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At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Friday 17th Henry Brooke " Saml. Johnson
March John Maxwell Stone. Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consult.
-ation read & approved

Read letter from Dr Petrie
with Surgeons Certificate accompany-
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To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Sir with regret the most
Lett. from Dr. Petrie unforeseen & that I first myself succes-
requesting per- -sitated to beg upon permission to resign
mission to go my office & return to Europe, on
to Europe to resign the first Ships, which sails from hence
his office and return Christmas next & hope this omission of duty in
to Europe. my office, than at incurring the ne, in proffer
compels me to this Determination

After having been employed
by this Government in the Offices the
most Honorable, because the most trust-
worthy I could attain by my rank, after

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having experienced on that Occasion those marks of attention and approbation which have rendered only at once a pleasure & an obligation I should be strangers to every sentiment of grateful Respect if I did not offer you Honble Sir & Sirs my best thanks upon this occasion

To you Gentlemen, I flatter myself it is sufficient for me to mention, that I look forward to the Service of the Honble Company, if I am so happy as to accomplish the Object of my Voyage: Claims upon their Service come with an ineffectual Grace from a person who has acted in one superior sphere to mine, Yet in attending the Field, & duty in their Employments; & in a residence of eight years on this Establishment I have learnt that, which alone could enable me to grasp the Spirit of my own instructions of the principal Surgeons of the Settlement regarding the State of my health I take the liberty of laying before you, as is usual in such Cases

I have the honor to be, with the warmest Zeal for the prosperity of your Government & the most perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most faithful & devoted Servant

Wm Petrie

Fort St George
17 March 1775

These

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These are to Certify that Mr William Petrie, has acquired a very precarious State of health, with a tendency to consumptive complaints, from which indeed by means of a Sea Voyage he has made one narrow escape. After an account of severe & constant application in this Office he has lately become very subject to inflamatory Attacks in his Head which by laborious dispatch never fails to entail on him. Therefore as his health is much impaired, to reestablish him & give a different turn to his constitution we advise him, at this Meridian of life, to try a Voyage to Europe as the most certain means of a perfect recovery

Gilbert Pasley
Jas Anderson
} Surgeons

The Board are convinced that Mr Petrie is thus reduced by a long Course of ill health to the necessity of resigning this Office in order to proceed to England They take occasion here to do justice to him to express themselves entirely satisfied with his Conduct & Ability both before & during the time he has acted as their Secretary & upon this ground they chearfully resolve to recommend him to the Honble Court of Directors that he may have their permission to return with his rank in the Service so soon as

long

Minute of the Board granting Mr Petrie leave to go to England & expressing their entire Satisfaction with his Conduct & Abilities

This

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This Scotch shall be reestablished
The Offices of Military
Secretary & Judge advocate General
being thus vacant by the resignation
of Mr Petrie the President proposes
Mr Richard Joseph Sutton as the pre-
sent deputy Secretary as a proper pers-
on to succeed him. Mr Petrie having
signified to him the President that he
was desirous Mr Sutton should be
qualified to take charge of the Business in
the Military Department. Upon which
Mr Johnson & Mr Mackay gave it as
their Opinion that Mr Sutton's standing
in the Service is too low to give them a Claim
to the appointment of Secretary which
has hitherto been held by persons of
much Senior to them. The other mem-
bers observe in answer to this Objection
that the Office of Secretary has not at
all been filled by Servants Senior
to Mr Sutton of which the Cases of
Mr Goodlad & Mr Oakely the Present
Secretary to the civil department
are instances immediately in Point
that Promotions in practice are de-
pendants has always been regulated by seniority in
those Departments, & not by seniority
upon the General List of Servants that
if this rule were not observed there could
be no Encouragement to junior Servants
employed

Mr Richard Joseph Sutton appointed for this Succession

Mr Johnson and Mr Mackay object

The answer of the Majority to their Objection

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employed in the different Offices to
gain a knowledge of the Business
& thereby qualify themselves to be use-
ful to the Company that in the pre-
sent case Mr Sullivans Employ of
Deputy Secretary should be looked
upon as a Step towards the Board them-
selves have given him towards the Of-
fice of Secretary, that by so doing they
placed before him an Object which they
considered him as qualified to attain
& plainly indicated an acknowledgment
of his Claim to the Succession should the
Office at any time become vacant but
after this it might not only be deem'd
hard but unjust towards Mr Sullivan
to exclude him from any appointment
to which he has so good a title Upon these
Considerations & because Mr Sullivan has
taken pains to acquaint himself thoroughly
with the Forms & Business of the Office
the President moves that he be appoin-
ted Secretary in the Room of Mr Petrie
The Question being accordingly put
is carried in favor of the motion by all
the members excepting Mr Johnson & Mr
Mackay upon which Mr Sullivan is
declared to be duely appointed. +

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Mr Sullivan
appointed Sec.

Mr Johnson & Mr Mackay
desire Leave to enter their dissents from
the Resolution of the Majority upon
the foregoing Motion

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My reasons for appro-
-ving the nomination of Mr Richard
Joseph Sullivan to be Secretary of the
Military department in the Room
of Mr Petrie, are that Provision for the
appointment in future to the rights
of the other Servants who are Subser-
-vient as well as contrary to the spi-
-rit & meaning of the Orders of the Com-
-pany which direct, that in filling up
the Vacancies which shall happen in
the Service, Seniority should have the
preference, unless good & substantial
reasons can be given for deviating from
that rule & in my own opinion no Offi-
-cer ought to deprive a Compa-
-ny's Servant of that right, but upon
Incapacity or want of integrity
Because the due & proper discharge of
the Duties of this office is of the greatest
importance to the Political & Military
concerns of the Company under this go-
-vernment, the person at the head of it
besides being Secretary, being also Judge
Advocate General of the whole Esta-
-blishment with power to appoint Deputy
-ties under him, & the Boards consisting
of so great a trust & such considerable
Emoluments as enjoying a Man as
Mr Sullivan who is only a writer ser-
-ved 7 years uncovenanted Institution original
Services rendered the Company

Yours &c.

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the measure would give cause of com-
plaint & dissatisfaction to such Gen-
tlemen as are by rank of the Service
better entitled to it
Because I think that when a Vacancy
happens time should be always al-
lowed, for such Servants as have any
just pretensions to make their ap-
plication if they chuse it, but this
vacancy was filled up so suddenly
that only Mr Majendie who knows
of it by accident applied to the Board,
but it was supposed that a junior Merchant
& perhaps as well Qualified in every
respect for the Office as any man in my
Service George Mackay

The President reports
that some of the Officers & Sepoys of Capt.
Kelly's Battalion who are posted to Pon-
dicherry with the Battalion to Bombay
are arrived at Trichinopoly The Board
are of opinion that these Sepoys should
receive some ignominious Mark of
their displeasure & disapprobation
of their Conduct - Agreed that a Letter
be written to the Commandant of Tri-
chinopoly ordering them to parade
the troops of the Garrison & to have the
Officers & Sepoys drummed out of it

The Pres. dent reports that he
has received a Letter from Mr Whitehill in-
forming

the Refractory Officers & Sepoys of Capt. Kelly's Battalion to be drummed out of the Garrison of Trichinopoly

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The 1st Rest of this years tribute to be paid to Nundoss

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informing us that Buccum Nundah desires the 1st Rist of the years tribute should be paid to the house of Nundal Nundoss Ordered, that it be paid accordingly

Memorial of Mr Bowans to lie on the Table

Read Letter from Lt Col Ross recommending the raising the Levettes & Bastions to the Westward to the Height of the Bourn

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col Ross respecting the Bastions Foundations & Lunettes to the W.W.D. & recommending an additional Supply of Chunam

As the season is favorable & materials are collecting on the Works I propose with your approbation, to raise to the Height of the Bourn the Foundations of the Bastions & Lunettes to the Westward - The Works intended to secure the North East angles of the Fort I shall commence as soon as I am instructed regarding the mode in which they are to be carried on so that they may be completed in the Course of the Season & in case of Materials should not Suffice I shall proceed further to complete the Bastions & Levets to the Westward - As the Quantity of Chunam contracted for is not in proportion

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Proportion to the quantity of Bricks
they have commenced that measure
& Estimate to procure a Sufficient supply
of 150,000 Parcels

Shall the honor to be
With Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obt Humble
Humble Servant
Patrick Ross

Fort St George
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The Board wishing to be
further informed on this Subject Colonel
Ross is sent for, who informs them, that
he recommends the raising the foundation
of the Lunettes & Ravelins to the West'd
to the Height of the Berms, as it will enable
them to throw out the glacis in proper form
& as it will answer another good Purpose
which is that in Case of Necessity a Work
of Earth may be erected with greater
ease & advantage & the more quickly than
further that he can complete at the foundation,
as far as the proposes & finish the
Works proposed on the N.E. & S.E. Angles
before the Monsoon Orders that the
foundation of the Lunettes & Ravelins
be laid agreable to Col. Ross's Proposal

Ordered accordingly

The President lays before
the Board the following Letter
which he has received from Mr Boddam
Chief of Tellicherry

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

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr
Braddyll reporting
having the alliance
intended to be formed, by the Presidency of Bombay with Rajaba.

Under the 20 Instant I had the Honor of receiving your favour of the 4th Inclosing a packet for Mr Thornby which agreable your desire has been duely forwarded and yesterday received from his Majestys Ship Sea Horse Captn Latimer who after fitting up his water proceeded to the Presidency, from whence we have received advices under date the 11 Instant acquainting us that the Honble the President & Council had in Consequence of the acts of hostilities committed by the Mahrattahs Gluck in making Capture of the Honble Company's Vessel the Petriel Cutter & attacking & burning the Bevenge & Bombay Boat, had issued Orders for attacking & destroying all Vessels belonging to the Mahrattahs wherever they may be met with & by private advices Sharm the Board had come to the Resolution of supporting Rajaba against his Opponents the Ministry at Poonah & for that purpose shortly to send Col Keating with a Body of fifteen hundred men into the Neighbourhood of Bombay to make

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a junction with them in order to work
them to Poonah, he having agreed to de-
=posit to the amount of Six Lacks of Ru-
=pees in Jewells & to make good to the Com-
=pany an allowance of Ninety thou-
=sand Rupees P Month to defray their
Charges for which he is to assign the Re-
=venues of certain Lands to the North'd
& likewise to make over to the Company
for ever other Territories, the yearly Rev-
=enue of which is Estimated at Eighteen
Lacks of Rupees including Salsett Car-
=anja Bajoran, Broach, Tamboor &c
and it was hoped the Madras Gentlemen
would enable them in a Couple of Mon-
ths to reinforce Col. Keating with three
thousand Men more, in which case the
Monthly allowance is to be proportio-
nably increased, this is every thing ma-
terial that has come to my notice since
I had the pleasure of addressing you
on the 9th Instant & you may
depend Sir I will take every opportuni-
ty of acquainting you of such mate-
rial occurrences that I may think
Worthy your notice of our transacti-
ons on this Coast

I remain with Esteem

Honble Sir

Your

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Your most Obedient
humble Servant
B Boddam

Tellicherry
23 February 75.

W Hornby
Joseph Smith
Chas Darroll
Henry Brooke

Wm Ford
Archdale Palmer

Thomas Hudson
Geo Mackay

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We Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & The Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Chief & Council at Masu. dispatam

Agreeably to the desire of Rancoon Aub Saulah, as mentioned in Mr Whitehills Letter to the Poonamalle, we direct, that the first Rist of this years tribute to the Soubah, be paid to the Choutz of Bezoad Nunn-Days

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
& Wynch & Council

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Received the following Letter from Nicholas Starkhouse Esqr Chief of Ingingo

Honble Sir

Letter from N. Starkhouse &c. with the arrival of Capt. Kelly & his Battalion &

In consequence of your last under the 3 Instant & I have now the pleasure to inform you that notwithstanding the difficulties made by the Sepoys they are the greatest part arrived here, owing to the Spiritid behaviour of Capt. Kelly & his Officers two Compa-nies are gone on board the Battalion & are embarking & Companies more on board Sundry small Vessels bound to Tellichery from whence I doubt not but Mr Baddam

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will be able very soon to get them to Bombay The remaining 4 Companies we will do our endeavours to transport thither and hope to be able to send off the greatest part of them by the Aurora which Ship we may daily expect to Sail as Soon by private advices she left Madras for this Coast the 21st Ultimo

Captain Kelly expressed a great Satisfaction in the treatment he mett with from the Bay authorities on board very politely to them & principally from them & his people splendidly with Provisions

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt
humble Servt
N Starkhouse

Anjengo
the 7th March 75

This day sent of the following Letter to Major Stevens

To Major Wm Stevens
Major
Or the Commanding
at Trichinopoly

Sir

The President having received Intelligence that the Officers & Sepoys of Capt Kelly's Battalion ordered proceeding Well from to the Malabar Coast are arrived at Trichinopoly — We hereby direct, as a mark of our publick

Letter to Major Stevens thereof. Officers & Sepoys of Capt Kelly's Battalion to be Drawn out of Trichinopoly

publick ignominy, and as a suitable and
necessary example of our displeasure
& disapprobation of such Conduct,
that upon order the troops of the garri-
son to be paraded, & in their presence
that you cause the said Officer & Soldiers
to be drummed out of it

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servts
Alex.r Wynch & Coun.l

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10th March 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Joseph Smith " Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
John Maxwell Stone " Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

Tuesday
12 March

The Minutes of last Consul-
-tation read & Approved

Read memorial of Mess.rs
Aaron Brennan & Letter in conse-quence ad-
-dressed to the Secretary

A true and impartial Memorial of
some late occurrences at Madura &
Affairs Subsequent thereto most Respect-
-fully addressed by Ensign Ambrose
Brennan

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Memorial of
Ll Brennan

Your memorialist begs
leave to inform you that he was at Madura
in August last, Commanded by Lieut.
Colonel Braithwaite, & there garriso-
ned by the Honble Companys 5 Batta-
lion of Sepoys commanded by Lieut Adju-
tant Sale) and 5 Companies of the 7 Batta
lion commanded by Lieut Ferrier) in
which Corps your memorialist at that time did
duty & is now returned

Lt Sale, having in a short
time after having attained permission
to resign the adjutancy of the said Batta-
lion, after his departure from Madura
with a intention to fulfill the same, there
arose the highest Condemnation & uneasiness
between the Officers of the 5th Battalion
(particularly by Lt Burr) & Lieutenant
Col: Braithwaite, In consequence of a
G.O. issued by the Latter on the day of Lt
Sales departure, Importing "that Ensign
& Bate (Junior Officer of the said Battalion
& for reasons Lt Col: Braithwaite saw all
his Interest to procure the Adjutancy" was
by the Governors permission. Appointed
as adjutant to the said Battalion vacated
Juniors Orders. This was Considered by Lt Burr

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(on whom as Senior Officer the Command of the Battalion devolved) as an encroachment on his undoubted Military Prerogative with which he argued the Commanding Officer, to obtain his own support produced & Read a Letter from the Governor Authorizing him to act as before mentioned

Shortly after this Lt Burr was sent for by Lt Col: Braithwaite after remaining at Head Quarters some time he returned to the Barracks & assembled the Doctor & most of the Officers at his Room, upon Mr Macartie's not coming up but upon his return to the Barracks, found nothing spoke of" but the severe treatment which Lt Burr complained of having received from Lt Col: Braithwaite, whom he declared upon Oath (in presence of the aforesaid persons) had told him "that he sent for him in consequence of a Letter received from the General, setting forth that he (the General) was sick in justice to Lt Burr for the Adjutancy on Lt Burr's account in Seniority this he told him (Lt Burr) was the height of Ingratitude in the General & this Friend Capt Cosby at whose particular intercession he consented to bringing Lt Burr to a Court Martial "for Plundering at Bonavad a Paraan, but now that they had opposed him in getting the adjutancy for Ensign Bate, he was determined

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determined to bring them before the afore
said Tribunal, if they did not forth-
with relinquish all Claim to the said
Adjutancy Lt Burr further declared
that during the said interview Lt Col.
Braithwaite made use of several Expres-
sions highly derogatory to the dignity
of General Smith's Character (whom
he represented as entirely unfit to Com-
mand the army &c.) & some generalities
respecting injurious to the Service
due to this Honble Board, which hereto
memorialist thinks unnecessary to men-
tion at Lt Burr having immediately com-
mitted those affairs fully and accurately
to writing & transmitted them to the Genl
& therein Sent them as acquainting them
that there were several Officers who (if
called upon) were ready to Testify the same
upon Oath

All the aforesaid matters
were public to every Officer in Garrison
except Lt Cooke & Ensign Bate (of the Corps
of Sappers) Lt Burr acquainted upon
Memorialist with them & shewed the
Oath injunctions to Secrecy enjoined
& any person committed in the Oath
Necessary, it being the unanimous Opi-
nion that upon the General's Receipt
of Lt Burrs aforesaid Communications
ready to be attested as beforementioned
by Col Braithwaite would immediately

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be immediately Ordered under arrest & brought
to a Court Martial to answer at every Officer
would be summoned to Declare, what
he knew of the matter, your memori-
alist on this account, avoided any inti-
macy with Pr Bowes & those Gentlemen
who conspired to prosecute the said injur-
rious expressions &c.a to which the Col. had
made use of - at his Table, as he thought it
beneath a man of Sentiment to forgive
the Insult & partake of a Gentlemans Hos
pitality & afterwards recapitulate his
private Conversation - when doing so
may be attended with the most dangerous
most & dangerous Consequences Yet this
was certainly the Case & with Pleasure will
Continued to all outward appearancey
Colonels Friends, at the time they were
absolutely prospogating his Ruin
A few days before an answer
was expected from the General at your
Memorialists (in the Strictest Confi-
dence) Informed Ensign Bate of all what
had passed, & that the next Post he Ex-
pected would bring Orders to put the Col.
under Arrest Ensign Bate Contrary
to Your memorialists strict injunctions
of Secrecy acquainted the Colonel how
of at which your memorialist expressd
a proper resentment against Ensign
Bate, that he cannot averse to his ac-
quaintance & the Colonel provided it could

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be of Service to him, but until a Court Martial was appointed it would only be productive of disagreeable Consequences between your memorialists Lt Burt, & the persons in league against the Colonel, Ensign Bate, & myself as no material doubts Should upon by opening to him that Lt Col: Braithwaite gave his word of honour upon Memorialists arrest not to transpire until it came to trial - Colonel Braithwaite afterwards in a Subtle Soothing manner beg'd your Memorialist to Commit what he knew of affairs to writing, for to strengthen his memory, he did so but hesitated to deliver them to the Col: who employed every seductive method until he got the said paper in his possession, And after having perused the Substance of what had been written against him, & finding the allegations were too well grounded, to admit of his acquitting himself (as to the misconduct of a partial person must in justice be owned by the Case) he privately destroyed the same

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method honourable of acquitting himself that your memorialists Commission should fall a victim, in order thereby to practice his arts & wiles of all unnecessity with Lt Burt, the General & c.a this Humble Sir & Sirs the grievously

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contained for your memorialist Thereby
person in Madura who Ibbitson thought
him injured & honored by stood up for
him, against the majority of his
Brother Officers This first laudable step
was to break his sword / & incurred to
ruin of honor / by sending for Lieut
Burt & declaring your memorialist by
author of that Sword, & the instrument
produced your memorialist Thereon
ating Which he likewise said was sent
him voluntarily at the same time
making use of ambiguous & profane
& Gestures, such as Tapping Lt Burt
on the Shoulder" Surprised what he had
been informed of by your memorial-
ist was not true, that there were bad
men in the World &, Within similar com-
-mendable devices

Thus proceeding had the Council
effected your Memorialist having then
an Enemy (as the before Expected) not only
in Lt Burt (but also in every other person
who before was much to Col: Braithwaite,
this unfortunately was productive of the
worst of Consequences particularly
between Lt Burt & your memorialist, the
particulars whereof he thinks entirely
unnecessary to be enumerated in this Memo-
rial, as the proposes they should appear
before this Honble Board shd a search
necessary at Channell

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Your Memorialist (heartily
desirous of having a Secretary whose be-
haviour the Jurisdiction due to the Word & honor
of a Field Officer, so totally violated) wrote
to Colonel Braithwaite to procure him Leave to resign
his Commission, this Letter was dated the 1st
of September last (on the 2d of the said Month
two Officers of the 7 Battalion objected to do
duty with your memorialist (for a crime "so
inconsistent with any Gentleman or even
on the articles of War, that the execution must have acquitted him) for
In consequence whereof your memorialist
was ordered arrest, & previous thereto that
Lt Burt also Confined for a Crime of a
previous nature Colonel Braithwaite
(having at length (in Consequence of
this application) received a letter from
the Governor permitting your memo-
rialist to repair Either to resign his
Commission, or to award all Causes of Dis-
gration, thought it expedient to do so
at the same time, but was most Obliged to
it, because this was a Letter to Col. Braithwaite
only specified this Resolution to Resign
provided Colonel Braithwaite would
settle matters amicably at Madura,
which she has entirely Committed (Your
which appear will hereafter Manifest
to this Honble Board your attention
Honble Sirs & Sirs to this particular
Circumstances is humbly requested as

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it might justify your memorialists
in an absolute refusal, & put him
of every obligation to Benign, This would
appear by his said Letter of the 7 Sept.
which Col. Braithwaite contrary to
your memorialists desire sent to the Gov.
-nor at Vizagapatam memorialists arri-
-val here, Tho' found this private dictate
grossly aggravated by public false-
-hood, & his Resignation unjustly and
maliciously construed into a flat of
standing a Court martial, & also had
good Reason to understand, that Col.
Braithwaite not satisfied with having
-tiring this Commission a Sacrifice deter-
-mined likewise to injure his Reputation
by malevolent Misrepresentations in
his Letter to the General dated the 2 Sept.
Last.

Your memorialist unwil-
-lingness of thus joining himself to gri-
-evously Injured Applying to the General
for a Court Martial, which the upon
mature deliberation afterwards Exhi-
-bited, having received a Certificate from
the General which in some degree al-
-leviated his distress & his having there Re-
-solved to proceed to Europe in the Skelton but
could not procure a Conveyance, he like-
-wise used all his Endeavours to get a
passage in the Speke & the Seahorse &
Indiamen, but unsuccessfully

Your

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Your memorialists pre-
sent Circumstances tho' inadequate
to procuring them an equivalent a Convey-
ance as the Court wish to Europe cannot
deter them from going thither, so much
as the dread of incurring a Stigma on
their Character, which must ever prove
a Heart felt Injury to them & their Friends

This he therefore most
earnestly recommends to the Consid-
eration of the Honble Board hoping there-
by that they will somewhat assuage the
the insupportable of their unfortunately re-
-questing they would permit them forth-
with to join his Battalion & in case any
Objection should be still entertained to this
Character, that they would grant them
a Court martial to vindicate the same
which he trusts it is his power to do, from
any charge that can ever come of Injus-
tice or Dishonor

As the voice of Scandal is
ever ready to pursue the Characters of
the most innocent in this Country, your
memorialist humbly begs leave to Doubt his
Conduct might have been represented
to this Honble Board in Order therefore
for Direct Contradiction to remove any pos-
sible Scruple he begs leave to refer them to the very
favourable & strong Recommendations given
of them by Major Hart to the Board, by the

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Officers of the 3d Regiment to which he belon-
ged for two years. during which time they
positively certify, that they had Ever
has been your memorialist behaved Entirely
Consistently with the Character of
an Officer & Gentleman

Your memorialist hopes
this Honble Board will pardon his Con-
-cerning so much of their time beyond
being more succinct herein, which the
Nature of his Complaints would not
admit of And he further begs leave to
observe (with due diffidence to this Honble
Board) that he apprehends (by a late Order
from Europe) that if any of the Honble
Company's Servants in India have
any Complaints to make, it is their
duty to Exhibit them to the Governor
& Council of their Respective Presidencys
previous to their departure, as otherwise
they will not be attended to in England
by the Honble Court of Directors. In con-
-sequence whereof your memorialist begs
leave to submit this memorial (with
the utmost humility & Regard) to this
Honble Board, from whose Equity &
Consideration & Judgment as well as
the whole of the Honble Companys Injunctions of the
Honble Company, he is animated
with full Confidence of Experiencing
the requested opportunity of getting
Redress

Your

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Your memorialist con-
-cludes : having the honor to subscri
himself

With the most perfect
Esteem & Respect

Honble Sir & Sr
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt.
A Brennan
Ensign 7 Batt.n Sepoys

Fort St George
2d Febry 1775

To Wm Petrie Esqr
Military Secretary
Sir

Letter from Ens.
Brennan previa-
-ricating upon
the Subject of his
Resignation

Permit me now to address
you in Consequence of what you were pleas
-ed to intimate, this morning when I had
pleasure of meeting on you
Sumtood by the evidenti-
-mation that the Honble The President
& Council considered me as resigned the
Service of the Honble Company, in consc-
-quence of my Letters to the Honble Board
dated Pulicat on the 22 January past in which
Letter having wrote
-scripitately at the Adjut-
-ant Generals Office I have no Copy of
but can venture upon my memory to assert
that the plain sense & meaning there of
was Viz. That having obtained permission
of the Honble Board to resign my Com-
-mission & proceed to Europe. I requested
they would be pleased to order me a Convey-
-ance

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Conveyance thither on the Sea Shore Indiaman, Town this, let the impartial World declare whether I can be considered as unjustifiable out of the Service May Sir you favour me with a perusal of my aforementioned Letter of the 23d Instant, written by directions of the Worthy Board & dated officially, Propositions by consequence of my being considered as Resigned as the absolute Words thereof which I cannot consider as immediately uttered by the Honble Board are "To Consign Brennan Sir James directed by the President & Council to inform you that you will have a permit to be received on board one of the Companys Ships for Europe but it will be Necessary for you previously to send in your Commission & Journal by to resign the Service Jan 8th & 8th Signed (& Sealed) Wm Petrie officially

Fort St George 23d Jan 1775 Now Sir can there be any thing clearer than that I was at that time considered an Officer & any assistance I can render in the Battalion of Sepoys (for aught I know) be this Day, what can justify my being considered as out of the Service? permit me Sir just to draw a few deductive Conclusions from the whole of the preceding matter I most certainly ask'd for permission to resign & proceed to Europe I solicited a passage thither in the Fleet sent & that from private Concern I had up the Country have been grossly misrepresented to my Character & dreading the Consequences of Obtaining a

Sir I am

To Fort St George 21st March 75

Sir on a thorough I have presented another
2nd memorial & wish to the Honble Board
apologizing for the Ungentlemanly of de-
laying a Court martial upon my
my grievances & begging that Justice
a Court Martial may be granted me
in order to vindicate my Character With
the Honble Board upon me this. As I
can not even harbour a thought there of
from their equitable & Honorable Person
of my memorial, I beg Sir that you will
lay this letter before the Honble Board
My Battalion Soup per ye will be short
shortly & prevent my Brother Officers
who objected to do duty with me, will be
convinced they did so on ill Grounds
& consequently recall them which will
prevent a Court Martial

