remarks on the requisite Qualifications to Entitle Physical Gentlemen to appointments in this Service, seem very Just & Well founded it is agreed to recommend

Minute thereon

seem

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recommend the Same to the attention of the
Honble Court

The following Letter from Mr.
Peter Yad

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Peter Surgeon &
plying for the first Vacancy

I had the Honor to lay an Address before you last Month, regarding my readiness to Serve the Honble Company at Trichinapaly, or in any Hospital where a Vacancy may happen, that my past Services & the approbation of the Honble Board & that of the Senior Surgeon Doctor Bailey may entitle me to

And the anxiety to inforce my Father & Family & the Ships movements dispatch of my Success, I deferred troubling the Honble the Gov.r & Council until their Dispatches & Business would allow of their attendance to my Address. As Mr Whyte's services may also entitle him to the Notice of the Board I have only to request your permission to proceed to the Southward or wherever a Vacancy may be for a Surgeon & am with Respect

Fort St George
27 January 1775

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obt & very humble Servt
James Peter

To Fort St George 30 Jan.y 1775

We have in a former Minute given our Sentiments on
the pretensions of Mr Peters to an Hospital

The President acquaints the Board
that he has received a Letter from Sr Edwd Hughes
at Bengal, in which he has enclosed Extracts from
the Resolutions of the Publick Department & Board
of Inspection at Calcutta as entered here after relative
to the allowances made to Savin, Sr Edwd Hughes
the other Captains & his Secretary which the allowan-
ces as Sr Edward Hughes hopes will be Continued to
them at this place

Sr Edwd Hughes Letter &
Application to the Pre-
sident for the same

Allowances Monthly
him to himself &
the Captains are
made to him by the
Gov Genl & Council
at Bengal

Extract from the Publick Department Consultation of the 26 Sept.r 1774

Resolved that a Salute of 15
Guns be given to Commodore Hughes on his Arrival
in town as directed by the Court of Directors in the
case of Sr John Lindsay And that the following Al-
lowances be made to him & to the Captains under
his Command in Conformity also to the Order
of the Court of Directors

Extract from the
Minutes of the
Publick Depart.
ment at Fort St.

To Sir Edwd Hughes a House & 40 Shillings ⅌ Diem
in lieu of all other Allowances
The Captains to be allowed houses & allowed 200 Rs
accompanied
⅌ Month

A true Extract
Wm Brown
Sub Secry

Extract of the Proceedings of the Board of Inspection the 16th Nov.r 1774

Resolved that Commodore
(Sir

Fort St George the 30 Jan^{y} 75

Extract from the Minutes of this Board of Inspection

Ord^{d} Edward Hughes be allowed for Palanqueen Bore, Servants Wages & other Petty Charges 350 Rupees P Month in addition to the Yearly Allowance of 50 Shillings P Day for his Table & to the Captains 50 Rupees in addition to the 200 already allowed

A true Extract.

/Signed/ I. Bourgh

Sec^{y} to Bd Insp^{t}

/6 Copies/

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Inspection the 6 November 1775

It being represented to this Board that no allowance has been made to the Secretary of Commodore Hughes the Board upon Enquiry find that the Secretary of the Commanders of the Kings Ships have always had an Allowance appointed him at the other Settlements for the Pay of Brown, Servants & other Contingent necessary Expences. It also appears upon Inspection of the Books of the Buyers Office, that Mr Dodge Secretary to Admiral Watson had a similar allowance from this Presidency

Resolved therefore that an Allowance of 100 Rupees P Month be made him for the above Expences

A true Extract

/Signed/ I. Bourgh

Sec^{y} Bd Ins^{t}

/a Copy/

As we have already in

(and

At Fort St George 30th Jan.y 1775

Consult our Letter of the 8th Inst. addressed the Court of Directors
on the Subject of Allowances to the Captains
&c.a &c.a of his Majesty's Navy - Agreed to defer
passing an order thereon, until We can be
furnished with their Instructions

The following Letters having been
received are now read

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

My Havaran informs me
that Tipo Saib is arrived with his detachment
from the Northward & joined the Army near
Mauvoor but that the Destination of this Corps
is still kept a secret, but that common
Report says that Hyder Alleys future operat-
ions depends upon answers to some letters
he has wrote to the Mahratta Chiefs - They
have also a Report at Seringapatam
that We have sent a detachment to take
Carroor & it appears to me as if they were really
apprehensive of some such thing. They have
repaired the Fort & continue to send Heavy Patrols
of horse towards Tottiaun, who return to La-
voor in the morning

They have been asked their
reasons for so doing & their answer was that
they acted conformable to the Orders of their
master & that they were accountable to him
only

Letter from Lt Col Wellington acquainting the Board of Hyder Alleys Views, the Disputes between Us & the Nabobs People not yet determined &

The Board agree to wait for the instructions from the Hon.ble Court

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only

The following is an Extract of a Letter that I received this morning from the Soubadar who is out with the Bundar. "Hyder "Ally's Horse still continues to approach the "limits of Pudacotta & Tottiam every morning & as usual march off In the morning towards "Caroor

"The Nabobs Manager has "restored fifty Bullocks more, which was tor- "ried off from the Country of Namcall, but "they assert, that many thousands have "been taken by the Nabobs Polygars & that "they are resolved never to return till they are "every one restored

How this business will End I will not pretend to say, but at present it seems as if they had no intentions to be quiet & the more concessions the Nabobs People make, the higher they rise in their demands

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t &
very humble Servant
John Bellingham

Srijcuinopoly
27th January 1775

PS

There is a constant Correspondence Carried on by Letters between Shaadi Khan & the Killidar of Caroor but have not been able to find out what it is about

To

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Military Department

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt.n Matthews takes possession of the passintoy Nundapooram Country

† We have received the Honble Comp.ys Letter dated the 5 Instant & beg leave to acquaint your Honor &c.a that on receiving the Enclosed from Capt.n Matthews, which informs us of the Nundapooram Rajah having collected a great force not far from the Western Frontiers of Bimmedy the Chief wrote to him that should he attempt to disturb the tranquility of this Circar, which there was too much reason to believe he intended as military Force would immediately proceed against him, to this Letter he sent no answer & as he continued with his Force near the Frontiers of Bimmedy, Captain Matthews thought it most expedient to march & take possession of the passes leading from this Country to this - the following is Copy of a Letter from Capt.n Matthews on this Subject -

"I did myself the pleasure
"of writing to you, that I thought it necessary
"to secure the passes to prevent as much
"as possible their part of the Circar from
"being invaded - as the Rajah of Nundapooram
"still continues at the Pass with a great
"force & hath been joined within these few
Days

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"days past by on any Troops of this Territories, & as it is the Strongest and principal Pass leading from that Country to "this, I shall march towards it the day after "to morrow, if it be quietly surrendered "but will show an inclination to peace, "but if he resolves to attempt to keep it I "must only try to gain possession but Oblige "him to behave so, or rather put it out of his "power to alarm us with the Burglaar of "Mahrattoes &c."

Since receiving the above letter we have had the pleasure of hearing that Captain Matthews has taken possession of this pass without any loss whatever which will put it out of the power of the Nawdaporum Boyah to protect the Malcontents of Hummedy or disturbing this Circar, when we hear from Capt. Matthews we shall write your Honor &c. fully on the Subject in the mean time we beg leave to assure you that the Battalion shall not remain an hour longer in the Field than is absolutely necessary for it is our Orders to Captain Matthews to return as soon as possible to this place leaving such a force in Hummedy as he thinks necessary for its protection

We have received your Letter of the 23 Ultimo, to which we shall reply in a few days

We are with Respect

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton
Peter Perring
Morgan Williams

Vizagapatam
17 January 1775

Read the following Letters from
Capt Lieut Jones & Lieut Lamballais

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Co.a Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to acquaint you
that I have been afflicted with a long and
dangerous Illness which has much weak-
ened my whole Constitution & rendered me
incapable of performing my duty
The doctor whose Certificate
I inclose recommends my going a small
Voyage and frequent Changing of Place &
Air as the best means to effect a recovery
I will therefore be much
obliged to you for Leave to go as far as Bom-
bay & that I may proceed by Sea or Land
as my disease may require & Opportuni-
ty admit of

Capt.n L.t Jones ap-
plies to go to
Bombay for his
Health

I am Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
Your Obed.t Servant
Arthur Jones
Cap.n Lieut.t
Fort

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These are to Certify that Capt. W.m Jones Capt. of the Artillery has a Fever remaining on him after a long Illness & as it may after a length of time grow habitual he is advised to make a Voyage or other by sea to reestablish him

Gilbert Surgeon

Grant to Agreed that Capt. Jones be permitted to proceed to Bombay for the benefit of his Health

To the Honble. Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Governor &.c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

St Lambert's application to go to Europe for his health

I some time ago had the honor to Address you requesting your permission to resign the Honble Company's Service in consequence of a bad state of health which interfered with the duties of my commission, Owing I imagine to the Scarcity of Business before you at that time I have not yet been favored with an Answer

As I have no other Dependance or prospect in life, but the Service of the Honble Company it was never my intention to relinquish it entirely. You'd I known that the Rules of the Service would admit of my going on leave to Europe for

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my health, but as I have since learnt that
the Honble Board have been pleased to
shew this Indulgence to others in similar
Situations & as I am encouraged to hope for
a perfect recovery by the Voyage & a short
stay in England, I most earnestly request
Honble Sir & Sirs that you will be pleased
to permit me to proceed in the Sea house
& to make such mention of me to the Hon.
ble Court of Directors as will procure me
their leave to return to the Coast with my
Wife & Family

I have the honor to be with the profound
respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most faithful humble Servt
James Lamballais

Granted + Agreed that Mr Lamballais be permitted to proceed to England for the benefit of this health
+

Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Francis Swaine

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No 30 Wrote the following Letter to Lt Col. Bellingham

To Lieut Col. Bellingham

commanding

at Trichinopaly

Sir

Letter to Lt Col B.t Bellingham, Capt Kelly's Battalion to proceed to Palamcotah, advances to be made to the families of the Sepoys

Upon the receipt hereof you will be pleased to order Capt Kelly with the Battalion of Sepoys under his Command to proceed with all convenient Expedition to Palamcotah, there to remain till further orders You will likewise direct Capt. Kelly to leave the Field pieces of his Battalion at Trichinopoly & give orders for their being supplied with ten Bullock Loads of Musquet Ammunition

As it is resolved that the said Battalion of Sepoys shall proceed from Palamcotah to Anjengo & from thence by Sea to Bombay, it will be necessary for the Sepoys to have their Families behind them & to march as lightly equipped as possible - We are encouraging to the Sepoys, the Paymaster will be directed to advance Monthly such a Sum for the Support of their Families as you & Capt Kelly after Consulting with the Subedars shall think reasonable

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We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servts
Wynch & Co Council

Dispatched

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Dispatched this following Letter to the Gov.
Genl & Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq
Governor General &c.a Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Gov Genl & Council advising of your having Ord'd a Battalion of Sepoys to proceed to the Upper Coast of the Presidency of Bombay

The Select Committee have
the honor to acquaint you that they addressed your Ho.
nor &c.a under date the 6 Instant advising
of the Intelligence they had received respec-
ting the operations of the Troops at Bombay
against Salsett & requesting your Sentiments
on the Conduct to be observed by this Govern-
ment should the Gentlemen of Bombay
apply to us for assistance, or to cooperate with
them, We enclose you herewith a Copy of a
Letter received yesterday from the President
& Council at Bombay & in Consequence
of the application made to us for assistance
to enable them to keep possession of the Conquests
they have already made, we have thought
it for the Interest of the Company to order a
Battalion of Sepoys to march to Palamcotah
& from thence to Anjengo; where we imagine
they will meet with Conveyances for trans-
porting them to Bombay

In the Packet which We
received Yesterday from Bombay was a
Letter addressed to your Honor &c.a which was
immediately forwarded over land

We

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It may be necessary to acquaint the Topasys under your Command that they will be returned to the Coast as soon as the Service they are to be employed upon will admit.

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I Am
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
M Wynch & Co Council

To Capt Wm Cook
Commanding
at Palamcotah
Sir

Letter to Captain Cook &c

Letter to the Travancore Rajah

The accompanying Letters viz the Gobal Bay one from the President and Board to the Rajah of Travancore A translate of the President's Letter is enclosed for your information

You will Observe that the Rajah is desired to signify their acquiesce in or request to you, that you may be able to furnish Capt Kelly with the Necessary Instructions for proceeding on his march through the Travancore Country to Anjengo

Should an answer not be received from the Rajah, on the Arrival of Capt Kelly at Palamcotah, it will be Necessary for him to wait for it two or three Days, but if no answer is received in that time he must then proceed on to Anjengo

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carrying with him as many days rice as the Sepoys can carry & Observing the strictest attention that his Sepoys are guilty of no irregularities in the Carnatic country

You will be pleased to forward immediately by the Enclosed Packet to Anjengo by a safe Conveyance

We are Sir
Your most Obt Servants
Alex Wynch & Co Council

Fort St George
3 Febry 1775

½ This day the following Letters were dispatched Military Department

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Govr & Co Council
in Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter of the 11th Ultimo & Triplicate of one Dated the 5th ad. wising us of your Success in the Reduction of Salsett & Carranja

Letter to Bombay
- Battalion of Sepoys ordered to proceed to Anjengo on account why Europeans cannot be sent

We are much concerned that the State of our Military Establishment upon the Coast will not admit of our complying with your request for two Companies Compleat of Europeans, but as you represent the occasion to be very urgent for a reinforcement of troops, we have ordered a Compleat Battalion of Sepoys from Trichinopoly to proceed immediately to Palamcotah & We have wrote to the Raja

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Rajah of Travancore to allow them to pass through his Country to Anjengo & from thence we imagine your Honors have given the Necessary Directions for transporting them to Bombay Captain Kelly who Commands the Battalion intended for this Service would be Directed to put himself under the Orders of the Chief & Council at Anjengo & to conform to all such Orders & directions as you or any one authorized by you shall think proper to give him

We have ordered a part of the Pay of the Sepoys to be advanced for the Support of their Families an account of which, together with such part of their pay as they desire may be given to their Families Monthly during this Absence shall be forwarded to you as soon as possible

As soon as the Detachment Kelly's Battalion may be returned to us with all Convenient expedition

Your Letter to the Governor General & Council was forwarded immediately by an express Pattamar

Upon the Arrival of Sir Edward Hughes which is hourly looked for we shall deliver to him your Letter & shall not fail to recommend to him the Expediency of complying with your request

We are with Esteem

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Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Thos. Wynch & Council

Fort St. George
7th February 1775

To Mr. William Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Mr Wynch respecting the allowance to the families of Capt. Kelly's Bat.

As an Encouragement to Captain Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys who are ordered on Service to Bombay, the President & Council have ordered been pleased to allow that a certain part of the Pay of such Sepoys of the said Battalion who have Families, be kind them & who are willing to provide for the Sustinance of their Families during their absence, be paid Monthly by you to the said Families. You are therefore accordingly directed to make Monthly Returns Payments in the Manner before explained, taking care to make out an exact return of the Names & Rank of such Black Officers & Sepoys who make application for this indulgence - one Copy of which return you will deliver to Capt Kelly desiring him to advise you promptly of all Casualties, which may happen in that part of his Battalion, that your Payments to the Family may be regulated accordingly another Copy of which you will be pleased to forward to me, in order to be transmitted to the President & Council of Bombay Sam Sir

Your most Obt Servant
Wm Petrie Secy

Fort St George
1st July 1775

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ruary

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At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President
Joseph Smith George Dawson
Friday Henry Brooke Samuel Johnson
3 February Jno Hall Stone Edwd Stracey
Francis Sourdain George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President reads to the Board a private Letter which he last night received from Mr Hornby the Gov. of Bombay, wherein the Necessity of being reinforced with two Companies of Europeans from hence is thereby urged

The President to acquaints the Board a private Letter to him from Mr Hornby

We determined last Consultation that consideering the State of our European Establishment & the extensive Territories intrusted to our Charge, we could not in prudence weaken our force by sending two Companies of Europeans to Bombay but as it appears by the aforementioned Letter that the Governor & Council there place great dependance upon receiving from hence the reinforcement they applied for, & as from the present posture of affairs it does not appear that the tranquility of the Carnatic is likely to be disturbed, at least before our troops could be returned in case of Necessity and as a favorable opportunity at present offers of sending

Minute thereon

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the Europeans by the Louisa a Country Ship
directly to Bombay. For these Considerations
& because we think we should not be altogether
exempted from censure, should any prejudice
arise to the affairs of our Honble Employers, by our suspending
the Aid which the President & Council have re-
quested It is resolved to send two compleat
Companies of Europeans & to imbark the same
with a Necessary Stock of Provisions on board
the Louisa, leaving it to the President & Coun-
cil at Bombay to settle the terms of freight
with Mr John Hunter the owner of the said Ship
on his arrival at their port. Agreed that Mr
Hunter be desired, if not contrary to the des-
tination of his Voyage to touch at Anjengo
& to receive such part of Capt Kelly's Battalion
of Sepoys as he can conveniently transport
from thence to Bombay

Read the following Letters —

The Board resolve to imbark Two Companies of Europeans on the Louisa

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

It being strongly recommended to me by the Surgeons, whose Certificate I have now the Honor to enclose to proceed to Europe for the recovery of my health I beg leave to request your permission to take my Passage upon one of the Ships of this Season & that your Honor & Cs will be pleased to recommend

Ensign Charles Grant applies for leave to proceed to Europe for the Benefit of his health

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recommend me to the Honble the Court of
Directors, that I may be permitted to return
to India with my Family if I am so fortunate
as to recover my health in England

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Charles Grant

Fort St George
January 30th 1775

These are to Certify that Ens.n
Grant during the Seige of Tanjore by Sick
ness & great fatigue had two Ruptures
brought on them which he has ever been
Obliged to keep up by Bands & as this Com-
plaint must daily grow more incurable
in this hot Climate we advise him to a
Voyage to Europe while the disease is only
recent & may admit of some remedy

Certificate from the Surgeons

Gilbert Pasley } Surgeons
Sal Anderson }

Fort St George
2d Jan.y 1775

Agreed that Ensign Grant be
permitted to proceed to Europe for the bene-
fit of his health & that he be recommended
to the Honble Court of Directors

Granted

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r & Council
Honble Sir & Sirs
of Fort St George

(Same day)

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Letter from Mr Uso

Family Affairs of a very urgent nature requiring my immediate attendance in Europe I have to request your Permission to return thither & that you will be pleased to Order me a passage on the Sea horse

Sam
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithful
& Obedient Servant
James Uso

Madras
February 2nd 75

It We understand that Mr Uso is of a genteel respectable Family in England, & that he inconsiderately left his Friends & enlisted as a recruit in the Honble Company's Service in the Year 1773 it is Agreed that he be permitted to return to England, on repaying the Company his reinlisting Money & every other Expences they may have incurred on his Account

Agreed that he be permitted to return to Europe

Fort St George
Geo: Mackay

Joseph Smith
Cha Dairon
Henry Brooke

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N.5 Wrote the following Letter to Mr Hunter

To Mr John Hunter

Sir

Letter to Mr Hunter respecting the Right of Europeans desired to touch at Anjengo

In Consequence of your Agreement to convey Council to Bombay on the Louisa, two Companies of Europeans with their Officers for that Presidency I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that the said companies are now embarked with the Necessary provisions for their Subsistance during the Voyage According to the List Enclosed, of which Provisions should any part remain on your arrival at Bombay you will deliver the same to the Gov.r & Council

If you can without any detriment to your Voyage touch at Anjengo & take on board for Bombay as many Sepoys of Capt.n Kellys Battalion as you can accommodate, your doing so will be still rendering a further Service to the Compy.s Affairs

I am
Sir
Your most Ob.t Hble Serv.t
William Petrie Sec.y

Fort St George
5 Febry 1775

The following Orders were this Day delivered to Captain Meyers

Captain

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Captain Henry Meyers

Sir

Instructions to Capt Meyers

You are appointed to Com-
mand two Companies of Europeans em-
barked on the Louisa for Bombay, to be
employed for the present under that Pre-
sidency. You will therefore immediately
on your Arrival put yourself under the Orders
of the President & Council there & Obey all
such Orders & Directions as you may receive
from them or any other your Commanding
Officer upon that Establishment

We are Sr

Your most Obt Servants
Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
5th February 1775 Dispatched the following Letters per Louisa for Bombay

To the Honble Wm Hornby Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
in Bombay

Hble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay advising the arriving embarkation on the Louisa two Companies of Europeans, favourable mention of Lt Hunter

From an attentive considera-
tion of the present Strength of Our Forces &
the Extensive Posts we are entrusted to our
charge We judge it imprudent to sepa-
rate our Europeans & accordingly wrote
you in our Letter of the 1st Instant, that we
could not comply with your request for
two Companies but that Orders had been
given for a Compleat Battalion of Sepoys

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to proceed immediately to your side of India since writing to that effect Our Pres.t has received a Letter from Mr Hornby from which it appears that you placed dependance upon receiving from us y.e Necessary reinforcement of Europeans you applied for and may be distressed for the Want of them from this Consideration & because from your Letter of the 11 Ultimo we can any hope the reinforcement will soon be returned to us & a favorable opportunity now offers of transporting the Europeans from thence direct to your Presidency by the Louisa a Country Ship, we have accordingly embarked on board the said Ship two Compleat Companies as p Return enclosed

You have herewith a List of Provisions put on board for them & We have left it to Mr Hunter to Settle with you for the Freight of them

Mr Hunter had written out to you on Friday last, but in Consequence of our Application to him to receive on board the reinforcement now ready he waited until it could be got in readiness, We have promised him to mention to your Honor & Council his Endeavours to Serve us to Execute this publick Service - He hath also promised if he can do it Conveniently to call at Bengal &

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& receive on Board 100 of the Sepoys or-
dered thither & to convey them to Bombay
We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Alex.r Wynch & Counc.l

Fort St George
5th Febry 1775

To Nathaniel Stackhouse Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Anjengo
Gentlemen

We have requested of Mr.
Hunter to call at your Place & if he can
conveniently accommodate any part
of Captain Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys
that he will receive such part on Board
the Louisa and convey them to Bombay
We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servts
Alex.r Wynch & Comm.t

Letter to Anjengo
such part of Capt.n
Kelly's Batta-
lion as can be
received on Board
to be embarked
on the Louisa for
Bombay

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr & Pres.t
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Mas.r Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Sourdon " George Markby

Monday
6th Feb.y

The Minutes of last Consultation read &
Approved

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approved

Read the following Letter from Capt. Meyers.