I beg leave to repeat Sir
that you would point out those Circum-
stances to the Honble Board & that I shall ever
consider myself every thing entitled to the
Commiseration I now stand from the Hon-
ble Company constitutes & appointh
me until I am divested thereof by the at-
tribute of every Officer & I am incapacited
derogatory thereto I am conscientiously
assert & defy the World to prove any thing
by your loyal foreign to this Assertion

I am Sir your my best Respects

Madras
16 March 1775

Your most Obt Servant
A Brennan Ensign

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Minute thereon

In consequence of a letter addressed to me by Mr Bannerman, as entered in Consultation 20 January requesting that a passage might be ordered him on board of Sea Horse, that he might proceed to England, & in Consideration of his unfortunate Situation, which occasioned him to resign the Service, for with great Chearfulness accepted his resignation, & he was accordingly given to understand that he should be furnished with the orders which he requested - From an apprehension that a misconception of the Letter written to them on the Subject by the Secretary; he now acquaints us that he still considers himself as in the Company's Service & therefore demands a General Court martial, to take his trial, for the accusations which are alledged against him, from their Circumstances therefore & from the general tenor of Mr Bannerman's Conduct, which has been much to the dissatisfaction of his Superior Officers we now confirm our former opinion & direct that the Secretary do argee with him of this our resolution & that we consider him no longer as in the Company's Service

Read Letter from the Committee of Works, with Extract of their Minutes of the 20 February 1775

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from
Committee of Works

We have the honor to lay
before you Extract from our Minutes
of the 28 February 1775

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
John Mr. Stone
Geo. Mackay
Patrick Ross

Fort St George
2 March 1775

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee
of Works dated the 28 February 1775

Extract from
this Minutes
Col. Ross approves
of Mr Benfield's
proposals for
Executing the
Works to the E.
I.a Co.a Estimate
of the Expence
to be prepared

Lieutenant Col. Ross lays before
the Committee three Bills for the Brick Work
of the West Front amounting to Pagodas
184 33 4 31 4 10. One from the Contractor for
removing the Earth of the West Front amount
ing to Pagodas 363 19 22. One from the Contractor for
Bailing Water for the Foun-
dations of the West front amounting to Pago
8050 being altogether Payed as 22 4 30 4 17 40
And acquainting them that he has examined
the said Bills & found them all right and at
the same time shewed the Committee

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that the work is well executed & in every Respect conformable to the terms of Contract. The Clerk observes to the Committee that Mr. Benfield stands debited on the Books for advances on account of this Journal Contracts Paged at 15500, for materials Delivered to him Paged at 2,623.21.33. And for the amount of removing Earth by the Company carried to his Debit, 276.14.20 All which added together makes, Paged as 200, 309.35.53. so that there is a Balance in favor of Mr Benfield as for the Works of the first Grand of Paged at 24,116.17.67 Agreed that Mr Benfields Bills be laid before the President & Council

Col: Pope acquainted the Committee that he has examined Mr Benfields Proposals for building the Works that are proposed to be carried on in execution to the Eastward & compared them with what has been done to the Westward, together with the Expence of cleaning the ditch making dams building water & other Charges attending each on keeping the ditch dry, ascertained with as much precision as the nature of the case would permit, which he imagines have cost the Company about 15 Pagodas & Cubic Yard of Brick Work, from which he has the Expence of fresh Water from Mr. Baker & the advance on the Carriage of Bricks he is of Opinion the terms now offered are advantageous for the Company as they

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are paid from Both their Expences at once ascertained, for likewise in Agents that at these Rates, the Expence of the Works will not exceed their Estimate delivered in by him to the Board & that he will as soon as he conveniently can prepare a Calculate of the Expences of the Works proposed on the proposals delivered in by Mr Binfield, agreable to the desire of the Committee

Consideration thereof deferred

Resolved to defer the Consideration of this Subject untill Col. Ross shall have prepared & delivered in a Calculate of the Expence, formed on the proposals of Mr Binfield

Read Letter from Capt. Gosling Commanding at Vellore

Letter from Capt. Gosling on his March from Vellore & his taken attempt to desert

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter dated Fort St George 23 February I received & am much obliged by the Consequence of an order issued by Col. Lang on arrival the 5th March arrived at Vel. dated the 12 delivered Capt Hopkins your letter & ordered him — On my march pos- -ted Guards in the Roads leading through the different passes into the mus are Coun- try to intercept any Sepoys should they attempt to desert, I marched from Trajas at 12 O'Clock ordering a guard to be posted in the Road leading to Attoor & Salam & more of them guard at Day-break, about

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Sun rise they discovered one of my Serj.ts
in the Boat leading to Attore, they declare
about four miles from Tiagar, at this
time the Battalion must be fourteen
miles from that place he was present
when the Battalion Paraded to march
desired his Brother Serj.t to enquire into
the affair, they did & reported to me it had
a very Black appearance & its my form
opinion he intended to desert, your
directions relative to this or any other
business will Oblige

Gentlemen
Your obliged humble Servt
Robert Godfrey

Vellore 13th March 75

Ordered that Capt. Godfrey be
directed to send the Serjeant, Prisoner to
Trichinopoly, there to be tried, for the crime
which he stands charged against him

to be tried by a Court Martial at Trichinopoly

The President lays before yt.
Board the following Letter which he has
received from Capt. Duncan Commanding
at Ongole

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

Honble Sir

Being informed that Ens.n
Letter from Capt. Duncan at Ongole desiring to Know his Motives for

valet Jones was on his march from Adoni
towards the Guntoor Circars, with a Consi
derable

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Considerable Force & was come, not a
great way from the Shorts of this Coun-
try, Altho' it might not be improp-
per to procure some more particular
Intelligence concerning them

Some people Came with
for that purpose left them three days
ago, one a Mussulman Merchant from
a Village in the Borders of the Tudapore
Country, about 30 Cos from Hurrihur
Road from Shemoga to Sunda, which
place he left 8 days before

they told me, he has in
all about 4000 Horse & 3000 Sepoys, 25
Elephants, one large Gun & no Field
pieces — that he has between 50 or 60 Euro-
pean troopers with him, Of the horse
about 1,000 are well mounted The Ca-
-mandar Nabob attends them, in person
to whom belongs 600 or 700 of the Horse &
300 more of them, are Mahrattas com-
-manded by one Gopal a Row — Of the
Sepoys One Battalion consisting of 500
800 Men with 100 Topazs are clothed after
our fashion & Commanded by a Euro-
pean

I understand the Intentions
of Visiting the Governor Circar, is to settle
or take Cognizance of some differences
between them which he intends this
Invasion does them & have already been
productive of some Bloodshed They are

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You told us exceedingly alarmed at this approach & some of them have sent away their Family & Effects into other Countries If any of the above particulars Shall give you trouble upon the receital of, or any Matter of Enquiry afterwards Leave of this transactions, whilst in that Country Should prove in the least worthy of your notice Shall have great Satisfaction Shall the Honor to be with the greatest Respect & Regard

Honble Sir
Your very devoted
most Obd Servant
Alex Duncan

Angole 12 March 75

The Secretary to acquaint Capt Duncan that it is the Order of the Board that he shall Forward to the Pres. with whatever intelligence he may procure & deem worthy of this Notice

Read Letter from Mr George Baker

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq
President & Govr & ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Whereas a Contract was entered into in the year 1771 (as well known to

Letter

Letter from Mr Baker respecting his Contract with the Company stated their Duties to be compleat

to your Honble Board) between the Honble the Court of directors of the East India Company & their deputed Servants for furnishing this Garrison &c with water, on certain Terms & Conditions in the said contract contained; And,

(2d) Whereas it was therein Stipulated Among other things, That there should be one or more Reservoirs, or other Receptacles Constructed by me, in this Town as soon as might be, for receiving and keeping in reserve a Quantity of Water in the said Contract specified and

(3d) Whereas your Honble Board did, After due Deliberation Send them Commands a Resolution, to Cause such Reservoirs or Receptacles to be Constructed by the Honble Company on Condition of my paying, out of a proportion of the Expence there of, As should appear, I could make such, As would answer the purposes of my Engagement and in which I did (In compliance with the motion of your Honble Board and for the Company's Interest and Convenience readily acquiesce, But in fact expectation, that you would have caused it to be immediately done and

(4th) Whereas on or about the 15 December 1773, I did myself the pleasure to advise you, That We had in

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the Month of July that year Said water into the town, And Intimated the favor of you to cause (Agreable to your former Resolution) such Reservoir or Reservoirs to be built as soon as might be, that I might thereby be enabled to Compleat my Undertaking And

5th Whereas there Reservoirs are not yet Built Nor any preparations that Shall be made towards building them, And as the former Reservoirs (be they what they may) which have induced your Honble Board thus long to delay that Work may (for any thing I know to the Contrary) as per your Order to put it off, to a still further, And Consequently Uncertain Day And Course I must Continue Ignorant when it may be done, or whether it can ever be done At all and as many great inconveniencies have already occured And daily occur, as well as all Obvious, I am accumulating (in a manner) till at last time, by the delay there of, Such as among many other, a very anxious and Irksome State of Suspence, And unavoidable Expence Resulting therefrom Not to mention that very affecting Circumstance, The Loss perhaps necessary, & irretrievable Loss of two years of my Life; In my state of Health & at any time of it. Ingo

(6th) As the mode of Executing

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my Engagements, as well as the terms and Conditions of the Contract for the same, have been represented as more to my disadvantage, since part of the Company & by some — And

[7th] As it is above all, necessary that a worthy Governor for publick use should be thoroughly Investigated & undergo the Animadversion of the publick & the prosperity of the Settlement, as well as the most eligible mode of execution be ascertained And

[8th] As, if Misrepresentation Fraud or Guile, have been used on my accession part, to obtain a Contract Injurious both to the Community at large, & may, & ought to be, Retorted on me with double force or, If I have erred in judgement, (which however I have not had opportunity to exercise) It is necessary I should by the most able, & better disposed, be set right. And

[9th] Lastly, that this matter may for reasons, & by the following means be brought to as speedy an issue, as the nature of the Case will admit of — Please Honble Sir & Sirs To be informed that it is my earnest request, that you will Please to determine finally whether the Reasons shall be built or not, And if yes, When? And further request that you will please to transmit this address to the Honble & the Court of Directors, by the first Ships, Together with

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such Observations & Amendments on the said contract, & undertaking, as with point out all their Defects & disadvantages & Exhibit to them a clear & distinct view of the several parts thereof, That they may be thereby Enabled to form a clear judgement on the whole, & determine ultimately on what is to be done in the Premises, for I mean with your permission To proceed on the first Ship or as soon as Conveniently may to England To answer there, If I can, such Objections as may be made to either or, if I cannot justify what has been done (or not done & that was incumbent on me to do) To submit cheerfully, to such censure as y.e Honble Company shall on the principal of Equity please to impose, They are parties. I consent to make them guilty

10th / During my absence whether on this occasion to Engld. or Elsewhere for the recovery of my Health they have to Commit the Works to the Care of John Maxwell Stone & Mr A. Davis Majendie Who, at my request Instructed have been so kind as to accept the Charge thereof And who will be Careful to furnish the Garrison with Water — As to furnishing that part of the Fortifications with that article which you are now Negotiating a

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contract for, You will please to allow
the Contractor to await himself of
such means for that purpose as may seem
think will tend most to the Company's
Interest, since that which does this most
effectually answers best the designs
Thereof in view, Provided that, that which
may be done by such Gentlemen, does not
injure any part of the Work we have already
done; or Obstruct, or otherwise affect, what
may hereafter be found Necessary to
Do — But if you find that the Setts of
our works, In the State the men are (8
in which they must remain until they
Returns be Computed, or till it be
Determined whether they shall, or shall
not be Erected at all) Necessary to assist, or
wholly employ the Same, then Gentle-
men will Cause their best assistance
to be given for this purpose, Having as
the Work encreases Hands, Able to Deliver
Into the Fort, from six to eight thousand
Hogsheads of good fresh Water in twen-
-ty four hours

I will not trouble
you Hon^ble Board further by Entering
into any thing already Treated on Orders, as
Desired now to other Particulars And
Shall therefore only to Observe on the
whole that whatever shall be the
Hon^ble Company's determination
on your Statement of the Case, & the

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humble Opinion of your very Respect-
full Servant in the Light that She looks
it, shall be borne, & mine an irrever-
sable decree

Permit me to be as I am
with Respect

Hon^ble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obed^t
& most Hble Servt.
George Baker

Fort St George
16 March 1775

NB. Please to be informed that the Large
Cistern or Reservoir for the Main Bas-
tion, is lately became so much decay-
ed as not to hold Water

George Baker

Minute thereon

The Board have already de-
termined, that a Bomb proof Cistern,
should be built on the Company's
account, agreeably to a proposal delivered
in by the Engineer, which Cistern was
to hold as many thousand Gallons of Water
which Mr Baker in his Contract is
bound to keep in reserve, & that Mr
Baker should pay to the Company
such a Sum of Money, as the Chief Eng-
ineer should deem adequate to the
Expence of the Cistern, which he by
his contract is bound to build — The
Board now confirm their former reso-
lution, & will order the Cistern to be
built

built, when the more material Works of the Fortifications, will admit of its being done, In the mean time the Chief Engineer & Mr Baker are to examine the Bomb proof of the Nabobs Bastion, & to report to the Board, whether or not, it can be made fit to contain a sufficient quantity of water for present Use Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Mr Baker of this our Resolution, & that we look upon that part of his Contract with the Company, which respects the building of a Cistern, as properly fulfilled on his part

Read Letter from General Smith, together with one addressed to him by Lt Donat & Mr Lind.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Gen. Smith in favor of Lt Dan: M'Lod recommending him to the Consideration of the Board & inclosing

Enclosed I have the Honor to send you a Letter Received from Lt Danl M'Leod relative to a subject that does on him your particular & which more is their greatest misfortune This Officer has served under me ever since his arrival at this Presidency & I do with truth assure the Honble Board that his Zeal

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spirit & activity on every occasion have been such, as to attract my particular notice, for which reason I made choice of him, at both Sieges of Tanjore to act either as the Engineer or Pioneer Corps, both of which are commonly attended with much fatigue & danger. Either of which I cannot help putting my self interested for this Officer, & take the liberty to recommend his situation to the consideration of the Honble Board, & that he may again be appointed to the Sepoys, being persuaded that his Conduct in future will be such as to merit your favor & approbation

I have the Honor to be
With Respect,
Honble Sirs
Your most Obt Servt
Joseph Smith

Pondamalee
26 February 75.

To Brigadier Genl Joseph Smith
Commander in Chief
&c

Sir

I lately understood that it is reported among my Brother Officers that I am marked as a person unworthy of a choice generally granted to the most alert & enterprising Officers of my Rank, & not disposed even to the common ordinary exertions — I am serving with Sepoys

Letter from Dr D. M'Leod to the Genl.

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Sir I am sensible that the honor of being under your Command now eight years — & prior to you if as much as it was possible for me to discover my motivation & abilities, my profession did not appear to be my Choice of Study & delight Nor not only to my Interest that I would most willingly rely upon this Case, but to all the Officers of note in the Service under whose immediate Command & I am on different duties — And certainly your opinions of my merit or demerit must stamp in my character with the other Honourable Members of the Board whether I am always known

To deprive of foundation this report which has created an impossible uneasiness in my mind I am Obliged to request you would be pleased to remove me to Fyzabad — for I must distant long you For that at howsoever favorable terms, Surely an Officer deserving of, or labouring under such disgrace can be neither a credit or advantage to the Service & for any Post Servant think of receiving the Company's pay on such terms

If I flatter myself Sir, that you know my case to be that of a Soldier who is determined to live or die with honor not in this profession — And whereas

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insist in no cause without Scrutinizing dev-
-oting himself to it

I shall only add, that, if you
think it necessary to submit my reflexion
-ation to the Honble Board You will
be pleased to observe that Whatever atten-
-on upon it, regards what Shall so much
dearer to me than my Commission
the Service which I already wear with
the best part of my life in the Service
in which all my prospects center & beyond
which I have no view

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obt & dutv.
Hble Servant
Dan MacLeod

Madras 21st July 1775-

To be appointed to the first Vacancy in the Sepoy Corps

Lt General Smith recom-
-mends Lt MacLeods situation as strongly
-ly to our Consideration, & at the same
time represents him as a brave & good Officer
It is agreed that he be appointed to the
first Vacancy which may happen
in the Sepoy Corps

Read Memorial of Lieu-
-tenant Colonel James Commandant
of Artillery

To

him as a

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Jameson. preventing Hardship done to his Corps if they are excluded from Commanding Garrisons & claiming the Command of Artillery

Had the Artillery Corps remained on an equality advantageous Footing with the Infantry, as it did when the army was first formed on this Coast, I had not now been necessitated to trouble you with this address but as I understand some doubts have arisen touching the propriety of my being appointed to the Command of Artillery party commandable to any Guard I think it my duty in behalf of the Officers of my Corps as well myself, to offer with due deference such reasons as occur to me in support of my claim

As Commandant of Artillery I humbly conceive I have a right agreable to the Rules of the army to be with the Infantry Col. Gough being appointed to Command either Fort or Artillery party in a recent instance

By the General Orders of the 2d July 1776. I was stationed to Command the Garrison of Fort St George without the Command of Artillery was given to Major Horne, I submit therefore beyond Critic judgement if on the same grounds, I can not now be appointed

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to the command of Fortune party

to the Infantry Officers re-
ceived complained of the above cruelty they can-
not consistently themselves enjoined by my
Attaining the Command of any other Garrison
as Trank immediately after Col. Bonjour Jam
induced to flatter myself the Gentlemen of the
Honble Board will take into Consideration y.
justness of my Reasons & no longer suffer the Jeal
of its not being usual, to forward submit appear
so evidently injurious to my whole Corps
I shall only beg leave to add
that, on this occasion I pretend to no more on
their account than Jams any other consider-
tion whatever, but the determination rests
with the Honble Board, & to that I shall chearf
fully submit

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your dutiful &
Obedient Servant
Edward James

St Thomas's Mount
20 March 1775

We are fully sensible of the
peculiar Hardship which the Officers of the
Military Labour under, by not succeeding more
ration to the different Commands of Garri
sons in like manner as the Infantry & wish
Remarks thereon it were in our power, consistantly with
the good of the Service to obviate it agreeably
to the desire of Colonel James. We do not how-
ever admit of that right claimed by Col. James,

of

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of being withdrawn at ever part of this Corps, he
may think proper, since according to
Custom of the Service, the Commandant
of a Corps, is at all times supposed, to live with
the major part of it, If indeed as is the case of Fort
Lowy this corps should be equally divided with
with them of course rest with them, to be with
either part of it, that he shall think proper
For these reasons therefore, it is, that we cannot
at present comply with Colonel Farmer's
request of being appointed to the Command
of Trichinopoly, there being at this time
no more than one Company of Artillery
stationed in that Garrison, the Hot season
of the year, now approaching, which renders
it necessary that the three Companies at
the Mount should be better accommodated
than in tents
& Tripassadore being represented as an eli-
gible Situation, for them, It is ordered
that an Engineer be immediately sent
thither to examine the Choultry & other ac-
commodations, & to Report his opinion
of the same, as soon as possible

The President delivers in
the following Minute

The President acquaints
the Board, that in conversing with the
Nabob he had spoke to him of the Business
of the Survey of the Roads of the Carnatick
& of his Wish, for its being carried into exe-
cution which he should make as many

Minute of the President upon
hearing the Nabobs
Proposal that
the Survey shall
be performed by
a Company's Officer
&c

previous

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accompanied by two of the Nabobs Sepoys

private objections, but having repeatedly mentioned to him, the Desire he had if the Company would send him an Officer such as he & they should approve of that he would put under his Command a Company of their own Sepoys, & he would give them directions to make the Journey which the said Officer, with the Plans & Sepoys to the Company, but that while in the Service he must not correspond with the Government here at all, but obey only the Orders he might chuse to give him, as this in their opinion will most answer the proposed End - we directed the Nabob immediately order him on the Business, as he will be under the Necessity of marching where he might direct & as agreeable thereto the President proposed, that as the Sepoys selected for the Company of guides are at Velore with Mr Gibbs, whom they have laid a long time, that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob setting forth the Propriety of pursuing Plan the utility of it & the Disadvantages We experienced during the war with Hyder, by the not having among the Company's Hircarrahs those Nabobs or Company's Hircarrahs were to be depended upon & desiring the Nabob will give orders to his People known for the Necessary Assistance to Mr Gibbs

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& this party whose instructions will be to pay for whatever provisions &c he may receive from them, & to confine himself solely to the Business of the Survey which as soon as furnished Copy of it will be presented to the Nabob He also acquaints the Board, that applicable to him is quest to them, he applied to the Nabob for a list of the Europeans in his Service, that he found them averse to it, but after frequently mentioning it to them, he promised to send it, that he has often since put them in mind of it & thinks there is no likelyhood of obtaining it, wants time being elapsed must be made in a more particular manner & therefore as the Company are desirous of knowing the Number of Europeans in the Country and as it is very material for their Government to have that knowledge before hand that a letter be written to the Nabob setting forth the necessity of the application & requesting him to send us a List of all the Europeans in his Service

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Nabob, the great utility of an accurate Survey of the Carnatic being obtained, & the expediency of its being effected by the Company of Gentlemen that were sent for that purpose, instead of by the Nabobs own Sepoys, which he recommends for undertaking, in preference to Ours. After

The President to pen a letter to the Nabob for a List of his Europeans

Mr Hastings to write to his Highness regarding the Survey

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Eneas Mackay appointed Quarter: master of the Europ: pean Cavalry.

Agreeable to the recommendation of Genl. Smith Eneas Mackay is appointed Quarter Master to the European Troops of Cavalry &c.

Brief Letter from Major Sr. dated 1st March

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Sydney Stevens

This morning I received a Letter from Major Sydney Stevens Commanding the 2d Battalion of Sepoys which Regiment is now Encamped at Tritchinapoly & Major Nixon, who is next Senior Officer to him, commands the Troops under the Carnatic, from whom I have received the Change of the Government from Capt Mackenzie

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt
humble Servt
Wm Stevens

Tritchinapoly
1st March 1775

Brief Letter from Major Nixon

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Nixon taking Com- mand of Tritchinapoly

Warning

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Letter from Major Nixon takes the Command of Trichinopoly

Having obtained the Govr. leave to proceed to Trichinopoly before the Regiment, I do myself the honor to acquaint you that on my arrival I assumed the Command of the garrison & am accordingly settled at that place & shall (though it is expedient) for the good of the Service to take upon me the Command as Major Stevens has agreed in this opinion with me. I hope it will meet with your approbation

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most devoted
& faithful Hble Servt
Eccles Nixon

Trichinopoly
17 March 1775

Lt O'Neal dies
Lt: O'Neal Dead.

The President reports the death of Lieutenant Ensign O'Neal at this place

Ordered that Ensign Robt Hall be appointed Lieutenant Robt Darrell deceased

Ensign Read pro-
moted.

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Darroll
Henry Brooke

Arthur Palmer
Fort St George
Gen: Mackay

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23 Agreeably to the Minutes of last Consult. tation a Letter was this day sent to the Nabob, as Entered in Secretary Correspondence Vol. 33.

At a Consultation Present

Mons. Wynch Esq. Gov. & Presid.
Joseph Smith " Geo Dawson
Monday Henry Brooke " Sam. Johnson
27 March John Macro " Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowcar " George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President acquaints the Board that he is very sorry to be under the disagreeable necessity of detaining to them a Message which he has in this Morning received from the Dubash, for that he had a message from the Nabob, mentioning the Letter that was agreed to be wrote to him about the Gov. affairs, before the said Letter was copied Fair & from other Circumstances he has to believe that an improper use has been made of the liberty which hath been tacitly allowed them

The President at entreats the Board on the Necessity of detaining the present the necessary & general address which he has to the Dubash

The President observes to the Board that by the Rules of the Service & express Orders of the Company as well as this Government, the Company's Servant

His reasons for detaining the Letter to the Dubash prohibiting &c

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All Intercourse of Private Persons with the Country Powers #

or other Europeans, are permitted to correspond with the Country Powers, but that to the detriment of the Service they frequently broke them & therefore proposed that it be notified, that the said orders are still in force & that any person acting contrary thereto shall be deemed guilty of a Breach of the said orders & censured accordingly

Mr Johnson desires that the consideration of this Subject be deferred till another opportunity, that for the present he does not think himself sufficiently informed to give a determinate opinion & therefore could wish, that the Board would defer coming to a resolution on the matter immediately Whereupon the President moves the following Questions — Do the Board consider the standing orders of the Company of the year 1716, forbidding all Europeans from having correspondence or dealings with the Country Powers, & the resolution of the Board in consequence thereof of Consultation 6 Nov 1769 as still in force, & if they do, In what manner ought those Orders are to be enforced — The Board are unanimously of opinion that the Orders aforesaid are still in force, & that the most eligible way to carry them into execution, is for the President to make them known to all Europeans who frequent the Durbar And to signify to them the intention of the Board to resent the disapprobation of the Conduct of any one

Mr Johnson desires the Consideration of this Subject be deferred

The President desires whether the Company's Orders of 1716 be still in force

determined in the affirmative & all private persons entertaining with the Natives prohibited

who shall be guilty of a wilful breach of them or who shall go to the dur bar, without the permission of the Board

Mr Johnson then declared his intention to deliver in his opinion in writing, relative to the aforegoing proposition, at the same time desires to know whether it is meant to include in the prohibition of access to the dur bar, the members of this Government, Upon this being answered in the affirmative by a majority of the Board the Jew then desires to be informed, whether upon any member of the Board making application to visit His Highness he will be granted such permission - The President replyed in the affirmative, if the case no good cause kept contrary & said that he would keep a register of such applications as might be made to him

The President desires the following Minute may be inserted

The President acquainted the Board that he had long had information that the Nabob secretly sought, Means to get a grant of the Tanjore Fort & Country, But that he did not imagine the Nabob would be permitted upon to make such a grant, that he is now advised that Omdut ul Comrah has succeeded in this Application & that Sanads are prepared & that he proposes to set out shortly to take possession that the

The President Mr. White acquainting the Board of his application to Omdut ul Comrah for a Sanad for the Command of Tanjore & proposing an address to the Nabob on the impropriety of measures

grant

President

he is further informed that Coveral Con-
-sah has various of Connections with the
Dutch & other European Nations to the
Southward — That the Nabob himself has
since the return of his second Son from
Tanjore shewn a disposition not so favora-
-ble to the Company as heretofore & manif-
-ested more Jealousy of the English & a
stronger desire of Independance, than has
ever been seen before, in support of which it
is unnecessary for them to enter into partic-
-ulars, as the Board themselves have in
their Letter to Bengal expressed so much
but that he must add, that some late in-
-stances at the Durbar tending to the Hearts
of the Company & the particulars of
which are entered in the proceedings of
the Select Committee are corroborating
Circumstances. That it is publick at the
Durbar that the Nabobs second Son is the
principal Agent & adviser of the measures
so inconsistent with the Interest of the Com-
-pany. That he is known to be of an enter-
-prizing & artful, a mischievous Intriguer
& that in the execution of his designs he
is indefatigable & would spare no expen-
-se to accomplish them, that he publickly
expresses his dislike of all Europeans & It
is said that his Intention is when this
plan is ripe to throw off all dependance on
the English

He observes that the

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Board have yet no publick Advices from the Company relative to Tanjore & that it therefore ought Not to be disposed of at any rate, until the Company's Sentiments be known relative to that Conquest

He further observes that one of the Reasons for taking of Tanjore, was y^e danger of its falling into the hands of the Enemy; of the Company & the Carnatick That the Company consider themselves as the guardians of the Carnatick & that in consideration a part ought not in his Opinion to be alienated from the Circars, without the Board being advised of it, that a Grant of it to the Nabob would for, may not only be attended with much danger to the Carnatick, considering his ambitious & intriguing disposition, but also & in a much greater degree to the Company & for all these reasons the Board are averse, that a Letter be written to the Nabob desiring him on no account whatever to make a grant of the Tanjore Country, until the expected letters arrive, as it will be left to give it to this Second son, as the Board cannot consider him as a friend to the Company & apprehend very material Inconveniencies may accrue from such measure

He has only to add upon this subject that tho' it be a disagreable one he thinks necessary the duty he owes to

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of Company rendered it necessary for their Interest & security that he should lay this before y^e Board

To lie on the Table for further consideration

The President lays before the Board the following Letter, which he has received from Mr Whitehill together with one addressed to him from the Nizam & another from Burroun Dil dowlah as entitled in Country Correspondence No 34 & No 35

Masulipatam 27th March 1775

Dear Sir

Letter from Mr Whitehill of Southah applies for the assistance of Troops as stipulated in his Treaty with y^e Company & incloses Letters from the Nizam & Burroun Dil Dowlah

The Letter I now send you by a Messenger of such a Nature as will draw all your attention I understood they demanded Assistance of Troops for the Protection of the Soubahs Country upon the Strength of that Article in the Treaty which binds us to send them 200 Europeans & two Battalions of Sepoys whenever the necessity of this Affair may require it. The invasion of this demand at present arises from the disturbances in the Berar Country. You may remember upon the death of Ferrujee Boondah Nuddajee & Sabajee disputed for the Government, & that the Soubah supported the latter, while the former threw himself upon Rajahah Ram Rajahah. Nuddajee returned to the Berar Country and was supported by Ferrujee Cavee the

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the Phoundat, as the new Officer of the
Soubahs has been sometime appointed
disaffected to their Government & Lately
was in rebellion & so far pursuit as to oblige
Burcum Abd dowlah to come to an accom-
modation which confirmed him in his
Office of Phoundar, the Protection of this
Man hospitable Mr Doyle's party &
made Sobaje think it necessary to draw
the Soubahs Army & return to the Bara
Country which he did some Months ago
Since at Shimmishus happened at diffe-
rent times between the two parties but
of little Consequence, till at length he
Came just informed the armies engaged
& Mr Doyle was taken Prisoner by Sobaje
Whether this instance of good fortune made
Sobaje Forget that he owed his Success
to the Support of the Party which had
joined him, or by what means it was
brought about I have not Learnd, but
certain it is that Sobaje was shortly after
Killed by his own People, & Mr Doyle
set at Liberty, who immediately joined
himself to Esthomait Caron, whose dis-
-affection & Resentment has been encreased
to a degree of desperation, by the appoint-
ment which has lately which Sandaby
is made of Hazrat Beg Caron to the Govern-
ment of the Biar Subadary & their
united Forces being now all powerfull in
that Country, the Soubah seems at his

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way of reestablishing their authority but by the Assistance of the Company's Troops Musdajee & Estimated Cavan are marching for Fort of Chittapore, which is said to be strong & well provided with all kinds of Stores It is the Capital of the Sub[a]dary & about Two hundred & Twenty cos from this place

I have thought it necessary to give you the above account, because it will save you the trouble of enquiring to news papers & former intelligences who to say upon the Subject I have not the Objects which may be obtained by such a measure on one side or any great Gain the other the danger & distance are very serious considerations I will write again to morrow if possible any thing further should occur

I am D[r] Sir
With respect
Your most Ob[t] hb[le] Serv[t]
John Whitehill

The Consideration of the Letter from the Nizam to be defered till next Consultation

General Smith desires to the following Minute

General Smith the Gentlemen to say before the Hon[ble] Board a Reason

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General Smith represents the deficiency of the Number of Subalterns now doing duty on this Establishment & proposes filling up the Vacancies

of Subalterns wanted to form a Establishment, also a list of Officers who have obtained Leave to visit Europe for the recovery of their health at this, which with those sent at different times to this Presidency as the Number of Subalterns very considerably It has ever been my Opinion that the troops under this Presidency ought to be kept compleat as possible the reasons are too obvious to need any Explanation here

The time to form young Officers & Soldiers in, while the Country enjoys Peace & tranquility, they then have opportunitys of acquiring some knowledge in their duty & when called forth on actual Service, go to the Field not totally ignorant of their Profession which has often been the Case heretofore Many Applications have of late been made by young Gentlemen for admittance into your Military service & some of them by my knowledge well qualified to serve, as there are much a number of vacancys to be filled up, I flatter myself the Honble Board will take this matter into their consideration & give Orders for the Establishments being formed with Subalterns from each of these Gentlemen who come properly recommended to the Honble Board for

form.

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that purpose. It often happened during the War with Hyder Ally that on the Ships of the Line ran out many Volunteers who no sooner landed at Mad. was their Commissions were given to them & immediately sent off to Join for they could possibly form a single Idea of their duty, of what we could thus experienced youth be of, to Encounter an Enemy, but rather an ill conse- quence for they must could be trusted with the Command of Men beyond the limits of the Camp, & the Officer Subaltern in Course was obliged to take all their turns of detachment & danger Consider- ing that circumstance be there what the pre- sent juncture is favorable for introdu- cing Young Officers, & they should be ex- cepted without hesitation, The Court of the Honble Company have laid their injunctions on us not to rise in any Re- spect into the Service, Yet in doing we were burthening their Military Charges, with any additional or extraordinary Expences they would have joined because to censure, but in the present case when our motives & views evidently tend but to keep the Ser- vice on its proper footing I rather am afraid they will approve of what has been done than condemn us for doing it Hyder Ally has at this moment a very large Army

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Army collected at Syringapatam & is
still drawing more forces thither, his
views & intentions are a profound secret
as it is impossible to judge from his myste-
-rious Conduct, what he is really arming
at; & although we have no cause to believe he
has formed designs against the Carna-
-tick, yet the actions of Eastern Princes are
at times so very unaccountable that there
is no trusting to appearances, This is
another reason why I think the Establish-
-ment of Officers should be completed
at least as far as we can do it, However I
submit this matter entirely to the Hon-
-ble Boards determination being fully
persuaded they have regularly with the
good of the Service at their heart, I have
flatter myself this representation will
meet their Concurrance & approbation
at least that Gun Vessel might be ad-
-mitted into the Service until the Honble
Court of Directors pleasure is known re-
-garding them, And they should be en-
-sured that their Continuance in the Ar-
-my depended entirely on the Honble
Court of directors approbation of what
we had done in their favor

Joseph Smith

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Read Letter from Lt Col. Bosh

To

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This

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col. Robertson recommending for Promotion Mr. Johnston & Gunt

I am now to acquaint you that Mr James Johnston is the next in succession to the vacant Lieutenancy & that I should be glad you would be pleased to appoint Mr Wm Gunt to the duty of the Artillery until the pleasure of the Court of Directors should be known

I have the honor to be
(With Respect)
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& Most humble Servt
Patrick Ross

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I agree that Mr James Johnstone be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant, And that General Smiths Minute, together with Col. Ross application for Mr Gunt do lie upon the Table for further consideration

Mr James Johnstone promoted to a Lieutenancy

Read the following Letter from Capt Wade

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

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To Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

Capt. Maulick. Sort of the Condition & Situation of the Choultry & Village of Triplicane

In Conveyance of your Orders I have visited the Village of Triplicane intended as a Cantonment for three Companies of Artillery

The Choultry there, large enough to contain twice the Number of Men is so much out of Repair as to admit the Water through the Top in all parts & Were a light Turf put upon the covering Stones & the Interlocutions closed with mud or Cadjans / but I should rather recommend the latter as more cool & less expensive & a few Loopholes left at proper Intervals, the Non Commissioned Officers & Private might be well disposed of

Choultries or other places necessary for Officers Quarters, the Village does not afford, so that Lodgings for them must be built as well as a Place for the Hospital purposes of an Hospital, a good Kitchen may be made of a small Choultry adjoining, to the Large, wherein the Necessary Stores may be Lodged in Two small detached Choultries with Solid Walls the Place is well Supplied excepted, with good water & the Inhabitants say it is in general at hand they. The Bazar is at present deserted, this Nabob has unfortified, His Highness the Nabob has an uninhabited House here, with a good Garden to it The Houses by breaking two Doors in the Walls may be made good

Quarters

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Quarters for the Commanding Officer
or rooms to quarter six Officers, There is
no ground fit for the Practice of Artil-
lery within one mile & one half

Town

Sir

Your most Obd.t
humble Servant
George Maule
Sub Director of Barr.s

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We are commanded to Inform
from the Report of Capt.n Maule that
Tho Pannad are cannot afford sufficient
accommodations for the three Compa-
nies of Artillery which we had Some con-
tentions, of sending Thither from the
Mount. for the present therefore the Of-
ficers & men are to be provided for in the
best manner possible where they are. And
General Smith is desired to Consult with
Colonel James on the most convenient Situation
about the Mount, for erecting of tem-
porary Sheds for them

Read Letter from the Ma-
-hob as entered in Country Correspondence
N.o 36.

Ordered to lie upon the
table for further Consideration

The Secretary lays before
the Board a letter which he has received
from Mr George Baker

Minute thereon

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To Richard Sulivan Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department
of the Honble the Pres.y & Council
of Fort St George

Sir

Letter from W. Baker respecting the Bomb Proofs in the Nabobs Bastion

On the 22 of this Month the S
was forwarded with my own Letter of that date
Declaring that the Board look upon that
part of my Contract with the Honble Com
-pany Respecting the Building a Cistern
or Reservoir as properly fulfilled on my
part

At the same time I also
received the Copy of a minute of Consulta-
tion of the 21 March 1775 — and in con-
sequence there of I have attended Colonel
Ross to the Bomb proofs in the Nabobs
Bastion, In respect of which I have only
to say that If the Honble the President &
Council are desirous of it & can make them
water tight, I will when they are made
ready for the reception of it, Fill them with
Water & keep them so while they continue
Staunch & Sound — And we will moreover
even give the Water (after they are filled
what Circumstances we can) And shall by
endeavours to keep it sweet, & for which
I hope We may Succeed, but cannot pledge
myself for it

As to the Quantity of Wa-
ter those Bomb proofs will contain I
apprehend it may be about 1500 Tons,

I Which

in the Nabob's bastion.

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Which then lodged in any battery would
apply'd to the use of the garrison, in case
of the Town being invested, But the bomb
proofs lye too low to be of immediate
& general use, or answer the other pur-
poses which Points to have & which I
am sure to find, The cisterns or reservoirs
for water constructed between the inner
Fort Square & the Church, or at the Sth
parts of the Town

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
George Baker

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Ordered that Colonel Ross
be call'd upon, for his report of the bomb
proofs

Read Letter from Major Wilson

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Wilson at Trichinopoly dated 27th Instant being 5 miles of the distant line of the Army assembled on the Banks Borders of the Coverly Country

Your orders to draw out
of this Garrison the Officers & Seapoys
of Capt Kellys Battalion whenever join
ing them for refusing to proceed with them
have been duely attended, I have received
Intelligence from Tyrunga Pootam of a
very large army being assembled there
that frequent reinforcements are coming

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from the Country, & that Hyder has sent
his own Tent, with a large train of artil-
lery to the Camp which is on the Banks
of the Coverry, on the Road towards Banga-
lore

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most devoted &
Obedient Servant
Eccles Nixon

Trichinopoly
23 March 1775

The Superintendant of y^e
Nabobs accounts, lays before the Board
the following Letter & account, which he
has received from Mr Alexander David-
son, late Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Francis Sourdan Esq^r
Superintendant of the Nabobs accounts with
the Company

Sir

Letter from Mr
David stating
his account with
the Bullock Peo.
for

A piece of business has re-
mained unadjusted here since after y^e
siege of Tanjore, it is an account between
the Bullock People & me as Paymaster,
that it has not been settled sooner is not
altogether my fault, for after the place fell the Prin-
cipal Bullock men went with the Camps
to Nagore & after to Vellore
Goony Naick & Gopal Na-
ick &^co^ masters are still indebted to
the Company for money advanced
by me Pagodas 1,668 . 20 . 40 The whole
Sum advanced at Trichinopoly to raise

drawn fish

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draught & carriage Bullocks for the army
prior to the late Siege of Tanjore was Pag.
6,093.—.—. Pag. 1,22 6—1.—32 were paid in
July, with which Sum I then proposed an account
with Mr Smith, the then Commissary
General. The Sum due on the 6th Au-
gust 1773 when the army marched was
Pag. 5,660.40.40— the particulars of this
sum consisting of advances to the diffe-
rent Bullock masters, I sent a very accu-
rate account of to Mr Wynch the Gent
& desired him to collect the amount for me
I might with propriety have wrote off
the whole sum to this debit by substitu-
ting Bills and I have, I saved myself many
further trouble, but as I suspected there
would be some deficiencies in so large
an affair advanced in driblets to num-
bers of different masters, I thought
it for a per & just that I who was Re-
maining on the Spot, should also re-
main charged with the whole— The
Siege having been carried on with such
rapidity that the Bullocks were employed
employed two Months Mr Wynch the
Agent (of the Pag. 5,660.40.40) only
collected Pag. 4,000, so that, as before
said, Pag. 1,660.40.40 still remain due
& may be stated here I came to advance
so large a Sum as Pag. 5,660.40.40 only
doing so was unavoidable, for when it was
resolved to take the field against Tanjore
Smith

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march of recon: till to my utmost, and
the business almost centered in this
Garrison & the complete outfit went from
hence, I was the Boards orders that I
should assist in Collecting the nec-
cessary number of draught Bullocks
as these orders did not arrive till July
& the General, not till about the mid-
dle of the month, and as the prompt pro-
ceeding to march with the Army (see Gen. Ord. 27 July) 10 days
after the arrival Viz: the 25th of the same
month July, you may easily suppose
no time was to be lost & when I told you
the General was ready to march the 5th
of August, but waited a day for the Nabob
Nabob & did actually march the 2nd of August
you will naturally conclude no time
was lost Major Baillie the then Lieutenant
Colonel was so active, every store was ready
when my General arrived but Bullocks only were
wanted - Army orders did not arrive
till the 6th July & the General arrived the
13, Five Bullocks were provided before he
came - The General bestowed much attention
on this particular, & agreed the
only effectual method to get Bullocks
would be to advance money liberally
to the Bullock People, in presence of
the two Headmen Gooty Naick and
Gopal Naick this was accordingly
done & the necessary quantity after
much difficulty procured - I shou'd

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have received the Pago das 1,660 " 40 " 40
but that the Budlock people have coun-
terclaims on the company for Pago das
1,722 " 35 " 72, & to carry them to I think
will founded It is my Jault a repre-
sentation in their favor has not
been made earlier

Pago 0 as 247. 9 " They claim Pag. 247. 9 " for five days Join
of 100 draw of the Budlocks from 27 July
to the 1st August, originally hired by
the young Nabob, but was due over to
and the 27th July, & for which I praper
a receipt to the Nabob, Jaffer to pay
the five days hire but Gooty Naicken pre-
-tiny to settle for the month with the Na-
-bob did not receive the amount from
the Nabob having settled with the Bud-
-lock people, & deducted the five days
they now beg my assistance to receive
the amount of these five days

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They also claim the hire
of the Carriage Budlocks being part of
those came over to Mr Hyde the 1st
August on the expeditions setting
out for Tanjore / It is proper to
observe here that Jaffer when Treasurer had
locks, or service used to get them from
the Managers tho' the Budlocks were
in the Nabobs pay, & had I should con-
-sider Budlocks own accounts without
he would at other times borrowed of some

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except on the above occasion when Genl Burr and the Butlers, Headmans to lend the Service is the same and in fact if Muchar-gers are just it does not amount to grati-fy unless for a gratuity who pays, the Company or Nabob, as the whole amount got last to the same account borrowed by the Manager Amadeus Smith Cawn Bahander & assistant in making several Trips to Camp with Provisions on account of the Nabob from 1st August to the 4th Sept. 1774 Month & 8 days When Amadeus Smith Cawn had done with them, the people applied to Mr Hogarth the Agent for their pay; but tho' they were entertained by me, yet as they had not been present to muster the declined paying any ar-rears to be entertained them whatever from the 4th Sept. On their applying to the Ma-nager he also refused paying them so that they never received pay for the one Month & seven days, here mentioned

Pay. £1,193.13.-

Their last & greatest claim is for 482 draught Bullocks Sepoys & Horsemen at Trichinopoly & furnished by order of Genl Smith & same as Mar. account particulars settled at Nagore by Genl Smith & sundries as Encl. Copy cred of Mr Secretary Parkins on Letter dated the 4th November 1773 +

These are sums of their demands & till they are settled by you or the Board I shall not

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not be able to recover the Pags. as 1660.40.48 that stand against me in the Companys cash account. When it is considered that an expedition cannot be fitted out in these parts without great exertions of these people & their present claims, particularly the last mentioned, and all Founded, I am hopeful their account will be treated favorably

Should this affair not be settled before Shaw Trichinopoly, I shall pass my Bond for the Pags. as 1,660.40.48 to my successor flattering myself that I shall not be allowed to suffer, as my advances, tho dangerous, were for the good of the Service, which Board and General Smith will testify

In my account current with the Bullock People enclosed Shawe Trichinopoly set forth the nature of their claims Shawe also enclosed Copies & Extracts of Orders Letters &c. relating to the Subject

I am
respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedt
& most Hble Servt
Alexr Davidson

Trichinopoly
15th Decr 1774

Dr. Goony Naick & Gopal Naick &co. Bullock Maistries in account Current with Mest. Davidson Paymaster of Pag. 5 & 6

1773 Augt. 1	To Ballance due at this time from Goony Naick & Gopal Naick head Bullock Maistres, advanced them on account of Bullocks for the Siege of Tanjore, charged to the Agent at camp to be stopped from the Bullock people, in which Goony Naick head Bullock Master assisted Mr Wynch the whole of the advances were made by Mr Davidson to the different Maistries in the presence of the said Goony Naick who promised to be accountable for any deficiencies.	5668.40.48	1773 Sept.	By Cash received of Mr Wynch on Act.		2000.-.-
			Nov. 4	By do. . . . do. . . . do. . . .		2000.-.-
				By Ballance uncollected & stil due from the people, Mr Wynch not having been able to collect more than Pag. 4,000 of the Pags. 5660.40.48 due by them 1st August owing to the epidemy fall of Tanjore, & the greatest part of the Bullocks having been discharged after the epidemy fall	1668.40.48	
					5.660.40.48	
1773						
July 27			By Item			
				By draught Bullocks 600 received from the Nabob this day & for which I offered to pay till 1st August being 5 days but Goony Naick expecting to settle for the Month with the young Nabob Amir Al Omra ab. did not receive the amount from me the young Nabob having settled with the Bullock people & having deducted the five days, they now beg my assistance to receive y amount of these five days	247.-.-	
				Carried Over . . .	5.915.40.48	

Tanjore 27th July 1773 P. Wynch

Dr. Goony Naick & Gopal Naick & Co. Bullock Masters

in account Current with Alex. Davidson Paymr. of Trichinopoly &c.

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Augt.

	Carried Over	5,915.49.10
5	By Carriage Bullocks that being part of those made over the 5th August been 5 days on the Expeditions setting out for Tanjore which not were borrowed by the Manager Annadien Annad Canon Bhaudar & assisted in making several trips to camp with Provisions on Arrival of the Nabob from the 5th August to the 4th September 1 month 29 Days When Annadien Canon had done with them they applied to Mr Wynch for their pay but as they had not been present to Muster he declined paying any as was he entertained them however from the 4th September On their applying to the Manager he also refused paying them so that they never received pay for the one Month & nine Days from mentioned	283.13.72
"	By Draught Bullocks 402 employed Roadmaking at Trichinopoly by order of General Smith as P Account Enclosed the General desired me to settle as	1192 13 .

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A Copy of Mr Parkinsons Letter to me dated 4th November 1773

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Trichinopoly
5 Dec.r 1773
Alex.r Davidson

NB At the time Buddocks people would
treat the Nabob & the Company both
if they were able yet Goomy Paicky
first Head man behaved very well
during the last Seige And this may
be said in their favor that General
Smith promised them five hun-
dred Pagodas more than their dues
besides gold manacles if they per-
mitted the Merchpany get an Ity of
Buddocks then presents they ne-
ver got tho I believe the General
thought they deserved it

Alex.r Davidson

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53.37.24

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To Mr William Wynch
Commissary to the Army
Sir

I beg your pardon for having detained so long the account of Money advanced for the entertaining of Bullocks on account of the Expedition

I now waite on you enclosed, with an account of the particulars paid in the presence of Gowan Baick, who will be assisting to you, & indeed promised to be answerable for any deficiencies I do not chuse to make them matters a private transaction, nor indeed would it be proper as my orders were publick the Bullock people have been advanced any large Sum, if they had not, as they are poor people, I should never have been able to have fitted out the Expedition The General proposal for Bullocks & Bettors was of my opinion that no method could be so effectual for the good of the Service as advancing money liberally The amount of the whole advanced them is Pagodas 6,093. of this Sum their pay for July, which belongs to my department amounts to Pagodas 1,224 . 1 . 32
To be stopped by you from their pay as they may be able to bear il 5,668 . 40 . 40

6093 — " — "

You I suppose in your accounts will chuse to charge the full pay on

Bettors

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crediting the Commissary for what you deduct from their pay, being so much withheld from them on account of money advanced by the Paymaster of Trichinopo-ly to enable them to buy Bullocks. This mode of finding out the money is equal-ly proper - The rule I went by in making my advances to the Inhabitants was at the Rate of Pago das 3 for a Carriage & Pago 6 for a draught Bullock, Shape the accounts I now send you will make matters

clear

Trichinopoly
23 Sept 1773

Signed D D

General Smith

Dear Sir

I have been favored with your favor of the 6 to which I have not at present time to reply As to Goonah Naick, & his colleague Gopal Soupprow they are a couple of Rascals I have done as much as lay in my power to make the former of use to the Expedition, the list of advances sent Mr Wynch is per-fect, & just as far as I know, my hands are clean & I am quite easy in my mind, If your opinion of me is as favorable as I hope it is, I know there is no occasion for my saying any thing in favor of my own conduct Surely with these Butlocks fellows may not be

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be the means of hurting young fellows
lfs are acquainted with the Carrying
on of publick business than myself
Gowan Maistr had been plaguing you
two or three days before I was induced
to give them a letter to you & although it
a little hard the transport carriage but
Sacks that were particularly ordered
for should be discharged so soon, When
if any incursion to happened they might
be wanted again, But your knowledge will
proper Considerations for future service
have induced you to settle the matter
much to their advantage

Trichinopoly
5th Sept 1773

Signed PD

† Alluding to the Account sent me by Mr Parkinson Vide Vol. Pg. 1192 B

General Smith

Dear Sir

In consequence of Mr Mahoneys letter I have discharged the Bullocks procured for three transport Carriages which the Sepoys will not be wanted at this they were indented for in Madras and the Number discharged is 210 Gooney Maistrie one of the Bullock Maistries has been desirous to keep Bullocks 272 all these are draught & the Sepoys procured by your Army Order, As they are part of those indented for he will find it difficult to get the Companys Money back again, as I was obliged to advance two months pay in hand that the Country inhabitants might

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might have money to buy Buffaloes that is to say Advanced on the Company's account at the rate of 3 Pagodas for each Carriage Buffalo 85 Pagodas for each draught Buffalo Goomy Naick wants to speak to you on the Subject, as I shall have him to proceed the Company's Money, & he to get it will be Obliged to make them sell their Buffaloes for considerably less than they cost. This is a hardship on them & disagreable & troublesome to me, but such things are Unavoidable unless I had advanced the Companys Money freely, we should not have got the Number we wanted Now we have got too many draught, but more are than I desire & the people to get Goomy Naick wants to speak to you & carries this Letter to introduce him

Signed A.D.

Trichinopoly
28 August 1773

To Mr Alexander Davidson

Dear Sir

The general desires Done to write to you sometimes since respecting the demands of the Buffalo People which were then about seventeen hundred Pagodas. He thought it high to you reasonable they should receive a months pay for 402 draught Buffaloes Pay.

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be the misfortune of having young fellows
to go acquainted with the Carrying
on of publick business than myself
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two or three days before I was induced
to give them a letter to you & I thought it
a little hard then to send post carriage Bul-
-locks that were particularly intended
-ed for shou'd be discharged so soon, When
if any excursion happened they might
be immediately wanted, But your knowledge of
proper Considerations for future occurrence
have induced you to settle the matter
much to their advantage

Signed PD

† Alluding to the Account sent me by Mr Parkinson Town Vol. Pg. 1192 & 93

Trichinopoly
5th Sept 1773

General Smith

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your
honours letter I have discharged the Bul-
-locks procured for the transport Carriage
which the Guns will not be wanted at this
time we are indented for from Madras as under
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besides our own the Bullocks 272 all these
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Army Order, As they are part of those in-
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Signed D.

Trichinopoly
28 August 1773

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-dred Pagodas, We thought it high to by a rea-
-sonable they should receive a months
pay for 402 draught Buttocks Pay

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723 but they are not Satisfied & have
given in a Bill for diverse Pagodas
469 . 13 . amounting unto what is to
Pay 1193 . 13 . which I now send you en-
closed The General had some reasons
to imagine their demand so had been
settled & paid, as he had not heard
from them till this day, & he sitts out
in the Evening on this return Voy:
Pray Sir forgive the former this bus-
iness is finished the better & if you think
the people are entitled to any thing for their Cattle & diverse Inhabitants have their Bill to me, I will them to Consult & give me & send to you, that they may be paid, It is rather hard on the Bullock Merchants to be promised a present of 500 Pagodas to provide Cattle for the Expedition over & above what they might be entitled to from the Company for their Hire & afterwards the Cattle to be left on their hands perhaps to be sold at considerable Loss

† The General did not then know the Bullock people were in any: Company

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Head Quarters
Nagore 7 Nov 73.