To the Honble the Governor & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Meyers applies for a Brevet as Major upon the Expedition to Bombay

I take this Opportunity to return my humble thanks for nominating me to the Command of the detachment for Bombay & hope to do honor to it. This is the fourth time I am tasked with Troops from this Coast at Bengal as well as at Manilla I had the honor to command a considerable Body - The Injury done to my Rank am in my promotion is too recent in your Memory Gentlemen, all I need am to solicit of it to favor me with a Majors Brevet on this Occasion, & if you think proper with my present appointment. The honor so conferred upon me will be for ever acknowledged in the best exertion of my duty & with the utmost of Gratitude I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your dutiful & faithful
humble Servant
John Henry Meyers

Fort St George
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At the Court of Directors have

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Cannot grant him a Board

tion pleased to forbid the granting of Boards upon any account whatever the Board cannot comply with Captain Meyers's request but as his Commission from the India House expires during the present Period of Bank and only Constitutes him about Captain upon this Establishment, & as such generat Bank might create disputes, whilst Serving with Troops of another Establishment the Secretary is Ordered to Certify that Capt. Meyers has Rank of the Eldest Capt. next himself, with the date of such Captains Commission

The Secretary Ordered to Certify his Rank

Read Letter from the Committee of Stores with a Letter from Capt. Lieutenant Mainony & Extract from their Minutes

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Govr & Cl Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having Completed by Several Meetings, we have herewith the honor to lay before You a Statement of what appears to us the Necessary Complement of Military Stores for all the Garrisons on this Coast, We have the honor also to transmit You our proceedings & Minutes & a Letter from the Commissary of Stores with one of the Musquets complained of by them, & which We beg leave to

Letter & report from Committee of Stores with Extract from their Minutes containing a Statement of the Stores Necessary for Completement of each Garrison on the Coast

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to recommend may be sent home for the
Inspection of the honble Court of Direc-
tors

Upon Comparison of
the Statement abovementioned with y^r
account of Stores on the Coast we Find we
shall be enabled to Compleat Fortification
Execution The Plan proposed without
any large Indent for Europe, except for
Entrenching Tools of which we have had
none sent out for a long time insomuch
that there are none Comparatively spea-
king at present in this Garrison

We Find that We shall
have to spare, Swivel Brass & Iron Mor-
tars, Brass & Iron Guns of Old Natures
& small Dimensions, Also several Round
Shott, Shells, Grapes Shott & Oblong Langrage
& if your honor &^c approve of this Sup-
plement of Stores being established
We shall draw out our annual Indent
for 1776 accordingly by

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted &
Obedient Humble Servants
Joseph Smith
George Dawson
Patrick Ross
E. Sannes
Matthew Thorne

Ft St Geo
Feb 7 1775

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To General Joseph Smith
and the Gentlemen of the Committee
of Stores

Gentlemen

Letter from Capt. Mancury complaining of Defects in Stores from Europe

The Vents of several of the muskets received this year from Europe/ Maken name Memory/ are so large & irregular owing to their being punched instead of drilled, that twenty One have been bushed to render them fit for Service, Therewith beg leave to present one of the Muskets for your inspection

The shirts received this year from Europe are very bad of 25 800 which came on the Ships Sea Horse only 3500 were fit for field Service; & of 25 200 on Ships Rose about 4000

I am
Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
S. Mancury Comm.y of Stores

Fort St George
Decr. 31st 1774

Ft St Geo
in Jan.y 78
Febry. 1775

At Several Meetings of a Committee of Stores Present
Brig.r Gen.l Jo.s Smith, Geo Dawson Esq
Lt Coll. Ross Lt Coll James
& Major Horne
The Commissary of Stores attending

The

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Orders of the Bd thereon

1 - The Committee proceed to form the Establishment, formerly recommended by them to the Board, of Capital Mr Stores appearing to them Necessary for the Service of the Several Garrisons on the Coast In the Course of which they are led to consider the Importance, Condition & Situation & Number of Troops, which it is probable from the Nature and Extent of Fortifications any Establishment may be stationed in each Garrisons, in time of Necessity

2 Plans of Fort St George with the intended Fortifications, as also of the other principal Garrisons, being laid before the Committee, and being guided with Respect to the Cost by the Accounts that have come to their knowledge the Committee propose

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a Compliment of Guns
Ammunition &ca for
the defence of each as a
seperate Dest. as now drawn
out & entered here after
In which upon a Ref.
rence to the Returns of
Stores from each Garrison
they conform as much
as possible not only to
the Guns &ca necessary
but also to those already
belonging to the Forts at
Garrisons & the Compleat-
-cy of Supply of deficien-
-cies from the Quantity
of Stores on the Coast
Particulars Statements
of Which the Clerk now
lays before the Committ
.tee

Viz a gapatam Approved +

3 altho' not in a proper
posture of defence is a
place of Consequence
to the Company - The
Committee voted with
to allot it a Number of
Guns &ca in the Statement
for the Defence of against
a Country Enemy &
also

also with a View of the
Companys shewing at
any time future con-
venient time to erect a
a place of more Strength

4 Ellore being a Approved
Field Cantonment The
Train of Artillery follow
with the Troops wherever
they go, which in Case of
Necessity would destroy
into. Hazardous at am
The Committee therefore
think there is no Neces-
sity for any Stores than
what belong to the Regi-
ment there Except that
Should at any time an
Officer be left with a small
party in Ellore when
the Regiment takes the
field a few of the Small
Guns from Masuli-
patam might be
Sent thither

5 Ongole not be- Ongole from its Situa-
ing a Fortification tion must be considered
of any Consequence as a Station of Consequ-
ence few Guns only are, at the Return of
that

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that are already there, no great Strength, how-
ever allotted as the Fort now is it appears the pro-
portion that might be Station-ed in that Place, were there Sufficient, Shou-
ld be better employ'd, Board acquiesce in Opi-
nion in case of attacks by a Power with the formidable Enemy in that it is unnecessary
a More defensible Garr.n to allot a greater Number
than is otherwise the Garrison. For that purpose, in the
way of the Service might Complement as first'd be
required their being reduced

6 The 20 Pdr.s not Ordered that the 28 Pdrs
being proper for this Gar.n now in the Garrison
ordered where they now be removed to Pallamcot
are The Committee think
it best to allott them for
Pallamcot where they may
be used to more advantage
than any where else

7 Cuddalore an acct. Approved
of its Vicinity to the Jun-
ction Settlement of Pondi-
cherry and its incapa-
city to make any long
defence does not require
any more Guns

8 The Committee Resolved that the Presi-
dent do with some Gent.n do represent to
the Nabob the expedi-
ency

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be lodged in Tiagar expediency of putting it
as it is near the Alloor Fort of Tiagar in a
Pass & may preserve better province of defence
the Communicati
-on with Trichinopo
poly

9 Having gone
through their several Garrisons on
the Coast & allotted to
each its Complement
of Stores The Committee proceed to establish
a proper Field & Battering Train and an ad-
ditional Number of
Guns 6prs & 2prs # for annual Consumption &
Occasional Supply
of the Coast & which is
accordingly subjoined
to the Statement for Defence of the Garrisons
abovementioned

10 Upon Examination of the several Returns The Committee find a Quantity of Shott in some Gar. Madras. But as the Guns to which they Belong are not
Returns for which are ordered at any of the Out Gar-
risons to be brought to

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Have no Guns, and Guns the Military Stores sent in other for which they to the Out Garrisons, have no Shott Agreed words as be come ever. to recommend to the Gun-vice able there, must Board that in the Same be delivered over by the of completeating the Storekeeper to his Ma. Garrisons with their Magt Stores, should the B.d approve of the Comple. ments established, all such Shott or Guns may be removed to where they are wanted & that all such Stores as remain unnecessa. ry in the Several Gar. risons may be Sent to Madras as also the Quantity of unservi. ceable Guns & Stores which are now upon the Returns from those Places & that after a Sur. vey they may either be applied to some use for the Company or sold on their Account & that the Nabob may take away such as belong to him

11 Almany of the

Agreed that the

Ills Fort St George 6 Feb^{ry} 1775

The Guns are foreign the Experiment of Casting
& want Shott, which Shott for foreign Guns, be
is incidented for from me de, as the Committee
Europe, it appears to recommend
the Committee that
it Would be proper to
have such Shott cast
here — Agreed that the
Trial be recommended
to the Board.

12 Also that any Approved &
Guns which may be
directed to be sent
to Out Garrisons may
be fixed first fitted to
their Carriages Since
what such will be
better made & by which
means many diffi-
culties that occur in
Service will be avoid
If Guns are to be sent
down to Madras that
they be Sent on their
Old Carriages

13 Returns from Approved & order
Vellore being Garrison accordingly to be Sent
Separate Accounts to Vellore and Garrison
and that it be recom-
mended they be in future

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inacted in One, And that
Returns of Military Stores
may be regularly trans-
mitted from Garrison
in the same manner as
they are from the other
Garrisons

14 That Regulation Ordered accordingly
Monthly returns may One return to be made
be made from all the Ind.to the Comman-
Troops of their Guns & ding Officer of the Troops
Arms, Accoutrements & ammition to the Board
&c.a as from the Garrisons

15 Whereas a The Regulations
Battalion indents for proper Arms in this Pa-
New Arms - A Survey ragraph appears ex-
should be made of those twenty proper &
they have & in their time Orders will be issued
of Peace all the Troops for their being atten-
should have repaired - ded to in future Agreed
Arms till the great That in Garrison eve.
Number at present - ry Battalion of S.
on the Coast be fairly - poys shall have a
worn out Agreed that Number of Armore-
it be recommended to men allowed by the
the Board also that Regulations, partic-
every Battalion may certain appropriate
be allowed a certain - ted for the purposes
Number of Armorers of Cleaning and re-
for ordinary repairs pairing their Arms
(that) (provided)

they may not be chargd to the Company
-going their Arms soon is put to no additional
-stantly as is now the expence thereby
Case That the Arms of
all the troops & even of
any Company in Ba.
-talion be distinctly
markd & that when an
account of Capital Re.
-pairs having been made
sent in to Madras or
other Garrisons they
may always be when
repaired ispued to y.
Troops from which they
Came

16 The Expence of Approved
Ammunition &c.
for Practise being on
the present Plan very
Considerable & not of
use adequate thereto
it appears eligible to
the Committee that
a certain Proportion
be allowd for this pur
-pose, & that each Corps
should make up
their own Ammuni.
-tion

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Approved

Supposing
two Field Days & Work
one for Ballooning &
One for Blank Cartridges & this Continued
for Four Months in
the Year that Would
be required for each
Battalion European
as well as Sepoys
100 ℔ Barrells of Powder
½ Cwt of Lead
2 Rheams of Paper
& ½ Skains of Twine
& Ammun which the
Committee propose
should be drawn occasionally at diffr.
Grand Juries by the
Commanding Officers
of the Battalions from
the nearest Garrison
The Several Storekeepers
keeping an Acct with
each Battalion, that
man may draw for
more than their Stated
Allowance Agreed
that it be submitted
to the President & Coun.
cil

18. In the Garrisons

Approved

Approved

of Masulipatam,
Vellore & Tarchinopo.
by their accompany
Stores of Stores &c.
more than their Allow-
ance there however
being reported Gar-
rison. Agreed that
it be recommended
to the Board that Sjnt.
Aroan may remain
there for occasional
Inspection, but that
they be kept separate from
the Garrison Stores
separately returned
& not issued but by
Orders from the Com-
mittee of Stores of
Madras

19 A Letter from the Committee of Stores being laid before the Committee on of the Court of Dire-
ctors Agreed that it be trans-
mitted to the Pres!
& Council & that it be
recommended that
a Man yuch with
the Sault complained
of on any be Sent Com-

ordered that the Said
Sjnt to Con-
-tand for the inspec-
tors

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Sault complaining of, be may
Sent home for the Inspection
on of the Court of Directors

Agreed that a
Letter with the above Mi-
nutes be Sent to the Presd.
& Council

Agreed that Copy of the State-
ment of Military Stores and the Complaints
not allowed to each Garrison, which appears
to the Board very fully proportioned, be trans
mitted to the Honble Court by the ensuing dis-
patch

Minute in recommendation of the Committee of Stores & Ordnance on Military Stores for the Service

In justice to the Committee
of Stores & to Mr Dawson our Military Storekr
we cannot but remark that they have been at
infinite pains for many Months past
to investigate the Subject of Military
Stores & to establish Regulations, which We
hope will place this Business on a much
clearer method, than has hitherto been pur-
sued - And as they may not have been
able to conform literally to the Mode pre-
scribed by the Court of Directors in their
Letter of Pacifick, yet we think the arrang-
ement they have drawn out will answer
the purpose intended

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter which he has received from Mr Andrew Maginnis, the Agent for Contract

To

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To Wm Petrie Esq.r
Secretary
Sir

Letter from Mr.
Majr inclosing
Profit on the Sale of Arrack at Chinglepuch
for the Profit
on the Sale of
Arrack at Ching-
lepuch

I am to inform you that y.r
from the 1st of May 1773 to 30 April 1774
amounts to Pagodas 312..24..45, and I
request to know the favor of you to acquaint
me whether that Sum is to be paid or not
to Capt. Pascal

Fort St George
the 16 January 1775

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Andrew Ellerjenbie
Agent

In consequence of Mr Mun-
roes Application entered in Consulta-
tion the 3d Ultimo, the Agent was desired
to deliver in a Statement of the Sale of Ar-
rack at Chingleput, & as it appears from
his Letter that since the 1st May 1773 till
the 30 April 1774 there has been a Profit
thereon of Pag.s 312..24..45 and as Mr.r
Munro's Allowance was reduced in Con-
sequence of a Report from Mr Peter Smith
the late Commissary that there was a Loss on
the Sales of Arrack at that place Agreed
that Mr Munro do receive the former allow-
ance

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allowance of 20 Pagodas P Month from 1st May 1773, the difference to be deducted from the aforementioned Sum & the Said Allowance to be continued as long as the Profit will admit of it

The President Lays before the Board the following Account between the Nabob & the Company to the End of December

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Dr His Highness the

The Balance of the Nabobs
estimated Account former
to the End of December inclu-
ding this Separate Account
or Accounts at time as sent
home & Spoke is Pagodas ... 10,7687

The Expences to be carried to
his Account to the End of
April next estimated at
25,000 Pagodas P Month
for Sepoys, 6000 Pags P
Month for Charges of Gar-
risons & for incidental
Charges 3000 Pagodas P
Month to gether 36000 P
Month make ... 1,4,4,000 14,1687.

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Nabob in Acct Curt. with the Ho.ble Comp.y 6.r

Bills received from the Comp.y
Nabob on account of this
Expences and Debt wch ought
to be brought to Account each
to Pagodas 125,000

Bills Settled with the Na-
bob for Money to be received
on the Same account to the
End of April Next amount
to Pagodas 371,666

The Balance that will re-
main due from the Nabob
the End of April next will
be . . . . . 695,021. 11/1687.

In Order to discharge the above Balance
it is the Presidents Intention to propose
to the Nabob that Bills be Settled to com-
mence from May next for the Payment
of that Sum by the End of April 1776 in
Such Monthly proportions as the Com-
pany's Cash may Conveniently admit
so that it may be Cleared by at the Close
of the Next Books & further that the Na-
bob may pay the Sum of 36,000 Pagodas
Monthly from May next for the Current

Charges

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Charges on this Account which is as near as pos-
sible the amount he is Debited for Monthly
on that account

The Board are well pleased to
observe, that there has been so considerable
a part of the Nabobs debt to the Company
already discharged & it affords them much Sa-
tisfaction to find from the Presidents Report
that there is so great a probability of the
whole of it being paid off, during the Cours
of the next Year

Wynch
Josh Smith
Eq Dalton
Henry Brooke

Hall

James Hornby
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov. Pres.t
Henry Brooke " Saml Johnson
John Maxwell Stone " Edwd Stracey
Francis Sourdan " Geo. Mackay
General Smith & Mr Dawson indisposed

Wednesday 8 Febry 1775

Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Having resolved in Consultation
Civil Department this 12th Inst to advertize for Pro-
posals for executing the reform to the Southward
& Fortifying the East Front, or Sea Side, agreable
to the Plans & Estimates & Explanation Delivered in
by Lt Col Ross the Chief Engineer & this Day having
been fixed for the expiration of the time for re-
ceiving Sealed Proposals, the Board have accor-
dingly met for that purpose when the follow-
ing Letter from Mr Paul Benfield, Enclosing the
only proposals delivered in, is Read

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r & Co.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to Offer the follow-
ing Proposals for executing the Works ad-
vertized to be Contracted for

Letter from Mr Ben-
field proposals for
executing the For-
tifications of the
East Front

Plain Brickwork in the intended new Fortifi-
cations including Bailing Water, Damming
out of South Water to be furnished by Mr Baker
Excavation for Foundations & all contingent
Expences

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Expences @ One Pagoda Thirty Four Jamams
Cubic Yard
Arched & Concrete Brick Work in Vaulting
Pags ten Jamams Cubic Yard
Wall Brick Work in Mortar Pags Thirty Eight
Fanams Cubic Yard

Wall on the East Line to prevent the
Encroachments of the Sea
Wall Brick Work in Chunam after the
Manner proposed by the Chief Engineer
including Bailing Water Expence of Dam-
ming either with Fascines or Cazoons as may
be Necessary & all Contingent Charges at
two Pagodas twenty One Jam. Cubic Yard
Plain Brick Work with Chunam as men-
tioned by the Chief Engineer, The Outer &
Inner faces of the Wall to be chunamed, includ-
ing Bailing Water, Damming, with Fas-
cines or Cazoons as above, Fresh Water from
Mr Baker, & all Contingent Expences at three
Pagodas Cubic Yard
Filling in with Earth, Ramming & Watering
in Courses of Six or Eight Inches at Fourteen Fa-
nams Cubic Yard Rod
D. with such Earth as may be twice Removed
at twenty Fanams Cubic Rod
D. with such Earth as may be brought from
the River or the Opposite Side of the River
at Eighteen Fanams Cubic Rod
The whole to be performed in a Workmanlike
manner
The Fanams to be Reckoned at 42 ℔ Pagoda

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I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful Obl. Servant
Paul Benfield

Ft St Geo.
8th Febr. 1775

Ordered that the foregoing Letter be delivered to the Committee of Works, & that they be Directed to report to the Board on the Reasonableness of Mr Benfields proposals

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizagapatam as per Minute of Vizagapatam dos Intentions. The Papers through his Country procured & given in by him. to Sl. Mr Barwell with Letter from Capt Mathews on the above Subject

We have the Honor to inclose you herewith Copies of two Letters just received from Captain Matthews informing us of the Intelligence he had received of Vizagapatam dos intentions & preparations for raising disturbances & the Steps taken by him in Consequence of

From the Chief having received the same information as is contained in Capt. Matthews's Letter, we have every Reason to believe that Vizagapatam dos Intentions were hostile, & from its being confirmed by Captain Mathews, we have not a doubt of the truth of it — We cannot therefore but Concur with him in Opinion that the Pagoda leading into this Coast should be taken Possession of for

it

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it will not only effectually put a Stop to Vicheramdoo's disturbing the Tranquility there of but prevent his giving any protection to Malcontents, which from his Silly Situation, he thought he could do with impunity - the disturbances we were threatened with last year were principally planned by him, and it is beyond a doubt that had not Guzzepatdoo been thus driven from Himself it was his intention to have joined with him & Tondaiman in bringing a party of Mahrattas into this Carnat, as we advised your Honor & Sirs in our Letters dated the 5th & 8th January 1775 & as a further Confirmation of his Inclinations to assist Guzzepatdoo, although your Honor & Sirs Orders were sent to him by us, forbidding his offering Guzzepatdoo the least protection, yet notwithstanding this he has thought proper to offer Guzzepatdoo his daughter in Marriage with all the assistance in his power - The depriving him therefore of all the Passes, before he could have time to put his intentions in execution, appears to us to be the most eligible plan that Captain Matthews could have adopted, & we hope he will soon be able to accomplish it, without much difficulty, when there is nothing to be apprehended from him, as he will then be confined to his Country, without the Cooperation of Chiefs, from whence it will be out of his

power.

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power to force the passes with his Irregulars,
& by these means also, he cannot have any
assistance from the Malecontents on this
side

Agreable to Captain Matthews
recommendation, we have directed Vizeram:
Rauze to assist him with some of his Siben:
dy to guard the passes, in doing of which
We hope to have your approbation & we beg
Leave to give it here as our Opinion that the:
Rajah should be Obliged to guard the passes
leading into the Circar, particularly as
they are a part of his Sayuire, We have directed
him to do so until we receive your Orders, as
well as to put the Peons he may send for
this purpose under Capt Matthews's direc:
tions — We are well assured that the Sands as:
pertaining to each pass will not more pay
the Charges he will be at on this Account
notwithstanding which we think he should
be at this Expence as the benefit that will ac:
crue to him will be effectually securing
the tranquility of this Circar from all
Invasions to the Southward

The eldest Nephew of the
late Sevagee has been six Weeks
absent from Satoor on a Visit to some of
his Relations on the other Side of the Wells
Vizeramrauze on being acquainted
with your Honors & Councils Orders Con:
-tained in your Letter of the 23 Ultimo rela:
-tive to Satoor, has earnestly requested

that

To Fort St George 8th Feby 1773

that he may be permitted to make your
Honor & Co a representation thro' us of his
Claim to this District, as he assured us that
it was never delivered to Sawaroyer to
hold as an hereditary right, but that he
was appointed Manager only, so long as
his behaviour should deserve it, & that the
conduct of his family has been so notori-
ously perfidious as renders them unwor-
thy of trust he hopes therefore that your honor
& Co will suspend your Orders, until his repre-
sentation on this Subject is laid before you
& which as soon as we receive, we shall cause a
Translate to be made thereof and transmit
the same to you

We have desired Captain
Matthews to describe to us particularly the
Situation of the Pagoda & the place he would
recommend for a centrical Station for the
Troops & what number he thinks eligible
to keep there

That Captain Matthews
Letter may reach us as expeditiously
we have dispatched Peons to convey them
to us

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo Stratton
Rd Perring
Wm Williams

Vizagapatam
7th January 1773

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To George Stratton Esq.r
Chief & the Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I have been favored with your
Letter of the 25 of December
The intelligence I have received
of the intentions of the Nundapooram
Zemeendar is as follows Viz.t That he is deter-
mined to assist all the Malecontents of Y.e
Circar - That he offered his daughter to Guz-
zepatdoo to procure an alliance with him
That he has sent a Man of some Consequence
with Money to purchase a Reinforcement
of two thousand Mahrattas Horse, and
collected a large force at his pass, much too
great, if he is inclined to Peace, seeing that
no preparations for war was making on our
part - Had directed his tributaries to send to
him their Quota of Troops, & gave a Man
who lately fled from Vizeramraouze the
Command of a thousand Men who are is
now at a pass leading from Nowanipa-
dam to this Circar, which is but by a few
days ago attacked, but not with Succes
one of Vizeramraouzes that are posted
in a stockade, on this Side of the Hills for
the Security of the Adjacent Country,
which Stockade by the ignorance of the
Constructors & their manner of Defence is
incapable of stopping an Enemy of
any

any force that Chuses to under the Cirkar at that place—He hath also caused another party of eight hundred Men to assemble near the Northern Cirkar borderes of Bimmedy not far from the Western Part of the Bimlipatam Country of the Ganjam district The Affinity of this party to us, at this time, may greatly impede, if not frustrate the intentions of the honble Board respecting Bimmedy

The aforementioned circumstance induced me to move toward the Party that I acquainted you of in my last address—On my approach they sent me word not to advance, as they had orders to dispute the passage, To which I sent, & said that it was my resolution to march on, to which take possession of the pass & that if they presumed to oppose me, & did not Evacuate the Several Passes I should consider them as Enemys Proceedings of that Nature & they presumed for Defence, the next Morning I moved on & the Enemy after making a few Discharges ran away I pursued until We gained the pass, in this Affair we had but nine men slightly Wounded. This Pass belongs to Gunpatorum Sheik a party there & immediately followed the Enemy who had taken the Road for Byagudda, which they abandoned as soon as I drew near

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Camp at Ryagudda
15th January 1775

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Richard Matthews

Copy
H. Crawford Sec.

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

In my letter of the 15th Inst
my only pleasure of informing you
that I had taken possession of the Gudda-
poram & Byagudda Passes - After enqui-
ring of the Natives concerning the Several
Passages through the Hills, I find there
are many more (though strictly we shall
only) than I can manage to secure without weakening
my own party too much which under-
cu me to request that you will Order Vi-
zyaramrauze (whose interest it is, as
well as our own to keep this Country in
peace) to send a sufficient number of his
Peons &c to guard every entrance If
he makes objections because the small
portion of Land near the Passes will
not a Month defray a tenth part of the
Expence of the Troops necessary to main-
tain them, he should be compelled to
do it

A Body of our Troops
I said in a proper place, so as to be able

(to

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to protect any Vessel that may be there. tened with always effectually Secure the Coast from Invasions from the West Ind[ia]s so that in fact it will be of the greatest advantage to us, as well as to Oliverancauze to possess all the Passes, & the retreat of the expence of keeping them will fall upon him — The removal of our Troops will be no additional Expence to the Company & by their being near the passes, instead of being near the Sea (where they cannot be of any real Security to the Coast in general) the passages may be said to be in our possession & nothing can be done without our knowing immediate Notice, Whereas by our not having the Passes Guarded any Invasion may be attempted before any knowledge can be obtained that the Illustrious dames intend doing so & if our Troops are at an improper distance, they will be incapable of giving timely assistance to any point that may be invaded

I do not think that Oliverancauze has any thoughts of making himself independant of the Company therefore it may be needless to say that the taking off the Passes & keeping our Troops near them will be a check upon him, but it certainly will for the situation ought to be such as to command every entrance & from whence you that there is Nothing to be apprehended from the Malouattas, who would be both to[o] [illegible]

regular Troops in such a disadvantageous
Country for them to act in among the Hills
wherein most places ten thousand Gallops
abreast, twenty yards

I shall leave a party by Sea
& proceed to that pass which I told you of in
my last that Lies from Nundapooram to
this place

Camp at Pyaguddy
17 January 1775

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Richard Matthews

A true Copy
H Crawford Sec.y

We agree in Opinion with
the Chief & Council that it is very necessary
to obtain Possession of the Passes Leading
into the Carnatic especially as the Contents
of the Nundapooram Timmendar gives us
reason to apprehend that the Country will
be continually exposed to disturbances ~~which~~
while any of these passes remain in this
Possession, We therefore approve of the Steps
taken by for that purpose

Minutes Thereon
Measures appro
ved by the Board

We have no objection to those
Passes being for the present guarded by
Sittledar Peons, but as it may
hereafter be found requisite to have them
Secured by our own Troops it is Agreed that
the Chief & Council be directed to send as

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a particular account of the number of the Papers, their Situation, & Capacity of defence

Agreed that the Execution of the Orders relative to Saloot, be differed until we can receive the representation of Sutter and enquire on that Subject

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Darroll
Henry Brooke

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Francis Fowden
Geo: Mackay

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A/ This day came in the following Letter from
Lt Colonel Bellingham

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Bellingham Negotiations of the Mahrattas with Hyder & the French

I have to acknowledge the
favor of your Letter of the 31st January in conse-
-quence of which Captain Kelly with his
Battalion has marched with his Batta
-lion to Palamcotah agreeable to the orders
it contained

Hyder Alys Army have be-
-gun their march from Mairore towards
the Pass of the Kellicotah - Rochoba one of
the Mahrattas Chiefs is now with Hyder
& another Great man belonging to the
Mahrattas has been sent by Rochoba
to Pondicherry

I have the honor to be
With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Bellingham

Trichinopoly
6th February 75

Received the following Letter from Capt.
Robert Kelly

To

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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Co Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt
Rob Kelly

Your commands of the 7
Instant I have this Moment been honord
with - And after returning you the most
grateful acknowledgments for the original
favor you have thereby conferred on me I per-
mit me Honble Sir & Sirs to assure you that
no care or vigilance shall be wanting
on my part in the Strictest execution
of your Orders

The Battalion encamp'd
yesterday, though yet is incomplete with
Stores &c And have been all this Day Sitting
themselves out with just what is absolute-
-ly necessary for such an expedition -
And Hope to be able to march tomorrow
afternoon

I have the Honor to remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithful
and most Obedient
humble Servant
R. Kelly

Fort Saint George
6 Febry 1775 Five P.M.