Duplicate

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
/Signed/ Thomas Parkinson
Secry

General Smith acquaints the Board that Mr Davidson's accounts are just Ordered thereupon that the Superintendant do admit them accordingly & that they be

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The President inform the Board that y^e Fort of Sayapor is in the Possession of Capt. Matthews Sir Thomas arrange to gu and y^e Papers

carried to the Nabobs account

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a letter from Mr Stratton informing them That Captain Matthews had taken possession of Sayapor, that Virkeram doo had consented to the dismantling of the Fort & that Sir Thomas arrange should have the guard of all the Passes

General Smith acquaints the Board that Ensign Ambrose Cornyn requests permission to resign the Service Agreed that Mr Cornyns resignation be accepted of

Ensign Ambrose Cornyn resigns the Service

Ordered that Ensign George Fotheringham be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant, in the room of Lieutenant Eugene O'Neal deceased Read Letter from Capt Lieut Bunting

Ensign George Fotheringham promoted to Lieutenancy

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

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

In consequence of having been informed by Colonel James that he had received a certificate from Mr Parley & laid it before this Hon^ble Board & that I might expect to be remunerated in consequence of the Certificate I herewith beg leave to represent to the Consideration of the Hon^ble Board

Capt Lieut Bunting applies for Capt Pay in consideration of his having long Services & Infirmities

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723 but they are not satisfied & have given in a Bill for drivers Pagodas 469.13. amounting in the whole to Pags. 1193.13. which I now lay before you. The General has commanded that Cossids should be sent to you, that they may be paid, His other hand on the Bullock Master is to be promised a present of 500 Pagodas to provide Cattle for the Expedition over & above what they might be entitled to from the Company for their hire & afterwards the Cattle to be left on their hands perhaps to be sold at considerable Loss

† The General did not then know the Bullock people were in arrears to y^e Company

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Nagore 7 Nov 73.

Duplicate

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Your most Obt Servt
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the small pay of a Capt. Lieutenant being only thirty two Pagodas P Month & humbly to beg that if it should be their pleasure to nominate me (which they will be as good as to allow me a Captains Pay & as their goodness so was extended to Capt. Lieutenant Cotsford on account of his long Services I am persuaded to hope with respect to enjoy a little indulgence as my present Misfortunes arise from many hardships & accidents sustained in my long Service in this Country in which I was wounded in Anno 1757 was wounded in the defence of this Place was in the War, till after reduction of Pondicherry, War at the reduction of Vellore, Nellore & Arnee was on the Expedition of Manila & continued there till the Cast of the troops were ordered, was in the Field against Nizam Alee & Hoyder Alee in the actions of Chinglapah and Trinomalee in which time I suffered much & sustained a shock which was the first cause of my Illness, this which is known to General Smith & Major Thomas Fitzgerald & Major Brown & the several Surgeons, the cause of my present Lameness arises from a shot received in one of the actions & a 12 Pound Button a Cavalier in Vellore after the Siege of Tanjore I have the Honor to be known by all the

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the Field Officers on this Establishment
having since under them all & al-
ways had the happiness to discharge
my duty to their Satisfaction
I am with the most
Profound Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most humble
& most Obt Servt and
A Munting
Capt Lieutenant

Madras
March 13. 1775

Ordered to sit on the
Table

J Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

A Wm
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fordyce
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr. Pres.t
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Friday Henry Brooke " Samuel Johnson
31 March John Maxwell Stone " Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdam " George Morcks

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approv.d

The Letter from the Nizam
& Rocconn Ul Dowlah which were in last
Consultation, ordered to lie on the Table being
now taken into Consideration, it is Resolved.
that answers be returned them to assure
them of the firm attachment of the Company
to the Soubahs Person & Government, & of the
great satisfaction we should have, in affor-
ding them every assistance in our Power, but
that by the late appointment of a Govern-
ment General at Bengal, we are not per-
mitted to undertake any Military Ope-
rations without their Concurrence
& that therefore we must wait their deter-
mination. Resolved likewise that a Letter
be wrote to the Governor General & Council
setting forth the aforegoing, & furnishing
them with the reasons, which appear to
us for & against their requisition, being
complied with at this time

The Military Paymaster.
delivers in the following Minute

The Military Paymaster
lays before the Board two Notes from Capt.
Baird & Gibbons demanding an allowance

Letter from Nizam & Rocconn Ul Dowlah to be taken into Consideration the Government Genl at Bengal to be consulted thereon

Military Payr reports the Charges of Capt Gibbons & Bird for Tents expended

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of 250 Pagodas each for twenty Sepoys both expended during the time their Battalions were removed from the Governors Garden House to the building of the new Barracks at Chindadrey Pettah which was about two months. The Paymaster acquents the Boards orders thereon

Captain Hopkins's Battalion for six Months, was allowed Rs 500 in a similar case, but the above Gen. Simons pt. ad their tents were new & in use during the Monsoon

use.

Ordered that Captains Bruce & Captain Gibbings, be each allowed the Sum of 200 Pagodas for the Tents that were expended while on duty at the Governors Gardin House

Read the following letter from Lt. Col: Braithwaite

Hble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Braithwaite

This day before yesterday the 2d Battalion arrived here & Yesterday were sent into Garrison Yesterday they relieved the 5th Battalion who marched out in the Evening

This day, in obedience to your Honours commands signified to me in your Letter of the 25 of February I have ordered Lt. M Clintock the Commandg Officer of the 5th Battalion, to proceed

with

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with the said Battalion, to proceed
Fort St George with all convenient
expedition

I have the honor to be
With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your obed[t] Servan[t]
John Brai Wheatle

Madura
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W Monck
Jos[h] Smith
Geo Dawes
Henry Brooke

Archd[l] Palmer

Tomas Sanders
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq Gov.r & Pres.t
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " J. Maxwell Stone
Samuel Johnson " Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay
The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The President acquaints the Board, that agreeably to their desire, he shewed the Nabob, the draft of their answer to the Nizam on the Subject of their requisition, annexed by Letter & Receives Dilawer Jah Dowlah for Military Assistance to be sent him to the Decan, as entered in Country Correspondence No. 34 That he entirely approved of it. That the Nabob likewise, shewed to him the draft of the Letter, which he intends writing to the Nizam, & at the same time told him, that at first he had thoughts of writing some arguments in this part also, but that upon better Consideration, he conceived it might be a Jealousy in the Nizam & therefore in this Letter, only assures them to the President's answer & The President likewise acquainted the Board, that the Nabob has received a Letter from Bazalet Jeung requesting him, to interceede with them the President to impose Sris authority, on a Zemindar, named Vijeenadeedley

(who

The President acquaints the Board this Information with the Nabob on the answer to the Nizam's Requisition

Decan

who had taken refuge in the Company's Territories, & not to permit him to molest the Gumtoor Circar, And that the Nabob further observed that it would be the Interest of both Bazalet Jung, & the Company to unite their endeavours

Letter from the Nabob with Bills

Read letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N 30 accompanying two Bills for Pags 125,666..24 on account of the Hist for the Month of March last, & on account of the Hist for the Peons now at the disposal of the 1st Instant

Consented to the minute of last Consultation Letter to the Governor Genl & Council as entered hereafter is Read & approved, Ordered that it be copied Sign'd & dispatched to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr Governor Genl & Cn Council at Fort William

Letter to Gov. Genl & Council with Copy of the Nizams & Burram Ud Dowlahs Letters requiring Assistance

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we have the Honor of inclosing to you, translates of two Letters, the one from Nizam Ally Cawn & the other from his Minister Burram Ud Dowlah, both containing Requisition of Assistance of Troops to be sent into the Decan By the treaty with the Soubah concluded in 1760 a Copy of which We transmitted to your Predecessors, this Government engaged to assist

The

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the Nizam, with two Battalions of Sepoys & 6 Pieces of Artillery, manned by Europeans, whenever he should require it, & the situation of our affairs should admit, of our sending such an Armament into the Decan, Copy of our Letter to the Soubah & Purseram Bhow accompanies you herewith. The Soubah in his above mentioned Letter desires us, to recommend to you Monar &c. to take possession of the Province of Cattack, if possible in case his requisition should be complied with, that he might also be supported upon to put the Company in possession of the Guntoor Country & to grant a remission of the Peishcush amounting to five lacks of Rupees annually: And if may be observed, that if we are just to comply with his request he may be induced to seek the assistance of the French - The Objections which occur to the measure are, that the distance of the Country where the Troops are ordered to act is very great, That our Forces have been weakened, by the assistance sent to the Gentlemen on the Malabar Coast - that the season of the year is quite unfavorable to military operations to which how may be added, the uncertainty we are in with regard to the designs of the Presidency of Bombay & of the Connection between Ragonaut

Rao

Row & Mandhajee Bounsalah, & that the Soubah has specified that the pay-
-ment of the Troops must be defrayed out of the growing peishcaush, many of which will become due before the End of October next, of course the advances must be made by the Company, and the Peishcaush would be very unequal to the disbursements which would accrue, And we are moreover of opinion that if it were thought advisable to send a Body of Troops at any time to the assistance of the Soubah we ought not to limit the number to the expressions of the treaty, but, that such a force should be sent as might not only ensure success in any operations they might undertake, & thereby prevent any disgrace to the English Arms, but might also be able to make their way good & by no means be subject to the Controul of any Country Power, which must be the Case, if only the Detachment stipulated in the treaty were to be employed — We have thought it incumbent on us, thus to give you our Sentiments in consequence of the Soubahs application

Accompanying is a letter addressed to the Governor General from the Nabob, which he has requested us to forward to him

We have the honor to

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be

Hble Sirs &
Your most Obedt
humble Servants
A Wynch & Council

Read Letter from the Nabob

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3d April 1775

of date 25 Ultimo as entered in Country Cor-
respondence No 44 desiring that his own Se-
poys, may be sent upon the Survey now de-
signed upon the Coast of Sumatra under the Command of Lieutenant Guilt, who he
requests may be sent him, in like manner
with other Company's Officers for that pur-
pose, declaring that he never shewed a disin-
clination to the Survey's being made, but
only to the measures proposed for carrying it
into execution, & therefore desiring that Lt
Guilt may be sent to him, that the draft of
the Roads in the Carnatic may be taken by
him, & his own Sepoys

Letter from the Nabob expressing his desire to have the Survey taken & requesting that Lt Guilt may be sent him for that purpose—

Resolved that a Letter
be wrote to the Nabob in answer to the afore-
going fully expressive of our intentions
respecting the Survey, & of the desire we have
of supporting the dignity of this Govern-
ment, as well as that of the Company, and
preparing at the same time, as the best me-
thod to ease the Inhabitants of this Coun-
try of every apprehension, & to guard as
much as possible for both this honour & the
honour of the Company, that he will be
pleased to take under his own immediate
direction the Company of Lascars and

Answer thanks for pro-
posing that he shall
take the entire di-
rection of the Com-
pany of Guides at
ready assembled un-
der Lt Guilt at Ve-
lore—

Lascars

their office who are assembled at Vellore
That such a measure will be productive of
many good consequences, & be unable how
to give the Necessary instructions that he
shall be furnished with a Copy of the di-
rections, which were intended to be given to
Mr Gyles

Minute of P. President &c. to inform them of the purport of their Letter to the Nabob on the subject of the Survey

The President observes to the
Board that the Nabob in his letter now before
us, says that he was dispatched to the busi-
ness of the Survey of the Board of the Carna-
tic, & he begs leave to refer them, to what passed
last year on the occasion, which he explained
to them how he did or not, If Mr Stracey was pre-
sent he could vouch for the care with which
he observed to have it undertaken at all when
the President & he went first on this busi-
ness nor did the Nabob ever agree to Mr Gyles
being the person, until the last time he con-
ferred with him on the occasion & at that
time he was willing to try if he could not get him
to employ the Sepoys also, Thus far he
thought it necessary to say in his own
Vindication & at the same time assured
them that he does not remember that y^e
Nabob ever mentioned that he would write
to the Board on this Business, But the first
time he went to him, with Mr Stracey
at the Boards request to know whether
& what it was to tell him, that he would un-
dertake it with his own People & when

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he was told that would not answer the
End, was desired to consider of it & the
great use it would be of in case of our Con-
-cert entering the Country was obtained
to burn, which it was hoped would be this
have had the desired Effects

use it would

The Presidents minute as
entered in Consultation 27 of last Month
Minute respec- ting Capt Ad. Campbell's command- ing Party in- tended Expedi- tion

contained in Consultation 27 of last Month
respecting a Letter, which he proposes
shall be wrote to the Nabab, desiring
him an account what answer he make
a Grant of the Tanjore Country for ma-
-ny services set forth in the minute aforesaid
Reference being made by the President
in this Minute to some Information
given by him to the Select Committee
the Select Committee Proceedings of the 13
February last are called for & Read the Post
further requiring the Board that the Re-
-giment of Cavalry belonging to the Na-
-bob, that is under the Command of Lieut.
Campbell was lately Ordered to the Southw.
& that he is without informed that the most
of the Nabobs Troops are either run out
Orders to march to the Southward or are
there already

The following Extract of
Intelligence which Mr Mackay received
from a Gentleman to the Southward
is ordered to be Entered

You will perhaps know
by the Order of the Army
Capt.

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W. Mackay

Division in a

Jury of a Gent.

Order given

out by Omrah

all Omrah

You will perhaps be surprized to hear of an Order of the Honble Capt. Generals, but which I have by accident seen this day "That his Excellency the "Capt. Generals Orders that all Serjeants "belonging to the Company now in this "Highness the Nabobs Service do immediately receive 10 Pagodas & engage to serve "his Highness three years, or immediately "quit his Service".

Mr Stone begs leave to deliver the following Minute, which he informs the Board, contains his sentiments on the proposition aforementioned of the President

Mr Stone's Minute expressing his Opinion of the President's report respecting Omrah All Omrah & this Disapprobation of the Presidents proposal

When the President's Minute of the 27 March was delivered in respecting the report of the Nabobs intention of making a grant of the Tanjore Country to his second Son Omrah All Omrah & the Letter proposed to be wrote in consequence thereof, I subject appeared to me of so extraordinary a nature & the consequences of any Resolution the Board might adopt of such importance that I thought it proper to request that my consideration thereof might be deferred I say this report appeared to me extraordinary because I could not conceive that the Nabob would be prevailed on to alienate entirely so valuable a Country, which composes a very considerable part of the present revenue - This induced me to ask the question, whether by the grant now

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mentioned by the President he meant to express an absolute Grant of the Country in perpetuity to the 2nd Son or whether it was only meant to express that the Nabob intended to appoint his second Son to the management of the Country? To which the President replied that he meant a Grant of the Country in perpetuity, & if it should be found added if that were not the Case, there would be no necessity for Secrecy, I have thought it necessary to be particular with regard to this Circumstance, to enable me to express my Sentiments with the more Precision on that part of the President's Letter, on which as well as on the whole then of Sir Eyre Coote & Mr Hornby following Circumstances

I have already said I do not believe the Nabob would be prevailed on to alienate from the Company a Country from which he draws so considerable a part of his annual Revenue & which from its nature & Situation, is Absolutely lost & useless to him as by far the most valuable part of the Country remaining to the Company at present enjoys, Still continue firm in my Opinion, that it is by no means the Nabobs Intention to make so considerable a Sacrifice in favor of any one, I am rather inclined

to

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to believe that his second Son Omeer Ch
Omrah has only obtained the appoint
of Renter or manager of that Country
in the same manner as other Renters
or Managers are appointed, or as he
himself has for some years past had
Management of the Trichinopoly Jum.
dary & Province it is absolutely necessary
that the Board should be clearly inform-
ed of that particular from the Nabob
himself before they can proceed to delibe-
rate on the Propriety or impropriety of
the grant said to be intended. This I
think necessary, because if the Board
should resolve to take up the Subject in
the manner recommended by the President
& which I am firmly of opinion would be
attended with discussions not only disa-
greable but dangerous to the Company's
Interests and if it should afterwards appear
that the Report of the intended Grant was
void of truth or foundation as I believe will
be the case, & that this Government had
not sufficient grounds for their Conduct
in what Manner should they be able to justify
ourselves for having proceeded to measu-
res which in my opinion must necessa-
rily tend to set this Government & the
Nabob at Variance & may be productive
of a rupture between them & the Company

With respect to the infor-
mation received by the President of the

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Views of Omrah towards a
Connection with the Dutch and other
European Nations to the Southward
I must confess I pay but little Reg and
to such vague Reports unsupported by
facts & Schemes of such a Nature requir
more & the utmost secrecy in the forming
& if to be the artful person represented
by the President & such a master of
Intrigue it is not to be supposed that
he would by an untimely & premature
declaration of his sentiments
totally frustrate his designs, if any
such he has - Moreover it is next to an
impossibility for him to carry on ne-
gotiations tending to such Connection
without the knowledge of this Govern-
ment, & without such certain Knowledge
I should think it would be as imprudent
in us to betray any suspicions regarding
him as it would be for him to make
known his designs before they are ripe
for Execution

I can by no means date
any Increase of the Nabobs favora-
ble disposition towards the Company,
of his Jealousies of the English & desire
of Independency from the time of
Return of the Second Son from Surjee
at last I know not of any Instance
by which the two manifested either
the one or the other more strongly

than

than he did before — The only circumstance
I can remember to have heard of that can
imply on apparent increase of Ta-
-canny in him since the return of the
second Son from Tanjore, is this alledged re-
-fusal to allow of the Survey of the Comma-
-dick; this aversion to this measure appears
upon several parts of our Records. But in
The Letter lately received from him on that
Subject, He declares he was objected to y.
Surveys being taken, but only to the mode of
doing it. The Letter we wrote to the Governor
General & Council at Fort William tou-
-ching our connection With the Nabob, I
understood regarded the Honor of this Coun-
for many years past, & which We informed
them we had repeatedly represented to
the Court of Directors — Their refusal to ad-
-mit a Garrison of the Company's
Troops into Tanjore was long before y.re-
-turn of the Second Son from the Southw.d

With respect to the Calum-
-nies said to have been carried on at
the Durbar entered in the Proceedings
of the Select Committee, they stand uncon-
-tradicted as the substance of the Information
received by the President & Communica-
-ted to the Committee, without any re-
-marks or opinion given thereon, in that
Manner they were sent to England & gave
but little Credit to the Information at the
time, because I could not think the Nabob
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we ah enough to believe that the Objects,
he is therein said to have in view, could
ever be accomplished - However as it is
Sir Edward past a doubt but that some
Persons were in a gittation at the Durbar, &
which were concealed from this Govern-
ment; the information accommuni-
cated by the President was transmit-
ted to the Secret Committee of the Court
of Directors, with a View to induce them
to watch the motions of the Persons com-
monly said to have the Ma-
nagement of the affairs intrusted to
them. How ever this Conduct on the Nabob
is nothing new for Sir Edward it is certain
that matters have been transacted at
the Durbar & a Correspondence carried
on by him with persons in Europe for
some years past, without the knowledge
or privity of this Government this
has been represented to the Court of
Directors & I know not until a regular
& permanent System be established
by what means we can put a Stop to it

I think it unnecessary
at present
to enter into a discussion of the Cha-
racter given of the Nabobs Second Son
Omder Ul Omrah, I will only observe
that the declaration he is said to
make of his dislike to the English
& any Innovation he may have

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draft of this views of Independancy are very
incompatable

It is certain we have not
yet received any Order from the Company
respecting the Fort & Country of Tanjore
& I always understood that the Board
wished to avoid coming to any Certain-
ty with the Nabob regarding them
until their Orders arrived, & that in the
meantime the Nabob should continue
in the Management of them in the same
manner as of other places conquered for him.
It was on this account the Board would
not consent to receive from him the ten
Lacks of Pagodas as a Consideration or equi-
valent for putting him in possession
of them & the same Motives have this Board
prevented our intimating any thing to him
on the Subject The Manner proposed by the
President must in my opinion if adopted
necessarily lead to a discussion of the Nabobs
right to the Conquest, which I thought by
every means to be avoided until the pleasure
of the Company be known

It must be allowed that one
of the material Reasons for reducing Tan-
jore was the danger of its falling into the
Hands of the Enemies of the Company
& the Carnatick But supposing the Growth
of the Country really intended to be made
to the Nabobs Second Son, as set forth in
the Information communicated by Lieut

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President can this Board be justified in declaring him an Enemy to the Company or the Carnatick, on no other grounds than those before them, & when not a single Article is produced in support of a Charge, which in my opinion ought not to be mentioned, much less to be made a matter of Record, without the most clear & circumstantial proof I could add much more on this Subject but as I have said before, I cannot believe that any such grant is intended, any further discussion of this matter appears to me unnecessary

I come now to the purport of the Letter proposed by the President to be wrote to the Nabob viz.t "To assure him "on no account whatever to make any "Grant of the Tanjore Country until "the Expected Letter arrive, much less to "give away a Second Son, as the Board "can then "from what I have said of the "Character of this Prince it is impossible "that any Nabobs Intention to sacrifice so large a part of his revenue, it might appear necessary to make any remarks on the President's Proposal I cannot however avoid expressing my Sentiments of the Danger to be apprehended from such a Measure if it be true that the Second Son enjoys so great a

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part of his Fathers conduct as appears from the Information communicated by the President, In what light will the Nabob look upon me declaring that we do not consider this second Son as a friend to the Company? At any rate will he not consider it as an indirect charge against himself? & how shall we stand justified to our Employers in proceeding to such lengths with the Nabob, when their whole tenor of the Orders to this Government have been to endeavour to avoid as much as possible giving him any just cause of disgust to use every means of convincing him of the earnest desire of the Company to support his Interests & to try by all conciliatory Methods to gain his Confidence & regard, I consider the proposition of the President as repleat with danger & cannot I am persuaded, if it be adopted tend to save dissension between the Nabob & this Government but must be prejudicial to the interests of the Nation the Company & the Nabob, I therefore declare my entire disapprobation of the measure

I am sorry to have taken up so much of the time of the Board, but I could not express my sentiments with more conciseness & the importance of the Subject will I trust plead my Excuse

The President argued with the Board

Minutes of the Proceedings thereto

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Board that Mr Stone had misconceived his
meaning, with respect to the Letter, which
he proposed in this minute, should be
wrote to the Nabob, as he did not mean to
express to the Nabob, his opinion of his
Second Son Omrah Ul Omrah, That the
manner which Omrah Ul Omrah is to
have the Tanjore Country & Fort, does not
appear to him of so much importance
as to Mr Stone, that the circumspec-
tion they thinks it in this having charge of
it at any rate, while he has the Command
of the troops & therefore moves that a
Letter be wrote to him to the following
effect Viz. Representing the danger of
investing any one Person with too much
power, & therefore requesting that he would
be pleased, on account of the Power already
lodged in the hands of Ameer Ul-
Omrah by having the Command of all
his Force, & the management of the Tri-
chinopoly district, not to give him in
addition thereto, the Collection of the
Revenues of the Tanjore Country nor
the possession of the Fort & Garrison
of that Kingdom

Agreed to the President's
motion for writing a Letter to the
Nabob as mentioned in this minute &c.
Because I think it the duty of this Govern-
ment not only to explain but also with

Mr W. Markham's
minute thereon
for appointing
to the Presidents
Proposal &

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the Nabob on any part of his Conduct which appears to them to have a tendency towards a diminution with the Company but likewise point out to them in the strongest manner the consequences of such conduct, if the persists & nothing in my own opinion is more likely to endanger the tranquility of the Companies Possessions on this Coast, than the Nabobs putting, an ambitious, Intriguing Young man in Possession of the Revenues & strong Forts of Tanjore with an army under his Command of 12 Battalions of Sepoys & 7 Rigiments of Horse disciplined after the European Manner & Officered by Europeans a Force at most able to cope with the Companys Troops in the Field When the late Vizier Sowjah ud Dowlah a man of high Rank in the Empire than the Nabob of the Carnatick, & with whom the Company were so connected had encreased his Forces so as to alarm the Presidency of Bengal, they obliged him by a formal Treaty without waiting for orders from the Court of Directors to keep only such a number of Troops in their Pay as they thought would not endanger the tranquility of the Bengal Provinces & that this Government strictly took on it without consulting with the Nabob whom they are of Opinion that the former measures that are incumbent

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inconsistent with the harmony and good friendship, which ought always to subsist between himself & the Company

Because giving Tanjore to Ameer Ul Umrah his Second Son, seems intended to preclude the Company from disposing of it otherwise should they disapprove of the Conquest

Because however alarming the Intelligence, as supposed to have lately been received at the Durbar may appear to Jaime, I am well satisfied myself, that there is great probability of its being true — As I firmly believe the Nabob Wishes very much to accomplish every particular mentioned in that Intelligence & this Intending he puts Tanjore in possession of his Second Son, in Defiance of the Stipulation of it

I am for the Preservation for the following reasons Because in a Letter from the Company in their Letters consider them selves as the guardians of the Carnatick & have often pointed out to the Nabob what they judge proper for his Service

Because that the Company may consider their security on this Coast to be connected with that of the Carnatick

Because that it is the duty of this Board to guard as far as possible against

Mr Jourdan's Minute hereon.

Reasons for assenting to the President's Proposal

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against any Innovation which might in its consequences prove detrimental to the Interest of the Company

Because that it is inconsistent with the Security of the Company's Possessions as well as with that of the Carnatick that too much power be lodged in the hands of one person

Because that Omrah having already the Command of the whole of the Nabobs Troops amounting to many considerable Number, & having the Management of the Trichinopoly districts to a Considerable amount ought not in addition thereto to have the Collection of such considerable Revinues of those as Jaujeir because it is unnatural to Man to desire to be independant & because it is easier to prevent than remove Evils

Because that in consideration of these Circumstances as it is consistent with the duty the Board owe to the Company as with the good wishes they bear for the Welfare of the Nabob that they address a Letter to him representing the danger of intrusting any one person in his Government with too much power & therefore requesting that he would but stand on account of the Power already lodged in the hands of Ummer Ul Omrah

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by the Command of all Our Forces, & of
management of the Fortifications by Di-
rect not to give to them in addition of
collection of the considerable Revenues
of the Tanjore Country now the Disposi-
-tion of the Fort

Mr. Pattenson for the Presi-
dents motion, with only this Difference,
that he would have added "As the Court
"of directors have been pleased to depu-
"on this Subject, the Consideration of
"that appointment until their Senti-
"ments are known on what is proposed
"by the first Advices"

Mr. Pattenson for the motion, but proposes an addition

I dissent to this Letter pro-
posed by the President to Consonate Key
Nabob, desiring Coja not to send his
second Son to Tanjore

Mr. Johnsons dissent to the Prest Motion

1. Because to adopt the Presi-
dents Proposition upon the Evidence
he produces, & which is merely reported
by reputate & highly disrespectful
to the Nabob, who ought to be consulted
would communicate with so con-
-sent a transaction to the Repre-
-tatives of the Company when he
meant that the Transaction should
effectually take place

2dly Because Memory hourly
expects the arrival of European Ships,
with a new Governor & some Members

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to our Council, who will doubtless
bring orders from the Honble Court
justly approving approbate to the Mea-
sures substitute a Majority of the
Board, summon no meeting to pursue
And Sundry, if it be proper at once to
determine, or at least consider, but to this
Island at all to what steps the Board may
think themselves authorized to take, in
case the Nabob should pay no attention
to the Remonstrance proposed to be sent
them, it appears to me imprudent and
more premature in this Board, to have
entered at all on a subject of so delicate a
nature; for as we have no power from
late arrangements of the Government of
India, to use force against the Nabob
so all that we ought to do, should be ascer-
tain authentick information, and trans-
mit the same to the Governor General
& Council of Bengal

3dly Because from the uncon-
ditional footing on which the Tan-
jore Country was conquered & given up
to the Nabob, we cannot from any just
power or Orders that we have received
institute in the least degree with this
Right that Conquest without vio-
lating the Company's Title to the 10 Lacks
promised by the Nabob to them, as a volun-
tary Gift. And were we in any manner to
endanger

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in danger that title, it appears to me, we
should be as much answerable in our private
fortunes to the Company

4thly Because, We not only
the justice, but even the Policy of the Cap-
ture of Tanjore, may undergo the severe
animadversions of the Company, in their
joint Advices, & bring us positive orders
thereon, we ought not to throw the hastings
of Jealousy of the Nabob, or this Gen-
eral All Omrah unless we had fix'd to
the resolution of opposing him by force,
in case circumstance should not be
attended to, but as I conceive that would be
a Step, which no case any but an open and
avowed resolution of the Nabob, to break
his alliance with the Company & Nation
could warrant, so I am firmly of opini-
on that, whatever doubts & suspicions
may be intertained of him, or this Gen
by a Majority of this Board, they ought
not so far to prevail, as to induce them
to wait for such Instruments, at this
time to the Nabob

4thly Because, We not only
the justice but even the Policy

5thly Because I suppose my
Honourable Colleagues to be so little Sensi-
ble of their own Interests, as to throw of this
dependance on the Company on his
arrival in Tanjore I am of Opinion no

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Connection he could form, in the pre-
-sent Situation of affairs could secure
to them, either the revenues of that Coun-
-try, or a long Possession of the Fort. Not
only the Garrison of Vellore, but also y^e
Vicinity of Trichinopoly, would put
it our power, if not to harass and ag^t at
of their revenues and lives, at least to pre-
-vent their being received by Monsieur
Ali Cawrah. Besides by the present emi-
-ted System of Government, added to the
importance of the Subject, we should
probably very soon be in a capacity to
march a considerable army against San-
-jore, in which case, I have not a doubt
of your succeeding it in a short time, &
of course becoming without much addition
or have it our power to restore it again
to the Rajah, as might be judged most
eligible

6^thly Because Troops will
be paid as those of the Nabobs, are not much
to be dreaded and being commanded by
English Officers, who would not easily
forget their Country & Honor, could not
be easily prevailed to join in a Scheme, when
two or three hundred among them must be Sacrifi-
-ced, to the precarious advantage of a little
increased Pay &c.

7^thly Because it cannot be
proved politically that if the Nabob

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wou'd run to alienate Tanjore from his Dominion any danger would thereby accrue to the Company's Interest, on y^e Contrary, if the former representations of this Board, on the Subject of the Nabobs Wishes & views of indepen dance, were well founded, surely the dispersing him self of so considerable a part of his Revenue & Dominions, would be the direct act of rendering him more dependant on the Company: And as to the Charges of Infidelity towards the English, & intrigues with the Dutch alledged against Himmer Ul Umrah all I will at present observe to any, is, that such charges coming from so high an authority as the President, ought in prudence, as well as Political justice to be indubitably founded proven ere any thing Shou'd be done or Procured against him, I can for my own part, lay my hand upon my heart, & acquit him of any ill disposition to the English

8th Because after the late resolution of this Board, precluding intercourse between the Nabob and y^e Inhabitants of the Presidency, the Remonstrance proposed by the President would have the appearance, if not the effect, of driving the Nabob to an Extremity, Should words or any

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sionall an Event be the Consequence of
the temper pursu'd of the Members of
the Board may prove to God, the Nabob,
Nabob, I am the most solemn manner
acquit myself, not only to the Board, but
to the Company, my King & Country
from being any accessory, & we should
only look to the Consequences but to our
endeavours against such Consequences, before
we hearing into danger

Because the measure of y^e
Majority appears to me, not only im-
proper & irregular, in itself considered
as an act of the Company's Government
but also directly against and to the Spirit
& Letter of the declaration made to the
Nabob, under the hands of the Present Pre-
sidents, as will appear from his Letter da-
ted the 7 July 1773 & as the words are so im-
mediately in point to the present Subject of
my Argument, I will beg leave to recite
them at full "It is always a matter of great
"Satisfaction to me, when my will is in my
"power, consistent with the orders of my
"Constituents, & the good of the Service
"to comply with any application
"from your Highness - As the object of
"your Highness present application,
"therefore, the total rescission of Sanjee
"appears to me on the present footing of
"Affairs clearly in the Light it does to your

Highness

* The Times are critical and like all wise Governments

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"His Highness, is indispensably necessary for the
"Safety & Tranquility of the Carnatick, &
"as the Orders of the Company to their Govern.
"ment, have at all times invariably pre-
"ported, that, your Highness should be sup-
"ported in your Government, & the Peace
"& Security of the Carnatick maintain-
"ed, I shall readily co-operate with your
"Highness in the prosecuting proposed Un-
"dertaking, & for that purpose on the
"part of your Highness's Army & three Fifths
"Each Company, shall afford the Necessary
"assistance for the accomplishment thereof
"Mary, I army accordingly will shortly
"be assembled at Trichinopoly, Under
"the Command of General Smith, & he
"has received the Instructions of this
"Government, relative assembled and
"any thing is in completeat readiness
"to proceed with the same against
"the Fort of Tanjore, to direct it & ha-
"ving done so, to put your Highness's
"Son, Nadar Mutta Bahadar on
"the Throne of Tanjore, to which
"any person or persons your Highness may
"authorize for that purpose, in Pref-
"erence thereof

After this positive, pein-
-ted repeated renunciation, of all Claim
or right to interfere, either directly or
indirectly in the appointment of a
Governor to the Fort, & of course the Country
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of Tanjore, with what colour of right or justice, can we move remonstrate against the appointment of this Son thereto unless an absolute certainty could be demonstrated, to the conviction of this Board, that the consequences of this appointment would be the Delivery of the Fort & Country into the hands of our Enemies, I cannot but say that nothing but a case of the most imminent Exigency could authorize the present Measure, after the Faith of the Company has been pledged, that the Nabob shall appoint such a person to the Management of Tanjore, as the shall think proper, without hindrance or molestation on the part of the Company, for if there is any meaning in Words, those which I have quoted simply amount to. It is natural to suppose that, the conditions on which we agreed to put the Nabob in possession of Tanjore and our declaration that we would be interested in the Management thereof, was a material inducement to his promise of giving us the Company, nor is it improbable to suppose that the present interference or deviation from our part of the Agreement may be shewn after but an argument for the non payment of the said Encrease, Should such a Circumstance

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Circumstances ever happen, which the Former-
my reasons I hope never will) shall com-
-der myself totally blameless of & execut-
-ed from any loss or damage which
my Constituents may sustain thereby
but it may not be amiss to remark that,
that Son whom the President has now
marked out as a dangerous Person to be
invested with Power, is the same Madam
Ul Mulk, he whom a little while ago
General Smith was ordered to deliver
over the Fort of Tanjore, this province was
then as great, as it is now, the Head quarters
Sight in the opinion of their Saltour, nor
have I heard of a single action of his
since, that period, which can justly
give rise to our apprehensions of his
want of attachment to the English
Where we cannot have proofs, & can
argue from probabilities, can it be
suppposed that Ameen Ul Omrah
would trifle with & shake off his dependance
on the English, & throw himself into
the Arms of the French or Dutch? Can
he be supposed to be so very short Sighted,
as to expect better terms from them
than from us? Has he not had experience
that the support of the English is ye
strength & Encouragement of his Family
& if that support be withdrawn, the neigh-
-bouring Powers would soon lay waste

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the Country, This is a fact so notorious that, to any person Ummeer Ul Umrah is no stranger of it, is to direct him in all pursuits & to shew him in colours very different from those, you wish the President now exhibits him by. Even In a Word if Ummeer Ul Umrah has any Views upon Tanjore, or any other part of the Country, I will take upon me to say that so far from attempting to accomplish those Views, in dependancy of the English, the grounds his expectations on the National support which the Carnatick is pledged for the Security of His present Government

With all due deference to the President & to every report which comes from the Chair, I must be allowed to say that, from my intimate knowledge in this present case of this general cabal of Jealousy, ambition & Intrigues, with the Danish & Dutch, For Favor & desire to record this as my Opinion that in no matter of such national moment, as are now before this Board we shall not stand justified in the Eyes of our Country & Employers, if we allow our judgments to be influenced and adopt a measure in favor of every report & General accusation Let the Charges be produced to the Board

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supported by good and substantial pa-
=pers which shall be entered on our Pub-
=lick Records, & when this is done, no one
then will embrace danger or incur disgrace
=fully for the Interest of the Company
than I will, I am aware the general re-
=mark may be opposed to my Argu-
=ment, that the means by which Go-
=vernment obtains information are
sometimes of such a Nature as can-
not be divulged. This may be applic-
=able in some cases, but the present such is
is not, nor can it be justified in taking
any public Step, but upon such Grounds
as will bear the public Eye, & the investi-
=gation of our Constituents, I admit in-
=spite of the authenticity of every re-
=port which comes from the Chair, would
I am afraid be construed by the Company
a compliment to the President, at the
Expence of our Fidelity to them and
their affairs

When the President's mo-
=tion was before the Board, I expressed
by many arguments I could then recollect
how unwilling & unprepared I was, in
the precipitancy with which the matters
are sometimes discussed in Council
I may there omitted some material
Arguments which to those entered
in this Minute. I am not ashamed to
acknowledge

acknowledge that I am much more Master of the Subject, than I was when I Shewed the records of the times, which I Shall any relation to the Subject in Question, dispassionately & with much attention, & I move to record this dissent in Vindication of myself & for the information of the Court of directors—

Mr Brookes Minute in Support of the Motion

Mr Brooke for the motion that a letter be wrote to the Nabob on y^e Grounds proposed. Because he thinks it impolitick & unsafe, for the interest of the Carnatick, he should so much Power in the hands of any one Person And Because, as the Company have not yet decided upon it, it is premature, & may prove injurious to their Interests

Mr Dorrians Minute for the Motion

I have seriously considered the Subject in debate And am much concerned to think the proceedings at the Board appear very inconsistent with the Confidence which ought now & did formerly subsist between this Government and the Nabob I am convinced it would be highly improper to arraign the Nabobs Conduct without Sufficient grounds & most Sincerely wish we had not any
Complaints, but as it is surely the Duty of this Board who have in Charge the Interests of both the Company & Nabob

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to them at most convenient seasons to prevent Evils than correct them perhaps at a great expence, I am of opinion the latter mode proposed should be immediately Adopted, however it may appear to them at present, that upon reflexion he convinced of the propriety of the Boards Resolution

General Smith against the Motion

General Smith against the immediate Prohibition of Europeans from the Durbar

General Smith against the Motion & will deliver in his Minutes at next Consultation, desires the Sub Secy may read respecting the prohibition of Europeans frequenting the durbar may be entered

Agreed

Those the Honble Board will not be offended with me for delivering to them my sentiments on the Motion, for precluding the Members of this Board (Government) from visiting the Nabob, without previous leave from the President Altho I am certain no Member of this Board is more ready on all occasions to pay every honor & deference to the Station of our President than I am, yet conceiving to such a degree, must destroy the Honble Opinion I must only an immediate Attachment of our Integrity to the Masters we serve, but an avowed dictation of our own inferiority to be entrusted with the Charge of this Government

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Government wish'd to have been
pleased to consider the enormous expence
& Care, Nor did they place words Consi-
-dence in us, until our long Acts of faithi-
-ful Services & Established Character
gave them good reason to believe, that our
future study would be the respecting
of their Interests on every occasion, when
it became necessary

I cannot therefore but be
greatly surprized to observe this reading
in us to cast a reflection on the Members
of this Board, which Nothing but an
absolute proof of their infidelity ought
to give a Sanction to, I have heard of
none: if any there are - I wish to see them
produced that we may see this Instance
so manifest that integrity which appears
to be doubtful & our good intentions towards
the United Company by removing the
men or even, whose Conduct is so in-
-compatible with their Instructions, Positive
-tive orders lately proposed, this will not
not amount to a direct charge against
any particular Member, & evident
ly improper, they are not free from Sus-
-picions, Besides this is the Case Harmo-
-ny & good humor must cease to prevail
amongst us, Heart burnings & Jealousies
will be introduced to our Councils & pr
Duty I owe to our Employers sacrifice
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to pique & resentment. It is not a mark
unpleasing thought to imagine, that
the members of this Board in the hour for-
-ty the Company for such a series of
years & whose former Reputation & un-
-blemished Character have been the
Basis of their Advancement to Stations
& high Rank in their Service, should
after giving such proofs of their Zeal
& Attachment & when arrived at the
most conspicuous Posts in this Go-
vernment, Sacrifice their good name
& what is most valuable to man, for
consideration, I blush to think of, my
own part I am conscious of the Rect-
-itude of my own actions, & the Constant
Fidelity I bear to the honble Company
that I deem myself bound by every
Sacred tie to support their Interests, to
the utmost of my power & whilst this
& which I will do, while I have the honor
to serve them, I think I can look on the
proceedings of the Members of the
Board from having intercourse with
& Nabob, Arrangements on the
Dignity of their Station, disgraceful
to them as the Company's representa-
-tives, in this part of India & totally
committed on their parts, I cannot sub-
-mit to acquiesce in an act which is to
debase me of these Rights, I conceive my
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Nation justly entitles me to, until it is proved to the Board, that such assistance does injury to the Company's Affairs & until that is done I dissent to any of such measures taking place

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Mr Johnson dissents to the Resolution of the Board prohibiting Europeans from frequenting the Durbar

Mr Johnson desires that the following Dissent to the resolution of the Board 2d Instno, may be inserted on the Proceedings of this day

The Measure of imposing the Order, precluding the Servants & Inhabitants of this Presidency, from going on Visits of Respect, or on their Lawfull Business to Durbar, I consider as oppressive, unreasonable, irrational, & at once expressive of Suspicion unattended with dignity in this Government I must further add that, it appears to me the Members of this Board have in enforcing this Order, without any person at distinction to themselves, implied a disgraceful Censure on themselves, I advance them as my Sentiments of the Measure, without offering my last disrespect to the Government, or Majority, of which it is becomes an act of injustice to myself, if not to my Company, I will endeavour to prove by argument, that, these Opinions

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are, neither inconsiderably adopted, nor
without the strongest public ground
I cannot help thinking of.
measure appropriating, because the Servants
& commercial Subjects of this Presidency
have, not only been indulged but encouraged
manned by this Government, in various
transactions with the Nabob in fact Inspect
& Cyrus at this durbar of Beeninp. Why
should not parts of publick materiality
recorded. I then appeal to the Honourable
-ers of this Board who have appointed to
this Measure to whether it is not their de-
-sire that a great, if not the greatest part
of the property of this Settlement, is
not now in the hands of the Nabob
either through the purchase of goods
& Houses, from Land Lot taxes of Money
& their exclusive of this old Bond Debts
& the sums he owes to Merchants in Eng-
-land, by the purchase of their workman
ship, so advantageous to be made at home
through the hands of Attorneys and
consignees

I intimate them a special Re-
-ward & perhaps a gracious handship on
people who are connected with this Durbar
to be instructed by their Orders. The Nabob
tho a Prince & Sovereign Ally of the
Company & State, is so gracious in his
regard for the English in general, that
he

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administration in this Presidency
Nor must we conceal that, we entertain
reproach some new men have in Council
from Europe, who, by their more recent
intercourse with the Sentiments of
Government at home, could afford us
many lights, that, I am afraid a poor
complaisant to our past administra-
tion, & no better one to the Governor
General & Council, and many new men
-bers whom we expect shall in almost two
Months from Europe, that we have so
suddenly (Lately and so) adapted, so pointed a measu-
-sure without any especial avowed Cause
Will not the Publick who are always
invidious in their reflections, imagine
that we wish to drop the Curtain over
our political Scenes, instead of barring
the door against Intrigue Without respect
to the Governor General & Council par-
-ticularly, however they may approve
in forming, what Has the name of a
Company's Order, that would as they ought
& what may look like secrecy & resolu-
-tion, yet Scandalously and oppressive, they will have this particular Reason on this Subject, I will
avoid giving some other reasons for the
unnecessariness of the Measure &
for a very obvious Cause It is sufficient to
point to the late Event in the Spanish Govern-
-ment & the Views that this present Ministry

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Ministry once had towards India. Thro' ev-
=ry incidence of our negotiating a List of the En-
=glish Officers in the Rebates Service &c
what we have been informed by the Pre-
=sidents he seemed to feel, from our negotiating
a Survey of the Roads of this Country -
these circumstances, proceeding to, and
nearly coincident with the Measure of
Exclusion, are certainty such as might
in prospect are imagination are less subject
to misconception than that of an attack
Prince. Therefore I think that we left it
was meant to be work upon this year, the
measure is ill timed

If the measure is ill
timed, it cannot be critical, in our
right to a Government, which we have
always stated as depending on the
pleasure of the Nabob, for its supplies,
Ind. not mention Investment of the
Company Stock, or property, is now
in this Kingdom's hands, & that various
instant injunctions from the Company
have been, to manage with all address
& delicacy towards him, on the Throne
of the publick, Lenity to our Power of
this Government as well Established
as possible, & with them give any
hostile Appearance to Steps tending to-
so unjust an End - But these always
understood it to be a measures of States
supporting themselves in a delicacy of

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Situation, to be yielding enough to their neighbours, in the exercise of such discretionary Powers, while they were strictly attentive in the Essentials of Justice - Nor is it, till they are prepared for a rupture that they appear so much alarmed - On the same grounds, I think this measure declarative of our Suspicion, without being any proof of the rigor of our administration - For that the opinion, declarative of our Suspicion, for it appears to me, that we have erected an Order, discovering in our ancient Records by the Industry of our late President, to a check different from that meant by that President in this removal of it in 1769 He removed it to check the representatives of those private Creditors of the Nabob, who wanted to persuade this Kingdom, that this Loans tho' at reasonable Interest were Injurious to the expence this honor to discharge them, as the Subjects limit them by the Company. The Company had, by an Extention of their Imperious powers in India, ordered them to make it Good, & Ordered their Governor & Council to adjust and enforce the Act. During the contest on their Concern, the individual Condition was from Interest, an opponent to the Government in the Transaction. Their Representations touched the Nabob, for

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they directed them, to this Source of ho-
-nor, In the Dilemma of this oppres-
-sion the late President, not hesitating
at violent Resource discovered & publish-
-ed this Order of the But with what success
& did he, however bold in Government
& steady in his plan attempt to inforce
the Order in a Single Instance, or did
he even venture to enforce it, even the Com-
-mander in Chief? and his Sagacity pointed out
the danger of such a Step, not only to
the Members of this Board personally
at law, but even to the great interest
of the Company. With what intentions
then or from what motives did he issue
powers to suspend & publish this order, when
our President has only observed how
that from the number of people going
to the Bar he had found it difficult
to carry on the business of that Company
This above order, in the most rigorous
Government of this Presidency & from
which not at a particular grievance was found
ineffectual, it did a way home & was even
laughed at in England by the Creditors
By what Inspiration are we now to make
it more effectual, or even as respected? I am
afraid the answers to these questions
would tend little to shew that we have

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either wrongfully deliberately, if proved
it judiciously, or are able to improve
it.

At all times, & without
any Publick Orders, but the Covenants
of our Covenant Servants, and those
of all people residing in this Co-
lony, we have power over the Ser-
vants & Inhabitants for instituting
in the affairs of Government, or of the Coun
-try Alliances, but we have moved & think
without specifying a charge against
any individual, indirectly accused
all, & we have & the Company will determ
-ine with what propriety commited
that indirect accusation no less, than
public Indignity to the most faithful
ally of the English nation in India

Before I conclude it may
be necessary to observe to prevent any
misconceptions on my Conduct that,
altho' I am convinced, the motives,
which have actuated me to these Ob
-servations are just, & that my arguments
are such as will stand the Scrutiny
of any Honble Employers, to whom
I shall gladly submit my Conduct yet
if any general reasoning on this Sub
-ject, I have expressed my Fears, more
of thinking improper and to mention
in words with the Most Honble to the Com
-pany, I will readily retract the same

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upon their being fairly and candidly
pointed out to my conviction, With
this general Explanation I shall take
not be disposed to harass or per-
-secuting the members of this Govern-
-ment to pay Visits of Compliment
& Respect, Such as have been paid on
-ings at the Durbar with those
Nabob

Letter from the Nabob desiring the Release of certain people confined by the Chief of Cuddalore

Read a Letter from the Na-
-bob as mentioned in Consultation
-dence N 97 desiring that some people
belonging to this Country who were vis-
-ly & confined by the Chief of Cuddalore
should be released The President having
received a Letter from the Chief of Cudda-
-lore, on the Subject of same said, desires
that it may be entered

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Latham containing the particulars of a Murder committed by two of the Nabobs Peons on an Inhabitant of Nandiput

I beg leave to acquaint
you of a shocking piece of barbarity
that has been inflicted on one Moorty
Pedrachy late an Inhabitant of Nandiput
Some days since the said Moorty Pe-
-rachy went into a Choltry situated on
-ging to the Village of Vellingy adjacent
in the district of Shevapooram in my
Nabobs country & there, through want
took some of the Cars of Cholum to eat

Leaving

having been detected in that assault
theft by the watcher of the Field, the
Watcher fell on them with a stick he
had in his hand, & beat them with
it in so cruel a manner, as it is said
Yaathoma Lucia Scudd & brother one of their
legs & arms & in that manner is unable com-
=ing dragged them afterwards about
a mile to the house of one Nanny Reddy
Inhabit of the Village of Vellingalla-
=puch, Nana Reddy then directed the
Watcher Moorpaty Pedarthy saying
it was by the Order of the Sirdar of
the Village to put him in the Stocks, in
which after the had been detained
sometime, finding that he was very
bad, he was taken out of the Stocks &
died two or three days afterwards After
Moorty Pedarthy was dead, his Son
by their Mothers direction went to Nana
Reddy to ask for his fathers corps that
it might be burnt, but Nana Reddy
insisted of giving the Corps as was de-
sired, but the Son of Moorpaty, Pedar-
=thy & Servants him for answer to Bagavia
Samudaram of Shirwapadam, Bagavia
has since sent the Son of the deceased Moo-
=ty Pedarthy to go then with the watcher
who beat & the Tattiar who put Moorpaty
Pedarthy in the Stocks — This watcher
& Tattiar as well as Nana Reddy Shaiwars
under confinement at Cuddalore Old

(to guard

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Cuddalore
18 March 1775

request your directions what to do with
them

Same with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Richard Sathorn

Resolved, that a Copy of
Mr Sathorns Letter to the President be sent
to the Nabob, & that the People, who are the
President reports to be arrived, be ordered
to the Nabob, who we make no doubt, will
cause the necessary Punishment, to be
inflicted on the Perpetrators of so shocking
a piece of barbarity

the Nabob to be furnished with a Copy of the Letter of the People delivered to them

The President informs us
however that it is the Opinion of the
Board, that he shall grant permission
at this time to any Person who may ap-
ply to him for leave to go to the Durbar

Mr Sathorn of the same opinion

Mr Mackay of opinion that no one ought to be permitted

Mr Mackay - Sorry of opi-
nion, that no person ought to be permit
ted to go to the Nabob, while the present
business is in agitation, more particu-
cularly, a member of this Board

Mr Lourdan & Mr Palmer
agree in opinion with Mr Mackay

Mr Lourdan & Mr Palmer of the same opinion

Mr Stone Sorry of opinion
that no person should be refused leave to
wait on the Nabob unless the President

Mr Stone for the per-
mission, thinks it
detrimental to the
Company

Chas

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has reason to imagine, that his busi-
-ness with the Nabob may be prejudi-
-cial to the Interests of the Company

Mr Johnson refuses to this dispute

Mr Johnson has fully explained his sentiments in his mi-
-nute

Mr. Brooke against permitting anyone for the present

Mr Brooke is of opi-
-nion that the Companys Orders ought to be Complied with, & that the President is their proper Representative to the Nabob & other Country Powers, That therefore the President ought not to grant Permi-
-ssion at this time present to any person whatsoever

Mr Dawson of the same opinion

Mr Dawson agrees with Mr Brooke

General Smith refers to the Minute

General Smith's Senti-
-ments on the matter, are contained in his minute

The President against the Permission

The President is of opinion, that no one person whatsoever should be permitted to visit at the Durbar

Resolutions of the Majority—

The Majority being against permission being granted to any Person for leave to go to the Durbar, Agreed that no Person whatsoever for the present be granted leave to visit the Nabob or his Sons

Read the following Letter from Col. Harper

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

Letter from Lt Col. Harper on Thursday the Twelve months near Tiagar

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To the Honble Chas Lynch Esq
President & Gov & &a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I arrived at this place early this Morning, have thirty four men sick & Lame, since Leaving Vellore, the nights have been very cold & the days very severe Sol I have taken all the care possible to preserve the men healthy, by running at ways by sun rise or a little after

I'm sorry to inform you that on the night of the 25 Instant at Tiagar, we had twelve men deserted with Arms they contrived to steal the ammunition out of the Bell tents of the two Serjeants Had taken every precaution in my power to prevent any thing of the kind by ordering an extraordinary Roll to be called at nine O'Clock at night, that if any did go off, it might come to my knowledge the Gaoler, & on coming to my Ears that Morning Edward Sergeant Major Goodwin who Commands there, to have orders sent to the Polygars towards the passes into Hyders Country to be particularly careful to take up any deserters, that might attempt to escape that way & on there men being missed in the Morning which we were going to march, Directed that Sepoys Guards of the Com-

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pany with me & the Serjeant with some
from Serjeant Major Goostree & a Jemt
Battalion & give them directions to proceed im-
mediately for the Pass of Moreabad
as far as the Nabobs bounds marched, think-
ing it most likely they would take that
Road with Orders to take them if possible
dead or alive & they should have them a-
ward, On the 27th had accounts from the
Serjeants, that he Was at the place that
I had ordered them to, that numbers of
Polygars had been out round the Country
but could get no tidings of them, I also dis-
patched a letter to the Head man of Cham-
gamah, and a Peticarrah towards Pen-
dicherry, if they should take either those
ways to have them taken if possible

Many of these men have
deserted before & most of them were the
greatest Villains in the Battalion, a
man who attempted to hang him-
self some time ago at Vellore, went to
a Tank after Rollcall in the Evening
at Trinamaley & drowned himself
Sinkend man belonging in the
the Garrison of Trichinapoly the first of
next Month, Shall nothing further to add
at present I remain with respect

Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
H. Harper

Camp at Volconde
3 March 1775

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The President lays before the Board the following letter which he has received from Mr Whitehill

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to transmit you Sir with two Letters received this day from the Soubah, one addressed to you & the other to the Nabob

By the same Hircarrahs that brought these Letters I received one from directed to the Governor General of Bengal which I forwarded

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt
humble Servt
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
20 March 1775

Read Letter from Mr Whitehill to the President, with a paper of intelligence from the Soubahs Camp making mention of Bagabat having been worsted in an Engagement with Hoathis, Heavy Pindal, Putha, & Sindhia & of his having taken flight, with about 300 Horsemen

Intelligence from the Soubahs Camp, Bagabat defeated & put to flight by Ministerial Army

The President lays before the Board, the following papers of Intelligence, which he has received from the

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The Nabob

Translation of Intelli-
gence from the Sea Port of Pondicherry
Dated 25 March 75

Intelligence from Pondicherry of y^e Negociation of y^e former with Hyder

On the 20 Instant two
Jetts of Hircarrahs with Letters from Hyder
Naig arrived here from Seringapatam
and brought also Letters from the Brother
of Mons^r Bouffet who is there, On their
arrival the Council met & what they
Conferred upon Thereupon but one
Kistnah the Company's Writer with
an European each in a Palanqueen
with Letters to Hyder Naig & others from
Mons^r Bouffet to his Brother, were sent
away to Seringapatam on the 22^nd Inst.
& the Governor General at Mons^r Law sent
an high priced dress & a Quantity of costly
Rarities with the said Kistnah to Hyder
Naig

Mr Johnson desires that y^e
following motions which he desires
in writing, may be entered on this day
Consultation

Mr Johnson mo-
tion that the Pre-
sident shall visit
the Nabob only
at the Request of y^e
Board & that the
Board & the Nabob
shall confer on
any Matter of
Moment

As the President has been
pleased to consult the Board, on the Impro-
priety of permitting any one Mem-
ber of this Government to pay a visit of
Compliment to the Nabob Think it ne-
cessary to inform the Board of the Mo-
tives of my application to the Presi-
dent

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President for leave. The nations were ran-
-didly no other, than to put the late reso-
-lution of the Board to the Issue, as it im-
-plies an indignity to the Station we
have all the honor to hold & We shod only
accomplishment any Wish to pray the Ma-
-hob, Jamma no way disappointed at the
Presidents original Bill as the Board is
to be consulted before any one Act of it
is pronounced and indeed gence such as
that Is required as the President pays,
by this diffidence of his own power of
granting permission, a compliment
to our joint Authority, which should
be ascertained by rule, I move

That except when required
by the Board, the President himself
shall not go to the Durbar, but that
all Correspondence be carried on by pub-
-lick Official Letter between the President
& the Nabob, Further we move that it may
not be left to the President, but to this
Board to grant that Permission to a
Single individual or the Agent of a Single Individual
the President has not thought himself
authorized to grant a member of this
Government

I will further move that a
publick Letter be wrote to the Right Hon
informing them of the resolutions
we have taken and adding that on

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will, any matter of moment, the Board will meet this Evening either at the Governors Garden house or in the Council Chamber.