Ordered the following Letter to Gov.
General & Council

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &ca Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

General Letter to Fort William advising that two Compys of Europeans are embark'd for Bombay

In our Letter of the 30th ult we advised you, that in Consequence of an Application to us from the Governor & Council in Bombay for a reinforcement of Troops we had ordered a Battalion a Sepoys to proceed with all possible Expedition to Anjengo

A Copy of their Letter to us we forwarded to you in our last & Duplicate thereof accompanies this

From the State of our European Military on the Coast, & considering the extensive Possessions entrusted to our Charge, we deemed it imprudent to comply with their request for two Companies of Europeans but having reconsidered this Matter on the Receipt of a private Letter from Mr Thornsby to our President which showed they placed much dependance on the Succours applied for from hence & being apprehensive lest the Interests of Our Honble Employers on that Side of India might suffer should they be disappointed thereof. Seeing no immediate prospect of troubles on this Coast & a favorable opportunity of a Sea Conveyance from hence to Bombay we embarked two Compys of our Europeans on the Success a Country Ship which sailed from hence the 6th Instant

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Instant

We have requested that the Detachment from the Coast may be returned as Soon as the Posture of Affairs at Bombay will admit

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
& most Hble Servts
Wynch & Coun.

Fort St Geo
10 Febry 1775.

This day dispatched the following Letter to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Grant Letter to Vizagapatam approving of Steps taken to procure peace in the Circars

We have received your Letter of the 27 Ult. inclosing Copies of two Letters from Capt Matthews

We agree in Opinion with you, that it is highly expedient to gain Possession of the Passes, through which the tranquility of the Circars might be disturbed more especially as the Conduct of the Rundapore Zemindar gives reason to apprehend, that the Country will be continually exposed to disturbances, while those passes remain in his Possession, we have therefore the pleasure to approve of the Steps

you

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you have taken for that purpose
We have no Objection to
the Paper being for the present guarded by
Sitterannauze Sibbendy but as it may hereafter be necessary at particular times to have them secured by the Companys Troops we wish to have the Account of the said Papers with the Number of them it may require to be defended them
We consent to your Delaying
-ing the Execution of our Order, respecting the Salaar, until We receive the reparation of Sitteranne Bauze, which you write is to be laid before Us on that head
We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Alex.r Wynch & Council.

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13 Feby 75

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John M.c Stone " Edward Stracey
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consulta.
-tion read & Approved
W.m Latham after the usual Oaths being tender
-ed to him, takes his Seat at the Board
Read the following Letter from Lt
Colonel Ross

To

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To The Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Kop with the design for the reform of Fortifications

This accompanys a Copy of the design for the reform of the Fortifications of this place that has met with your approbation which I hope you will be pleased to forward to the Honble the Court of Directors
I have the honor to be
With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most Obdt Servant
Patrick Kop

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Copy thereof to be transmitted to the Honble Court

Ordered that the Copy of the design aforesaid be transmitted home to the Court of Directors, by the Sea Horse now under dispatch

The President lays before the Board recommendations for the promotion of Black Officers in the 6th 8th & 9th Battalion of Sepoys Approved, & Commissions Ordered to be made out

The President reports the death of Capt. Ritherdon at Vizagapatam on the 20 Ultimo

Lieut Dugood promoted Captain

Ordered that Lieutenant Dugood, the Senior Lieutenant in the Engineer Corps be promoted to Capt in his Room

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Read Letter from the Military Storekeeper dated the 10 Instant, containing certain remarks on the business of his Department & the Alterations which he deems necessary to be made in the conducting of it

Resolved, as at present, we are much engaged in the dispatch of the Sea Horse that the said Letter do lye upon the Table & that the Consideration of it be deferr'd until that Ship be cleared, That for the information however, of the Court of Directors, a Copy of it together with the Papers accompanying, be transmitted Home a Number in the Packet

Copy of a Letter from the Military Storekeeper on the Business of this Department to be transmitted Home

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 7th February as entered in Country Correspondence N 18.

Letter from the Nabob

Ordered, that the Nabob be supplied with what Stores can be conveniently spared for his 5th Regiment of Cavalry & that he be agreeably to his request, furnished, furnished with a particular account of them

Wynch
Joseph Smith
G. Darrell
Henry Brooke

James Dowdeswell
Geo. Mackay

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At Fort St George 13 Febry 75.

At a Consultation Present

Mas. Wynch Esq Gov. President
Joseph Smith " Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke " Saml Johnson
John Mar. Stone " Edwd Stracey
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

Tuesday 16 Febry

Pgm. 6

Minutes of last Consulta-
tion read & Approved

The Board having met to Sign the dispatches & Sir Thos Stone, a Letter which came in this Morning from the Nabob, is now read

Ordered that a Copy thereof be sent to the Packet

Read & Signed Gen. Letter to the Company

Ordered that the Packet be closed

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Wynch
Archd. Palmer
Francis Fourdan
Geo: Mackay

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The following Remonstrance from the Officers
of the 1st Battalion 1st Brigade at Trichinopoly
was laid before the Board by General Smith
the 6th Instant & the said remonstrance
being considered by them, to have been made
without any just cause as Trichinopoly or
Foundation, they highly disapproved of it
The Secretary was directed to Signify such
their disapprobation in a Letter to Lieut.
Colonel Billingshurst as entered in the
Diary

To Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commander in Chief

The Officers of the 1st Battalion 1st Brigade remonstrate against their removal to Vellore & Censured

Sir Having formerly had the honour of addressing you on the subject of an intended Removal of the First Battalion of the First Regiment from hence to Vellore to take place in January next, I am justly alarmed as the Officers of the said Corps as they conceive a removal at that place it cannot but be esteemed by us as a punishment hard indeed. on this Subject we beg leave thereby to address you Sir, & to point out to you those Circumstances which to us most obvious in favor of our longer Continuance in this Garrison

At the Conclusion of the Marraway Campaign this Battalion March'd to its Station at Vellore, where most of the Officers were at a very great Expence to procure their Quarters convenient & habitable, which is now scarcely compleated

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completed when we were Ordered to the Siege of Tanjore & served in the Field, the remainder of that year 1773 when according to the Regulations of the Honble Board in 1771 concerning the progressive removal of Garrisons this Battalion was Ordered to Trichinopoly where we found most of the Quarters not only Inconvenient but in such a miserable State as to be Uninhabitable, to remedy which we have unavoidably been at a very considerable Expence which Occasioned us the less regret as we assured ourselves of remaining in them Some Years / but disappointed in consequence of the Innovations of the Honble Board

We Learn that the Officers of the Vellore Battalion in support of their concerned rights to a removal to Trichinopoly, have urged the length of time that Battalion has been Doing duty in Garrisons where no Allowance of Batta is made, in Objection to their Pleas We hope the following Observations on our part, as they are just, will have some weight

The Interest of the Non Commissioned and Rank & File doubtless ought at all times to be Considered equally with that of the Officers but whatever Resolutions you & the Board hereafter may come to we conceive that the Interest of the

Different

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different Battalions / the Circumstances in favor of their removal from, or continuing in their present Stations, being so nearly counterballanced can be very inconsiderably effected by it. The Addition of a daily Allowance of a measure of Rice in different Rice is but barely equivalent to the advantages which the Soldiers doing Duty at Vellore have over those in this Garrison. Relative to the Officers we are well assured, that excepting the Staff there are but a very inconsiderable part of them, whose appointment to that Station is of a longer date than since the Second siege of Tanjore & who were removed last from either the different Sub Battalion Garrisons or from those Corps, who had been on the Service before Tanjore, & can consequently have little cause to esteem themselves injured by being deprived of that Extraordinary Allowance another year whereas should the proposed Removal take place so much earlier than our Expectations proved No Sooner it would have been much more for our Interests & would have been generally preferred (if We had had the Choice of the Alternative) to have gone to Vellore upon the Conclusion of the Tanjore Expedition, & to have remained at that place for two years with a Certainty of being removed to Trichinopoly at the expiration of that Term, & continuing there for the two succeeding Ones —

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The truth of the above you must
in part be acquainted with & We humbly
request, that you will be pleased to repre-
sent the same to the Honble the President &
Council who we flatter Ourselves will take
it into Consideration as well as the very
great Expence attending the Changing
the Troops, And we also presume to hope
that whom you & the Honble Board, shall
have duely reflected on the inconveniencies
which we must Experience in the above
Case You will be pleased to Order a Redress
which is so much in your power We
doubt not of your Support & Influence
with the Board to induce them to recall
a Resolution so highly injurious to our In-
terest

We intrude no longer on
your Patience doubting not that You'll
take the above representation into im-
partial Consideration We remain

Sir

With the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient
& humble Servants

Trichinopoly
16 Novr 1775

The Officers of the 1st Battn 1st Regt

To Lieut Col Bellingham
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

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Letter to Colonel Bellingham the Board sigh- -ify disapprove of the Remonstra- -nce

General Smith having laid before the Board a remonstrance from the Offic- of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade transmit- -ted to him by you, I am commanded by the President and Council to say, that they consider the said remonstrance to have been made without any just cause or foundation & therefore highly disapprove of it, which disapprobation you are hereby directed to Signify to the said Officers

I am
Sir
Your most Ob.t Servant
Wm Petrie Secry

Fort St George
the 7th Febry 1775

A 13 Upon the Arrival of Sir Edwd Hughes from Bengal this day the following Letter was wrote to him

To Sir Edward Hughes
Sir

Letter to Sr Edwd Hughes vigt &c. -ing to their &c. request of the President & Council in Bombay

We beg leave to congratulate you upon your arrival from Bengal & have the honor to inclose you a Letter a duplicate from the President & Council of Bombay re- -questing us, they inform us that in case you find it convenient to proceed round to the Malabar coast with the whole Squadron under your Command, you will at least send two of your Ships, in order to protect their trade against the Mahrattas. We beg leave therefore you for particulars to this

Letter

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Letter, & have not a doubt but as far as you can You will comply with their request

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt

humble Servants

Wynch & Council

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At a Consultation this day the following answer was returned

To the Honble. Hust Wynch Esq.
President & Govr. & Council
of Fort St George

Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from S.Govt. Hughes with order the Ships & Swallow to protect the trade on the Malabar Coast

I have your Letter of yesterdays date & am to thank you for your kind Congratulations on my arrival from Bombay Bengal, any opportunity of being useful to this Presidency would add to the pleasure I feel on the occasion

I have considered the request of the President & Council of Bombay & shall order the Captains of his Majestys Ships Seahorse & Swallow to protect the trade as they desire, which is all the assistance the circumstances of my present situation & instructions will admit

I have the honor to be
Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt &

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& most humble Servt
Edward Hughes

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Enclosed is my answer to the
President & Council of Bombay which I
beg you will do me the favor to forward

The following Letter from Lt
Colonel Braithwaite was received previ-
ous to the last dispatch but not entered

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca &ca &ca &ca

Letter from Lt
Braithwaite
disputes &c.
between Men
Said & the Hd
Dar of Madu-
ra

The Evening before last Moodin
Chain Shroffer of this Country came to me
& acquainted me that never Said the Rundir
of Dindigul, had committed some violence
on the Madura people & had at that time
some people of the Madura districts, & Cattle
in his Custody. Last night I received a Letter
from Mr Pate, of which I have the honor
to send you a Copy enclosed as also of my an-
swer, Upon the Receipt of this Letter I sent to
speak with Moodeen Chawn who came to
me this morning & brought with him
a Letter, which he had also received from
Mr Said, written rather in stronger
terms than those he uses to me, for he ac-
cuses Cattan Said the Nephew of Moodin Chawn
of overtacts of Violence & demands restitution
& seems to be conducted with wishing to preserve

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the Friendship which Subsists between y^e Nabob & Hyder

Moodeen Chawn Desired I would Call for the Messenger who brought Meer Saibs Letter, which I did, & whether this man had been before tampered with by Moodeen Sahib or not I dont know, but he gave every thing a turn rather against his own Master, & entirely acquitted Meer Saib he said that some robberry had been committed by the Collauts of the Country, which Cotter Saib supposed to be, but that Cotter Saib knew nothing of it they then went into disputes of three or four years back

I have advised the Hunter to write to Meer Saib, That he is equally desirous of preserving Friendship, & will make strict enquiry & order the restitution of every thing that may have been taken from any of Hyders Subjects, & to request that Meer Saib will do the Same on his part & render justice to the Subjects of the Nabob, I hope we shall Settle Matters on both Sides (assisted by the by without Horse) have done what cannot be justified, & so nearly at the Same time in Different places that it is hard to say which began, I have desired Moodeen Saib at the Same time to send for Positive Orders to Cotter Saib whose Country joins to that in which Meer Saib Now is, to be extraordinary cautious in his Conduct Lam disposed by the Hunter as much as possible to exculpate him with the Nabob, however in Six I shall give you

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my opinion which is that both these Renters are great rogues, & encourage Secretly the Colonies of their Several districts to commit Outrage on their Neighbours, which they turn to their own private advantage, without being sufficiently aware of the trouble they may hereafter create, & in truth I must say that I believe Hyders Renters is the least to blame for upon being publickly informed that such & such persons or cattle Belonged to the Circar he has always made immediate restitution where as I have known Messengers of his loosing Months & go away unsatisfied at last, nor do I find any truth in Moodin Cawns complaint, The fact is, that Mirza Said siezed a village belonging to one of his own Polygars, when it was a market day, & many strangers were in it, among them some of the Madura people people, as wounded, This Districts * but business Sir is but trifling as yet, if not timely checked may bring on a Serious war & the Countries inhabited by the Several Polygars dependent on the Nabob, from Nattam to the Travancore Country are ripe for Sedition, those of Tinnevelly in particular, it may be that they are underhandedly encouraged by his own people if they are not Secret gain the least information of it.

Mirza Said has lately Siezed the Country of Gobpahi Naigue a Polygar dependant on Hyder, twenty seven miles from this City, there is at present, within Fifteen hundred

* But he caused them to be released, & restored.

Mosseley to be released, Mirza Said has, that in the Nattam,

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Two hundred Horse Men, as many Sepoys and an uncertain number of Matchlocks & Spikes, with my answer Shall send a good Linewman into the Camp

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obt Servt
John Braithwaite

Madura
9th Feb 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Gov. President
Saturday 11 Feb. Joseph Smith " Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam. Johnson
John Monro Stone " Francis Sourdain
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consult.
-tation read & approved

The following Minute was delivered in by General Smith & read in Con-
-sultation the 6th Instant. but the Consideration of the Subject was deferred until after the Dis-
-patch, except that part which relates to the Remonstrance from the Officers at Trichinopoly in which an Order passed as mentioned in the foregoing diary

General Smith this Minute proposes that the Appoint. to Comm. should be made according to Seniority

General Smith begs leave to lay before the Honble Board an Address which he received from the Officers of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Regt. quartered at Trichinopoly with his remarks thereon

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thereon

This Battalion was at both Sie-
ges of Tanjore & on the Mannaar Expediti-
-on and except one year at Vellour, they have
been on both & full Batta ever since the year
War with Hyder

The Officers in their Address say
that at the Conclusion of the Mannaar expe-
dition they were ordered to Vellour where most
of them were at a very great expence to make
their Quarters convenient & habitable

The Quarters at Vellore were bu-
-ilt by Colonel Donald Campbell & are
supposed preferable to any others on the Coast
(Madras excepted) & In Consequence could not
require anymore repairs than the Barracks at Trichinopoly
which the Battalion stationed there were
Obliged to move into & would be equally ex-
-pensive if not more to the Officers of that
Corps These Gentlemen add, that on their
Return to the Southward they found the
same inconvenience & expence with regard
to their Quarters as they had done be-
-fore at Vellour

Just before the first Siege of
Tanjore took place a Remonstrance was
made home by the Officers then in Garrison
at Trichinopoly (& to the best of my recol-
-lection it was the 1st Battalion of the 1st Regiment
then Stationed there) complaining of the
Bad condition of their Quarters & the heavy
expence they were put to, in making them

Fit

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Sir only To breathe in, That I might with greater propriety address the Honble Board on this Subject I examined every Officers Barrack in the Fort & found but too much cause for the repeated complaints that have, & are still made on this head & which to this hour remain unremedied The Application when made to the Honble Board in favor of those Officers for Gratuities to have Allowance being made them, was taken into consideration and represented by the Honble Board to his Highness the Nabob, who agreed to their demands being paid for that time & the Money was accordingly reimbursed to them by the Commissary General, An Indulgence which has never granted to any other Corps

The Battalion now at Vellore were not on the Expedition to the Marawar Country or the late Siege of Tanjore (the Grenadier Company excepted) for on Batta since the year 1772 Surely then they cannot in justice be Condemned for conceiving a reasonable right to an equal share of advantage, if any there be in the Service, with their brother Officers Tattoo removals have been made into that Battalion & from both Batta Garrisons, but then happened from Promotion, or other unnecessary unavoidable Changes not their choice, I cannot by any means agree with those Gentlemen in their Statement of Difference in point of Advantage between the two Garrisons of Trichinapoly & Vellore

Sir

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In the former they enjoy half Batta & in gene-
-ral very good provisions, the Soldiers are all
owed half a Measure of Rice & Ditto & Suppo-
-sing the grain I found not to be of the best quality
quality they can in these times of Scarcity sell
it for a good price & purchase a better sort or
make what allowance of the Money they
please

At Vellour there is no Half
Batta, Provisions of all kinds dear & the
Mutton provided by the Nabobs Annaldars
for the use of that Garrison has been com-
-plained of by every Officer that has been
some years there for these seven last years
past & unless they give an extraordinary price, which neither Officer or men can well afford to do, better is not to be had & of course they must take what the Market produce or go without, Rice which is the Soldiers chief support is seldom or ever so cheap at Vellour as in Trichinapoly consequently both Of-
-ficers & private Men must feel an essential difference in the Change of Situations

When the 1st Battalion of the
1st Regiment was Ordered to Trichinapoly
last year it was their proper station agreea-
-ble to a former Resolution of the Honble
Board relative to the Annual Relief of
Garrisons, I do not therefore comprehend
where the hardship lays of which these
Gentlemen complain, on the Contrary I
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think I think the Battalion at Pallaveram
have just cause to change me with partia-
lity should they be deprived of what is their
right what expectations the Officers at Je-
rhinopoly may have formed to themselves
we cannot pretend to say, but this they
must have known that in the Month
of March or April next their twelve
months will expire, & they ought not to
reason to expect more indulgence than
others equally deserving unless the
Service required their stay to the Southd.
The General therefore leaves the matter
to the Honble Boards decision & is pers-
uaded it will appear to them that these
these Gentlemen complain without
cause

The General also requests
that the Honble Board will now please
to consider on fixing a precise time for
the Distribution of the new Commands which
are yet left on this Establishment for
Captains of Sepoys & which ought to have
not been appointed by any such rule, & as much
dissatisfaction arises amongst the Officers Comman-
ding Sepoys who think themselves injur-
ed when younger Officers are appointed
to these Commands, I do therefore most
earnestly hope that the Honble Board
will be pleased themselves & me Number less
Solicitations as also to give Satisfaction
to

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to their Officers, establish'd Mode that shall be
invariably adhered to & the only one in my
Opinion that can be Satisfactory is to settle
it by seniority of Rank by which means every
Captain Commanding a Battalion will in
time have his turn of those Commands & do
their Duty with chearfulness and alacrity
without murmurings or Complaint

By the arrangement
which I have now the honor to lay before
the Board they will at once see how the
Captains of Sepoys are at present stationed
& what time they have been at their Stations
but as Some of the Commands are much more
Desireable than others, & as there are much
Several Candidates for those I would beg leave
to propose that we should be guided in our
present appointment by the Plan, above
mentioned & as the following appropriations
have been laid before me, I request the Honble
Board will take into their Consideration the
Several Claims, Captain Kelly stands first
on the List & has applied for the Command
of Palamcotah, Captain Povey has appld
to be Removed from Amboor to Palamcotah
Captain Godfrey has applyed for a Com-
mand - Captain Bruce is also a Candi-
date for Palamcotah I have placed the
above Gentlemen under each other according
to their Standing in the Army you will
therefore observe that Capt. Kelly is the first
Unless the Honble Board have any Ob-

jection

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Objection to urge against it. I must in justice propose him to succeed Capt Cook at Palamcotah, should he be Objected to I would then propose Capt Povey for that Command till he had completed three years, including the time he has been in the Command of Amboor that Capt. Godfrey succeed Capt Povey in the Command of Amboor & that Capt Brooke be appointed to Succeed Capt Duncan at Ongole at the expiration of three years reckoning from the time of Capt Duncans going there & that the next Captains in Rank Commanding Battalions shall relieve Capts Hopkins & Johnson at Vellore & Conjeveram at the end of their three years, which is the time Sir Eyre Coote recommends for relieving the different Corps at those Stations in future

The foregoing Minute being taken into Consideration it is resolved

1st That in future the Field Officers be stationed with their respective Battalions

Resolutions regarding the Field Officers &c.

2. That Capt. Braithwaite now in the Command of the Fort of Madura, be removed therefrom, on the Expiration of two years, from the time he was appointed to the Said Command.

3. That hereafter the duration of the Commands in the Carnatic shall be limited to three Years, Subject however to such deviations as a Change of Circumstances may render expedient, Ongole excepted

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excepted, because the Sepoys of the Battalion
doing Duty there, were raised expressly in
that Country for the defence of the District

The Board approve of the
general rule which General Smith pro-
posed to Establish, that Commands & Sta-
tions of consequence, devolve upon Offic.
Commanding according to Seniority, except
in such cases where an apparent Objection
be against the Senior Officer, or when the
Exigency of the occasion requires that y.
Rule should be deviated from.

Upon referring to the List of
the Army, it is found that Captain Hop-
kins is the Senior Captain of Sepoys &
as Palamcotah is placed first in the
list of Commands now laid before the Board
he is accordingly appointed thereto, and
agreably to the said rule of Seniority Capt.
Povey is appointed to Madura with his
Battalion, & to command there when the
place shall become Vacant on the Expiration
of the Term allowed Lt. Col. Braithwaite.
Capt. Godfrey to command Vellum in the room
of Capt. Povey & Captain Mackenzie to reside
Capt. Johnson at Coyetimum. The several
appointments, Promotions & removals as
they are now agreed upon at the Board ap-
pear in the following arrangement

Promotions

Minute on the General Rule

* Capts Hopkins Bouchier Flint & Agnew on the Staff of Fort St George

* of Capt. Povey & Captain Mackenzie to reside

rule

room

Present Stations

Corps	Commandants	Where Stationed	Since what time	Corps	Commandants	Where to be Stationed	For what time
1 Batt.n 1st Brigade	Lt Col. Billingham	Trichinopoly	Dec.r 73	1st Batt.n 1st Brig.e	Col Laing	Vellore	
2 Do 1 2 Do	Col Lang	Vellore	25 March 74	2 Do 1 Do	Lt Col Harper	Trichinopoly	
1 Do 2 2 Do	Lt. Bonjour	Pondamalee	21 Jan.y Do	1 Do 2 Do	Lt Col Bonjour	Pondamalee	
2 Do 2 2 Do	Col Flint	Ellore	22 Nov.r 72	2 Do 2 Do	Col Flint	Ellore	
1 Battalion of Sepoys	Capt Hopkins	Vellum	April 74	1st Batt.n Sepoys	Capt Hopkins	Pattamadah	
Do Do	Johnson	Conjiveram	Do Do	2 Do Do	Johnson	Trichinopoly	
Do Do	Povey	Tanjore	Oct.r 73	3 Do Do	Povey	Madura	
Do Do	Livingston	Vellore	25 March 74	4th Do Do	Livingston	Vellore	
Do Do	M.Dougal	Madura	April Do	5th Do Do	M.Dougal	Madras	
Do Do	M.Kenzie	Trichinopoly	March Do	6th Do Do	M.Kenzie	Conjiveram	
Do Do	Cook	Pattamadah	Jan.y 72	7th Do Do	Cook	Madras	
Do Do	Gibbins	Madras	22 April 74	8 Do Do	Gibbons	Trichinoply	
Do Do	Kelly	Trichinopoly	Sept.r 73	9 Do Do	Kelly		
Do Do	Bruce	Madras	21 Mar.h 74	10 Do Do	Bruce	Tanjore	
Do Do	Duncan	Ongole		11 Do Do	Duncan	Ongole	
Do Do	Godfrey	Vellum	6 March 74	12 Do Do	Godfrey	Vellum	

Promotions Appointments & Removals

Names		Date of Rank		In the Room of
Alex.r Duguood	Sup.t Director & Captain	20 Jan.y	1775	Phillip Pittman
Hons J. Wm Boyd Esq.r	Lieutenant	2 Nov.r	1774	P. Lamballais Resign'd
Robt Crooker	Do	16 Jan.y	1775	Mason Do
Lauchlin M Kinnon	Do	1 Feb.y	1775	H. Brown Deceased

List of Officers Dec.r 1774

Thomas Douglas D° ... 2nd Febry D° ... Vacant Resigned

Capt Lawrence Murphy Aid de Camp to the General

Lt Knox Appointed Adjutant to the 5th Circar Battn of Sepoys in the Room of Lt Phillips Resigned

Burn appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battn of the 1st Brigade vice Room of Ens Marmion Do

Removals

Names	from where	to where	In the Room of
Capt Colgrave	1st Battn 1st Brigade	1st Battn 2d Brigade	Capt Gilbraith Removed
Gilbraith	1 D° 2 D°	1st D° 1 D°	Colgrave D°
J. Mocke	5th Battn Sepoys	5th Circar Bn Sepoys	Lt Phillips D°
Phillipps	5th Circar D°	1st Battn 2nd Brigade	Mocke D°
Wm Douglas	Sala Promotion	2 D° 1st D°	Lambollais Resigned
Robt Croker	D° D°	2 D° 1st D°	Mecann Removed
Thos Douglas	D°	2 D° 1st D°	Bennet Resigned
Ens Marmion	2 Battn 1st Brigade	2 Battn Sepoys	Ens J. Hodgson Removed
Smith	12th N. Sepoys	D°	Munro Deceased
Stewart	5th Circar Battn Sepoys	2nd Battn 2nd Brigade	Douglas Promoted
Thalcot	12 Battn Sepoys	5th Circar Battn Sepoys	Steward Deceased
Lind	2 D° 1st Brigade	5 Battn Sepoys	Finch Deceased
Bowser	2 D° 1st D°	3 Circar D°	Loyd Removed
Lloyd	3 Circar D° Sepoys	2 Battn 1st Brigade	Bowser D°
Wright	5 Battn D°	3 Battn Sepoys	Croker Promoted
Col	1 Battn 1 Brigade	3 D° D°	M Munnon D°

N.B. When the above Promotions have taken Place, there will be then Wanted to Compleat the Establishment 12 Ensigns

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General Smith says he prays Board the following Letter to him from Lt. Col. James together with his Minute thereon

To General Smith
Commanding Officer of the Forces
On the Coast

Sir

Letter to General Smith from Lt. Col. James &c. of his Intention to join his Company & to Command Trichinopoly &c.

Sometime ago I had the Honor of addressing you in Conjunction with Major Thorne relative to the Incommencies the Corps of Artillery labour'd under &c. I flatter'd myself that long ere this some Regulations would have taken place to have put us on a footing with the Other parts of the Military Establishment - But as that is not yet the Case & the Honble Court of Directors having by their late Regulations fixed their Military arrangements as far as its likely they intend to disturb the Government here in the Disposition to be observed in the Army in General It has occurred to me that this period is not to be omitted in asserting the justness of the Claims I before have had the Honor to make on that Establishment as it regarded the Corps of Infantry are to change Stations soon & a Regulation likely to take place relative to the Different Commands

In the first place I beg leave to

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to observe Shave been neer twenty one years
an Officer in this Country, have had the
rank of Captain and Field Officer in the
Honble Company's Service between fif-
teen & Sixteen years, during which period
Shave ever done my Duty to the best of my
abilities but have never yet been indulged
with any advantageous command. On y.
contrary have had shown preferation
often to ev my Juniors and have been
mis Obliged to serve under them, altho.
Shave undergone as many hardships
& dangers as they could boast of.

In the next place to ob-
viate that Idea that has taken place
that the Senior Officer of Artillery is
always to remain in Madras (although
Junior) I should be as Ordered from Head
Quarters a Negotiation in Minute of
Consultation but I must inform you
that Capt. Barker was promised by the
Governor to succeed Major Preston as y.
Command of Trichinopoly at the time
that Gentlem. am succeed Capt. Smith
in that Command & Shave heard Colonel
Butler after that he was promised it also
In the next place (the only reason Junior
Board assigned for the Senior Officer of
Artillery remaining in Madras) which
is his being a member of the Committee
of Stores Shave to remark that the Late

Regulations

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Regulations of that Committee if approved will render it unnecessary to detain any Officer on that account but was it at any time necessary surely it must be in time of a Serious War & I suppose the Commanding Officer of Artillery will not at such a period be kept at Madras

There reasons & many other I could urge have induced me to apply to you to join my Company at Trichinopoly as by the Claims I have urged I conceive myself justly entitled to the Command of that Garrison as much to the full as I have been to the Command of the Forces in Fort St George where no Fortifying has been attended to & any additional expence attending being Senior Officer, since I have had it, I give you my application in the Light I do appear to me I doubt not of your support in obtaining it & shall ever think myself obliged for any favors you may confer on me in Support of what I may appear justly entitled to

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt
& most Hble Servt
Edward James

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Genl Smith represents the disadvantages under which the Officers of Artillery on this Establishment labour under

Genl Smith begs leave to inform the Honble Board that in the Month of May last he had the Honor to lay before them an Address which he received from the Field Officers & Captains of Artillery setting forth the very great hardships under which they have labour-ed, compared with other parts of our Mi-litary Establishment in point of Com-mands and advantages with Officers of equal Rank. As the Honble Board have not yet determined any thing in favor of their representation Col: James has again renewed his Solicitations on that Subject desiring a further Consi-deration thereon

The Corps of Artillery hav-ing ever been found one of the most useful in this Service & on which at all times great dependance is placed & as they upon every occasion undergo a great proportion of fatigue & Labour than any other branch of the Army & as they have in all such Circumstances shewn a particular Zeal & activity, the General cannot but think them well entitled to the proportion & encou-tenance of the Honble Board

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Should the Honble Board thought it convenient to Station the Artillery Corps at any of the garrisons the grievance of which they now com-

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Complaint would in vain Measure have been obviated, as the Field Officers in command must have remained with the Batt.n & the great advantages arising from such a plan would have been as much the Artillery Company's divided as they now are all over the Coast. can never accrue that benefit from Discipline or be made perfect in the various branches of Duty which is required to form a good Corps of Artillery as when kept together, or can the Field Officers belonging to them be made responsible for any defects should such appear on their being called into action This is therefore certainly one of the reasons cannot be taken with both Officers & Men to make them in any respect a complete Corps, the great Utility of which too many cannot possibly be surmised hereafter

The Governor & Council of Calcutta were so sensible of the disadvantages the Field Officers of Artillery labored under in Comparison with the others on their Establishment that in consideration thereof they have given to their Commandants of Artillery a very handsome allowance, which he enjoys either in the Field or Garrison & in this Samelian that whatever expences may be found

necessary to put them on a more regular footing with in this End be amply repaid by their Services

As the Sepoys Invalids are of late become very numerous both in Officers & Private, the General proposes with the Honble Boards approbation to have them Collected together & examined, that such of them as are found able to do garrison duty be formed into Companys for that purpose & disposed of as the Honble Board may judge proper at present they are of no use divided as they are all over y^e Coast

Sepoy Invalids fit for Duty to be formed into Companies

Resolved the Letter from Lt Colonel James & General Smiths minute respecting the artillery do lie on the table to be further considered

The Expediency of forming the Invalid Sepoys, who may be found fit for Garrison Duty, into Companies & retaining the effective Independant Companies at Cuddalore with them was some time ago Agreed to that as we could devise no proper mode for reducing the very heavy expence entailed on the Company by subsisting so great a Number of Invalid & Pensioned Sepoys, we might at least make them useful in some degree to the Service But by reason of their being dispersed in almost every part

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of the Coast, it was some time before an exact return could be obtained.

By this return now before the Board it appears that there will not be a sufficient number of those Sepoys, to relieve the Second Grand Company at Cuddalore, & to do the Guard duty at Chingleput. Agreed therefore, that Parwanas be issued for all such Invalid & Pensioned Sepoys who shall be found upon examination by the Commandant & the Surgeon of the Garrison where they reside to be fit for Garrison duty, to undertake with all convenient Expedition at Chingleput where they will be mustered & examined & a proportionable Number kept with that Garrison, & the rest sent to Cuddalore, to relieve an Equal Number of the effective Sepoys in those places

Regulations regarding the Invalid & Pensioned Sepoys

Chingleput Guard at Cuddalore & thence at Cuddalore to return the effective

The Board having required the General Smith's Sentiments on Col. Billingham's Letters concerning the Number of Patients in the Hospitals at Cuddalore in Consultation the 15th Inst. Do. he now delivers in the following Minute

Gen.l Smith's Minute on the Subject of reducing the Number of Patients

Supposing from the Surgeons Monthly Lists of Patients returned into their General Hospitals that near seven eighths of the Patients get in with Venereal Complaints & as this Disease seems

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of late to spread thro' the European Corps
incidently to the detriment of the Service
it is therefore strictly to be withdrawn
& precautions could be devised to prevent
as much as possible the bad Consequences
arising from a Disorder so fatal to both
Officers & Men

The Commanding Officers
of those Corps have provided to take
any means within their power to check
its progress but their endeavours have
not been attended with much Success, It
then becomes necessary to adopt others from
which we may hope to derive greater advan-
tages to the Service & in some degree restrain
the Private Men from receiving those Con-
tributions, & thereby rendering themselves
unfit to perform any Hard Duty in the
Field & from becoming totally useless to
the Company

In his Majestys Service
Soldiers admitted in to a general Hospital
pay five pence a Diem let their Complaints
be venereal or otherwise, It is not a general
Custom to Charge them as venereals In
some Regiments Stoppages are made
but there are at the Direction of the Com-
manding Officer & others made as pro-
portioned to such sums as the judges proper
from 6 to 10 Shillings those Stoppages are
to both I do not learn there is any Fix'd rule
In the Company's Service

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it was also Customary to see the Passages from the Private Men when sent into the Hospitals with Venereal Complaints but this Suspended at a time when half the Charge of their Diet was deposited by the Company & the Soldiers could then well bear these deductions since that Period, every Article of Provisions &c is encreased Cent per Cent dearer, but the Soldiers Pay still remains at 2½ Pagodas P Month Tis then necessary to consider, the good or bad effect, which may arise to the Service from putting the Soldiers under Stoppages for disorders which they bring on themselves & for which they no doubt ought to be punished in some manner or other Let this intention in as favorable Light as the Private Men will allow us consider it in the same point of View with their Superiors, as the Contingency Regulations demanding to be upon this Pittance will be deemed the greatest hardship that can be imposed on them & on their parts may act with will be averted to make it ineffectual, When a Private Soldier knows that Stoppages are to be made from his Pay while in the Hospital for Cure of their disorders He will endeavour for long as he can to conceal them from the Officers of his Company, they will also take Medicines from the Black Doctors

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who for a trifling Consideration gives them Drugs that in a few days entirely stops a Recent infection, forces the Disorder into the Blood & when it breaks out again somewhere at the Moment his Services are readily required; nothing but a very considerable course of Medicine can remove it from their Night Sir must remain a Considerable time under the Surgeons hands & probably never gets a thorough cure

In this Country, Bengal, Madras & in short in any Garrison where the Europeans are Stationed abounds with Numbers of abandoned Women & even tho the Soldiers can be brought to discovery Females who injured them, Inmuch yet every precaution on our part will fall far short of the Salutary ends proposed hereby, however should this Humble Rd come to a resolution to order certain Stop-pages to be made from such Men as are already in the Hospitals under Cure of their Disorders & for its being continued in future The Officers Commanding the European Corps will soon discover to discover whether any real utility is derived from the Order.

The Captains of each Company should keep a regular account of all Stoppages made from the Men & when a sufficient Sum is in hand

glad to take into Consideration

General Smith

Letters in Lett.

Lett & Orders re-

garding the

Bank of y.e En-

gineers

General Smith laye before
the Board the following Letter from Lt.
Colonel Pettygrass the Chief Engineer at
Bengal to Lt. Col. Ross together with a Copy
of the Orders given out at Fort William
regarding the Bank of the Officers in y.e Corps
of Engineers

Fort William 12 Nov.r 1774

Extract of Lieu.t Col. Pettygrass Letter to
Colonel Ross

Dear Sir

Pettygrass
Chief Engineer
at Bengal to
Col. Ross

I have been favored with
both yours the first by Capt. Monte & the
last of the 9th Instant with the Copy of the
Letters & Orders inclosed The Order for our being
restored to our Bank with the Rest of the
Army was issued the 3d Instant, a Copy
of which you have inclosed, and I am
compleatly satisfied upon it by most of the
Officers in Garrison so that I imagine no
doubt or difficulties would arise to hinder
today I had occasion to apply to Colonel
Pitching the Officer commanding the
Troops in Garrison that Budge Budge
a Post about sixteen Miles down the
River sent a Letter requesting from y.r
Chief Engineer on a Monthly Duty at
Budge Budge with an Subaltern Officer
on the same Court of Duty. The Engineer

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on hearing we had got our Bank in formed me he was the Senior Officer, Illness yesterday Morning applied to Col Wilding & desired the Engineer as Senior Officer on Duty at Budge Budge might be respected & take the Command & he return me no answer in writing but sent me word he would call upon me, soon nothing of him the whole day, but in the Evening when I was visiting Shaw Sim & he told me he must speak to General Clavering before he could answer my Note Immediately concluded he was not disposed to receive the Order of the 5th Instant in a favorable light for us, we then on morning Waited on the General & informed him of the Situation of the Engineer at Budge Budge & that I had applied to Col. Wilding that he might be respected according to his rank and agreable to the Order issued out as above, without receiving any answer the General told me after reading over the Order in my presence, that we must certainly have a rank with all this Officers of this army & that he could not see it in any other light than he then desired it might be told he had seen Col. Wilding & should then be Settled By the Orders issued since I waited on the General this Morning I am a gone Colonel Wilding has been with him as you may judge by the Orders issued since by the Colonel a Copy of which I send you Sir

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17th Fort St George 18 Febr 1775

Fort William 2 Novr 74

Orders by the Honble the Court of Directors

General Orders at Fort William on the Establishment of the Engineers Bankso

They have been pleased to Order that in future the Corps of Engineers should have Rank in the Army agreable to the Dates of their Commissions in the same manner as the Corps of Engineers in his Majestys Service with the Officers of his Majestys Army but they are to serve only in their own Corps

Fort William 12 Nov 1774

Orders by Lieut Col Wedderburn

Pursuant to the General Orders of the 2d Instant the Officer of Engineers on duty at the Forts of Budge Budge is to be respected in point of Command agreable to the Date of his Commission by all Officers whether from the Artillery, Infantry or Sepoys who may be occasionally Ordered upon Duty there

Resolved that a General Order to this Establishment be given out conformable to the Tenor of the foregoing

Read a Letter from Capt. Candler to General Smith

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To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Sir

Letter from Capt. Candler to Genl Smith applies for redress of certain inconveniencies in his Situation with respect to the Command of his Battalion

It is needless for me to expatiate on the Situation of my Battalion having already explained it in several Letters Suffice it to say that the Regimental Duty of the Corps given me in charge, by the Honble the Governor & Council has not been allowed me, a circumstance totally Military & that from the unaccountable Situation of the Battalion The Captains Station is rendered Inferior almost in every respect to his own Subalterns, particularly the Oldest Lieutenant who has generally the Command of 4 or 5 Companies Totally Independant of the Officer commanding the whole Corps to whom he says he owes no sort of Obedience (Regimental Duties or Otherwise) Altho he confesses that he certainly belongs to his Battalion whilst the Captain is Obliged to Remain with the Detachment of generally 2 or 3 Companies those Subdivided again in sum all parties & the whole under the Command of the Senior Officer in the District (Capt. Matthews) To remedy this & to put the Officer commanding the Corps on a Battalion in some Measure on a Level with his Brother Captains, by Raising his Condition a little Above the Rank of his Oldest Lieutenant I have ventured to propose to you Sir

First that the Senior Officer should have on all occasions,

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1st Fort St George 18 Febr 1775

Fort William 2 Nov 74

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Fort William 12 Nov 1774

Orders by Lieut Col Wedding

Pursuant to the General Order of the 5th Instant the Officer of Engineers on duty at the Fort of Budge Budge is to be respected in point of Command agreable to the Date of his Commission by all Officers or Soldiers from the Artillery, Infantry or Sepoys who may be occasionally Ordered upon duty there

Resolved that a General Order to this Establishment be given out conformable to the Tenor of the foregoing

Read a Letter from Capt Candler to General Smith

To

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To Brigadier General Joseph Smith

Sir

Letter from Capt. Candler to Gen.l Smith appr.ves of your orders & recommends it to his Situation with respect to the Command of his Battalion

It is needless for me to expatiate on the Situation of my Battalion having already explained it in several Letters Suffice it to say that the Regimental Duty of the Corps given me in charge, by the Honble the Governor & Council has not been allowed me, a measure totally Military & that from the unaccountable Situation of the Battalion The Captains Station is rendered Inferior almost in every respect to his own Subalterns, particularly the Oldest Lieutenant who has generally the Command of 4 or 5 Companies Totally Independant of the Officer commanding the whole Corps to whom he says he owes no sort of Obedience (Regimental Duties or Otherwise) Altho he conceives that he certainly belongs to his Battalion which the Captain is Obliged to Remain with the Direction of generally 2 or 3 Companies those Subdivided again in some all parties & the whole under the Command of the Senior Officer in the District (Capt. Matthews) To remedy this & to put the Officer commanding the Regt or Battalion in some Measure on a Level with his Brother Captains, by Raising his Condition a little Above the Rank of his Oldest Lieutenant I have ventured to propose to you Sir

First that the Senior Officer should have on all occasions,

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the Detection Regimental of the Battalion he Commands

Secondly that the Senior Officer should on all Occasions have Liberty to be with the Major part of his own Battalion when Stationed & Thirdly that 2 Companys might be added to the 5 Supposed immediately under the Command of the Capt. he then would have the direction of 7 Compys and 2 his Oldest Lieutenant 3 thou 7 Companies to be Stationed at Tchapoor which is exactly in the Centre between the two Districts & near Enough to give either immediate assistance incase of troubles The above particulars I have submitted to the judgement of the Chief & Council at Ganjam as also to the Officer Commanding there Capt. Brandiard who have entirely approved of it as I Presume that would not in any wise augment the Publick Expence & would be so justly conducive to the good of Service as the present Station of the Battalion

The only Objection the Chief of Vizagapatam has to this my all the information is, that sending 2 Companys of y. Battalion to join the 5 already in the Ganjam District would of course leave the Force under his jurisdiction having already given an Opinion that 2 Battalions are Necessary in the Vizagapatam District

So

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To obviate this, the Chiefs as well as the Military on both Districts are fully perswaded that 2 Battalions are Expedient for the protection of each & that Fort Augustus for the defence of both Countries is the most Eligible Station & as the 3 Batt.ns are Compleatly for the Security of these 2 Districts wherein 17 Companies are annexed to the Garrison Country & only 13 to this what can make but an inconsiderable Difference since the whole Force in this part can assemble immediately on any troubles Commencing

I shall Say no further trouble you on this subject than to observe, how mortifying it must be to an Officer, to have the Charge of any Corps without in fact having any authority over it, the little Alterations I have hinted at would remedy this in some degree & would put the Battalion on a military footing which at present is not

If I in the above particulars have presumed to request any thing that will augment the Publick Expences, or prove in any Measure repugnant to the good of the Service or that indeed any Officer Commanding a Corps so circumstanced would not demand they in that Case this address may much with neglect, for till a Battalion be in so odd dispersed or situated it does not follow as a Military Sentence nor it never Could have been the Intentions of the Honble Governor & Council to make the Captain the only Cypher in it

C. J

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Sir

With the greatest Respect
Your very Obedient & most
humble Servant
John Chandler

Resolved that Capt Chandler is undoubtedly entitled to the Sole Direction management of the Regimental Detail of his Battalion as the is responsible for its Discipline & Government consequently the Staff Officers of the Battalion must be with that Detachment wherever he is, & to act immediately under his Orders as one part of the Battalion is stationed in the districts under Vizagapatam the Board have no Objection to his remaining with either part as the Service they are employed on may render most expedient

Resolutions thereon

The present disposition of the Battalion being it is to be supposed, best calculated for the defence & protection of the Circars the Board cannot consent to the alteration proposed by Capt. Chandler, unless the same shall seem expedient to the respective Chiefs & Councils of Vizagapatam & Ganjam

The following Letter from Mr Daniel Toad

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Govr & Council
at Fort St George

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Letter from Mr Daniell Lieth of Storesmuswivisable, Hours much out of Repair

Sir I Give the Commandants of Madura & Palamcotah Leave formerly represented to you the State of the Stores in both those Garrisons but as Storekeeper it behooves me likewise to Communicate my Sentiments of them, on a Supposition that you will represent it to the Board & that they will prevent any future Consequences which may ensue from the present Insufficiency of their Quantity & the Badness of their Quality in General I have carefully examined the whole of them since my arrival and inclosed forward a List to you of such as should be immediately struck out of the Returns

be pleased to mention

The Storehouses likewise in both those Garrisons, most of which are only Old Choultries, with Slight walls run up between the Pillars a long time ago, are exceedingly out of Repair, One of the Magazines in particular in this Garrison, has no other Pavement than a Hard gravel Floor besides on Side on the Door & the Old Stone windows on each Side of it admit an uncommon Number of Rats some of which, it is not at all improbable may bring in a Spark of Fire in the Night in their Mouths from the different parts of the Garrison In short it is so particularly dangerous that I have applied to the Field Dar to give it some immediate Repair & request you will in the mean time favour me with your

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your Commands

I have the Honor to be respectfully

Honble Sir

Your most Obd & Humble Servant

James Daniel

Palamcotah

January 28th 1775

Ordered that the List of Unser-
viceable Stores be delivered to the Committee
of Stores & that the President be desired to ac-
quaint the Dalab that repairs are wanted
wanted for the Storehouses

The following Letter having been Received from the Chief & Coun-
cil at Vizagapatam is answered

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c in Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Viza-
gapatam &
Company's of
Capt. Sandors
Sepoys to join
Capt. Matthews

We have the Honor to receive
your Honours with Copy of a Letter received from
Captain Matthews

We have ordered the five Com-
panies of Captain Sanders Battalion
on their Arrival at Sacheempett to join
Capt. Matthews & also the Artillery from
Ennore

It is with concern we ac-
quaint your Honor &c of the Death of
Capt. Pittman at this Place the 22nd Inst.