I am sorry for the information of the Board. I will give them & for the Sake of precision in so delicate a discussion, my reasons for these respective motions in writing.

The determination thereupon deferred

Agreed that the discussion of this Matter be deferred till another opportunity

H. Worsley
Joseph Smith
Co. Dawson
Henry Brooke

Archdal. Palmer

Fermr Irvine

Geo: Mackay

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Ack Came in the following Letter from John Whitehill Esqr Chief of Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Whitehill Bazt Jung with Monsr Lally and a considirable Force comes to Guntoor Circar

Having had intelligence some days ago, that Bazulut Jung was coming down to the Guntoor Circars with a Considirable Army I thought it necessary to send Swiss as to take notice of the number of Troops & the Number of Guns they have this day received the following information in the accompanying paper from them

The Renter of Nizampa-tam has just received a Letter from his manager in that district acquainting him that Monsr Lally with 120 Europeans 96 Soldiers, 300 Sepoys 600 Coolies Jomadars & 400 Bullocks arrived on the 27 at Mootapillee, That the Bullocks &c. they sent dispatched the same night for Bazulut Jungs Camp with some pieces of large & Small Cannon several Chests of small arms & a quantity of Ammunition & other Stores all which had been lying some time at Mootapille That besides there had been landed from a Vessel that arrived from Pondicherry on the 26 Instant 2 pieces of

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large Cannon & 8 small Cannon six thou-
-sand Flint locks & 13 Chests of Gunpowder
& that it is reported two more Ships are ex-
-pected from Pondicherry with a further
Supply of Stores & 600 Europeans — But to
this Report I give little Credit, it being
meat with the French at Masulipatam on
on every occasion to cause news of this kind
to be circulated thro' the Country

I have written to Mr Scott
who is at present surveying the Nizam-
patam District to inform himself par-
-ticularly of what may be going Forward
at Masulipatam & have sent him intel-
-ligent Shirrarrahs to assist him in his
enquiries

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obdt
Humble Servt
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
30 March 1775

The Companys Shircarrahs brought
the following news from Bazoalt
Jungs Camp

That Bazalut Jung is now
halted on the Banks of Tragalair River with
in 10 Cos to Vinicondah & has the under-
-mentioned Troops & Stores with him
10 Pieces of Cannon
5 Chests of Gun Powder
1 Carriage of Gun Powder in dupers

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10 Camels
1 Load of Rockets
8000 Cavalry
2000 Sepoys

That Mammavaar Caun

of Condaleis with Sixty with
2 Cannons
2 Gunn Powder Chests
1 Carriage loaded with Rockets
200 Footmen

That Vettathiredaty Duran

of Gadwall Zemindar is with 300 Foot
Men & 200 Cavalry with him

That the Bigan pretty Say-

-gurdars brothers is with 150 Foot Men & 50
or 60 Cavalry with him

That Mandiem Sally is with

him with
150 Troopers
200 Soldiers
300 Topasses
1200 Sepoys
5 Pieces of Cannon
2 Chests of Gunn Powder
1 Carriage loaded with dupposes of Gunn
powder
3 Elephants
2 Camels

That Davy Chinna the Dur

-ga of Bazaleet Zemy is that side within a
Cos & that of Vinnicondah on the Banks

of

of Gondlacamma River that he was with
him

Monsr Said Sundarwith
500 Cavalry & 500 Footmen

That Rajah Benjamaud
the manager of the Guntoor Country & Ma-
hommed Hussein having paid their visit
to Davy Chund went down to Chuttabaar
Pandro & carryed Mansour Pimratakist-
nah one of the Zemindars of Guntoor
to the said Davy Chund to pay visit
on the 25 March

Monsieur Flassault with
300 Sepoys 2 Guns Two small Chests of Guns
& 2 Transport Carriages 10 Soldiers & 10
Topasses from Monsieur Lally's army was
coming & halted near Potanveram on their
way to Mootapilly to which place it is said
they are going to take the Firelocks, Cannons
Shott & Gun Powder which are lying
there

The following Letter has been recieved by the Post
from Mr Boddam Chief of Tellicherry
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
Chief President & Govr
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Boddam Rega. for Troops &c Stores to Tonat & Guns &c. sent by Col. Keating

The Bengalam & Tavarja-
ward with your Letter of the 25 Ultimo
& doubt not long ere this arrive of the 23d
February has come to hand by which you
was

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was advised of the intentions of the
Bombay Gentlemen as in their Diversions re-
spect to Bagaba since which has parted here
the Stafford the 18th inst. left Bombay the
6th Instant and Shan's advices as follows
"On the ministerial army passing the
"River Nile the greatest part of Bagoba's
"Troops on a sudden deserted him, which oc-
"casioned his making the best of his way
"with a guard of Horse to Bombay, but when
"Nabob denied him admittance for fear of
"other Party, he was therefore obliged to pro-
"ceed to Bocan agar in order to get a Passage
"on the Company's Vessels to Surat when
"he move it, & the Troops under Col. Keating an
"likewise, Bagaba since his arrival from Goa had
"about 1200 Horse come in to them and it was daily
"expected he will be joined by an army of Mah-
"rattas so as to enable him in Conjunction with
"our army to take the Field, when it is ima-
"gined the Ministerial army will not
"dare to venture an Action"

Captain Kelly writes us
from Mocha Mahomet Mahomet was written upon & the Staf-
ford proceeds on their Cruising to Aden an
& Judah with the assistance of Journey
Vessels expected to get the whole up, to the
Residency before the Close of the Season

Hyder is still at Syringa-
patam & Admiral Suffrein any Advance
of this being joined by any Body of Eu-
ropeans whatever, You may depend

Sir

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Sir should there any thing relative of such a nature, you shall be immediately advised

I remain very truely
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
B. Fb. Boddam

Tellicherry
March 21. 1775

Letter to the Nabob respecting the Criminals confined by Mr Latham

Last

Dispatched Letter to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N 43 conformable to the Minutes of Consultation

came in the following Letter from Capt Cook.

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr & Council

Letter from Capt Cook

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the honour to receive your letter of the 25 February in due time Capt Thorpe arrived with his Battalion here on the 27 Instant & yesterday (agreable to your Orders) I delivered over the Command of this Fort to him with the Secret Orders and Regulations as I have received respecting the Command

Yesterday my Battn marched out of the Fort & Encamped 8 Miles this Evening to march from hence for Madras

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt humble Servt
William Cook

Palamcotah
29 March 1775

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Dispatched the following letter to ye Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

Herewith you will receive Translate of a letter from Bazalet Jung to the Nabob, which we desire you will pay the necessary attention to

We are
Gentlemen
Your assured friends
& Servants Council

Fort St George
6th April 1775

Letter to the Nabob respecting the Survey

A letter was this day sent to the Nabob on the Subject of the Survey conformable to the Minute of last Consultation 6.6.

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At a Consultation Present

Joseph Smith „ Geo Dawson
Friday 9 April. Henry Brooke „ Sam! Johnson
J. M. Stone „ Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan. George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Letter from the Nabob with one from Bazalet Jung

Read letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N42 inclosing one from Bazalet Jung, which was omitted to be entered in the diary. A Copy of which has been sent to the Chief &

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At a Consult at Mandapettam

Read draft of a letter to y^e Nabob requesting him not to invest his Second son Hummun Ull Ulmrah, with the Mann a gumsil of Tanjore, agreable to y^e Minutes of Consultation Country Correspondence N 45

Letter to the Nabob that Ummun Ull Umrah may not obtain the Mannagy. umrah of Tanjore

Mr Johnson mentions that all Current Business be put from this Debate respecting the Management of Tanjore be first Consulted upon

Mr Johnson acquainted the Board that as the Motion he had made relative to the Nabob, appeared to him of such serious nature & may in the event of this Consequence to the Interests of the Company & may require that all Current business be put from this Business be Settled & that we meet every day or two in order to an Issue

most with terests that

Mr Johnson desired to that question of the Motion be extended & the Members moved with their Consult ring them

That this motion at the last Council be answered & Considered & that the Members do give their Sepparate opinions thereon agreable to the practice of other Boards

Minutes thereon

As Mr Johnson has observed that he has reasons to urge in Support of his above motion, the Board desire they may be made acquainted with them which Mr Johnson promises to do this at next Consultation, observing that his time has been much engaged on other business of the Company's which prevents his attending to it sooner, Agreed that the Consideration thereof be deferred accordingly

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accordingly by
Genl Smith at his last
Consultation having declared his in-
tentions of delivering in his Sentiments
relative to the motion of the President
about writing to the Nabob, requested
ing him not to invest Monsr Lally
with, with the command of Tanjore
nor determine in the following manner
& dispatch thereto.

Genl Smith's dissenting to the resolution of the Majority to dissuade the Nabob from investing Monsr Lally with the Management of Tanjore.

The resolution of the majority which
is the act of the Board in consequence
of the Presidents motion Gar supposes
ing to the Nabob, the danger of intrust
ing any person in this Government
with too much power in this Govern-
ment with too much Power and there-
fore arguing that he would be
pleased on account of the Power al-
ready lodged in the hands of Monsr Lally
of all this force & the management of the
Districts adjacent not to give him
in addition thereto, the Collection of the
Revenues of the Tanjore Country, nor
disposition of the Fort w^th the more I am
alarmed at the Consequence to be appre-
hended /

I am averse to any thing
which has the appearance of oppressi-
on to Government, & would even take

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Warn upon myself so far as to confess that I am one who sacrifices my opinion in order to preserve concord & unanimity in our Council — But when I perceive measures pursued which to my best & most unbiassed Judgment appear repugnant to Justice & incompatible with the Interest of the Company, my duty to myself responsibility & gratitude to my Employers call upon me to use my Dissent & Opposition, I say repugnant to Justice because after we have determined upon the Fort & Country of Tanjore unconditionally, to the Rabob without the least colour of right that can ever attempt to tie up his hands from appointing one of his own Sons to succeed the Raniee & to command that Fort, This Measure appears to me unjust for another reason because it leaves upon record a hasty & dangerous invasion action against one of the Rabobs Sons which may hereafter be brought against him, without a single proof against him I must beg leave to extend this consideration a little further and appeal to the Feelings of the Majority how they will reconcile it to themselves, should their representation to the Court produce fatal effects to the Son

of the Provident Council

This reason for the motion upon the too

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great power already vested in the hands
of Vummeer Ul Omrah & that an ad-
dition to that power would render him
too formidable. if there is any weight
in that argument it should be conceived that
it may be applied with much more
propriety to the Nabob, than to this
Son, & according to the present scheme upon
which the Assessing is built, it would
be more for the advantage of the Com-
pany, were the Nabob to dismember
all his dominions, than to unite them
under one person

I may not be unnecessary
to recall the recollection of the Board, to a
circumstance of a similar nature to
the present, which happened soon after
the Capture of Tanjore when I was ord-
ered to march against the dutch, Depu-
ted in a letter to the President my ap-
prehensions for the Security of our new
Conquest, under the garrisons by Europeans,
& advising as a Member of the Board that
the troops should not advance till the
Nabob gave his consent to admit
such a garrison into the place, upon
a perusal of the records after I returned from
the army, I found that the Subject had
been taken into debate at the Board, &
it was determined notwithstanding
the Nabobs refusal, that the Troops shd
march, because the Board were of opinion
that

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that a counter revolution would pro-
" duce violent measures disgust on the
" part of the Nabob & the Board could
" think themselves justified in adopt-
" -ting a measure which might be
" attended with very disagreable Conse-
" -quences, It is evident to the whole
" Board from the disposition of the Na-
" -bob, that the more their measure is
" urged, the more strenuously he will
" oppose it, Sir Iohn will be alarmed
" & he will readily believe there is foun-
" -dation for the report which went abroad
" That the Gov.r & Council wanted to back
" Iohnson for the Company, It must
appear surprizing to those who shall
peruse the records, to perceive at one pe-
-riod so much attention paid to the dis-
-position of the Nabob's mind, so delicate
& so scrupulous an appearance of
raising this Sum & Instances, and at
a subsequent conjecture without any
Political expediency, That Shore of
for a change of conduct, more corres pon-
-ding with the Nabob's mind, suspicions of a more pointed
Nature & which may not be easily re-
-moved, I believe since the Commence-
-ment of our Connexion with the Nabob,
there has not been a conjecture more de-
-licate than the present, The recent
cause of disgust by the exclusion of Sir

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the members of this Government from
all intercourse with the Nabob, the ap-
plication for the recall of this Gover-
nour, & this alarming interference
in the internal management of the
Country, may perhaps lead to extremi-
ties which I forbear to mention. It is
well known to the Members of this Board
that the report of the disapprobation
at home of the Conquest of Tanjore, has
already reached the Nabobs Ears, & that
some private Letters have even gone so
far as to say that he would neither be com-
pelled to restore to the Rajah his Country
or to deliver it up to the Company;
what effects these reports must have had
upon the Nabob, I appeal to the Resident
& those who know how easily he is agitated
with groundless & imaginary fears

To a prince of a more ur-
-gracious understanding and a more en-
-lightened mind than the Nabob, the
-cession of this Gover-
-nment, the depriving him of all intro-
-course with those whom he has long been
-thought to regard as his friends, added to
a positive attempt to deprive him
of the assistance of a Man whose capa-
-city for business, he has found useful
to his administration, many there cir-
-cumstances, would to a prince, still
better acquainted with British faith

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than the Nabob create fears, of an ensuing revolution, It behoves us then to consider well. This is not a point of Political contest nor of opposition, it is a Matter of Publick import, & of the most serious consequences to our Employers, It was urged In mitigation when the matter was under debate at the Board, that after having made the representation to the Nabob, we discharged our Duty, It was unanswerable for the end In answer to this Reply, that unless we were able absolutely certain, that our representation would have the desired effect, & induce the Nabob to deviate from a resolution which we were convinced was detrimental to the Company's interest, it was impolitic to the highest degree to make the attempt, & in that other light can the Company View our conduct, but as wantonly disgusting their Ally the Nabob in contradiction to their repeated orders on this head

To recapitulate what I have said, to discharge my duty to the Company & myself, I object to the Resolution of the Majority for the following reasons

1st Because we have no official or authentic information that the Nabob intends to invade his Own Almirah All Accounts with the Management

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of the Tanjore Country & Hostilities
have such Official & Authentic In-
formation, the subject cannot be re-
gularly communicated for the Consider-
ation of this Board

2d Because Allowing that such is the
Nabobs intention, I am of opinion that
such interfering in the Nabobs Govern-
ment as the President motion con-
tains, & the Majority of this Board have
acquiesced in, has an evident tendency
to violate the friendship, confidence
& harmony which ought to subsist
between the Nabob & this Government

3d Because such interference with the
Nabob will furnish the Nabob with
a pretence, should our present Ma-
nagement not bring to pass a pre-
sent for notwithstanding the pay-
ment of the Company of Ten Lacks
of Pagodas to the Company for putting
him in possession of Tanjore which
may enable this administration upon
visible in their respective capacities
for the Loss which the Company will
thereby sustain

4th Because I think the measures of so
much importance from the Govern-
ments which are hitherby to much
from it, that the Governor General &
Council at Bengal ought to be Con-
sulted before we assure to ourselves

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an authority to Controle the Nabobs
his Government
4th Because I think the measures unjust
having a direct tendency to oppression
Ummum Ul Umrah as an Object of
Jealousy & distrust, to this Father which
nothing can authorize in this Govern-
ment, but the clearest proofs, that he
had adopted principles subversive
of this Fathers Government & the Com:
-pany's right, neither of which does
I believe to be the Case
5th Because I conceive the present Measure
in its consequences to be repugnant
to the Spirit of all the Company's Orders
for avoiding every commencement of
disgust to the Nabob & upon every pos-
-sible occasion to cultivate that harmony
& good understanding between him &
the Company which they represent
to be essential for their Interests & more
particularly for living on Terms with
the principles which they inculcate
in the 4th Para of their General Letter da-
-ted 18 Nov 1769 & Exhort me
6th Because I may expect in many Par
-ticulars to receive advices and directions
from our Honble Employers to govern
our conduct towards the Nabob & which
such advices are to soon expected I think
it highly unbecoming to take on us to
assume powers, which I could not to

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to say no other President & Council of Madras have Dominions the Rights of the Nabob have been granted by National Treaty.

8ly & Lastly Solemnly disjoint to our interfering either directly or indirectly in the Nabobs management of the Carnatic Country, unless the President cannot be of opinion to this Board that there is danger of its being delivered into the hands of any European or foreign Power, until we receive the orders of our superiors at home, or until we can advise the Government General of the Critical Posture of Affairs &c. & receive their Instructions thereon

Joseph Smith

Friday April 1775

Mr Stone desires the following Minute, which contains his sentiments of the late prohibition to Europeans from frequenting the Durbar may be entered

Mr Stone minute objecting to the Indiscriminate Prohibition of all Europeans to the Durbar

When the Board came to a resolution that leave of visiting the Nabob should be refused to any one without distinction I gave my Opinion that any person suspected of having improper Intercourse with the Nabob either with respect to the Companys Affairs, or regarding any matter which I understood became within the meaning of

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of the Companys Orders, should be prevented from going to the Nabob, My reasons for such my opinion were

Because I conceived that the enforcing such a General Prohibition at this time, after a free and unrestrained Permission of visiting the Nabob had been allowed for upwards of two years could not be attended with any good effects, but on the contrary would only give the necessary Nabob Jealousy as it would imply a great want of confidence towards him & suspicions of his encouraging Visitors who by counteracting the views of this Government might be considered as Enemies to the Company, such a step would therefore in my opinion render it more difficult to transact the affairs of the Company with him, When the Board in 1769 thought it expedient to publish the Order of Thurlow 1768 which, from not having been enforced for a number of years, was looked upon by many as absolute, it was in the Power to enable this Government to carry into Execution the express order of the Company relative to the liquidation of the Nabobs Debt, & in doing which the Council many difficulties & Embarrassments on account of the Restrictions of some of the Nabobs private Creditors, who as well as the particular circumstances respecting their intercourse with the Nabob were

Prohibited by

publickly known, nevertheless the Pro-
-hibition was found by means not to
answer the End proposed & putting a stop
to our Intercourse, on the Contrary it was
ridiculed
indicated by many & by impartial &
unprejudiced persons it was thought ra-
-ther to weaken than strengthen the Gov-
-ors of Government - In the present Case
I know of no one can attribute Agitation
with the Nabob, or no one Point to any
with them, to which is obstructed by the
Interposition of any Individuals
therefore such an Extraordinary Exertion
of Government cannot in my Opinion
be justified, as it must in some Degree affect
Distress & Jealousy in the Nabob's mind
and as we are directed to endeavour to
gain his Confidence by every reconcili-
-atory means in our power, Neither do
I think such a Prohibition will be any
ways effectual as Numberless Channels
of Intercourse with the Nabob are open
to designing men if he chuses to encou-
-rage them, without any Persons at Com-
-panies with them

Because I conceive that by
only regular mode of putting a Stop
to any Companys Servants or other Cove-
-nanted living under their Protection
having an improper Intercourse with
the Nabob, or interfering in the Poli-
-tics of the Companys Affairs, will be

be the cause any person concerned in such
Practises to be formally & openly made
aware of, to furnish him with a Copy of
his accusation & to allow him a reasonable
time to make his defence & to determine
upon the whole as the Nature of the
Case may require this I think will be
the regular & proper mode of proceeding
& the innocent will not then be blended with
the Guilty, which must be the Case if
the Prohibition be general, since no one
can tell the persons who are suspected
of such undue practises

Because I think it may
in a short time expect to receive from
the Company some clear
Orders respecting the Sum
to be observed between the Native
Government, in consequence of
the representations that have been made
from hence, & therefore I think it should
defer taking any decisive Measures
either, and to the Nabob until those
Orders arrive, & that We should be par-
ticularly carefull to avoid any steps
which may instame his mind & there-
by render him more difficult to be pre-
vailed on to acquiesce in such a system
as the Court of Directors may think
proper to establish, or to conform to such
Measures as they may judge conducive
to the Company's Interests —

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Minutes of the Majority in answer to the foregoing dispatch

General Smith in this Minute seems to misapprehend the intention of the majority, they only wish to enforce the order of the Company, which generally prohibits all Europeans without leave from communicating with the Nabob, and as it appears by a Message from the Nabob to the President, that the Substance of the Letter lately sent to the Nabob, on the Subject of the Survey was known to the Nabob, the Evening after the resolution was taken, & before it could be translated into Persian, the Board apprehend it will not appear to the Company in any other light, than that (as necessary Measure, it may not answer the End proposed, yet it will in a great measure prevent that free intercourse with the Nabob, which is so detrimental to this Affairs, as well as to those of the Company — The Board agree with General Smith that one who is not fit to be trusted with going to the Nabob is not fit to have a seat at the Board, & yet it is evident, that y^e transactions of this Government have been improperly communicated to the Nabob, & therefore until the individuals who have done this be discovered, which will be very difficult, if not impossible, the Government have no other method of preventing the

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the bad effects of such a communication
The Company having pointed out y^e
manner in which their business
is to be conducted, if the present order
be enforced, the Company are to be con-
sidered as the Authors of the Order &
not the Majority of the Board, who
cannot in justice be charged, with an
intention of infringing the dignity
of the Stations of the members of the Coun-
cil, besides it cannot be conceived, that y^e
Majority of the Board would infringe their
own dignity, by passing orders of the
Board unnecessarily & which equally
affect themselves, As to Genl Smiths
aspersions of heart burnings &fa-
vouritism existing & that the Duty owing
to the Company, may be sacrificed
to pique & Resentment they do not
strike the Board, If the Majority as they
can declare are actuated by their reso-
lutions, by a desire of doing their du-
ty, they & not from other views, if they
still look forward with the same reso-
lution, & can not to indulge pique
& resentment, they see no reason to fear
that harmony will cease, Men may
differ in opinion but, if they confine
themselves to the Business in question
& discuss the points, with that decency &
decorum which are essential to public
business, Jealousies, & heart burnings

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and not exist Having thus answered the material parts of your Letter this dispatch, it will be unnecessary to any Remark on any part of Mr Stones or any other part of Mr Johnsons than this in propriety of his having had it copied by a Malabar Writer, by which means the division of opinion on this Subject may have been published, although it was immaterial, that the same should have been kept secret

" Monckton
" Du Darrell
" Henry Brooke
" Archdale Palmer
" Thomas Sturdon
" Geo: Mackay

The President delivers the following Minute

Minute of the Pres.t in answer to Mr Johnson Minute upon being denied Permission to wait on the Nabob.