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Johnson his Assistant who has received the
several Plans of the Surveys taken by Capt.
Pittman & himself We have Ordered them
to proceed and join Capt. Matthews's Det.
-achment & to take a Survey & Journ Plans
of the several Pagos as well as of the Coun-
-try contiguous to them of which we hope
your Honor & Co will approve
We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
humble Servts
Geo Stratton
P. Perring
Wm Williams

Vizagapatam
18 Febry 1775

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Agreeably to my intentions
of which I advised you in my last address I
Marched to the Pagoda leading towards Van-
-nimpatam & have the pleasure to tell you
that we are in possession of them all Having
sent a Detachment to dispersе that party
on the N.W. borders of Bimmedy
Until the arrival of Vizi-
-ramrauze Pauns, to whom I hope you have
Ordered to join me & who must be left at the
different Gaurds, I am under the necessity
of leaving Sepoys by which Pans for a few
days

Letter from Capt.
Matthews to the
Chief & Council
taken possession
of the Pagoda &
leave Sepoys
to defend them
Vizier and de-
-sires a body
of Madras attas

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Days unable to proceed

Vickeramdoo expects (as at last
gives out so Forrentaim) fifteen Seapoys and Ma-
-harattas & says that he will not act Trea-
-sonably until they join Sevi Thei people
have made one attack upon ours in which Ly.
-aguda And the others fled off the
Communication from the Peons to the upon
Country But there are Several Roads that
can be of no Benefit to Sevi Therefore if you
please you may send up Capt. Sandars
Detachment & the Artillery men, that I
Hear are upon their Return from Anka-
& then we shall the Sooner be able to com-
-plete the Work - There are, as I am told Four
more Peons that Labs from Bangalore (the
Capital) to their Camp which I shall
endeavour to secure as soon as possible
& then the Mahrattas, if they come, shall
not get back through the Hills, that are on
the other Side of the Paper that - You
May just now received
your Letter of the 15th What I have comm-
-unicated will shew that Vickeramdoo has shown
inclination to Peace As Soon as he shall
any I shall not fail acquainting you
therewith

Camp
Jan 22d: 1775

I have Extract Copy
Hy Crawford Secy

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Rob Matthews

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Military Department

To the Honble Mer.r Whyneh Esqr.s
President & Gov.rs &.ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Chief Maslipatam & Council. The Expence Maga-zine only at Salam-cotah only to be repaired &.ca

The Officer Commanding the Troops at Salamcotah having lately represented to us the Necessity of making several Repairs to the Works & Buildings at that place & having also indented for a very considerable Quantity of Stores We think it necessary to report the same to you & to argue with you that concluding from your having declined to give us any directions respecting Fords Bastion in the Works of that place that you would not have any, but those absolutely necessary undertaken therefore in those Cases we have thought it proper to direct the compleying with Capt.n Lyons plan of presentation except in the Instance of the Expence Magazine which being built of Stone & Chunam & wanting only a New Roof we have consented to have repaired as this will be furnished with an Estimate of the Expence

As by this Means Money will not be lost upon places at Salamcotah for lodging any Considerable Quantity of Stores we have complied with the Indent no further than as proved to us necessary

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necessary for completeing the Battalion Stores &
for fitting out the Small Guns belonging to it
all which we believe may be deposited in the Co.
penee Magazine

If we should have mistaken
your Honor & Cos intention, & it should appear
necessary for you to have the Works at Sama-
lacotah, kept in Repair we will immediately
on receipt of your Orders transmit Captain
Lysaught's Indent & report, for your Commis-
sion

We are very respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
Archdale Palmer
Charles Desvoeux
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
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Approved, respecting the
repairs at Samalacotah. The Chief Engineer
was Directed, in the other Departments to proceed
on the repairs Estimated for Fort St Davids Bastion,
and that he be Called upon for the same, and
as soon as the Board come to any resolution
thereon the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
will be advised

Read Letter from the Naval
Dated 17th Instant No. 21 with a Paper of Intelligence
respecting the measures of the Presidency of
Bombay Copy of which went to Vice Admiral

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Letter from the Nabob advises request of the Presidency of Bombay to obtain from Bagan authrow a Renunciation or Reconciliation of the Choult

Substance of the Answer to be returned

Packet in the Sea horse. The Nabob recommends that a Letter be wrote to the President & Council of Bombay to attain a renunciation ~~reconciliations~~ of the Choult, in their Treaty with Bagan authrow

Resolvd that the Nabob be advised that we are unacquainted with any treaty or Negotiation on foot between the Presidency of Bombay & the Mahrattas, & that as neither they or that Government can form any Alliances with the Country Powers without the Concurrence of the Gov.r Genl & Council of Bengal we shall transmit a Copy of this Letter to them

Read also the Letter from the Nabob which was received the 16 in Council & Copy forwarded to the Court of Directors p Sea horse

Nabob to be desired to give a Copy of ye treaty which he proposes to be Concluded with Hyder Ally

Agreed that the Nabob be requested to furnish us with a Copy of the treaty which he recommends to be Concluded with Hyder Ally

Read Letter from Bussora 16 Decbr N22 Country Correspondence

Resolvd that he be advised of our having already sent directions to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam to pay the Soubahs Kist agreable to the Firmaund assignment in favor of the Sowcar Hari a Worden Bunjoo

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ones and many volunteers to our Side & if any all that could be obtained from the 5th & seventh Battalions were joined, would make up a respectable body

I will not longer detain yr. Japtain for I cannot ably so with this information that I cannot now give you the particulars of this Shocking Affair, But could not undertake that disagreable task at Pallamcotah

I am therefore time
I remain with Respect
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Robert Kelly

My Officers having granted my permition to add a postscript to their Letter which I have granted.

We the Officers of the 9th Battalion do with the concurrence of Capt. Kelly beg leave in this Postscript to acquaint you Sir that every means in our power has been tried, first to prevent and lastly to quell this meeting but in vain, Force in our power would be of no avail against a Body of the Black Officers & having no connection with any Spirit, thereby rendering too much to concern with the Non Commissioned & Sepoys by their ill Consequence as to the Event And punnishing S. to those that we as well as our Captain would be forced from any

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every imputation of blame in their unlucky business, as we flatter Ourselves that our past Character & Conduct will exempt us from all suspicion of not having exerted our first wish

We are respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Frances Maxwell Lieut
Edward Johnson Lieut
Urban Vigors Lieut & Adjt
George Wuat - Lieut
Nat Dawes Ensign
Peter Wright Ensign
James Law Ensign
Tho Parr Ensign
George Ure Ensign

The Board are much Concerned
Orders in Consequence. at the general disaffection in Capt. Kelly's Batt.
-talion, That the Troops on any post cannot be spared by the
Presidency of Bombay being disappointed
of the Assistance we have given Information
to expect it is Resolved that Volunteers be drawn
-gbted from the Southern Battalions of Sepoys
for this Service equal in Numbers to Compleat
Battalion, & that the Necessary Orders be sent to
the Respective Commanders of the Southern Gar-
-isons, to Order such Volunteers as may be drawn
to be spared with all Expedition to Bengingo
& there to be formed into a Battalion under

Clive

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The Command of Captain Kelly, & that of
European & Black Officers to be drawn out from y^e
the Said Battalions, proportionably to the
Number of Volunteers which shall be furnish-
ed by each Battalion, & in the mean time
it is resolved that Capt Kelly be ordered to Collect
as many Sepoys from his own & Captain
Cookes Battalions as will consent to march
& proceed with them to Sanjengo where he
will remain until he is joined by the
Volunteers who shall go upon this Service
& was allowed to the Families of Capt
Kellys Battalion of Sepoys when they
left Trichinopoly -

J Monckton
Joseph Smith
Co. Darroll
Henry Brooke

Wm

Fras Swinton
Geo. Mackay

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In Consequence of the Resolution of Council this day, the following Letters were immediately wrote & dispatched

To Captain Kelly

Sir

Genl Smith has communicated to us your Letter of the 15th Instant It is with Concern we observe to you the dissatisfaction of your Battalion of Sepoys & the only expedient we can at present fall on to supply the Gentlemen at Bombay with the reinforcement they require, is to raise Volunteers to go on this Service, You will therefore be pleased immediately on receipt hereof to prevail on as many as possible of your Battalion with you to go, & you may assure them of reasonable Encouragement. We also mean write to Lt Col. Barclay at Madura & to Capt Cook at Palamcotah to entertain as many Volunteers as possible from the Sepoys of those Garrisons, with those Volunteers & a proportion of the European and Black Officers as may be necessary we would have you prosecute your March to Anjengo But Number
limit the Volunteers which may enter from your own & the Battalions at Madura & Palamcotah may be sufficient for Service We now write to the Commanding Officers at Trichinapoly & Vellore to entertain as many Volunteers as they may be able from the Battalions Stationed there &

Letter to Capt Kelly
A Battalion to be formed under his Command of Draught from the Southern Battns Instruction how to proceed

which when formed we shall Order to join them
you with all Expedition

With Respect to such of the
Officers and men of your Battalion who may
refuse to go on this Service We are sensible
of the Necessity of making a proper example
of them, but as it might be imprudent to sig-
nify our Intentions at this time to any one
but yourself, We would have them marched
back again to Trichinopoly under the Com
of Major a Genl Officer & you will then signify
to the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly
the Names of such of the Black Officers & men
who appear to have been the most active in
the Mutiny that we may give directions re-
garding them

Wherein you will loose no
time in arquainting us with the Number
of Volunteers you may get from your own
Battalion & from those of Madura & Palam-
cotah as well as with every material
Occurrence

The Saturnity of the Season make
it necessary that the Troops should proceed
with all Expedition

We are
Sir
Your Obedient
Humble Servants

Wyndham

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To Capt. William Cooke
commanding
at Patamcotah
Sir

Letter to Capt. Cooke
Volunteers from
the Battalion
for the Bombay
Expedition

On account of the Bad behavi-
-our of Capt. Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys now-
-going to proceed on their march to Anjengo
We have determined to draught out a Num-
-ber of Volunteers from the Battalions at
Trichinopoly, Vellum, Madura & Patam-
-cotah, equal to a compleat Battalion, to go
on Service to Bombay

You will therefore be plea-
-sed to select from your Battalion at Patam-
-cotah, such men as are willing to proceed to
Bombay, with a proportion at Number of
European & Black Officers from the said Battali-
-on as shall seem to you most proper for the
Occasion — You will then Order the said draug-
-hts to join Capt. Kelly if at Patamcotah
otherwise, to proceed for that purpose under
the Command of the Senior Officer to Anjengo
But in Case Capt. Kelly shall have left
Anjengo before their arrival there, such
Senior Officer must be directed to put them-
-selves under the Command of the Chief & Coun-
-cil at that place & to conform to all such
Orders and directions as they may think
proper to give them

As an Encouragement to
such Volunteers the Payments will be

directed

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directed to make the Pecuniary advances & to make Monthly Payments to them pursuant to the Orders made to Capt. Kelly if you find their Conduct on this Occasion shall be such as to merit your Attention to, & that they will return to their Establishment as soon as the Service will permit

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
Servant
Alex. Wynch 8th Council

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To Lieut. Col. John Braithwaite
Commanding
Sir

Letter to Lt Col. Braithwaite Draughts from the 5th Batt. of Sepoys to join Capt. Kelly

On account of the Insubordination of Capt. Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys now going to proceed to Bengal we have determined to draught a Number of Volunteers from the Battalions at Trichinopoly, Madura & Tellicherry & Palamcotah equal to a Compleat Battalion to go on the Service to Bombay

You will therefore be pleased to select from the 5th Battalion of Sepoys at Madura such Men as are willing to proceed to Bombay with a Proportionable Number of

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Battalion as shall join be you in with Pro-
-per Orders for the Occasion You will then Order
the said Draughts to proceed under the Com-
-mand of the Junior Officer Join Capt Kelly
at Pallamcotah or Anjingo But in Case
Capt Kelly shall have left Anjingo
before their arrival, then such Junior Officer
must be directed to put himself under the
Command of the Chief & Council at that
place & to conform to such Orders & Direc-
tions as they may think proper to
give them

As an Encouragement to such
Volunteers the Payment will be enabled
to make Allowance by Payments to their
Families, as mentioned to Capt Kelly
& You will further be pleased to give it
Signified to the said Volunteers, that
their Conduct on this Occasion shall
be your particular attention to & that they
will be returned to their Establishment
as soon as the Service will permit

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servants
Thos Wynch & Council

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To Lieut. Col. Bellingham
Commanding
at Trichinopoly

Sir

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Sir

Letter to Col Bolling from the 6th Batt to forward Volunteers for the Service to Bombay

On Account of the Bad behaviour of Capt. Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys in refusing to proceed on the intended March to Sanjeyo we have determined to draw out of the Volunteers from the Battalions at Trichinopoly, Vellore & Palamcotah 1 Jemadar 2 Duffadars & 50 Sepoys of each Battalion to go on the Service to Bombay

You will therefore be pleased to select from the 6th Battalion of Sepoys at Trichinopoly such Men as are willing to proceed to Bombay with a proportionable Number of European & Black Officers from the said Battn as shall seem to you most proper for the Occasion You will then Order the said Draughts to proceed under the Command of the Senior Officer & join Capt. Kelly at Palamcotah or Sanjeyo But in Case Capt. Kelly shall have left Sanjeyo before their arrival at there, such Senior Officer must be directed to put himself under the Command of the Chief & Council at that Place and to conform to such Orders & Directions as they may think proper to give

As an Encouragement to such Volunteers the Payment will be made to make the Journey Allowances, & to make Monthly Payments to their Families, as were made to Lieut Kelly's & You will therefore be pleased to

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to gett it Signified to the said Volunteers
that their Conduct on their Occasion shall
be paid particular attention to & that they will
be returned to their Establishment as soon
as the Service will permit

We are
Sir
Your most Obed.t
Servants
Alex.r Wynch
Council

Fort St George
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To Capt. Charles Hopkins
Commanding at
Vellum

Sir

Letter to Capt Hopkins
this Battalion Ord.
Service to proceed
Draught &

On account of the Bad behavi-
-our of Capt. Kelly's Battalion of Sepoys
in refusing to proceed on their March
to Bengeapore We have determined to draw-
-ght a Number of Volunteers from the Bat-
-talions at Trichinopoly, Vellum, Madu-
-ra & Palamcotah equal to a Compleat
Battalion to go on the Service to Bombay.

You will therefore be pleased
to select from your Battalion of Sepoys at
Vellum such Men as are willing to proceed to
Bombay with a proportionable Number of Eu-
-ropean & Black Officers from the said Battalion
as shall seem to you most proper for the occasion
You will therefore Order the said draught to proceed
under the Command of the Senior Officer & join Capt.

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Kelly at Patamcotah or Tongiengo, But in Case Capt Kelly shall have left Tongiengo before these Shall arrive, Such Junior Officer must be directed to joyn Them & Command of the Chief & Council at that place & to conform to such Orders & Directions as they may think proper to give him

To encourage such Volunteers they propose will be directed to make such reasonable advances & to make month. ly Payments to them Gentlemen as were made to Capt. Kelly's & you will Gentlemen be pleased to get it signified to y.e Said Volunteers that their Conduct on this occasion shall be paid particular Our attention to & that they will be returned to their Establishment as soon as the Service will permit

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servants
Mess.rs Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
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25 This day the following Letters were wrote to the Paymasters at Trichinapoly by Pallamcotah & Madura respecting advances &c to the Sepoys going to Bombay.

To Mr. Wm Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinapoly

Sir

Letter to Mr Wynch

As some Sepoys will

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probably be drawn off from the 6th Battalion to proceed with Capt Lawn Bobby to Bombay, you are hereby to signify & directed to make the Same advances & monthly payments to them & their Families, as you were directed to make to the Sepoys of Capt Bibbys Battalion, You will also be pleased to conform to every other particulars of the said Orders which you received respecting the said Advances & Payments

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Wm Petrie Secy

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To Mr. Edward Stroud
Paymaster at Pellicum
Sir

As soon as you will procure drawn off from Capt Hopkinson's Bat. Battalion to proceed with Capt Bibby to Bombay as an Encouragement to them the Board & Council have been pleased to allow that a Certain Part of the Pay of such Sepoys of the said Battalion as have Families behind them & who may are willing to provide for the Subsistance of their Families during their Absence to be paid Monthly by you to the said Families, You are hereby accordingly Directed to make monthly Payments in the manner before mentioned taking care to make out an Exact Return of the Names & Rank of such

Black

Letter to Mr Stroud
Paymaster at
Pellicum

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Officers & Soldiers as apply for their Subsistence
Due Copy of each Return you will send to
Capt Kelly & desire him to advise you from
Month to Month of all Casualties which may happen
in Guard of the Troops under his Command
that proper Payments may be therein Given it is my
Intention to Augustate according to Establishment
you will likewise send to Town as soon

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Humble
Servt
Wm Petrie Jun.

Fort St George
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To Mr James Daniel
Paymaster
at Madura
Sir

Letter to Mr Jo.
Daniel Paymr
for ch Madura

As soon as Troops will procee
Cabby be drawn out to Town Capt Cookes Batta
lion of Troops to Encamped with Capt Kelly to Com
-bay as an Encouragement to them the Provisions
& Cannot have been paid and to allow that a
certain Number part of the Pay of such Sol-
-diers of the said Battalion as have Families
behind them, & who are willing to provide
for the Subsistance of their Families during
their absence be paid Monthly by you to the
said Families, Upon Therefore according to Di-
-rected to make enquiry thereby Payments in the
Manner before explained taking care to
make out an Exact Return of the Names &
Ranks

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Rank of each Black Officer & Sepoys as apply for their Indulgence One Copy of which Return you will send to Capt. Hedly & desire him to advise you from time to time of all such Casualties as may happen in that part of the Sepoys under their Command, that your Payments to the Gratuities may not be regulated accordingly by another Copy you will be supplied to forward to me

Sam
Sir
Your most Obed.
Wm Petrie Secy

Fort St George
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Send agreeably to the Determination of the Board of 18 Instant the following copy wrote by the Secretary to Capt Candler

To Capt. John Candler
Commanding the 2d Carnatic Battn
of Sepoys
Sir

Letter to Capt Candler

Your Letter to Genl Smith he has laid before the Board & Sam commanded by the President & Council to acquaint you that you are undoubtedly entitled to the sole direction of the Regimental detail of your own Battalion being responsible for its discipline & Economy but that the Staff Officers of the Battalion are to be always with you, as they immediately under your Orders, Any of your Battalion

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Battalion of Sepoys is divided into two parts one part doing Duty in the District dispersed as Viza of apatam, & the other in the District dispersed as Ganjam You have permission to recide with their part of your said Battalion as shall appear to you most eligible The present disposition of your Battalion being, it is to be supposed, best calculated for the defence & protection of the Circars, the Board cannot consent to y.r Alteration you propose unless the same shall meet with the approbation of respective Chiefs of Viza apatam & Ganjam who in that case will of course order it to be carried into execution

I am
Sir
Your most Obd Servt
Wm Rose Secry

Fort St George
25 Feb.y 1775

The following Orders were this Day dispatched to the Commandants of Garrisons, pursuant to the Resolves agreed upon in Consultation the 18th Instant

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commanding at Vellore
Sir

Letter to Col Lang
the Europeans at
Vellore removed
to Trichinopoly

Upon the arrival of the European Battalion from Trichinopoly at

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The Battalions of Capt. Povey & Capt. Godfrey & Major Adl um.

Gentlemen you are hereby directed to order the 2 Batt.ns 5th Brigade under the Command of Lieut. Col. Harper to proceed with all convenient expedition to Trichinopoly, there to remain until further Orders

Having thought proper to appoint Capt. Godfrey to the Command of Gentlemen & Capt. Povey's Battalion to relieve the 5th at Madura, you will be pleased to order the said Battalions to their respective Stations, relieving Capt. Povey's with five Companies of Capt. Edmonstone's, which Companies are to remain there, till the arrival of Capt. Brooke's Corps who are appointed to the Command of Timbaar embowed are three Orders from the Nabob to this Government to be forwarded by the European Battalions of Sepoys with Directions upon their march which you will be pleased to deliver to the proper Officers

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Alex.r Wynch
&c.a Council

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To Lieut. Colonel Bellingham
Or the Commanding Officer
at Trichinopoly

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Sir,

Letter to Lt Col. Billingham Orders for the removal of Troops at Fairhill &c &c

Upon receipt of this Letter you will be pleased to march with the 1st Brigade under your Command to Chittoor leaving there the Battalion of Europeans on that Garrison, leaving Capt. M'Kenzie with his Battalion of Sepoys on Garrison till the arrival of the 2nd Battalion of Brigade from Vellore which is also Order'd to Chittoor. Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
Alex Wynch Sr Counsl

To Capt Robt Godfrey
Commanding the 12 Batln of Sepoys

Sir

Letter to Capt Godfrey appointed to the Command of Nellore.

We thought proper to appoint you to the Command of Nellore you will accordingly receive Orders from Capt. Lang to proceed thither with your Battalion & Artillery Capt. Thopkins to whom you will be pleased to deliver the accompanying Letter

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servts
Alex Wynch
Sir Counsl

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To Capt. Charles Thopkins
Commanding at Vellore

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Sir

Letter to Capt. Hopkins to Command Pallamcotah

Having appointed Capt. Godfrey to the Command of Pallamcotah you are directed to deliver over the Command there of to Capn upon his arrival, together with the Forth Orders & Instructions as you may have recei: ved from time to time respecting y Command of the said Forth

As We have likewise appointed you to the Command of Pallamcotah you will accordingly proceed thither with your Battalion as soon as you shall be relieved by Capt. Godfrey & receive the Charge of the Fort of Pallamcotah from Capt. Cook, who has received our directions on that Subject

Enclosed is an Order from the Nabob to his Managers to comply by you with Whatever Cash may be wanting on your march to Pallamcotah

We are

Sir

Your most Obt Servts

(O) Mar Haynes

& Council

Fort St George
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To Capt. William Cook

Commanding at Pallamcotah

Sir

Letter to Capt Wm Cook to proceed to Madras &c

Having appointed Capt. Charles Hopkins to the Command of Pallamcotah & directed

Sir

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Sirs to proceed with his Battalion, You are hereby ordered to deliver over to him the Command of the said Fort, together with such Orders & Instructions as you may have received from time to time respecting the said Command, after which you will repair on board to proceed with the 5th Battalion of Sepoys to Madras

Enclosed is an Order from the Nabob to his Managers, to supply Captain [illegible] with Necessaries on the March to that place

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
J Wynch & Council

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To Lieut Col. Braithwaite
Commanding at Madura
Sir

Upon the request of Captain Sepoys Battalion at Madura, which the Board approve of, we have thought proper that the 5th Battalion will be relieved to Order the said 5th Battalion to proceed without delay on the Expedition Enclosed is an Order from the Nabob to his Managers to supply the 5th Battalion with Necessaries on the March to their Place

Lieut Col Braithwaite with the Battalion at Madura

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servants
J Wynch & Council

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The following Letter to Genl Smith from Capt. Kelly was this day laid before the General

Pallamcotah 18th Febry 1775

To Brigadier General Smith

Commanding in Chief &c.

Sir

Letter from Capt Kelly to Genl Smith with an Address from the Sepoys to the Genl.

I have at length made a Commendable party against the Mutineers & have after consulting with Capt. Cook determined to treat them with as little ceremony as they did me on the Road. I have promised immediate promotion to those who obey Orders at the Expence of those who do not, for I find nothing else will do

I now give the Letter I owe you, Sir, would have all the Soldiers in the Army see as I wrote by their own Orders & dictated by their Chief or else I do had there been room on the paper & time they would not have been afraid or ashamed to have signed it

Capt. Cook has promised me all the Volunteers I can raise from his Batt. And I have wrote to Lieut. Colonel Braithwaite to send me Some from Madura There is time enough for the assembling of them For there are not Vessels enough at Anjingo to transport the whole at once I will therefore (as the Travancore Rajah has sent a very gracious answer) send them off by small

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determination with regulated as to give least trouble possible

Hoping by to morrow we might give you a better account of our situation I am Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Robert Kelly

Address to Gent. English
From the Sepoys of the 9th Battalion
Date Patamcotah 17th Feb 1775

When the Battalion was at Trivanopoly an Order was given out by Capt Kelly to prepare for marching & everything was got ready for that purpose. Soon after Orders was directing us to leave our families there & give notice to the writer, of the sum We would chuse to have paid them for their Maintenance, upon this We begg'd to know the place of our destination & were told, they in going, in the Country of Madura there no chance it would be possible to send any ourselves for the subsistence of our families, We therefore agreed to what was proposed in Confidence that our Masters intended nothing for Our benefit Both on Our Arrival at Madura We heard a Report that We were to be put

on

on board of Ships and would be Bombay, though
on being told so We did not mind the Report
as We did not imagine that would be prac-
tised upon us of which no instance had
been known before, & trusted all with Events that
no Compulsion would be used. On our leaving
Madura a Sowcar told Us, he heard that Our Capt
& Officers had left their Horses & Superfluous
Baggage in that place, a circumstance that
confirmed what we had heard & concerned our ap-
prehensions there thereof. We communi-
cated, after the second days march to our Roma-
dars & Sebadars at a place called Birudapet-
ty & the Capt. upon this Ordered us to form
the Square, The then told us openly that We were
to go to Bombay & as We were under Arms We
thought it an improper time to make any
Reply. But having left that Place & arrived
at Tadpatt. The then what Coming from an-
thony & our Sebadars & Jemadars Ordered us
to Strike the Tents we did not obeying
as we are all unwilling to go to Bombay
Our Capt. then came to us & asked why we refu-
sed to take up our Tents. We told him that Hitherto
the English had never used Compulsion in get-
ting us on Ship Board & that his Intention
of doing so was the Cause of our present Conduct
The Captain Upon this drew his Sword & swore to
us that he would put some on board of Ships
against their will Since that on our arri-
val at Covilpatty the Capt. Ordered our Se-
bidars & Jemadars with their Majors &c

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Three Howitzers & three Serjeants out of each Company to come before them, who being again questioned concerning the Behaviour of the Battalion replied in our name that We were willing to go by Land wherever We were Ordered & that We had never hesitated to go to Battle wherever it might be on the Coast; but as We Could not Go on Board Ships we would not go, tho' we were to die for it, We have thus fully made this Representation to you Sir, & shall stay in Palamcotah till your answer arrives

March 7th

The President this day received a Letter from Capt. Cook acquainting him advising of a Council of War having been held to enquire into the particulars of the Mutiny in Capt. Kelly's Battalion & that it had appeared, That the acting Black Commandant was the principal if not the only Cause of the mutiny & that the Council of War in an unanimity of Opinion y.e said Commandant deserved death, in consequence of which & the expediency of the Service a Shocking example, it was Capt. Kellys Intention to have the Commandant blown from a Gun. That almost all the Serjeants of the Battalion, had agreed to proceed on y.e Service to Bombay & that Capt. Kelly accordingly intended to March immediately for Anjengo

The Commandant of Capt. Kelly's Battalion to suffer Death for Mutiny the Battalion Commanded to proceed

For Consequences Attached

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which Letter, the President directed the Secretary to take the Opinions of the Council whether it was necessary to countermand the Orders which were sent the 24th Ultimo for reinforcing the Capt. Kelly with Draughts from the Southern Battalions & the Members of Council being of opinion that the said Orders should be immediately countermanded, as it appeared by them from Capt. Cooke's Letter that if the whole of Capt. Kelly's Battalion did not proceed, the Capt. Cook could furnish him with a greater Number of Volunteers from his Battalion than necessary for the Duty the Exigency, in Consequence of which the Letters were sent this afternoon immediately wrote & dispatched—

Order for the Volunteers from the Southern Battalions Countermanded

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
Governor &c.a &c.a

Letter from Capt. Cooke

Yesterday half past two in the afternoon I had the Honor to receive your Letter of the 13th Instant Enclosing a Packet for Anjengo which I immediately dispatched with Strict Orders to the Dooraahs to make all the possible haste

Capt. Kelly held a Council of War yesterday consisting of all the European Officers of this & my Battalion that can be spared from other Duty to Enquire into the Causes of the late Mutinous behaviour

of this people all the Evidences were Exami
-ned upon Oath when it appeared (as I
am informed for I have not seen the Pro-
ceedings) that the Acting Black Comman-
-dant had been the first mover & promoter
if not the Cause of the Mutiny. This beha-
-viour appears so execrable a Light, that
the Council of War were unanimous in
Opinion that he had not been guilty of
Mutiny & deserves to Suffer Death on the
Strength of which Opinion & the expedi-
-ency of this time of a severe Example
being made I determined Capt. Kelly should
to the Resolution to have the Culprit
blown from a Gun this afternoon that with
the dimension of two or three other black
Officers will (I determine) be all the Examples
that will be made. Capt. Kelly has done
me the honor to coincide with me upon every
step he has taken in this disagreeable busi-
-ness, & I have concurred with them in every
thing (as far as I know) he has done

Capt. Kelly informs me
this morning tomorrow Morning early most
of this people have already agreed to go
on the Expedition & I determine the whole
will but should any remain Continue
in their Desertion there are about 130 of
my people who have offered themselves
to go which I determine will be more than
will Compleat his Battalion

I have the honor to be

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With Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servt
William Cook

Palamcotah
22d Febry 1775

To Lieutenant Col. Braithwaite
Commanding at Madura
Sir

Letter to Lt Col. Braithwaite & Billingham & Capt. Hopkins

The President having recd from Capt. Cook Commanding at Palamcotah advising that he imagines a sufficient Number of Volunteers from his Own & Capt. Kellys Battalions will offer to proceed to Bombay rather than will render it unnecessary to draft Volunteers for that Service from any of the other Battalions the President & Council have thought fit and to command him the Orders sent to you for that purpose under Date the 24th Instno & which they have since thought to signify to you

I am Sir
Your most Obt Servt
William Petrie Jr.

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1 March 1775

The same to Lt Col. Braithwaite, Billingham Commanding at Trichinopoly & to Capt. Hopkins Commanding at Dindigul & Samiaveram the following Letter from Col Lang

To The Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & ca Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

I greable to your Orders Capt.
Godfrey marched with his Battalion yesterday
for Vellour, & five Companies of Capt Coings
Sepoys under the Command of Lieut Barton
marched for Amboor

The European Battalion duty
duty here are in readiness to move on the short-
-est notice

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient
humble Servants
Ross Lang

Vellour
March 5. 1775

3° This day the following Letter was wrote
to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam the 5th Barracks to be built on the Company's Lots

As you informed us, in your Letter of the 9th January that you had not received any proposals for contracting for the building of the Sixteen Bd Barracks & at the same time recommend, that the Work no any be undertaken at the Company's

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Commands Concurrence, we acquiesce therein & desire that an receipt Thereof you cause the said Barracks to be begun upon, on the Companys Account & as you represent Materials sufficient to be in Store, that you be particularly attentive that no other charge be incurred than that of Workmanship

We are

Gentlemen

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3d March 1775

Your affectionate Friends
W Wynch & Council

5 Sent the following Letters to Capt Johnson & Mackenzie.

To Captain Mac. Mackenzie
Commanding the 6th Battalion of Sepoys
at Trichinopoly

Sir

Upon the arrival of Captain Andrew Johnson with his Battalion of Sepoys at Trichinopoly You will be pleased to deliver over the Command thereof to him & having your Guns at Trichinopoly proceed with your Battalion to Conjeveram Coomaon there till further Orders

Enclosed you have an order to the Nabobs Managers to supply you with necessaries on your March

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We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servts
Alex Wynch &ca

Captain Mack. enzie with his Battalion to proceed to Conjeveram.

5th

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To Captain Andrew Johnson
Commanding the 2d Battalion of Sepoys
at Conjeveram

Sir

Capt. Johnson to relieve Capt. Mackay at Trichinopoly

Upon the receipt hereof you will be pleased to proceed with your Battalion of Sepoys to Trichinopoly & receive the Command of the said Fort from Capt. Mackay who has been furnished with our directions on that head You are to remain in the Command until relieved by a Junior Officer with the Coast Battalion from Vellore

Enclosed is an Order from Y. Nabob to his Managers to supply you with Necessaries on your March

Your spare ammunition Guns & Bullocks you will be pleased to leave at Conjeveram under a proper guard of Sepoys

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servts
A Wynch & Co Council

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Came in the following Letter from Captain Meyers at Anjingo

To The Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
Chief & Co Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Meyers advises with his Detachment at

I have the honor to inform you
that

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That the Ship Louisa arrived safe this day with the troops on board agreable to the inclosed return, and hope that as prevailing Easterly Adjutant will much wishing our appreabation Iwas in expectation of having met Captains Kelly's Battalion & Mr Hunter ever animated with the good of the Service would willingly have taken one hundred on Board but by a Letter from Capt. Kelly to the Chief I see, his Battalion wont be here these Eight days & then I fear, that they will remain a long while before they'll meet with a Conveyance for Bombay

The Chief I see informed me that he had advised you, of the Success of our Sloop against that of the Mahrattas which ended in the destruction of one of their Forts nothing since has occurred worthy your notice

We intend sailing from hence this afternoon, & hope to rejoin us with the Sloop which with a Convoy sailed from Tellicherry the 15 Inst.

Permit me to recommend to your notice, the genteel & disinterested treatment of Mr Hunter to the Officers & the good accommodation to the detachment in general

I am with great esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & most Obt

Servant

John Henry Meyers

& Respect

Anjengo
21 Febry 75

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At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor Pres.t
George Dawson " Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson " John Maxwell Stone
Francis Soundan " Archdale Palmer
George Mackay

Monday 6th March 75

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

Genl Smith advanced

The President argueaints the Board that Mrs Montresor the Widow of the late Capt. Henry Montresor had made oath to him to the effect prescribed in the Clause to Dod to entitle her to the Military Pension — Agreed that a Certificate be granted to her for the same

Read a Letter from Capt. Kelly to General Smith dated from Palamcotah 29th Ultimo, with the proceedings of the General Court Martial Council of War held on the acting Commandant of the Battalion for having the principal cause & procurer of the mutiny of the said Battalion, of which he is found Guilty & also of Mutiny for which the Council of War are of Opinion, he ought to be Punished with death.

Ordered that the Council of War be entered

Proceedings of a Council of War held in Camp near Palamcotah the 21st Feby 75

by

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by desire of Capt. Robert Kelly Commanding the 9th Battalion of Sepoys in order to examine into the Causes of the Late Sedition & Mutiny in the 9th Battalion & to give their Opinion of the Punishment necessary to be inflicted on the author or authors of the said Mutiny & Sedition on full conviction — Consisting of the following Officers of the 7 & 9th Battalion of Sepoys Viz.t

Lieutenant Cornelius Grant
Lieutenant Robert Saunders
Ensign Matt. M.c Pherson
Ensign Joseph Eaton
} 7th Batt.n Sepoys

Lieutenant Francis Warwick
Lieutenant Edw.d Jamieson
Lieutenant Geo.e Mead
Lieutenant Barth.w Vizors
Ensign Nathaniel Davis
Ensign Peter Wright
Ensign James Law
Ensign James Parry
Ensign George Hore.
} 9th Batt.n Do.s

To you Gentlemen of the 9th Battalion I need not recapitulate the particulars of this unfortunate Affair, But as the Gentlemen of the 7 Battalion are not so well acquainted with them, I think it necessary to lay my Journal before the

Court

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the coward Madar Saib Sirad on forbidding the Sepoys (by his Cooks) to take up their arms that the Irish Company that began the disturbance was the Commandants which the Battalion in general followed their Example On hearing of which the Captain mounted his horse accompanied by some of his Officers & Gallopped in among us enquiring into the Cause of the disturbance & after making an oath to the Battalion he appeased them for some time, that Shaik Gee Naick told me, Gulam Hyder Havildar in Ramaswamys Company informed him that the Commandants first Orders through this Battalion that they must all stand to one Word, which was that they would suffer themselves to be cut to pieces rather than go on Board Ship, & afterwards Commanded his own Company as you ain led with the same Orders, & that if any European Officer should ask them about it that they must not discover that the Black Officers had any hand in it, On pain of being cut to pieces All this Night my Comp Shaik Gee Naick Havildar Shaik Gee Naick being ordered one of the next Morning & Explained all that had happened every particular as by which Explained as Ramapoo Pingaul Shanmoo Gurumoo with what Orders you received in Camp & being angry told him to go about his

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business which he accordingly did after which the Captains issued an Order for one Subedar two Jemadars three Havaldars three Naigs & three Sepoys from each Company to assemble at his Tent that morning at 9 O'Clock These Orders were made known to all the Subedars who accordingly the guards were relieved they all came together to the Captains Tent- Shaik Gee Naig & Guttam the two in Sepoy told him that they heard that the Commandant said that he had not been respected & had thrown the weight off his own Shoulders & that it now entirely depended on the Sepoys Being of one Mind & that one said a Sepoy in the Commandants Company that the Sepoys were divided as to their resolution of which they were acquainted. That after we came from Coilon, Bama a Swamy Subedar & Swee talking together & Shaik Madar Jemadar approached & asked, if we heard any News suspected Shaik and asked him, what it was, he replied that the Commandant informed him, that of the Battalion was broke for their Behaviour, That he would take them all to the Nabab, & by giving a present of two or three thousand Rupees he would get the Battalion Entertained in his Service: That he would be Commandant

Dank

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Commandant & provide for them all
When asked Madar Saib Jemadar what
the Black Officers had been committing about
for four days past, to which he answered
the Commandant had told them to draw
the Sepoys of their different Companies all
together in case that any European Officer
should enquire thereupon, Not to mention
their name

Lieutenant Lalegg being asked
whether he had treated & attended to their
Complaints & whether he had given it
to Lieut. Rogers He answered in the affir-
mative & produces the following Certifi-
cates in Support of the Charge Viz.

Abdul Cauder Court Havildar of the Company
Shaick Ge Naigue D.o
Shaick Madar Jemadar
Gettam Hussein Havildar
Gettam Hussein Sepoy
Sudd Jemmon at Naigue
Bunny Saib D.o
Kundoo Sepoy
Shaick Mound Havildar
Rangia Cavel Havildar
Lal Jemmat Naigue being called upon
says that he received Orders from Bunny Saib
Naig (which came from the Comman-
dant) to acquaint his Company not to
take up their Arms, & to remain unarmed
as not going on Guard this

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Bunny Saib Naigue being called upon, says he received the above Order from Kistna a Sepoy in the Commandants Company

Kistna Sepoy being called upon, says he received the Above order from Shaik Hamed Havildar in the Commandants Company

Shaick Hamed being called upon says he received the Above order from Bangia Court Havildar in the Commandants Company

Bangia Court Havildar being called upon says he received the above Order from the Commandant own mouth, & further adds that he told him, that all the Havildars, Naigues & sepoys who were to be assembled by the Call to hear their minds should speak one word that was that, we will not on any account go on Board Ships

Captain Kelly calls upon the following Subidars to depose what they know relative to the rise & progress of the Mutiny & Sedition

Sodam Saaib declares that the whole of the Mutiny was begun & carried on by Moor-thee Saib Subidar & acting Commandant Venkatachelum Subidar says that he and every body knows it was by Moorthee Saibs Order that the men refused to take up their Arms, & that he was the Sole promoter of the Sedition & Mutiny

Rama Swamy Subidar declares that at the time the men refused to take up their Arms he was in his Company & asked them

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The Jemadar is Meer Sarob Jemadar, the Havildar Mahommit Hussun Subedar & the Jemadar is all the Sirjeants of the Battalion & there are also some Havildars & Naigs besides I did not recommend them for promotion when they expected — The Jemadar desires that Ramajiah Havildar may be sworn to the truth of what he has said, Who was sworn accordingly to the truth of his former deposition

Shaik Meerah Jemadar has likewise by his desire sworn to the truth of his former deposition & repeats the word for word Seid Hussein a Sepoy being called upon says that the Commandant desired the people not to take up their arms, or make insurrections at the same time with his Sword before the Capt. came out on the Parade Muckdum Saib called upon. The Jemadar Said Jemadar & adjutant who says he heard the Commandant talking about his not going to Bombay but Jemadar has seen give any Orders to the Sepoys not to go

Buddin Saib Jemadar being called upon by them, says he knows nothing of the matter

Sheikmeer called upon Masoole a Sepoy

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all the rest of the Sepoys say they would not go, he said he would not go neither that he would rather have his Head cut off but the Commandant did not tell them not to go

Hussain Cawn Sepoy says that he & y.e Commandant had some Conversation relative to the Battalion going to Bombay & he told him that they would go & return in four or five Months

He calls upon Gulaum Hussain Subidar who says that at Salsette the Commandant received Orders from Capt Kelly that the Governor & Council had argument him that the Battalion was to go to Bombay & that they would return in four or five months, that the Commandant under a tree where the Company was & explained the above Orders to them. At the same time four or five of them said they would not go on board Ship, When y.e Commandant gave them good words & desired them to go, that they would soon return

Captain Kelly upon swearing the Commandant calling upon people who said that they did not know any thing of his being removed — Advanced that it was by no means a proof that he was not the author for it was impossible to prove a

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negative

That it was ascertain'd that the Battalion did mutiny & visible to every Officer in the Battalion, that the men were excited to this by some Person of weight with them — That there were many clear Evidences already given, that he was that Person, that therefore it now depended on him to disprove their Evidences by an equal Number of Witnesses, which could only be done by laying it on the some body else, & by convincing the Gentlemen present that he Was as active in Suppressing the Mutiny as a man in his Station could do +

Thus to him Said call upon Abby Cawn Cutria Bhia / Abdull Cawder, & Abdul Navy Hamidans Mootie & Lutchma Naigues & Pinnaud & Bhia Sepoys the above Men say that the Commandant used his influence over his Company as well as people of different Companies to go where they were Ordered that they would return in Four or Five Months

Thus to him Sepoy corroborates the above Evidence, & further Says, that he promised to make him a Havildar if he be-

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Vincat actuelum Hanilcar says that the Commandant used Words to induce Swin to go where Ordered that he would meet with promotion & the different Casts would be taken care of on board Ship. Which Orders he received from ye Captain

Question from the Council of War to Capt. Hepsoain Swin

How can you answer to yourself, that having said in the Morning that the Commandant had encouraged the Battalion to Mutiny, You now say he encouraged the Sepoys to go forward

Answer

He did both, but at different times

Question from the Council to the Commandant

If you was so active as you want to prove in your Defence, in persuading & encouraging the Battalion to go on this Service, how came it that the said Battalion was on Parade by Capt Kelly to you & the Other Black Officers at Capt Cootes House in Palamcotah, whether you would or would not go to Bombay that you then refused

Answer

That he did not positively refuse to go but said as the Battalion had behaved would be Same at Salaor, in absenting & Spitting in this Case he was much ashamed to go in front of it

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Question by the Court of War to Capt. Kelly

Whether at Captain Cookes house as before mentioned, did the Prisoner refuse or not to go to Bombay when asked by you

Answer

When I assembled all the Black Troops Officers of the Battalion at Captain Cookes house I desired all that were willing to do their duty like good Officers & to go to Bombay along with me, to turn out & go to one End of the Hall On which there came over to me all but the Commandant Murdoon Saib, Two Subedars & two Jemadars, Venkatachellum being one of the Subedars & Captain Cook knowing him asked him by his name, how dare he refuse to do his duty turnout & He answered that only One man of his Company would follow him & therefore he did Not get up - When Captain Cook turning to Murdoon Saib asked him how he that ought to be the first to set a good example to the Battalion could refuse to turnout & seeing him hesitate I first put the Question to him, did he refuse going to Bombay? The Commandant answered yes I am ashamed to be at the head of such fellows, who not only abuse me & my family & made use of all the Bad Names they could invent, but Drew their Bayonets on me at Sabbot, and would have put me to death had not the Capt. Galloped up to my relief

2nd Question

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Commandant mentions that the Sepoys
mutinied & drew their bayonets upon him
& would have put him to death, had you not
rode up to his Assistance; did you see any
bayonets drawn amongst the Mutineers

Answer No But the Commandant that night
upon the march acquainted me that several
had their bayonets drawn

The same Question being put to
Lieut. Thrale who went up with Captain
Kelly, He answers that he did not see any
bayonets drawn

After mature deliberation
on the Several examinations The Council
of War are unanimously of Opinion
that Alexr Low Subah acting Commandt
of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys has been
the principal cause & promoter of the
late sedition & mutiny in the said Batt.n
& that he is guilty of muting himself
And that the Punishment proper to be
inflicted on him for such crime, in
such a manner person & on such exigen-
-cy of the Service is death

Cornelius Grant Lt 7th Batt.n	Nat.l Dawes Ensig.n 9th Batt.n
Robert Scouler Lt Do	Peter Wright Ens.n Do
Francis Maxwell Lt 6th Do	Matt.w M.cPherson Do
Edw.d Johnson Lt Do	James Place Ens.n 11th Do
George Mouat Lt 2d Do	Thomas Part. Do Do Do
Batt.e Wingors Lt Do	Sol. Porter Eyton 7th Do
	George Ure Ensign 9th Batt.n

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Captain Kelly advises that as the exigency of the Case required, on his Opinion, the most exemplary & effectual mode of inflicting the Punishment he had caused the Commandant to be blown

Pattn Execution parade

from the Gun, in the presence of the Battn which he the Number of 900 Men turned out Voluntarily to witness the Execution Captain Kelly thinks that he will have occasion for any accounts from Capt Hoskins Battalion, & from the Behaviour of the Sepoys at the Execution of the Commandant, he trusts there will be no disinclination he has promoted one of his younger Subadars to be Commandant, & altered the Dates of Rank of the others according to their

Good effects of y^e Example upon the Execution

behaviour three Subadars, five Jemadars with Several Havildars, Chobdaigues &c has been promoted for their bad conduct on the late Mutiny

The Board are well pleased to observe the good effect which the Exemplary Punishment of the Commandant has had upon the Battalion, and it is to be hoped that the Sepoys will now proceed without reluctance to the Service they have been Ordered upon — Capt. Kellys Conduct in so critical a Situation has been very Commendable

Capt Kellys Conduct approved

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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Short requests a Command & to be a Candidate for the first vacant Battalion

It is with concern I take the Liberty to represent your Old Servant passed over for many years And I am much perplexed to find a reason. He is conscious of having done his duty as an Officer, And as a member of Society. He further flatters himself to have supported a Character, he begs Leave to refer you back to your certificate of his conduct on his going to England, And since his arrival July 1768, he has not failed to attend every Service that was fully prevented by Sickness, he begs your consideration of his great Expences since his arrival without further Emolument than the Chances of the Field

He requests the Honor of your Command And that he may stand a candidate for the first vacant Battalion in the Carnatic or the Circars And prays your Honors voices on the occasion He assures you Gen Honble that he will ever make it his Study to deserve your attention being always with profound respect Honble Sir & Sirs

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The Board have no Objection to Capt. Shorts being a Candidate for either a Command or a Battalion, when there is a Vacancy, the merits of his Claim will come under Consideration &c

The following Letter from Mr Dawson the Military Storekeeper was read previous to the dispatch of the Ca Horse & a Copy thereof was transmitted a number in the Packet by that Ship but the particular Consideration of it was differed until the Business then before the Board could be finished

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Dawson with the Resolutions of the Board touching the Military Stores

Orders & Minutes thereon

The Papers referred to in this Paragraph were transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors #
#. To a Horse

I have herewith the honor to lay before you a list of the Expected Military Stores that will remain on this Co.t each over & above the Compliment particularized in a Statement sent by your Honor &.a

*. From the Committee of Stores should

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suggesting that this
List with the Invent
for 1776 which is now
laid before you by the
Committee might
be sent Home with y^r
Statement abov mention-
tioned in order to com
-ply with the Orders
of the Honble the Court
of Directors, respecting
the abstract of receipts
issues & remains of Sto-
res as ex^d for Sendg y^r
accompanying Forms
received Last year from
England

2 The Plan lately
proposed by the Com-
mittee will alter the
quantity of Stores
in each particular
Garrison & as the Bat.
Returns Consolidated
from all Garrisons
at the same time, nor
have we at present any
made of the ammn Stores
&c^a with the troops, it
will not be impossible

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in the Form prescribed
at this Juncture when
the Establishment of
Stores is adopted the Out
Garrisons will be consulted
by Every Conveyance-
ship of Stores, what Quan-
tity of Stores will be
wanting & we shall
not be Obliged to wait
for their Returns to
draw out our accounts
in the mean time, the
Statement above mention-
tioned, the Indent of
deficiencies to accompa-
ny that Statement
with an account of
remaining Stores
above the Complement
all bearing the same
date will sufficiently
answer the Court of Di-
rectors intentions
in this respect, which
from we do believe only a
desire to know what
quantity of Stores on
the Coast & the annual
Consumption that

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to regulate them by
The Issues of Stores for
the whole year were
particularized in y^e
abstract sent home
in the Old Form by y^r
Last dispatches, a du-
-plicate of which
is ready to go Home
Stores & for the Head
of Unserviceable Stores
directed to be inserted
in the Storekeepers
account remains is
substituted in each
of unserviceable Stores
as carried to account
in the Books & Jan^y
unserviceable Stores &c.
that have Lain Short for
some time without
being carried to any
particular account
the Gists of which here-
with also for the account
of unserviceable Brass
& Iron Ordnance directed
to be sent a number
in the Packet

I take the Liberty
to lay these before your
Lo^p & C^o as also the

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Account of unserviceable Arms received from the Brigades from 1760 to 1772 as directed by the Orders from Evans: Guides the Stores &c. mentioned in the Last para- graph these can not have been many delivered into the Stores at out Garrisons during that period, the list now laid before you only containing those received into the Store House at Madras

3rd The Correction of the Plan proposed to your Honor &c. by the Committee of Stores will receive prevent some irregu- larities that do & have long occured in every Department of the Service, the Sending now & at all times to this Presidency

The unserviceable Arms & such damaged Stores as are not totally useless to be in future regularly sent to the Company's Garrisons near Madras that they may be com- pared & their Valuation ascer- tained