The Minute Mr Johnson has brought to the Board this Last Consultation & delivered to the Secretary is Mr the President Observations thereon

That the President & Mr Johnson Mr Bourchier & Mr Sykes should go to the Nabob, that Mr Johnson should be left there, that the President & Mr Bourchier should return to Fort St George, that Mr Johnson should remain with the Nabob, that Mr Johnson should write to the President & Council every day, that the President & Council should write to Mr Johnson every day, that Mr Johnson should not write to the President & Council but by the Nabobs Dubash, that Mr Johnson should not write to the President & Council but in the Nabobs Cypher

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Mr Boswell brought home the following
note

To Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

Sir

I wish to see the Nabob
to Day or
some time ago to morrow and am to de-
-sire your permission to wait on him

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Hble Serv.t
Sam.l Johnson

The President immediately on receiving
it sent to Mr Johnson not gone away as
he had seen him on his coming into
the House half an hour before, Was
told he was below, on which he went
down to look for Mr Johnson but on not
-tiny first with the General, from Mac-
-kay he read them the note & on asking
Mr Johnson, that it was but the Day he told him
before that he had acquainted the Na-
-bob of the order being now in force that
he did not think it right for him to
give permission to any One until
the Council met, & told him that Mr
Cosby had also applied, & that he had
answered that it was not proper at
this particular time, The next morning
Thursday, At the Sale of the Company's
Cloths at the Sea Gate, Mr mentioned
it to Mr Stone, Who told him of a busi-
-ness he wanted to speak to the Nabob
about

about, but that he was not forgoing at
this present time – After which he took
Mr Johnson aside & mentioned this with
For waving his desire of going to the
Nabob now that were things of commch
consequence regarding him & this
Government, before the Board & argued
-ed him of the Conversation that had
just passed between him & Mr Stone,
& that he had forbid Mr Chambers –
whom he had before directed to go to the
Durbar, to get the names of the Europeans
in the List the Nabob sent to the Board explai-
ned. Mr Johnson said that he was sorry
hurt at something that passed at the
Board & that made him desirous of going
The next day Friday there was a Military
Council & as Mr Johnson did not Repeat
his request to the President or mention
it to the Board, he thought he had dropped
his design of going, Thus much the Post
thought it unnecessary to trouble the Board
regarding the Views of Mr Johnson con-
-cerning & figures them he never knew
until he read Mr Johnson's Minute
what was the nature of his intended
Visit to the Nabob Incongruous to the other
part of the Minute, the President declares
the Privilidge of the Company imparted
Orders for his intended visit conducting
all Business with the Country Govern-
-ment & which the Court of Directors

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have directed to be observed so late as by yr. last Ships, in the instructions to the Governor General & Council, which are sent to this Presidency for its Guidance

A Wanch
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawes
Henry Brooke
Alexdr Dalrymple
Alexdr Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

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I came in the following Letter from Lt Col:
Thompson

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I marched into this place
Letter from Lt
Col Thompson with the Battalion Yesterday Morning
& have received the Command from Ma-
jor Nixon

Since my Letter to you dated
the 26 Ultimo nothing material has
happened & was it not for those villains
that desert dies at Tiagar the Battalion
had certainly well on their march
up

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs Sirs
Your most Obt
humble Servant
H Thompson

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April 2nd 1775

I Received the following Letter from the
Chief & Council at Gangam & from Col
Lang Commanding at Vellore

To the Honble Alex Wynch Esqr,
President & Govr & Cca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Sligh have to acquaint
Letter from Col
Lang at Vellore you that in February 1774 by Order
contain Guns of the Govr & Council were received into the Stores
demanded of him of this Garrison the following Guns
by the Nabob Viz:

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Viz^t 9 ... 20
3 ... 18
1 ... 16 Pounders without Carriages
6 ... 12
2 ... 9
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The property of the Nabob

That his Highness has demanded the said Guns of me, but that without your Order & Approbation I do not think myself authorized to deliver them up

I beg to know therefore, as his Highness's People now wait my answer, whether it be your pleasure that the aforesaid Guns shall be delivered to the Order of his Highness the Nabob

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obt Servt
Bos Lang
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To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Governor &c &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Chief & Council at Jamjam respecting Barracks built at the with Copy of a Letter from Capt

We have been favored with your Commands signified to us by the Military Secretary in his Letter of the 6th Instant and agreeably thereto shall direct our Storekeeper to compley with all

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Capt. Bandinell on that Subject

all such Orders as he shall receive from the Military Storekeeper General touching the arrangement of Military Stores

Enclosed We transmit you Copy of a Letter We have received from Capt. Bandinell respecting the Barracks at Aska, together with the Plans mentioned therein & a Copy of an Order which he received from Mr. Colsford on that Subject

We have lately informed You of the several Buildings we had in hand, We omitted to mention these Barracks, which We regret therefore, as We do not find by the Records that Mr Colsford ever advised you of his having ordered them to be built.

The Nature of these Buildings & the Materials of which they are composed, will appear by the References in the Plans, It was indispensibly necessary that Buildings should be erected for the accommodation of the Troops, & the Cost of them appears to Us to be extremely moderate

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smyth
John Holland

Ganjam
28 March 1775

In Consequence of the foregoing Letter from

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From Colonel Lang, the following Letter was this day dispatched to him in answer thereto

To Charles Smith Esq^r
Chief & the Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

I now do myself the pleasure to send you a Plan of the Barracks which I have built at Aska agreable to Mr Cotsford's Orders / December 6th 1773 / which were to build them good at once, that being in the End as Economy, taking care at the same time that the Company was not imposed upon in it, & that was all that was necessary — You will now be able to judge by the Number & Nature of the Buildings, & the Expence of them whether I have done justice to the Company & acted agreable to Mr Cotsford's Expectation

The Artillery Barracks & place for the Guns are not yet done, neither is the Commanding Officers House and some Out Houses quite finished but the materials being all prepared for that purpose, the Expence of finishing them will not exceed 250 Star Pagodas, so that the whole Expence of the Barracks & all other Buildings in the Fort, agreable to the Plan now delivered to you will be two thousand five hundred & seventy three Star Pagodas

Likewise send you a Plan

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of the Fort of Aska in the State I found it in
October 1773 by which you will perceive
that the Several Batteries, particularly
one where the Sepoys Barracks are now
built have been filled up, & likewise the
Ground on which the Officers Barracks &
Commanding Officers Quarters are built
for which Ground for that purpose you
have cost a very considerable part of y.
Sum above mentioned, & likewise by y.
Sum above to defray the Charges & Consequent
Artificers wages Coolies Gangams & Contingent
charges attending Batta

On my arrival at Aska
in October 1773 I was obliged to build
temporary Sheds for the Reception of the
Troops the Expence of which is included
in the Sum, I have mentioned

I am with due Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obt
humble Servt
P. Bandinel

Aska
March 15. 1775.

A true Copy J Houdleston Secry

Copy of Mr Cotsfords Orders to Capt.
Bandinel respecting the Barracks
at Aska 26 Dec. 1773.

As the Barracks are also
absolutely necessary at Aska & may be always
wanted You had best make them good
at once that being in the End as at
Economy

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Economy, it is impossible to fix a certain
Sum for it, but I dare say you will take
care that the Company is not imposed
upon in it & that is all that is necessary

Signed. A true Copy
P. Bp Bandinell

12 In consequence of the aforegoing Letter
from Colonel Lang, the following Letter
was this day dispatched to him in answer
thereto

To Colonel Lang
Commanding at Vellore

Sir

Letter to Col. Lang
the Guns belonging
to the Nabob

I receive by your Letter of the
4th Instant, I was directed by the President
& Council to acquaint you, that it is
their pleasure, that the Guns belonging
to the Nabob, be delivered up to his people
agreeable to his desire

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
B. J. Sullivan Secy.

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At a Consultation Present

Alex. Wynch Esq. Gov. & President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam. Johnson
John Macl. Stone " Archdale Palmer
Francis Sourdan " George Mackay

Monday
17 April.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and
approved

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approved

Read Letters from Lt Col: Bps

as entered hereafter

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have together with Mr Baker
examined the Bomb proofs under the Ma:
-jors Bastion & find them marked in several
places but as they do not appear to have un-
-dergone any change lately I am in hopes
they may be effectually stopped & that by
thickening the pavements, walling up the
Door & Portholes, & plaistering them with
good Chunam they may be made fit to
contain water

Letter from Col.
Bps. the Cistern
in the Nabobs
Bastion repair-
-able

I have the Honor to be
With Respect
Your most Obt & most Hble Servt
Patrick Bps

Fort St George
28th March 1775

In pursuance of the foregoing report
of Lt Col. Bps as well as that of Mr Baker and
-d in Consultation 27th Ultimo we have
reason to imagine, that the Bomb proofs
may be made capable of containing a Suf
-ficiency of Water for present Use It is
resolved that the Repairs & alterations
necessary to be made in it, for that purpose
be given upon, without loss of time, The Secre-
-tary to signify the same to the Chief Engi-
-neer, & to desire that he will deliver in
at the next Consultation, the Plan & Esti-
-mates

to be repaired
accordingly.

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Estimates of the Bomb proof Cisterns that are intended to be built

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Col. Pop approves of the propriety of the form of Fords Bastion at Masulipatam with Extract of a Letter from Major Stevens on that Subject

When I was directed to inform you if Capt. Mitchells plan for the form of Fords Bastion at Masulipatam was the same as designed by Major Stevens, I applied to the Major for information on that head & he has in answer sent me the accompanying plans and a letter of instruction with an Extract, On which to shew on by to observe that the design appears to me judicious & well calculated & that Superstand the high ground from whence the danger was apprehended has been removed

Mitchell wrote to Capt. Mitchell to know if this design for the Bastion of Fords Bastion was the same as that now standing, who has informed me that he proposes no alteration, but in the mode of executing the foundations I would observe Recommend that Major Stevens design be followed

I have the honor to be with the Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

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Extract

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Extract of Major Stevens's
Letter to Col. Roy dated 10 March 1775

Yesterday receivd your
favor of the 13th on the Subject of Fowles Bas-
tion at Mazulipatam together with Capt.
Mitchells plan for the reform
The design appears some
much the same as it now stands I may
say that I found I was not the least difference
except the want of a Retired Embrasure in
each Face, near the Salient angle which
might be opened when the Barbette platform
was clear'd away, & on the Eastern face the Em-
brasures of the design are more direct than
they are at present being in Connatior to
Command a piece of high Ground which
lays about East from the Bastion at the
distance I shall rather not more than 300
Yards, Though you observe that the plan
which accompanied my report in Feby last
1770 had three Embrasures in each flank
you will find only two without the Rear
most of the Curtain.

My design for rebuilding that
Bastion was to prolong the flanks in the same
manner they now are either to the Escarp of
the ditch, or at least to afford three Guns which
would also be the means of prolonging the
faces, I never put it on paper therefore I cannot
say Exactly how far I intend to carry the flanks
however I shall after finishing what I am
now saying prolong my design & forward
you

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you this Evening, If a Boom be left. I think it will be better than carrying the Faces of the Bastion to the Escarps of the ditch even though the Bastion might not be quite so good

It is probable the piece of high ground to the Eastward of the Bastion may command some part of the Bastion, but if just the Fire of that Face must not be taken from it for in my Opinion it is by far the most dangerous place, Though the Face of the Bastion to the Southward of Forbes fire on the said piece of ground and as it is impossible to finish it from one end to the other / for it is long / yet by having the Face of Forbes Bastion also upon it Though the Fort can't stay as many Guns there as could properly be with any tolerable security / be brought against the Fort And should an Enemy in possession of that piece of ground erect a Battery to batter the East Face of Forbes Bastion, to oppose it, there would be nothing from the Fort but those Flanks Guns of the Bastion to the Westward for an Enemy to dread, as a good Flank to their Battery would secure it from any harm of the East Face of the Fort & those defences could be taken off from Batteries placed elsewhere / But Forbes Bastion firing upon them would oblige them to make their Battery much larger & of course more troublesome to secure Have said all this supposing that spot of Ground still favorable for an attack which it may be if not very effectually cleared away after.

wise

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otherwise there is no particular object that
I know of but what may be offered from the
adjacent Curtain

There will a good deal of Earth
be wanted to fill the Bastion, if rebuilt
according to my design which can scarcely
be found, the best Plan that circumstances will give
his ground to be already removed so as to
take it from the Glacis, & to fill up the vacan-
-cy there by clearing of a work that is in use
Measure filled up before the N East part of
the Fort, & which runs between the Fort and
all the high Spotts of Ground near it

In my design I do not
mean to pull down any more of the old
Flanks as appears to be specified in Capt.
Mitchells not more than was sufficient to
bind the new Work to the old for Support and the
Flanks are built on a good Foundation & that
the Faces are on the Bed of a River which has
formerly run in that manner following

For the Bastion is erected
at the Shoulders just within
the Flank & incurs about
the joining of the Curtain
both which how the whole
Front of the Bastion be
settled, I don't expect
to find but I think not
and I am almost sure
that the erection of
the Ditch before the
Bastion is an absolute

Foundation

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Foundation, I have also sent a number and
of projecting the Bed of the River again commencing
about x

Your very affectionate Son
Wm Stevens

Order'd, that Copies of both
Lt Col. Ross & Major Stevens's Letters be forwar-
ded to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam
who are to be directed to proceed on the Plan
of the reserve of Fort Bastion as recommend-
ed in the Letters aforesaid

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

Honble Sir

I have accompanying the Plan
of the Topey Bungalows at Madras, which
I conceive will answer for those wanted at
the Mound Such a Building may be perhaps
three Jor about Pagodas 2500 & if you should
chuse to have it form the sides of a square, or
any other figure, each Length of an hundred
feet will cost 1300 Pag.s which is allowing Jo
Batta & Carriage of Materials nearly 25
Hunt on the Contractors prices

I remain with respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Patrick Ross

Fort St George
31 March 1775.

Order'd that Lt Ross be direct-
ed to prepare Plans, Sections, & Elevations
Sealed Proposals of the Bungalows proposed, in order that
to be received for Advertisements may be issued for receiving
building the same. Sealed

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Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Chief & Council at Vizagapatam with Copy of a Letter from Capt Matthews the Sort of Sanpoon demolished & pursuing the establishment of a Circar

We have the Honor to send you herewith Copy of a Letter from Capt Matthews dated the 17 Instant by which we have the pleasure to learn that there is nothing to be apprehended from any Invasion the Northward attempting to disturb the tranquility of this Circar, which we hope will be permanent

We have written to Capt Matthews to order back the Sepoy Companies of the 3d Circar Battalion & procure an Estimate to be made of the Expence of erecting Barracks and what other Buildings may be necessary at this Central situation for the Station of the Troops and as soon as We have this answer we shall write to your Honor & Co. further on the Subject

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt
Humble Servants
Geo Stratton
P. Perring
Alex Williams &c

Vizagapatam
22d March 1775

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To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

The Party of Mahrattas did come much nearer than Callahandee They threatened to penetrate into the Circar by the Byaguda pass in hopes to oblige me to raise the Blockade of Jangapoor, but the guard at the defiles kept a good countenance that the Patan Dewan did not think it convenient with their general plan to attempt forcing them: However as their Affinity would create an alarm in the Circar, & give me on that account as well as in regard for my own Situation, some Uneasiness, a tributary of theirs was prevailed upon, on pretence of Support to throw off Subjection, to attack an Advanced party, put them to flight, & took forty Horses, the main Body then retreated to the open Country. This News came the same day that I had brought Vicharamdoo to the terms prescribed by the Honble Board, Upon the Receipt of your favor of the 22nd of February I sent again to them & the prisoner became bound in five days. In case he came & agreed to surrender the Fort & quit all pretensions to the Zemindaree leading into the Circar, requesting that he might be suffered to keep the Country to the Westward of them, Which proposition of the Fort on the 11th Instant He a gave an obligation

Thousand

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thousand yards built of Mud. This Wall 20 feet high. The Bastions very good The Ramport tolerable, & a ditch 20 feet wide & as many deep, Shaw ordered it to be destroyed, because according to the Agreement Vizieramdoo is to have the Country to the Westward of the Pajou, & this Fort is situated almost between two, to the Westward of them, via Nilcottah & Dindigul called Jinjy & Jounbon Joom Pettah Gauk the first in the direct road to Pondicherry & Polycondah the other in the road to Madagoil

I did propose leaving my Sepoys in the Fort until it was razed, but the Sickness that prevailed in Camp induced me to recommend to Vizieramdoo wishes that the demolition might be committed to the Pajahs Troops, as he was apprehensive that the Inhabitants of the Adjacent Villages would not obey his Orders were his Troops in this Country - The Pajahs people assure me they have orders to the contrary - The Destruction of this Fort will answer every intent that the Honble Board require, for Vizieramdoo has not, nor is like to have any other fortified place, & is not capable even be inclined of causing the least disturbance to the Circars. He cannot afford to keep above one thousand Men in

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his pay too low, whom with the attempt any thing against us, or to make his alliance worth the notice of an Invader

I have according to your Orders put the Rajahs Sibbendies in possession of every Pass & withdrawn the Companys Troops which are collecting from Sittiman & arrive at this place is nearly equidistant from the several Passes, I beg leave to recommend it as a station for Troops, I have already given my reasons on this Subject, The Rajah will also acquaint you of the necessity of it. The Expence of Barracks will be trifling as materials for building can be easily procured — But whether the Genl Security of the Circar depends upon the Situation of the Military Force I suppose that the Laying out a few Rupees will not be a matter of moment

I have ordered Ensign Johnson to take a draft of all the Passes which is now done, will convey by you & the Honble Board at Madras an exact knowledge of them, I am capable of giving, I can tell you the distance from any of them to any place in the Circar but for an accurate description you must wait until the Survey is finished

The Country near the Passes is Woody & Mountainous which occasions much trouble in conveying Provisions &c.a for it is very easy to stop up the Road

by

by setting trees, & by Judicious by posting
Men on the Side of the Hills or on the
Tops of those not very high, an Enemy
will find it very difficult to proceed
I have made all possible en-
-quiry and cannot learn that Vicra am-
-doo or any of his Predecessors ever paid
Tribute to any power whatever for the Hill
Country. The Possession of which hath been
in the same Family time out of mind and
though often threatened & sometimes
attacked by the Moor & Mahrattas of y^e
other side, the Hills, & the Troops of the Sir-
-car, never before conquered, and I am hap-
-py that so great a Security to the Nabob
Company's Territory hath been effected in
so short a time & with so little damage as
that of thirty Men killed & Wounded
Cattalavandoo, the Capi-
-tal of a Rajahs tributary to the Maha-
-rattas is 70 Miles North West of Guda-
-poram, The Mahrattas do not keep
any Force at this place, about fifty Cos
to the Westward of Cattalavandoo I am
told that they have 25000 Horse
Bustada lies to the Southw^d
of Cattalavandoo between them are two
or three Forts now belonging to the Maha-
-rattas which they have lately taken
from the Bustada Man, whose Country
from North to South is three hundred
Miles in length & the Breadth in most
parts

parts from East to West 150 Miles, The
South part is not far from Pantumsay
Bardarchuttum which is a few Days Journ
Rajahmundry & runs up at the back of
& to the Westward of Jayapoor, the distan
mentioned. He keeps 14,000 Men constan
-ly in Pay & in Independant, The present
Rajah is a very great Man & I
think may be easily made tributary to
the Honble Company

Capt Campbell with the
Ganjam Companies, Found at Narrasi
-patam, I have ordered them to Guidapooram
where they will remain until I hear fur
-ther from you that is the nearest way from
hence to the other district

Capt Campbell shewed me
a Letter from Mr Pitrie Military Secry
by which it appears that he was very uneasy
his Situation and desirous of removing
District to the other which he pleases. He
now seems inclined to go to the other Dis
-trict if you have no Objection

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servt
Richard Matthews

Camp near
Muzbawar
17 March 1775

A true Copy
H Crawford Secy

We are well pleased to
Observe, from the Letter now before Us
that the acquiescence of Virbhramdeo, to
the

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the donation of the Port of Sayapoor, & to the
papers, being guarded by the Liblenay of Vizi-
nagaram, it is likely to remove the Arrangeti-
ty of the Sabbicarole Circar

Read the two following Letters
which were received on the 5th Instant from
the Governor General & Council at Bengal

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Gov.r Gen.l & Council & Mr Chambers ap-pointed Interpre-ter to the Supreme Court of Judicature

The Honble the Supreme
Court of Judicature having nominated Mr
Wm Chambers, a Company's Servant on your
Establishment, for the office of Principal
Interpreter & Persian Translator, to their Court
& requested of us, that we would recommend their no-
mination, by endeavouring to obtain for him
the necessary leave of absence from your Bd
we have acquiesced in their request, & recommend
that you grant Mr
Chambers leave, they solicit for him without
injury to His rank in the Company's Service

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& humble Servants
Warren Hastings
P. Clavering
Geo. Monson
P. Francis

Fort William
13th March 1775
E.o W.B

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President

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President & Gov.r & Council
of Fort St George

Gentlemen

Letter from Gov.r Govt. & Council respecting the Nabobs Treaty with Hyder Bombay & all future detachments

We are favored with your Letters of the 10, 17th & 26th Ult.mo and attend properly to the various Subjects they contain

We must postpone our judgement on the Nabobs Treaty with Hyder 'till we obtain a Copy of it. We only hope that he has concluded nothing without your concurrence & that he has not entered into any Engagement which can embarrass this Government or the Companys Affairs

We approve of the reasons for which you have sent to Bombay at the urgent request of that Presidency but desire that for the future you do not detach any part of your Forces out of your Provinces unless for the Security of your own Possessions without our previous concurrence

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servts
Warren Hastings
P. Clavering
Geo: Monson
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
the 13th March 1775
Ex.d W.B

Ordered that an answer be forthwith prepared to the Govr Genl & Council informing

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informing them, of our not having had from the Natives any thing further on the Subject of the Treaty or not to be prepared concluding with Hyder Ally Jemaul & Tippoo Sultan or agreeing with them, & our Intention of granting Mr Chambers leave to proceed to Bengal agreeably to his request

It being necessary Gentlemen that we should have a more certain knowledge of the Nabobs intentions relative to the Treaty with Hyder Ally Cawn, than we have yet had & are therefore determined with Gods assistance that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob on that subject, wherein it may be necessary to express to him, the Sentiments of the Governor General & Council on that head as expressed in the aforegoing Letter

Read the following Letter

From Capt Mayors
To the Honble the Gov & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived last Night with the Detachment under my Command and agreeable to the return I forwarded from Chingo

Letter from Capt Mayors with his Detachment at Settlebury applying for a Majors Brevet

A Letter from the Gov of Bombay of the 12th past advise that an expedition is on foot to join Bajaba to the Northward under Brigadier Gordon concerning some

(attention

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In Relation with the Brave has requested to resign the Service; that on account of his health the Command of the army devolved on Colonel Keating, & that only two field Officers Colonel Kay & Colbourn remained fit for duty

From the tenor of this Letter Gentlemen you'll please to remark the propriety of my request before my departure, in granting me a Majors Brevet. If you have any opinion of my abilities as an officer I shall be grateful again, for the good of the Service more than on any own account to expedite me by the first opportunity a Majors Brevet which honour confirmed will be me an additional encouragement in the midst of the Mahratta army

I have the Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your faithful and
most Obedient Servant
John Henry Meyers

Tellicherry
20th Febry 1775

The Board wish it were in their power to grand a brevet to Capt. Meyers as they believe him to merit in every instance that they could desire Both the Company's repeated and positive Orders on that head, renders it impossible for them to comply with his request. Ordered that a Copy of this Part of Capt. Meyers Letter be transmitted to the Gov. Genl. & Council for their information

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Brad Letter from Capt Godfrey commanding at Vellum

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Godfrey at Vellum. The Battalion in want of Pioneers the Works of the Fort in a bad repair

At the time I am to inform you of my arrival here with the 12th Battalion in exceeding bad order, I had not been ashore 3 days before I found it impossible to prevent them running away from their Barracks, which is the reason that I am now under the necessity of acquainting you that they have only Mat huts built by themselves the same as in Camps, the Barracks built on purpose for the Sepoys is in possession of the Gentlemen & Battalion out of repair

As I found them the Case I did not choose to demand them without your Orders, the Works of the Fort are not in a good state of defence

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servt
Robt Godfrey Capt 12

Vellum 2 April 1775

Letter from the Nizam acquainting of the Power off Governor Genl & answer thereto

The President is desired to acquaint the Nabob of the Substance of Capt Godfrey's Letter

The President says before the Board a letter which he has received from the Nizams Vakeel wherein he is informed of a Peace concluded between the Nizam & the Mahrattas which Correspondence he thinks proper to be made particularly acquainted of, that the Nabob may know the Authority & Situation of the Governor Genl

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General, together with a draft of an answer thereto as ordered in Pro. N 46 which is approved.

Read Letter from Mr Ambrose Brennan

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Brennan on the Subject of his Resignation

I am obliged humbly, & reluctantly to address you with due Humility & Respect & learn your Equity of Consideration & Judgement as well as the preservation of a good conscience, I still retain the strongest hopes of obtaining my redress; Justice alone is all I require, when this is Impartially extended it saves us Jails & sundering them Ruinance we from those we unhappy Victims, who Jails by its steady hand

The Military Secretary

on the 23 Instant signified your reply to me officially which does not convey any answer to a memorial of some late most occurrences wherein I have been grievously injured. This I most humbly & Respectfully addressed to you for ayring that Redress to which I the Indefeasible Right of every Officer and I more Honble Sir & Sirs earnestly beg leave to refer you to the perusal of my said Memorial & to my Letter of the 16th Ultimo to Mr Petrie late Secretary, I must rely in

Justice

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Justice confirm the Contents thereof &
when you consider how Sensibly
that I am actuated with a most lively
sense of having a good cause & that I have
no friend in this Country to plead the
same, you cannot be prejudiced against
me for standing forth in my own defence
when my Character & Reputation are
at stake

I am with due respect
your most obedient &
humble Servant
Joseph Smith

P.S. In my Letter which I addressed you
to consideration, as Resigned the Service
dated 23 January, On that Day I was sent
for by Lt Col Cosby. A. G. I waited upon
him & was informed that by desire of
Gen.l Smith he would know of me Whe-
-ther I meant to Resign or not? I then upbraid
-ed Lt. Cosby whether I did not constantly
reply that I was then so situated & Cir-
-cumstanced as to consider it necessary for
me to take a Day or two to consider of it
upon which he told me that they were
dowing the dispatches that Day & that
if I did not give in answer, it may be
productive of the Bonds on obtaining some
unfavorable minute there of in the
Gen.l at Sitter, upon which Gen.l Dist.
-ly sat down & wrote the aforesaid Letter
to which I once more humbly beg leave to
Refer, as also to your answer thereto of the
same Date, and my Letter in answer to the
Letter

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Letter "These Honble Sir & Sirs must bear by
Evince that I have the most Indubitable
Right to consider myself in every respect
agreable to the Commission, I was bear
in the Honble Company's Service I omit
Honble Sir & Sirs now admit I say that
my aforesaid letter of the 23 January
actually Inclosed my Commission &
my resignation was accepted of
I Stand amazed thereby and
Respectfully address you, I have shewd
you that I have been rash in my precipi-
-tate resignation, that I was urged with
I find also that doing so has been Inju-
-rious to my Character that my Circum-
-stances are inadequate to procuring
me a Grant of a Conveyance to Europe
as I could wish &c &c all these Circumstan-
-ces are submitted to your Consideration
aforesaid with Honble Sir & Sirs you are
petitioned to restore that Commission
will it be laudable to retain it after this
And does not doing so effectually depriv
the unhappy Petitioner of Subsistance
& Reputation

How much more cruel is my
Situation from your having refused to consi-
-der me out of the Service, at the Same resi-
-gning my Commission, & for the Space
of four years which I have been to the
Honble Company Sourman my great-
-est Enemy to prove me guilty of any action
derogatory

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derogatory to the dignity thereof
The Voice of Scandal is now
on the Wing in this Country and she has
certainly no small claim to justice &
merit who ventures to stand forth & parry
its poisonous shafts
I move beg leave to repeat
my Entreaties that you permit me to
join my Battalion which is expected
here about May This I shall consider as an
indulgence, & am ashamed to be with grati-
-tude. But if you are pleased still to com-
-mand my services Dyer able to your
Letter 23 January, I expect a Conveyance to
Europe on the next Ship
I am with due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Servt
A Brunton

Madras
5 April 1775

Mr Brunton has been ap-
-prized by information of this being no longer in
the Service, that it is unnecessary to take
any further Notice of his Letter, than to
acquaint him, that he shall be furnished
with a Permit, by the first Ships bound
to England

Read Letter from Lt Col James & ase
thereafter, together with a minute delib-
-erated on by General Smith on the Subject
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esq
President & Governor &ca Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Letter from Lt Col James urging his Claim to the Command of Trichinopoly

Not being yet acquainted with your Sentiments relative to my late application I am induced to hope you will excuse the liberty I take in requesting your orders thereon. If the Worthy Board have lately come to any resolutions which seem to appear in that connection, in such a just relation, I am sure it is your own candour if you do not allow me to be a most particular hardship on myself, who have served this Worthy Company above twenty years without having derived any other advantages, I am sure those of my Pay & Batta I need not point out to you Sir the great Evils that must arise to the interests of this Worthy Company, if due encouragement is not given to a Corps, on which I suppose so much depends & that from young Men of great Merit, seeing the little Probability of reaping those advantages which the Infantry do at present, have already quitted the Artillery doubtless in the hopes of embracing some other line wherein with Justice & reasonable emoluments may provide for them the Burgoyd road of Honor With Respect to the Reasons I have been assigned by those who wish to deprive me of the Command of Trichinopoly Viz. that I ought to remain with the Major Part of the Corps I belong to, I beg leave to add to my former Observations that they have in fact

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no justice in the custom of the army Buton
the Contrary in any service in Europe com
mands of Garrisons are given to the offi-
cers who seldom or never remain with
their own Corps. In the present List of Offices
who command the Kings Garrison how
ever have their own Regiments with them
In this Service Jammes the Head of the
List of Officers & have by that claim a Right
to expect the Command of one of the Bengal
=pal Garrisons in it An open fortification
only part of the Artillery, is by no means
adiquate to it

I have the honor to be
With the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward James
Lt Col. Ar.