At Cuddalore & the

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The Company's Outgar. Stores will be annu-
-ries when a general all the arms & other
Survey & valuation Military Stores which
of them may be made are reported to Com-
will enable The Store-servicable & if any
-keeper to give Credit of the Stores are ab-
-ly a regular account absolutely wanted for they
of all the Company's must be immediate-
Unserviceable Stores-by condemned & also
& be thereby either strayed, but such
of turning them to Arms & Stores as are
the most Account for any damaged or de-
the Company or strayed & yet repairable
their Having proper must be Just Either
Credit for them in their as recommended by
Books according to their the Military Store-
Value-

-keeper-Resolved
that, the General Store-
-keepers be made ac-
-quainted with this
regulation & that no
Species of Stores, what-
-ever at the Subordina-
-cies, or Garrisons depen-
-dant on them be con-
demned & destroyed
until they have been
surveyed as above di-
rected. by the Committee
-tee of Stores at the Sub-
-ordinacies & the Com-
-mander in Chief

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Store keeper & Commanding Officer of Artillery at the Garrisons dependant on the Sub-ordinate

To Understand that the Board are the Company's responsible for the reasons mentioned in Future therein Paragraph that separate accounts sent its impossible of Dead Stock & Sick to furnish the accounts Stock from Fort St Geo. of Sick & Dead Stock & the Out Garrisons, which the Court of Directors have thought fit each of their receipts Separate to require issues & remains of Out of the Bengal Stores for the whole Stores Now adopted Coast to be sent home as property in force from this Presidency the Board expect that to render this regular the Committee of Stores to answer the Call with in future punctual & punctually comply with Masters Orders Since the Company's orders given the dead Stock on that Head from this & all the Company's Garrisons should consist of the whole quantity of Stores as per appropriated to the defence of those

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Quick Stock should con-
-sy consist of such as
they have over & above
their complement
And from Fort St Geo.
the addition of the con-
-sumable Stores as
the Coast charged
at their valuation
the amount of which
is the Sum of Quick
Stock delivered to the
accountant should
be particularized
Now it can not appear
to your Honor &ca that
whilst this new ar-
-rangement of Stores
for the several Garri-
-sons is in agitation
such regular accounts
of Quick & Dead Stocks
cannot be sent home
should we send from
the send from the Mili-
-tary Storehouse acct
of its Dead Stock taken
from the Statement
& Quick Stocks from the
presumptive existing
stores such would in

include many Guns
&c.a that are now in
other Garrisons & some
of which being in the
Company's Garrisons
were inserted in their
Quick Stock or dead Stock
accounts & others that
soon will be in all pro-
-bability be in those
Garrisons Yt must
come into their acct.s
the whole of the Com-
-pany's Quick Stock
of Military Stores
after the Completa-
-ing the Statement
recommended with
consist of the Guns &c.a
to spare as p Accom-
-panying List & the
unserviceable Stores
that may be in the
Company's Garri-
-sons, which it has
been recommended
to collect together
from this place &
the Out Garrisons
in future with Com-

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5th This being the
case Tho.s George and Co-
mpr & Co.s will agree
with me, in Regard
to practicability of
any sending Some
by this Dispatch
any other accounts
than those which
went Last Ship
tho' they are not
answerable to the
Orders of the Honble
Court of Directors. I am
concerned to observe
from a misunder-
standing by the Last
Dispatch we were led
to account under the
head of Dead Stock
the unsaleable
Stores which not
having been valued
we charged them
at the price they
stood in the Compa-
nys Books, whereas
in future they should
if necessary be included
in our Quick Stock
according their va

valuation, we also did not
reckon as Dead Stock the
cannon &c.a on the Ram-
parts by which the Hon-
-ble Court of Directors seem
to have meant the whole
quantity of Stores ap-
-propriated for the De-
-fence of the garrison
and which at the statement
for approval would alter in
a few days – Should give one
regular account of at
that time

6th In the account of Stores remaining over & above the Complim-ent are many which the Stores Guns &c.a are yet of such Dimations & so small, that they will never be used were the Honble Court of Directors acquainted of this they would probably give some directions about the Disposal of them otherwise than their being constantly charg'd at their full Value in

The Court of Di-rectors will be advised accordingly

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being constantly charged at their fullt value in our Quick Stock Journal being likely that they will either be sold to the Natives or made use of here for the Companys they only create an appearance of Stocks the reality of which is not

7 The Honble Court of Directors by the former mentioned Letter expect that such abstract of receipts issues & remains of Stores belonging to the Company as the last should be given all under one date the distance of the Companys Garrisons from hence & their difference of Distance from one another, punctually to be

(Respecting Ord. red. That the same be attended to in future

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Accounts now being
made out and as the
account from the most
distant is to be those
by which the regulate
all the rest, & which
will occasion the ac-
count from this place
to be answered at
all be found short
the time of the dis-
patch. All arrears
such an abstract must
be collected from the
latest returns of those
places & which may
not be of the dates
of their Lurch & Dead
Stocks consequently
disagree with them
to obviate some of these
difficulties I beg leave
to recommend that
the Journal Store Ser-
vices of the Company's Out Garrisons
may be directed at
the time of sending
in their accounts for
a dispatch to Madras

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particulars of Militg
Stores, that compare
their Quick Stocks bea-
ring the same date, from
which the Storekee-
per here will be able
to collect account of
Stores that will agree
with theirs & to which
he can confirm his
account of remains
from this Garrison

8 It appears how-
ever to me, that if y.
Statement recommen-
ded be approved of
at home it will be as
good a check to our In-
dents as it is meant
to be upon those of y.
Storekeepers at Outgar-
risons & an annual
account of what is wan-
ting to complete that
Statement will form
the Indent of Stores
from Europe - submit-
ting the above how-
ever to your better
consideration

I have the Honor to be

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
George Dawson
Milit.y Storekeeper

The Military Storekeeper ~~is~~ representing to the Board, in order to have
there Regulations in the department of
Stores, more duly adopted, it will be nec-
essary for them, to correspond with
the several Storekeepers upon the Coast, &
for directions to be sent to them to conform
to such orders as they may find requisite
to issue for this purpose — Resolved that y.e
Secretary do acquaint the several Store-
keepers in the Carnatic Garrisons, that in
Consequence of the Regulations now adopted
in the Superintendancy & Management
of the Military Stores, they are ordered
to comply with & pay punctual atten-
tion to all such directions & Instructions
as they shall receive from the Military
Storekeeper General at Madras, touching y.e
said ~~instructions~~ Regulations, & that
Letters be wrote to the Chiefs of the Sub-
ordinacies to give the Directions to the
Storekeepers acting under their authori-
ties

Read the following Letter from the

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from this Minutes

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Govr & &c. Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to lay before
you Extract of our Minutes of the 4th Inst.t
We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
J.n M. Stone
Patrick Ross

Fort St Geo
22d Febry 1775

Extract from the Minutes of the Com-
-mittee of Works
5 October 1774

The Clerk lays before the Com-
mittee an account shewing the outstan-
ding Ballances against the Head of Agri.
Jory Provision of Bricks whereon the charge
of Selling the Company's Bricks was de-
livered to Swinnie October Last, the terms
whereon Mr Dorsett left the Settlement, as
taken from an account left behind him
Shewing likewise what Money he has
paid into Cash on this Account & the
particulars

particular Balances now due, observing that the Company have lost the Sum of S.Pr 3212.28.30 by the Brick Setters agreeing for less than according to the agents accounts they were said to contain — Ordered that the Balances be collected as soon as possible & when the whole is completed that the accounts be laid before the Board & their Orders obtained thereon

15 February 1775

Report & Extract of Minutes from the Committee of Works

The Clerk acquaints the Committee that he has collected in all the Money due from the Inhabitants for Bricks & Bottoms of Kilns as Accounts delivered in by him at the Meeting of the Committee the 15 October last, except such as the Committee have thought fit to continue for non payment. Ordered that an extract from these Minutes & those of that date on this subject be laid before the Board —

Upon examining the accounts of the Expence of reaping the Paddy Godowns delivered in by Mr Solomon Sullivan as ordered by the Board to the Committee an Extract from the Minutes of Consultations of the 23 January ensuing Since after, The Committee are of Opinion that Mr Sullivan has charged one more than what he has really expen-

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Mr Sullivan has received any benefit from the Work, they recommend that the difference in Expence be allowed him

As Mr Sullivan represents his having made Mr Mackin the Company's Mastry Bricklayer an allowance of 5 Pound - The Committee think it necessary to remark, this is improper as the Company's Mastry Bricklayer receiving any advantage or Emolument whatever from the Contractors for overlooking Work performed by them for the Company, as it is his duty to superintend on the part of the Company all Work carried on for the Company & to see that they are properly executed Ordered that that the accounts be entered here after

An Extract from the Minutes of Consultations dated the is read, transmitting Mr Paul Benfields Proposals for the Works intended to be carried on to the Eastward &ca Coromandel on sunday pl Dawes &ca Lodged with the Surveyor & Chief Engineer And directing the Committee to examine & report to the Board the reasonableness of the same comparing them with his proposals for the West Front - Agreed that the said proposals for the West Front be delivered to the Engineer

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& he is desired to give the Committee his Opinion of them, as soon as possible, & to lay before them a Estimate of the Expence of the Work to be performed according to the said proposals

Col: Ross laye before the Committee an Report of the Company's Timber lately lying on the Esplanade as entered Since & the observing the Quantities which he thinks should be reserved for the Company's use & such as he would recommend to be sold at Outcry Agreed that it be recommended to the Board accordingly

Agreed in consequence of what the Committee represent, that the Difference in expence be allowed to M.Sullivan

Agreed that the Timber be disposed of, agreably to the Engineers report

In consequence of Lieut. Gee Application communicated in Consultation the 29th Augt last, for the Sum of Pags 108 which had been advanced to his Brother, the late Quarter Master to the 1st Regiment, in 1775. for repairing his Quarters in the Garrison of Trichinopoly, but which allowance in

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ny hereto be drawn for; it was ordered that if it so appeared from the Paymasters Books upon Examination, an order would be given to the present Paymaster of Trichinapaly to disburse the same to Lieutenant Lee & charge it in his accounts. Lt Lee having accordingly applied to Mr James Call the Deputy Superintendant of the Nabobs accounts obtained his Certificate, which he delivered to the Secretary & is now laid before the Board, that no such charge has yet been entered in the Trichinapaly Books It is therefore Agreed that an Order as aforementioned be transmitted to the Paymaster at Trichinapaly

The following Letter having been received from Vizagapatam is now read

Military Department

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizr Vizagapatam with Copy of this Letter to Capt Matthews

We have been favored with your Letter under date the 10th Inst. and it was with much satisfaction we received your Honors &c &c Approbation of our Conduct on the Steps we had taken

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information respecting the passing into the Circar and to take Measures for representation from Vizianagram setting forth his rights to Salsette

with respect to the Mussulmen Zemindars — We enclose herewith Copy of our last Letter to Captain Matthews dated the 26 Ultimo, in which we gave you Advice with Answer we desired him to give us every information he could obtain on the Subject of the Managers enquiries upon directed us to make with respect to the different Passes leading into this Circar, with an account of the Situation of the Mustafa Bajah Dalleporam / Country & to acquaint us with every Material Circumstance respecting those Passes to the Westward of this Circar Captain Matthews by Letter may have it in his power to obtain this information, with greater accuracy than we can do, & the instant we receive his answer to our Letter, it shall be forwarded to you, In the mean time we shall write to him to give us his Opinion what force it will require to defend the Passes, should it hereafter be thought necessary to have them moved by the Honble Company's Troops — He is now proceeding to the Pass situated to the Westward of the Paar Sala Poorum the Pass & we may soon expect to hear of his Success

A few days since we

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Vizianarauze with respect to Sadloor
Translate of which we have the Honor
to enclose herewith, From our enqui-
ries we have reason to believe that the
several particulars Therein setts
forth are founded on truth & we are
convinced he could not receive a great-
er mortification than to be Obliged
to employ a Family who have so
repeatedly shewn themselves so very
unworthy of being trusted

We have the Honor to
remain with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Geo Dawson
P. Perring
Alx Williamson

Vizagapatam
the 19 Febr. 1775.

To Capt Richard Matthews
Commanding the troops in
the Circars &c &c

Sir

Your letters dated the 15th & 17th
Instant did not reach us till yesterday
& we are convinced that Vizianara-
dos's intentions are hostile we can-
not by approve of your taking posses-
sion of the Peasher leading into his
Country

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Country and sincerely congratulate
you on the Success you have met
with

I approve here of the great-
est consequence not only to you and the
Papers but to take the Others you men-
tion, as it would effectually tend to se-
cure the tranquility of that Circar from
all Invasions to the westward and we think
you did right in not venturing to take
Possession thereof.

As the President & Coun-
cil have long wished to know the
nature of these Papers, we are to requ-
est you will be as particular as poss-
ible in the discription of them -
their situation and the Force you
think necessary to protect them
giving us as soon as possible the best
account you can procure of that part
of that Country on the
other side of the Southern range of hills &
whether ever paid any Tribute any
to Government we also wish to be in-
formed of the distance the different
Passes are from the Mahratta Country
& how far it is in the power of the
Vizia Dah Bajah to give any assistance
or protection to those who are rebel-
led to disturb the tranquility of this

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Situation of this Country as well as of
his Force any information you can
Obtain on this head With any other mat-
-ters that you may think acceptable
in which we request you will give
us your Sentiments fully not only
on this Subject but acquaint us with
any material circumstance which
you think will give the Honble
Board a clear Idea of those who reside to
the westward of this Circar

The Chief has wrote to
Vizeramauze to afford you every assis-
-tance, telling him that we expect he
will place such a number of his Sib-
-bandy at the different Passes as you
may think necessary for their protection

We approve of your plan
of having a Body of Troops stationed
near the Pass to support the Guards
there of, and shall recommend it to y.
Honble Board, & you will after you have
obtained a thorough knowledge of every
one, fix upon a Centrical situation
of which you will be pleased to inform
us

We are to advise you that we
shortly expect the five Companies of
the 3d Circar Battalion & the 2 Guns from
Ganjam. The artillery are arrived so
that should you want their assistance

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We should direct them to march to you
& We request you will
correspond with us as frequently as
possible & that we may receive your
Letters in a proper time, Peons will be
placed from the Topsal road to bring
them to us

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt Hble Servts
Geo Stratton
Peter Perring
A Mr Williams

Vizagapatam
26 January 1775

Thos Coxy / Thomas Norris
Private Secry to Mr Stratton &c

To the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

The humble Representation of Rajah Vizeramraauze

The Honourable the Governor &
Council's Orders concerning Sattoor were
explained to me by Mr Stratton &c.
- I should very prejudicedly do long
as my Family enjoyed our Zemindaree, y^t
Complaining never intended themselves
with it till now, by the Letter of Orders
I perceive that they do not well comprehend who I am or how the

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I have represented them to the Gov.r & Council
I know not — both this being stiled a Summ.
-ons in some places of that Letter, surpri.
-zed me not a little, this is the first I ever
heard he had this title of Zemindar — my
sorrow is since for I feible to find my re.
-mark called a Zemindar by the Honble
Company, as it no ways takes him nearly
equal in Rank with myself — which I
shall prove to you he has no right to al.
-though I thought this was known to all
the Circars, for I have many Servants
like him who are now under me & those I
find meritorious I promote, & such as
are undeserving I remove, for otherwise
I might expect the greatest confusion &
loss in the management of my revenues
to prevent which I hope the Governor &
Council and you will think it reas.
-nable, I should be permitted to punish
my Servants when they act wrong
There are none so strict in Justice & Cha=
-rity as the Honble Company and Persons
injudicious cannot therefore, but from
misrepresentation, order me to give
the management of any part of the
Country to a Family who have acted
so treacherously towards me, It is for this
reason I make a representation & shall here=
-in explain to you my Station & Birth
My Father raised his Father from a prison

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to Sirdar and gave them the Command of
200 Piones, he behaved himself so at this
time that he had two Villages given him
for his maintenance, shortly
after the death of the Father Sumbhuraze
was by my appointment atromaded a
Sirdar & having served faithfully for some
time I gave him the Command of 2000
Piones & as an encouragement to act a
faithfull part gave him the title of
Sumbhuraze for he was only called Suma-
-the & he shewing confidence in him Traded
away my own Managen from Salsett
Marhrah & Chaudoe & put these three
places under his management for the
Support of himself & the Pioners under him
On his demonstrating to me that it
was impracticable to remain in safe-
ty at those places in safety without
having Forts on account of the Mahra-
rattas & the trouble some Hill people, he
was ordered to build or erect a mud wall fo
Fort at Salsett & a small Fortification at
Marhrah, he continued to behave well
until Ramajendo led the Maharattas in-
to this Country, Whom I directed Sumbhu-
raze to join me with the Pioners under
his Command to expell them, but he sent
me for answer that unless I sent under his
management some other places he would not
join my Brother & self, Tho' He promised
to grant his request after the troubles were

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over/ he refused not only to assist us as assistance, but on the contrary joined & assisted Nanjundoo with all the Force he had & others he could bring over to his Interest & ungratefully towards us for we received waiting from Nanjundoo that he would go and join over at places immediately after the defeating & cutting us off & thereby made himself one of Nanjundoos Allys But by gods will they proved unsuccessful & were beaten off - And Sumasheruze fled with them & remained amongst the Sikhs - When Nanjundoo rose against the Company's Forces, I joined Capt Cammac & maintained my own Troops & proved ready to serve the Company at the Expence of both our lives as well as Money - Came to Chicacole & despatched Nanjundoo & drove him from thence sparing neither our ammunition or Cannon, in the Company's Service + Colonel Peach arriving at this time & returning us thanks for the great many troubles we had taken, desired we might leave it all to him & told us to return to the management of our own Concerns but on his desiring the use of Our ammunition & Cannon for the Company's Service we left them with him, & by his advise went to Salaor to settle that part of the Country Sumasheruze having wrote to Colonel

Peach

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Peach procured Letters to be wrote to Us not to go against that place, without his further Order, on which we dispatched letters ordering any person in charge of that fort But wrote to Governor Boucher Behaviour of what Colonel Peach had ordered who having wrote to Colonel Peach not to molest Jore in our Fayshire, he sent for our Vackeel & told him he had nothing to do with our Affairs & that he did not know Sumasheer aunge was a servant-belonging to us- Hereupon we entirely retook all the places in his possession but on Sumasheeranges acknowledging his Errors and begging for remission & on Considering him in the light of one raised by our father we gave him back Salaor valued at 20,000 Rupees of which he was to retain 5,000 Rupees for his Maintenance 3000 Rupees to be paid for a Sumabundy & the residue 12,000 Rupees was allowed him for the payment of the Forces we maintained by him For our Service, This Sum dust For two or three years after it was unblameable but he then delayed paying his Sumabundy & last year joined with Gizzputdas & Vickramdos in raising troubles in this Circar Also he have before used that as Sumasheeranges & Family have all acted with them against me so many times my being obliged to continue any of them in the management notwithstanding

their Faults, which all the Circar have been eye witnesses of, will detriment-ine consideraably & give others encouragement to behave in the like rebellious manner — Be pleased therefore to send them this my representation & my request that they will allow me to employ other managers — Among Colonel Pachi Papers respecting Salaam affairs the Gov. & Council will see that I have set forth nothing but the truth

A true translation from the Original Tamboos &
John Quigley

The foregoing letters & representation being read. the President lays before the Board the following petitions from the heir of the late Sinnasawmy which have been represented to them Claiming an hereditary right to y.e Fort & district of Salaar

An Address presented by Jaggaviz Baly hara Sinnaroo of Nundapooram Salaar to the Honble Govr. of Madras

May it have to inform your Honor that Poos apatty war attempted to take possession of our place, We only depended upon the protection

of

of the Honble Company we addressed ye
Letters to Mr Stratton when he came to
goe on their Country imployment which Mr
Stratton comply to our Request & promised
not only to use his endeavours in the prosecution
of our Iourney but to cause all that part
of the Country that hath been taken
from us to be restored, directing my Fa-
ther at the same time, to bring his Ra-
jah Three Vickeram Doo to him which he
accordingly did, On this Mr Stratton
carried the said Dava & my Father to Viza-
gapatam where he kept them for the space
of two Months & received Nazar from the
Rajah that as soon as then upon his jour-
ney to Madras, he will on his return get
all the Country beginning Gadyyadda
including what hath been taken away
from us to be restored, Then he made
his promise & sent them back. Mr
Strattons return from Madras to Viza-
gapatam he did not chuse to send for
our people on the Contrary he gave away
two districts namely Putum & Sangam-
watava, them in prosecution of the Jain
Dava to Poopaputtyan, On this my
Father imagined that as he had thus
Waited on his promise there was no hope
to depend upon his future Faith, so that
my Father resolved to go to Madras to
make his Complaint to your Honor

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but in the winter in such a season as our misfortune that She departed this life, of which we wrote to Mr Stratton, to which Hee returned an answer wherein he gave us an encouragement & acknowledged his former promise, but at the same time sent a guard of Sepoys & sent for me together with my Mother to Pizagapatam where he shewed us great kindness & said that he will soon send us back to our place, but in the mean time Poospatta-wan & Jaggary contrived a scheme & in consequence it was made known to us that they will send us away to our place as soon as an Order came from Madras, Then they put off, for the space of six Months, afterwards Jaggary acquainted us that the Order came from Madras to deliver our place to Poospattywar, so, that, we cannot expect to have it, on this, we argued with them, that if it had been made known to us in the way beginning we could have carried our complaints to Madras but that they screaming Mr Stratton &c. made us believe as if they had sole power over this Country, however we told them that as our family resided at the said place it was not proper for them to send their people so that we for that them to do it, by a Doory in your Honors name &c. & are now come

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to your presence They did not regard our words, but on our proceeding on our jour-ney this way, they assisted Prospatta-nayar with a Company of Sepoys & caused our fort & house to be demolished & they took possession of the Guns in y^e said Fort together with the Stores & cafes & drove away our family to Nannapat-tam & immediately after which they encamped their Sepoys against Rayagada & Nannapat-tam, what was their further progress we cannot tell, The Honble Company are the Gentlemen endowed with Jus-tice, We esteem them as our parents the protection of the said place belon-ged to us for these one or two thousand year, We have a large family your Honor &c knows best how to support & preserve us, We do not know what become of our family We do therefore entreat your Honor to Order that no In-jury may happen to our people in that Country & to restore our place to us & then give us a leave room to return We are willing to act according as your Honor may be pleased to direct

To the Honble Thos Wynch Esq^r
President & Gov^r of Fort St George

The humble Petition of

Sheweth Suggaranz, Rosa. Batist
Commoo of Nundapooram con

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That sometime ago your Petitioner have presented his Petition to your honor in Gentoo Language, to which your honor was pleased to Order your Petitioner, let he may get write the Inventory of his Forefathers, as many Generations by your Petitioner mentioned hereunder as much as he Understood

Names of Forefathers of Vichavanna Dava Rauz the King of the Nundapporam districts	Names of Forefathers of your Petitioners busy Duties to the Kings of the Nundapporum districts
Chundoarka Dava Rauz	Pada Appatappagada Duan
Gopunanda Do. Do.	Chinna Do. Do
Shunkra Dashamudavo Do	Shakaranang Do
Venvanda Dava Do.	Venkatarauz Do
Santa Kistna Do Do	Neladray Rauz Do
Moovanda Do Do	Chundarshakarauz Do
Soobchanna Do Do	Mavanndarauz Do
Weeray Do Do	Venkatarauz Do
Vandanda Do Do	Jaggarauz Do
Pedda Kistna Do Do	Kattaraya Batlan
Veravenvum tuna Do Do	timmo Dummidar
Veraveeranna Do Do	Appatarauz Do Do
Batarauna Do Do	Kistanarauz Do Do
Kistna Do Do	Ramabadra Do Do
Ramachumdra Do Do	Kistanarauz Do Do
	Vennanthrauz Do Do

About 30 Years ago

Peddarayapa

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Pidda vizaya Ramaraujz Neighbouring
King & Thus friend to Ramachunda
Dararaujz has without Just Cause his principal
place of Nanaiyaram & came to Ra-
machunda Dara Raujz the King of
Nundapparum Districts in the Front
of their Territorys Said that he came to en-
-quire about their Victoryes in the mean
time Rama Chunda Dara Raujz de-
parted this life by the Villainy
Pidda vizaya Ramaraujz Jabu Friend
to the said deceased, persuaded to be dispu
ted one with another between two Brothers
Named Mugga Daroo & Vinnoo bara
Dararaujz & another three Brothers named
Vickrama Dara, Krishna Dara, & Moo-
coonda dara of different Mothers, in
which time Pidda Vizayou Rama Raujz
immediately poisoned the Mugga Da-
roo & Vinnoo bara Dara Vickrama
Daroo &ca three Brothers made theire-
-scape by this troublesome, Afterwards
the said Piddavizaya Rama Raujz
have possessed the Elephants, Horses,
Jewels Money & all other Effects & placed
Some Force there & Ordered the Said poi-
-soned two Brothers in Order to Lead Da-
-roo safely Fort

After a Month Vickrama
-a Daroo &ca three Brothers those that
made escape came with Some Force &
entered in the Place of Ramadas

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Gannapoor & destroyed many of the Villages &c.a &c.a by the Battle, then His Majesty was out of Order of both Parties

That said Viza Rama Rauz after 13 Months gave His satisfaction to Summashyer auz & returned him some Villages Named Rampatty, Polyma-radaumoo Codoor, Cattatheu & Chavadoo & also settled a small tribute to be paid yearly & sent them away, sometime after Gajapatty Rauz came to the Throne of Peddavizyer Rama Rauz demanded & sent for Seemandry Rauz & told him that as I shall stay at Moor Rajamandam now, you may take care Mundapareum &c.a so the grantee are: this two Villages Mutchawa & Dorkawtah, it was performed in that manner for some time; then Ananah Widow of Peddavizyer Rama Rauz performed the same without paid & granted to Vick-rama Deva some Villages Named Bataganoo, Narrapareum & Tunga-mamalarah, in Order to be enjoyed himself as soon as Sheeta Rama Rauz came to the Throne of Gajapatta Rauz forcibly possessed the Villages &c.a what was granted for both Seemandry Rauz & Vickrama Deva & latterly destroyed the principal Palaces &c.a entirely

Upon petitioning them-selves by our Boats the Governing beyond Moon Seniors

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to your presence They did not regard our words, but on our proceeding on our jour-ney this way, they appointed Prosperatta-ayar with a Company of Sepoys & caused our Fort & Flag to be Surrendered & they took possession of the Guns in y^e said Fort together with the Stores & cafs^a & drove away our Family to Nawnapat-tam & immediately after which they arrested their Sepoys against Royapuram & Nawnapat-tam, what was their further progress we cannot tell, The Honble Company are the Gentlemen endowed with Jus-tice, We return them as our parents the protection of the said place belon-ged to us for there are or two thousand years, We have a large Family your Honor & c^a knows best how to support & procure it, We do not know what is become of our Family We do therefore intreat your Honor to Order that no In-jury may happen to our people in that Country & to restore our Place to us & then give us a leave room to return We are willing to act according as your Honor may be pleased to direct

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President & Gov^r of Fort St George
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Sheweth Suggavanam, Peda. Baliah

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Gopunnanda Do	Do Chinna Do Do
Shunkra Dashamudaw	Do Shakavarang Do
Venwanda Dasa	Do Venkātarauz Do
Lauta Kistna	Do Do Neladeray Rauz Do
Moovanda	Do Do Chundrashakarauz Do
Tulachana	Do Do Moovendarauz Do
Wenny	Do Do Venkatarauz Do
Vennanda	Do Do Tuggararauz Do
Pedda Kistna	Do Do Kattaraya Balian
Veraveerama	Do Do Limmoo Limmidar
Veraveerama	Do Do Appatarauz Do Do
Balarama	Do Do Kistnarauz Do Do
Kistna	Do Do Ramabadra Do Do
Ramabhumdra	Do Do Kistnamarauz Do Do
	Tummanbarauz Do Do

About 30 years ago

Peddarazu

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Gentlemen

Since my last of the 30th January I have had much trouble, for as soon as I came through the Pass (which was not without great difficulty) the enemy fired parties & stopped up the Communication - they also appeared before me & kept us at bay continual, when with us while I was endeavouring towards the pass that leads into the Madagaid Country - This pass is six Coss from Sey upon me on which Score, I gave Directions to encourage that he might keep all the Country eastward of the Pass provided that he left us accommodated in the possession of any one that led into the Great to which he objected, & is determined to be as troublesome as possible, I endeavoured to induce them to come to the above terms I have mentioned here are 6 Papoes, a good Fort to be situated so that the Papoes may be said to command several Papoes, because many belongs the District - I cannot think that I should be able to take this without Battering Cannon & I cannot venture to Attack it until I am joined because the Journal Papoes & what is necessary for Escorts that I have reduced am with a small Company of Sepoys of the Enemy there are fourteen hundred men in this Garrison & they may

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have parties be in common ode on this
this side of the Hills wherever they go
therefore Irequest that you will apply
for a reinforcement of five Companies
from Gangam or Ellore which should
be sent with the greatest Expedition
Without Vicharam Doss
proposes on this side of the Hills
be threatened I do not think he
will commit to our keeping the pas-
ses, & it is my Opinion he should
be compelled to do it because by our
having them we may be almost
certain of securing Peace to the Circar
The Country that I have
passed through is very mountai-
nous & Woody & yields little more
than dry grain except Wheat
The Westward (properly
Burdadah) Country they tell me is
twenty Cos to the westward of this
Place, I have not heard any thing more
about it, as the Country encircle any
camp so that people cannot go
or come without a strong Party
I have the pleasure to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obt.
humble Servant
Rich Matthews

Camp near
Jaggapoor 12 Feby 1775

A true Copy
H Crawford Secy

To

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To Captain Richard Matthews
Commanding the troops in
the Chicacole Circar
Sir

We were yesterday favored with your Letter dated the 15th Instant & in consequence of your application for a reinforcement of your Company of Sepoys we have wrote to Ganjam to order that Force to join you with the greatest Expedition

The Honble President & Council having Directed, that the annual Passes be granted by Sillibrammonzee Sibbin by you will be paid be withdrawn the Company of Sepoys stationed there & deliver them up to him - by doing of this your force will be encreased & will probably make the above reinforcement unnecessary in which case we are being willing you will give us the earliest information thereof, that we may direct the detachment to march back

We are to desire you will immediately acquaint Vickeramdoo with the foregoing order from the Genl Honble Board &

that ever after he necessary at particular times to have the passes secured by Company's Troops the Honble Board wish to have

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a particular account of them with the Number of Men it may require to defend them, of which you will be pleased to inform us as well as of such particulars as are mentioned in our Letter dated the 26th January We also request you will acquaint us with the Situations of Jaijapoor & what progress it is making with the Enemy & their distance from each - The Chief has wrote to the Rajah to afford you every assistance by giving orders for his troops for Provisions and Stores

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt
humble Servants
Geo Stratton
P. Perring
Jno Williams
Thos Crawford

Vizagapatam
22nd Febry 1775

Adms Capy & Mr Williams
Mr Crawford

Read the following Letter from Colonel Braithwaite -

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

I am this day honored with your Commands as transmitted

Fosse

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me in your Letter of the 5th February
wherein you argue against me that on
account of the Bad behaviour of
Capt Kellys Battalion in refusing
to proceed on their march to Moyengo
it is your intention to form a Battal-
lion for the Boundary Service from
Volunteers collected from the sev-
eral Depot Battalions at this Station
and wherein you direct me to appor-
tion those of the Fifth Battalion in
this Garrison agreeable &c &c

I shall stand by you
though I take the liberty to adopt the
Spirit or origin of the Order & thereby
consider it as discretionary - the proxi-
mity of my Situation to Capt Kellys, has
enabled me to receive more from him
which could not properly have reached
you at the time of your issuing the
Order in question I understand that
Captain Kelly of his leaving made
a virtue both right by necessary ex-
ample, of his acting Commandant
by blowing him from a Gun, and
other examples by the Commissioned &
Non Commissioned Black Officers, finding
that the Battalion remained by him
people were inclined to behave well
had not arrested them off with threats
that on Sunday go giving you leave

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At the same time for any man to stay behind who did not like the Service, when we gave directions that he did not think it necessary to compliat them from Capt. Cook's Battation at Pa-tamacotah which he might have done

Your order having been recorded on the information you had received of the bad behaviour of Captain Kilby's Battation and the cause of your order no longer remaining I consider that the effect should also cease, & shall therefore take upon me to suspend the carrying it into execution here, till I am honored with your further Commands, and if I shall receive such accounts of Capt. Kilby, who is by this time at Anjingo were to or may give to your Order its original force, in which case, I shall pay an immediate obedience to it

I am conscious that I have done nothing in not paying a implicit obedience to an order, which I conceived upon a supposed fact & nothing to my disadvantages were entirely changed in the Interim between your issuing & my receiving the Order, I flatter myself that you will judge of my Conduct with your usual Candour, & determine that if

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I have been guilty of an Error, it is
such a one as may be excused
I have the Honor to be
With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obt Servant
John Braithwaite

Madura Garrison
March 1st 1775.

Colonel Braithwaite acknowledging, in consequence of the Execution of the Order of the 25th Ultimo

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Visit from the Mahratta Vaqueel the purport of which was to signify by his invitation of returning to his own Court & to request that the Board, that Sir Eyre Coote Mahratta Vaqueel was now proceeding on the Settlement of this Cavian — Agreed that a Letter of Compliment be wrote by the said Vaqueel to Mahadaji now, in reply to his Letter of the 29th June last

Letter of Compliment to be wrote to Mahadaji Sindia

Read.

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Read Letter from the Na-
bob dated the 1st Instant enclosing
two Bills for Pagodas 100000 Viz.t
1 lack for the 1st of February & four
thousand for the Poonamalee District

I Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Darrell
Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer

Francis Fowke
Gerl Mackay

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4th A Letter was this day received by General Smith from Capt. Kelly advising of his having entered the Travancore Country & that his Battalion appeared to be reconciled to the Service it was going upon — he transmits a Letter which he had received from the Chief at Anjango, purporting that the necessary preparations were making for supplying the Sepoys with such things as they would want upon the Voyage to Bombay

7 Came in a letter from Lt. Col: Bellingham the 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade and the third from Trichinopoly the 3d Batt. Col: Bellingham signifies his intentions of returning to Europe, on account of his bad health, of which he encloses a Certificate from the Surgeon & requests to deliver over the Command of Trichinopoly to the Senior Officer in Garrison

& Received the following Letter from Lt. Col: Bellingham

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col Bellingham he has appointed down of Capt Kelly

This day came on under most of them Hawildars & Naigues belonging to

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to Capt Kelly's Battalion, was brought to me, & as none of them could produce a discharge from the said Battalion, I ordered them to be confined till your further pleasure is known concerning them

They say that Capt Kelly dismissed them from the Battalion, but does not say for what

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Billingham

Trichinopoly
1st March 1775

I Wrote the following Letter to Mr Wm Wynch Paymaster at Trichinopoly, agreeably to the Minutes of last Consultation relative to St Geo's application

To Mr William Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinopoly
Sir

Letter to Mr Wm Wynch respecting St Geo's application

The President & Council having thought proper, to admit of the Claims, of St Geo for 100 Pagodas, allowed to this Brother in August 1771 for the repairing of his Quarters at Trichinopoly, but which he had neglected to draw for I am directed to acquaint you that you are to distribute the said Sum of 100 Pagodas to St Geo & that you are to carry it to account, in like manner,

(as

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as the former Paymasters did — the Sums they disbursed, on account of the repairs of Officers Quarters

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wm Petrie Cpt

Fort St George
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at

I Received the following Letter from Capt Cook commanding Patamcotah

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Cook desiring putting the Men in to confinement, relative to draughts from his Battalion, until he hears from Capt Kelly

Last night I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5th February & immediately perceiving that the orders therein contained were given in Consequence of Letters Capt Kelly wrote to General Smith, concerning the Meeting of his Battalion which might give your Honors reason to suppose that y disaffection still remains, but as this is not the Case I shall take the liberty to defer putting them in execution until I hear from Capt Kelly, to know what accounts of Men he may want, which I suppose cannot be many, as he did not think it Necessary before he went from Tanjore to apply to me to apoint them, though he knew I had reserves of 120 Men ready

who

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had offered themselves to go
I have the honor to be
With much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Wm Cook

Palamcotah
3d March 1775

I Came in the following Letter from Lt Col.
Bellingham Commanding at Trichinopoly

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Cca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Bellingham Journal & Black Officers & Private of Capt Kelly's Battalion taken up & Confined

This only serves to acquaint you that yesterday I took up three Subidars Six Semadars, four Havaldars, & three Naiks belonging to Capt Kelly's Battalion & they could not produce discharges nor could or would not give any accounts of themselves but that Capt Kelly had turned them out of the Battalion I have ordered them to be confined till your pleasure is known concerning them

Capt McKenzie not having arrived I shall undertake over the Command of the garrison to Capt Clifton &c. remain with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Bellingham

Trichinopoly
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At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Gov. President
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson J. Maxwell Stone
Archd Palmer Francis Fourdan
George Mackay

General Smith indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from Col. Cosper

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Col Cosper the reason whereupon Battle to the troops are marching Order, preparation thereto

I am report sam informed that the Sepoys at this Garrison and also the troops at Vellore & Chinchinapoly are under Orders to hold themselves in readiness to march at the Shortest notice I therefore think it my duty to mention to the Honble Board a regulation, which seems founded only upon

upon Custom & which at this time will be the Cause of a very great, & a very unnecessary expence

It has been usual to give Batta to the Officers from the day they are put in Orders / Commanded / for the present removals have been ordered some time, & it is said the day is not yet absolutely fixed for them to march, if they are allowed Batta agreable to the present Custom the Expence will be heavy, & the paymasters will most certainly act as usual unless they receive orders to the Contrary The Reason assigned for giving Batta in this manner is, that the Officers to be in readiness, must constantly entertain a number of Coolies in pay in some particular instances this may be y^e Case, but in general the spirit of the Orders & the occasion of its being given will be sufficient to point out the day of marching & the Officers will be able to provide themselves accordingly

It is very probable that the Honble Board may sometimes find it necessary to give orders to a very large Body of troops to be in readiness to deter an Enemy from invading the Country & the order may continue in force for some Months, it is unnecessary for me to mention how great the Expence would be, & at the same time upon

the

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the present plans it could not be perceived
I hope for the good of the
Service that the Officers do not require
such a number of Coolies, as those
half Batta will pay. I suppose there will be
allowance is made to defray many
other contingent expences, which they
are liable to when actually in the field
With the greatest respect therefore I beg leave
to recommend to the Honble Board to
grant the Officers either half Batta from
from the day that the Orders are issued
or else that they may be allowed full
Batta for a certain number of Days
if they do not march within a limited time

I am
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
James Capper
Commissary Genl

Madras

The Board acquiesce in opinion with Colonel Capper, that if full Batta were allowed from the time that the troops are ordered to be in readiness to march as very heavy and unnecessary expence would be incurred thereby, but upon a reference to the Letters from the Board to the several Commanding Officers, it appears, that by the Cautions & Injunctions of the Service full

Batta

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Batta cannot be drawn in consequence of these Orders but from the time the troops are actually ordered to march - Colonel Capper's general remarks on the Subject are very just & the Board will undoubtedly pay the utmost attention to reduce the Expence of Batta, when the Cases occur, which Colonel Capper mentions in his Letter

Minute Division

The Board however cannot agree with Col. Capper, in the opinion, that "according to the present Plan of the Service" the Expence of full Batta could not be avoided, if a Body of troops should be under orders, for some Months to hold themselves ready to march against any Enemy who may be threatening the Country with Invasion, because according during to the Custom of the Service the troops in that Predicament could at most be entitled, only, to half Batta, an instance exactly in point, happened in Tricchinopoly & its Environs in the latter end of the year 1778 beginning of 1779, when the whole army was Ordered to be in readiness to march at an hours notice to oppose the Mahrattas, then on the Borders of the Country, & this order continued in force for some months nevertheless nothing more than half Batta was allowed -

Read the following Letters from Vizagapatam & Ganjam, which were received Yesterday

(To

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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & the Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Vizr Captain

Yesterday we received
two letters from Captain Matthews
dated the 24th & 25th ultimo Copys of which
we have the Honor to send you here-
with & our answer thereto

We place the greatest
reliance on Capt Matthews's Bravery &
Activity we have reason to think there
is little to be apprehended from the pow-
-ly of Morattas which he mentions ad-
-vices as are at Chatchamde, more par-
-ticularly as they will meet with very
difficulty, should they proceed Further
& to be the route he mentions, & by
Rajahs being in possession of the Passes
whose designs we hope will be frustrated
in detaining the treasure & Artillery of the Circar
We beg leave to assure you that should
the Morattas have such intentions
we shall take the most effectual measu-
-res in our power to prevent them

The Gentlemen at Ganjam
have advised us that they had ordered
five Companies of Sepoys to proceed
to Jellamore with all possible expedition
& Orders have been lodged there for their
proceeding to join Capt Matthews

(as

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as soon as possible

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo. Stratton
P. Perring
Mat. Williams

Vizagapatam
3 March 1775

Military Department

To George Stratton Esqr.
Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter from Chief
Mat. Mathews

Since I had the pleasure
of addressing you the 1st Instant I have
not heard of, or from the Officer Detach-
ted to bring on the supply of Pro-
visions & ammunition, I look upon
this as owing to the great & many im-
pediments in the road from whence
he was ordered to go to, to this place, &
not to any accident that hath hap-
pened, For this Party is of sufficient
strength as an Escort & to make his way
good, I am exceedingly concerned at this
delay & am more so as the hard duty & ac-
customary complaints of the Coun-
try hath caused many to fall sick +
Four of my European Offi-
cers are incapable of duty therefore Re-
quest that you will send Ensign Lamyn &
Ensign

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Ensign Hodgson to me answers as prof-
-erable

Camp near Vizagapatam
24 Febry 1775
(a true copy)

Sam
Gentlemen
Yours and Obt Servt
Richard Matthews

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Yesterday I received advis-
-e that twenty days ago a party of Ma-
-harattas consisting of one thousand
Horse & five hundred Infantry and
-with five guns arrived at Cattacanda
& gave out that they proposed pas-
-sing through Bafoimcotah in
their way to the Circars - The Inhabi-
-tants of that place are acquainted some of this &
it may be depended upon as truth - The
Men belonging to Vizianagrum that
I sometime ago told you had been sent
to bring them Provisions are with them
It is unlucky that this News should
be so long coming to me - But as the
Passes are secured as much as a mem-
-ber of the Rajahs troops can be depen-
-ded on for their Security - I hope that
they will not be able to effect their pur-
-pose, I wrote to you on the 24 Instant
that

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that I thought it necessary you shd apply for a Reinforcement - I suppose that you will most readily agree with me that at least such a Force should be sent for, & they should be ordered to Bubbagaum between Curripurra & Sittemagar I have not heard of any supply either from Vizagapatam or what I expect with D. Gamgley - I hope that in a few days they will be brought & then I shall be able to make an attempt upon this Fort, which considering the present state of my Detachment is not at this time prudent to do

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obt
humble Servt
Richd Matthews

Camp near Jaipour
25 Febry 1775

To Captain Richard Matthews
Commanding the troops
at Camp

Sir

Last night we received your Letter dated the 24th & this morning the Lascars stationed the Route, you last recommended brought us your Favor of the 25th to both of which we shall now reply

We hope that the Officer detached for ammunition & Provisions

Lath

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hath joined you long before this & that the Hawke went from hence the 25th. hence will arrive with you in proper time

Ensign Hodgson left this place some days since with Orders to join you with the greatest expedition, Ensign Carnegy has lately applied to Madras to resign the Service

The Gentlemen at Gar-jam this day advised us of their having Ordered five Companies of Sepoys to march to Jetmore & we in Consequence directed the Officer Commanding them to loose no time in joining you agreable to the Route you proposed

Wishing you a good Jour-ney & activity in frustrating the Designs of the Mahrattas should it be their intention to proceed into this Circar, the protection of which we have not a doubt but you will make the principal object of your Attention

We forward herewith Duplicate of our last, & with our sincere wishes for your Success We remain With Esteem Sirs Your most obt humble Servts

Geo Straton
P. Perring
Jno Williams

Vizagapatam
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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Cn Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Military Depart.

Letter from Ganjam for Companies of Sepoys ordered to Sellmore

The Chief & Council of Viz
agapatam having applied to us for five
Companies of Sepoys to march with
the utmost Expedition to Selmore We
have in consequence ordered a detach-
ment of five Companies to march
thither immediately agreeably to their
Request

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland

Ganjam
27th Feby 1775

Read Letter from the Nabob dated the 2d Inst. 6: & N.
30 Ordered that the Broad Cloth be delivered agre-
able to the Nabobs Standard
Read likewise another from the Nabob dat. 11th Inst
Country Correspondence N. 32 with Extracts of
Intelligence from the Camp of Nizams Woodwals

Archd Palmer
Thos Munro
Joseph Smith
Jas Gordon
C. Dawson
Geo. Mackay
Henry Brooke

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15 This day came in the following Letter from Capt. Kelly at Anjengo & Capt. Mackenzie at Tricheinopoly

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r &.ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Kelly advising of his arrival at Anjengo

I have the honor of acquainting you that I arrived Anjengo with my Battalion at 7 Oclock this Morning And that finding one Merchant Ship & seven Boats in the Road I purpose embarking five or 6 Companies on them to morrow After which I will have the honor of writing more fully

I am with great respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithful Humble
obedient humble Servant
Robert Kelly

Anjengo
5 March 1775

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r &.ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Mackenzie at Tricheinopoly

According to an Extract of a Letter from the Board to Colonel Johnson Billingham I now enclose a List of the Black Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, & Sepoys

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of Capt. Kelly's Battalion now above Con-
fined in the main guard
Capt. Kelly has not yet sent
me a list of them, with their different Crimes

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
With respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servants,
W. Kenzie

Trichinopoly
8 March 1775

Men of Captain Kellys Battalion
Prisoners in the Main Guard

Subedars
Vintachalum
Gollam Hussaine
Salma Saib
Jemidars
Anamunto Naigue
Tadock Cunch
Bodin Saib
Trimalee
Opina
Havildars
Shaik Ige
Mum Saib
Shaik Hamet
Shaik Mun
Abdel Rezel
Shaik Arum
Shaik Serwan

Ramjah Sye
Yanka
Naigues
Tayuier Naigue
Saib Row
Vencatachalum
Yettue
Seprays
Shaik Amad
Dontaven
Mussch
Shaik Ally
Shaik Hamet
Cundapah
Mondinka

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Recd Bernard from Mr Whitehill at Masulipatam the following Letter enclosing intelligence from the Soubahs Camp

To the Honble Mr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Whitehill at Masulipatam

Herewith I have the Honor to send you a paper of intelligence received from the Brahminy in the Soubahs Camp I am with respect

Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
6 March 1775

Intelligence received from the Brahminy at the Soubahs Camp near Mudkapore in the Barnaul Country dated the 6 of February 1775

Buseeud Dowlah has received certain accounts of the death of Seyd Ali Dowlah, but no news how the affairs of this Country will be Settled, That made the English have great fears there, & that it will be settled as they think proper

Whin the news of the English Troops having taken possession of Sankuk & Bassein was received by Surraburam Bauppo, he immediately set out for Poonah

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Poonah & it is reported that he has sent orders to collect Troops from every place to go against the English - People talk differently of the reasons which made the English take those places, being at peace with the Marattas - But at Bombay Durbar it is said that Raggaba gave a grant of them & some other Countrys to the English at Bombay

Raggoba is now in the Country that assembled 10,000 Cavalry there where he is and Futta Sing who has 20,000 Troops His intentions was to have marched into the Country of Kandeish, which it is said he has promised to the English if they will support him with their power, but the Sawars belonging to Sacatarum Bauboo have stopped up the road to that Country & between that Country & Surat on the North, & Bombay on this side

One called Nanoy or Ally Jawn arrived here some days ago from Poonah cherry & made his first visit to Raya Bauyarun, who sent him to Nazibeer Coun, to whom he delivered a Letter & afterwards delivered other Letters to Beerum Ul Doulah - Daumner Dass Sowcar gives him Money for his Expences. I will take particular Notice of this Man & send you the News as soon as I find out his Business

Bijou

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Before Incorporation Bazpoor
set out for Poonah. Recommended to you
to the Southward all the Country is Forts
he demanded & promised to put Sevajee
in possession within two Months,
but I cannot believe he will keep his
Word

The Officers of the Bar-
rack Country are at yet Settled—
The Southern Mind is to take him back of
Burpee which Ethmaud Cawn keeps
said to pay by annuall of Gainagee Naik
Sircarky, but there in possession of the
Country, but Burcun ul Condah & Sazud
Beg Cawn are of a different opinion &
are persuading him Sevajee to drive
him out of the Country. But I do not
think they can do this because Ethmaid
Cawn is a powerful man & has which
Sevajee with the Mahrattas Bonndah
Mirzapajee are still at war & the Bar-
Country is going to ruin

Bazalut Jung is gone
to Meany Surpoo Naick & the Condapah
people some time ago joined together
& plundered Bazalut Jung's baggage
But it is said Hyder Naick was displeased
with Surpoo Naik for having done so
& ordered him not to trouble Bazalut
Jung anymore