St Thomas's Mount
7th April 1775

Having considered the diffe-
rent addresses that have been given in by Lt
Colonel James and the other Officers of Artil-
lery & the Arguments they have urged respec-
ting the hardships that Corps labours under
I conceive that notwithstanding it has been
agreed that the Field Officers ought to remain
when the Major part of the Corps were stati-
oned, yet in this particular instance this
rule may be dispensed with without any
detriment to the Service particularly
as we cannot well draw above three Com-
panies

Remarks of Genl Smiths in each part of Col. James Petitions.

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Companies of that Corps together which can only acquire one Field Officers presence, and as that Station must be somewhere consi-
dered to Madras which little or no advan-
tage can accrue to the Officer commanding
it. But on the Contrary subjects him by
the want of living about Madras to extra-
ordinary expences, it would be unjust
& cruel to confine an Officer who has
faithfully served the Company for a
great Number of years to that Station when
it does not appear an absolute Necessity
requires it, and as St James is one of jun-
ior Officers & has not yet had any com-
mand of consequence, and the Major of
Artillery is Witness of many years stan-
ding in this Service, & as never yet has had
any command or advantageous station
in time of peace Even of opinion the Se-
niors may be stationed to the Seaward and
of Trincomaly where a part of this Corps
is, and that Letter to the three Companies
at the Mount which will give Satisfac-
tion to the Corps & encourage Men of Abili-
ty to remain in it when they see their
principal Officers meet with Encourage-
ment and Rewards for long service in his
Majesty's Service the principal Officer of Ar-
tillery I am informed have all very handsome
Gratuitys Settled on them, besides their
Pensions. We have no other means in our
power of rewarding even both conspicuous commands

occasionally

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occasionally on them

Minute of the Board, Officers of Artillery to be Entitled to the Command of Garrisons according to their Rank on the General List of the Army

"Tho' we had before determined, on the first representation of Colonel James, that it was necessary, for the proper discipline of the Corps under his Command, that he should be with the greatest part of it, which is at the Mount, & tho' formerly even that he could not with propriety be promoted to the Command of Fortified Post, yet from the evident hardships the Officers of Artillery labour under, as well as from the Opinion of Genl Smith who thinks, that one Field Officer is sufficient to be with the three Companies stationed at the Mount, we are induced to alter our former determination, & to resolve, that Lt Col James be appointed to the Command of Fortified Garrison & that the Officers of Artillery, when Fortified Garrisons, with respect to the Commands of Garrisons, in the same manner with the other Officers of the Army who arrive there according to the Seniority of their Commissions

Col. James to Command Fortified Garrison

The President lays before the Board three Letters & Sundry Papers

Intelligence from Mr Whitehill Gill Rajahs reduced distress

of Intelligence which he has received from Mr Whitehill on obtaining possession of the distressed Situation of Bangalore with Rangalah is reduced, & of large Quantities of Military Stores, being Landed at Rapidly for the use of Bazaal & Siege

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likewise a letter from Capt Duncan accompanied by one after on the same Subject

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

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Duncan advising of Bazalet Singh's Proceedings in the Guntoor Circar

Since I had the honor to write you last, Nothing very material concerning Bazalet Sungs Motions has come to my knowledge He still continues encamped near Jarcapilly in the Pulnoor Country which is dependant on Cudapa, The Inhabitants of this Country about Adinigy which lyes that way, being a good deal alarmed at this Neighbourhood, Have upon the Reputation of the Bunter, sent a Company of Sepoys there, in order to guard it from depredations, but I have not heard of any of his people committing the smallest Irregularity on the Borders of this Country

A Detachment from this army, under the Command of Major Lally have arrived at Nairapilly & Mootapilly which lyes on the Sea Coast, they have come at different times, & now amount to at least Seven or eight hundred men, Horse & Foot, and amongst the Former is a good many Europeans, They have had Sixty or Seventy Camels with them on the number of Bullocks, & have already sent off One convoy of Military Stores from them which have not taken the Road to Bazalet Sungs

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Bazalet Jungs Camp, but is gone to Gun-
dore or Condaveir

Three Shoes have been just
landed from some Vessels lately arrived
there, & two of which are still lying there,
& consist of Guns, Musquets, Shot, Powder,
Lead, & Iron in Bars, There also is a particular
Information of Eight Guns of a Middling
Size & from 1000 to 1500 Men of arms, which
it is supposed are immediately to follow
what is already sent of. There are some French
People settled at Mairpilly in a commercial
Way, who I am told have had a few of these
Stores for some time by them, but the great-
est part, have come in these Vessels There
not being able to bear Jungs absence, but
they are now ably assisted by Europeans, of whom
about twenty are stationed - Mr Sally has
his Camp & people in good order, & under strict
discipline, fires his morning & Evening Gun
& seems very jealous of any people paying visits
his transactions, This reported with a certa-
inty Stancund, that he with a considerable
party are to remain in the Gentoo Circar
Bazalet Jung has not yet settled with his
Zemindars, but it is supposed will soon & then
return home - You may be assured of my always
communicating what ever I shall learn worthy of your notice, & that I have the
Honor of being with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your most Devoted & very Obedient

Alexander Duncan

Angole 6th April 1775

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Minute Thomas

If the foregoing intelligence of the arrival of Military Stores at Mootapitty, is such as can be depended on, it becomes highly necessary for this Government to keep a watchful Eye, on the motions of Bagadel Jung, to the ends by the Encouragement he gives the French, & by collecting of so large a quantity of Stores to have some thing in Agitation, which we are ignorant of, Agreed that Letters in consequence be wrote to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam, & to Capt Duncan at Ongole, directing them to be attentive, to every Movement of Bagadel Jungs & to make us acquainted with any material occurrance that comes to their knowledge

Letters

Read letter from Mr Gahagan

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Mr Gahagan applies to be appointed Surgeon.

Having been employed in the Service of the Honble East India Company now near eighteen years as an Assistant Surgeon to their army on this Coast during which time I have been always in the Field, when any of the Troops were so employed, or at other times engaged in the attendance on the Largest Hospitals, & in both Situations having endeavoured to discharge my duty with diligence And having been lucky enough to be successful in my practice, in the course of which I have performed what are termed Capital Operations; as will appear by the Testimony of several Patients now in this Country and having had the honor to be

recommended

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recommended by several Commanding
Officers under whom I served, to General
Smith, & Sublime by the General to the
Honble Board And having by me a
Copy of a Letter from Mr De Pont late
Governor to the Col: Banyar wherein
he says to the Col: that I stand superan.
List of Surgeons & should be promoted accor.
-ding to my Standing I hope not to be
what I can attribute any disappointment
in this particular, unless it is owing to some
irregularity attending my name's off
first coming into this Service And having
had no certain assurance from the Honble
Board of my being regularly upon my
List of Surgeons, I therefore take the liberty
to solicit your indulgence in overlooking
the omission of my coming into this
Service & hope it will be no bar to my pro.
-motion in future, I further beg leave to request
You will condescend to relieve me from a
State of Suspence in which I must remain
Anxiety at present

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir, & Sirs
Your very Obedient Servt
Samuel Gahagan

Trichinopoly
April the 9th 1775

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Their Honours & Council

Gentlemen

Your Letter of the 9th Instant
recommending Mr Samuel Gahagan
to be appointed Surgeon to the Garrison
of Trichinopoly, I have laid before the Board
of Surgeons, who have taken the same into
consideration, and I am directed to acquaint
you that Mr Gahagan has not been
recommended to the Board of Surgeons for
appointment, nor is he upon the List of
Surgeons, the Board therefore cannot
comply with your Request in favour of
Mr Gahagan

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servt

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at the same time to inform them, that as
her stands on the List of Surgeons Assis-
tants, whenever a vacancy happens, that
he shall be considered accordingly

The President lays before
the Board a Letter which he has received
from Mr Stackhouse, Chief of Anjengo
To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President &c

Letter from Mr. Stackhouse

Honble Sir

Capt. Kelly in a Letter which I just now received from him, dated Carwar Road 11th Instant acquaints me of the News of our having blockaded Bassein & that Colonel Keating was gone with a large part of the army to Cambay in order, as I suppose to be joined by the Nabob of that place who has some good place Troops & is an inveterate Enemy to the Mahrattas, There only new remains here one Company of Capt. Kelly's Battalions, I wish they were all up at Bombay as I think they must be much wanted there

I am respectfully
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
N. Stackhouse

Anjengo
21st March 1775

Read Letter from Capt Hopkins
commanding at Pallamcotah
To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esqr
President & Govr of Fort St George
&c &c

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Letter from Capt. Hoapkins complains of the Officers Quarters at Palamcotah

Hon^ble Sir

Should you will be so good as to excuse the Liberty I take, which is to request you will be so obliging as to obtain an order from the Gentlemen of the Board to the Nabob to the Renter of Tinnevelly to supply me with the materials &c^a for building my Quarters for some of my Officers, I have sent the Inclosed on that Head & his answer was that he could not comply without having directions from the Nabob

I must beg leave to acquaint you S^r that I have nine Subalterns in my Battalion & in Capt. Cooks time there were generally no more than five or Six so that some of my Officers are obliged to live in Tents

I am with much Respect

Hon^ble Sir

Your very Obt & much Obliged Humble Serv^t

Charles Hoapkins

Palamcotah
7^th April 1775

Ordered that Capt Hoapkins be desired to acquaint the Board of the number of additional Quarters he is in want of, & of the Expence the Building of them, may amount to

Read the following Letters from Sr Col: Benjamin Commanding at Poonamalee, & Mr Wilson, Surgeon to

That

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Letter from Lt Col Benjour to Mr Wilson respecting the Improvements of the Hospital at Poonamalee &c

That Garrison

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed I have the honor to send you an address from the doctor of this Garrison, which he requests you will take under your honorable consideration the expences of repairing & the Building the alterations on the Glass, would amount to about one hundred & fifty Pags as I have the honor to remain with a profound respect

Honble Sir

Your most humble & most Obedient Servt

Benjour

Poonamalee
15th April 1775

To Lt Colonel Benjour
Commanding at Poonamalee

Sir

In regard to the Number of Sick in general, & to check the progress of the Venereal Disease in particular are my motives for now addressing you.

The Place at present allotted for the Reception of the Sick, being Part of the Barracks, & only separated from them by a partition Wall, is much too low & confined & from the approach of the hot Season becomes daily more disagreeable & more unwholesome

From the Smallness of the

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This place (it only admitting of 20 Men) I am obliged to divide any Patients to two those Confined to the Hospital who require particular attention & attendance & those who form a variety of Slight Disorders & Complaints are allowed to live in their Barracks & only attend me at stated times to receive their Medicines

The latter are by far the most numerous, & most of them are removed Patients, unrestrained by any authority & left to their own Wills, they pay little attention to any Regimen prescribed, but bad then, go further & spread about their diseases among the Women of the Garrison, which alone more than all other increases the Number of Venereal Patients

If the Building in the Glacis originally intended for an Hospital was repaired & the Sick removed to it those Inconveniences would be remedied & those in the Fort left to breathe a purer & freer Air,

I remain
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Rich[d] Wilson
Surgeon

Read Letter from Coll: Carpenter

Poonamalee
16 April 1775

Hon[ble] Sir

Those frequently taken the

* Ordered that the Chief Engineer be directed to make the alterations and repairs necessary for the purposes recommended by Colonel Bonjour and Mr. Wilson.

Letter from Col. Carpenter represents his Want of Information

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Letter from Lt Col Bonjour to Mr Wilson upon resuming the Superintendance of the Hospital at Poonamalee &c

That Garrison

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

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I have the honor to remain with a profound respect

Hon'ble Sir

Your most humble & most Obedient Servt

Bonjour

Poonamalee
13th April 1775

To Lt Colonel Bonjour
Commanding at Poonamalee

Sir

As before the Number of Sick in general, & to which the paragraph of the Surgical Department in particular are my motives for now addressing you.

The Place at present allotted for the Reception of the Sick, being Part of the Barracks, Hardly Sufficient Room even when by a partition Wall, is much too low & confined & from the approach of the Hot Season becomes daily more disagreeable & more improper for an Hospital

From the Smallness of this

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This Place (it only admitting of 20 Men)
I am obliged to divide many Patients into two
Wards Confined to the Hospital who require
particular attention & attendance & those
who I am a variety of Slight Accidents
& Complaints are allowed to live in their
Barracks & only attend me at stated times
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I remain
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Rich Wilson
Surgeon

Bad Letter from Coll Casper

Ponandel
12 April 1775

Hon^ble Sir

Have just now taken
the

* Ordered that the Chief Engineer be directed to make the alterations and repairs necessary for the purposes recommended by Colonel Bonjour and Mr Wilson.

Letter from Col. Casper requesting his Warrant of Promotion &

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a new Appointment of Officers in the Corps

The liberty of mentioning to the Worble Board, that I labour under very great disadvantages for want of proper Information; The Mode which they have been pleased to fix upon, I have found very inadequate to the Design, The Multiplicity of Business that the Secretary is engaged in prevents him from attending Courts Martial and many other minute Occurrences, which necessarily occasion, Drafts upon the Paymaster, I must therefore continue to audite accounts the Cause of which I am totally unacquainted with, or else in doing my duty, incur very disagreable delays in the Business of my department - These Inconveniencies can only be remedied by allowing me to use the Military Order & I flatter myself the Honorable Board will grant me, That Indulgence, for I should not derive either any additional Honor, or Emolument from it In this Respect I find my self distressed for want of Intelligence so much more at a loss when I attempt to propose any plan to lessen the Expences of the Company I have not accepted any Board either civil or military & therefore cannot exert myself properly

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in the discharge of any duty, the most
important duty of my Office, The Sys-
tem of the Service within these few
years has been totally altered, it is there-
fore by no means unreasonable to
suppose, that If I had an opportunity
of tracing the Progress of our military
Establishments that having any at-
tention fixed upon that Object only might
make some Observations which would
tend to the Advantage of the Compa-
ny Situated as I am, destitute of all
information, but what I can derive
from my own Observation & Experience
I will attempt with the greatest diffi-
dence and Respect to propose a more
oconomical Plan, for the Establishment
of the Sepoy Battalions

When first I came into this
Country, to each Battalion there was only
one Captain & two Subalterns. Sometime
within the years 1760 & 1770 the Govr.
& Council were pleased to increase the Num-
bers to the present one to each Battalion so
that by this Regulation to every
hundred men there is now an European
Officer & a Subaltern, This is not only a
very great Expence, but it also divides,
& consequently lessens the Authority
of the European Officer, with this added to
the Charge of the Company to them &
by that means be tempted to neglect

this

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his own duty; or else he will assume the whole the whole Cast & Authority, & then the Subadar becomes entirely Supernumerous, For these reasons I should imagine two additional Jemidars would be sufficient to act under the European Officer as Ds & Ensigns — By way of distinction the Senior Jemidar might receive two Pagodas P Month more than the Junior, & still the Company would save more than thirty thousand Pagodas P Annum by this Arrangement, If the Honble B.d are of Opinion that there are some Objections to immediately instituting such Arrangement particularly that it would be improper to degrade those who have long enjoyed the Rank of Subadar, it may nevertheless take place gradually the first Jemadar in future in Lieu of being appointed Subadars, may be allowed an increase of Pay annexable to that Rank already mentioned, & one Subadar is allowed sixteen Pagodas P Month as Major & it will give them a necessary Superiority in the Absence of the Commandant and at the same time serve as an Object of Emulation to the Jemadars Should any of them hereafter remarked by Officers of Experience both on the Coast & at Bengal that the Black Officers in general are of very little Service

Thomson

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Therefore if the Honble Board do not think that the Money which would be saved by annihilating the Bank of Subadar an object of much consideration, I humbly apprehend that it would be better to change the present Establishment entirely & instead of one European Officer a Subadar & two Jemidars, to have a Lieutenant an Ensign & one Jemidar, the difference of Expence in time of Peace would not be very great, & in time of Warr would be an additional Charge only of a few Fanams & Day for Batta to the Ensigns

It is very probable that this matter has been discussed already and that many weighty objections against it, are enforced upon Record, but at all events if the Honourable Board disapprove of any Proposal I flatter myself that they will at least excuse me for troubling them. They cannot be sensible that my Intelligence in any imperfect, & consequently that those Errors which I may commit do not proceed from any Inattention to my duty or want of Respect to them

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
James Capper Com'y Gen'l

Fort St George
April 7th 1775

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Resolved, as Colonel Kapper represents it necessary, that the Battalion of Sepoys ordered to be augmented with all the Officers given out in Garrison that can in any manner cause a Military Disbursement, that he be allowed a Serjeant, who is to have access to the Town Majors Office, where he will extract from the General Orders such parts as are necessary for the information of the Commissary General as for the Alteration recommended by Col. Kapper to take place in a Battalion of Sepoys, it is so very different from any established System, that the Board cannot presume to form any resolution on it & therefore will refer it home to the Court of Direction, the present Establishment of Sepoys, as framed by the Company with the advice & assistance of a Board of General Officers in England, assembled for that purpose & was by them ordered to be sent to, If therefore with the Company can make any alteration, that they shall think proper, with respect to the number of Officers, of each denomination necessary to be attached to a Battalion of Sepoys. Officers, of each denomination

Read Letter from the Committee of Works with Extract of their Minutes & Estimate of the Charges Engineers as entered hereafter

To

he — Orders

manner.

Alterations with as recommended by Col. Kapper relat with the Company

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to lay
before your Honors Extract from our Minutes of
the 5th Instant

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
J. Maxwell Stone
Geo Mackay
Patrick Ross

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Letter from the Committee of Works with Extract from their Minutes & Estimate of the Expence of their Works to 31st Inst.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works dated the 5th April 75

Lt Col. Ross lays before the Committee the Expence of the Works to the End of Augt calculated on the terms of Mr Benfield's Proposals which appear as he can judge the Foundation compleated will be their Cost. He begs leave to observe that on examining the former Estimates the Sums so little charged for baling off Water, considering the Quantity that will arise on opening for Foundations, & that the Works towards the Sea will probably be two years on hand, And likewise that no allowance was made for the Expence of fresh Water from Mr Baker, Agreed that the Estimate be laid before the Presidency & Council

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Ensign Bastwick to assume the Command & direct
after

Lieut Estwick
Wm Harcourt Torriano
Clerk of Comm.rs of Works

Estimate of the Expence of the Works to
the North East, East & South East
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North East Counter guard

	Cubic Pds	
Plain Brick Work	102½ @ 134	10507.10
Wall Work	2066 @ 1.38	3935.10
Arched Work	382 @ 3.10	1336.20
14137 Cubic Rods of Earth Orig.ly moved & measured in the Works		14.4712.14.
3946 Cubic Rods of Earth twice moved & measured in the Works		20.1879.2. 30,351 " "

North Lunettes

Plain Brick Work	6329 @ 1.34	11452.3120
Wall Work	11691 6. 1.38	2227.33.32
3554 Cubic Rods of Earth orig.ly moved & measured in the Works	@ 14	1104.28 "
1276 Cubic Rods of Earth twice moved & measured in the Works	@ 20	607.26 15,472.24.52

Wall for defence against the Sea

Plain Brick Work	1933303	57.999 " "
Wall Work	1140½ 07/8	28510 " "
Removing Earth Surfaces		10,000 " " 96,509 " "

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East Line & Advanced Redoubts
Plain Brick Work
Earth at 1½ Yd. Cubic Rod. 24999
South East Bonnet
Plain Brick Work
Wall Work
Arched Work
3442 Cubic Rods of Earth removed
& Manured in the Work
1721 Ditto of Earth twice moved &
Manured in the Work

Cubic Yds
25730 @ 1. 34 6552 -
0332. 24 40 - 5409 1. 26 40

5411 @ 1. 34. 9791. 14 -
040 @ 138 1600 -
152 @ 3. 10 492 8.

@ -. 14. 1147. 14 -

@ 20 091. 22 - 1385 0. 16 - -

Reform of the Tenaillons surveyed
Countrescarp & Facing of Glacis before Tenaillons
Plain Brick Work
Arched ditto
21300 Rods of Earth made good &
manured with the Glacis & Work

6233 @ 1. 24. 1127832.
453 @ 8 10 146636 -

@ 14. 7100 " " 1901526 - "

Curtain & Bonnet to the Southard. of Every Body of the Place
Plain Work
2500 Rods of Earth filled in & made good

2040. @ 1 34 36 9440
@ 14. 033. 14 - 4526. 32 -

South Curtains
Plain Brick Work
4500 Rods of Earth

0253 @ 136. 14 934.
@ 14. 1500 " - 16436 " - "

C C Patrick Bos
Lt Col. & Chief Engineer

Ordered to lie on the Table for further
Consideration -

Read

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Read Letter from the Na-
bob, as entered in Country Correspon-
dence N 47 in answer to the Letter ad-
dressed them on the Subject of the Ma-
nagement of the Tanjore Country Es-
-proposing this Administration of this Affa-
-ministrement & Surprize, at being wrote
to on this Affairs, contrary to the Establis-
-hed Rule & mentioning at the same
time, this Intentions of arguainting
the Board at large upon the Letter
of the Letter being sent them, Of this being
the best Judge of this own affairs, the ab-
-solute Master of this Country, & that he
shall take such measures as he shall
conceive will prove, most beneficial
to this own affairs.

Ordered, to lie on the Table
for further Consideration

Mr Johnson desires in the
following Minute

Minute of Mr Johnson in supp-
-port of his Motion that the Pre-
-sident in this Con-
-sultation with the
Nabob should
be attended by
the Council

Last Consultation Mr Johnson
that since the Members of this Board
were promoted to this Liberty, they have this
-hitherto enjoyed, of paying any Complisance
-tary Visits to the Nabob, that the Busi-
-ness should now be carried on by Letters
or when Personal Intercourse is necessary
for discussing any Publick Matter
That the President & the rest of the Board, or
a deputation from the Board should
confer with the Nabob, & that such Conferen-
-ce

to

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Examined & laid before the Council, My Reasons for this Motion, Sworn & gave to attend without the Room

It appears to me that the Right which divests the other Members of the Board, that the President should as a Member propose a Privilege denied them & especially a Privilege the Restriction of which implies an Indignity & Infidelity to their Trust

If in this Capacity of President, the President is entitled to enjoy this Privilege, it can only be especially for the publick Service & not to employ it on that Personal complimentary Footing which all the members are debarred of. For I assert in the most direct terms & I hope every other Member can speak equally for himself that I am as incapable of making any improper use of a Complimentary Visit to the Nabob as the President, & being therefore responsible on the Publick Service only as required by the Board, that the President can be entitled by this station to a Privilege denied them, I am to shew the Propriety of the President's being attended by a Deputation of Council, when an Intercourse is necessary with the Nabob & whom he thinks sufficient to carry on Affairs

I proceed to think I have

*Says he meets with in Transacting the Publick Business at the Durbar, and after the impressions he has given the Board of the Nabobs Jealousy and that of his Sons, I say what the President

been a proper Complaisance to be honestly had the President made these Propositions after having / the Power of the exclusive Measure / After the difficulties reported to Us, which the Propositions * has not thought proper to propose, I beg leave to move for the publick Good & from the present Situation of Affairs for do I mean to reflect on the President's Integrity by so saying, I will not insist much on this Idea, with which the Nabobs Mind must be impressed from the late precipitate Order, from the Letter We wrote him requiring a list of the English Officers in his Service &c. But it must be evident to any impartial Man, that if he was before Jealous & did not pay the proper attention to the President on the Business, he must now be much alarmed & must naturally entertain but mean Sentiments of the President, and of his pretended Mediation than before, These situated Circumstances are very likely to follow & for what the honour of a most flourishing Academy But I will not argue from Future Apprehensions, but from two Plain & Ascertained Facts, that have happened & which of Themselves are sufficient to convince the most incredulous

For the Measure I propose

I Warmly have exposed

exposed

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escaped the attention of the members of this Board, that in two points of essential Consequence to the Company's Interest they Influenced the measures of our Administration / the Nabob & the President have given Representations diametrically opposite to each other Both cannot be right & One must be wrong Yet it is as natural for the Nabob to assert that the Carnatick is with the President as for the President to assert the Contrary

When the last Expedition against Tanjore was under debate at the Board, We were given to understand by the President, that provided the Nabob, in Prosecution of his avowed Views in this Province at all times to make certain Payments to the Company, should trouble arise in the Carnatick, This Circumstance We considered of much Importance, to the Company, because upon all Commercial and the Performance of the Nabob's Monied Engagements to the Company depended on the Tranquility of the Country, We accordingly by Cons. 29 June 73 / find this Proposition introduced into the Instructions to the Expedition against Tanjore. In the Month of January or February ensuing when the Carnatick was threatened with

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an Invasion by the Mahrattas, y.
Nabob was reminded of this Promise
but to Jas was the Iram allowing it, that
he absolutely denied having made
such a promise, on any pretensions of
-sion, that it was both absurd & unrea-
-sonable to suppose it. Thus situated did
it not behove the President to produce
to the Board Proofs for his assertion, some appeal was made to the
Persian Translator, his answer Sir do
not recollect, It is not recorded, It was
loose & unsatisfactory, A Letter
again to be wrote the Nabob, urging
the truth of the Presidents Report, but
when this Letter was read at the Board
the President moved "That it might not
" be sent, because it would lead to an useless
" unprofitable altercation, which could
" not be decided, because the Nabob he-
-ver would deny as often as he could
affirm, And it was carried, that the Letter
should not be sent, Here we see a Promise
or Engagement from the Nabob, high
-ly injurious to the Company / which
the Board thought so, by introducing
it as an argument for the Longueh
of Tanjore) taken for granted on a re-
-port of the Presidents & when
put to the test, it is totally given up "
(Because no good can come of this dispute
" as the Nabob will as often deny as the

(President

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President has apart. Presumptive Proof must be allowed to Him, on the Side of the Nabob, for in the Letter which he wrote to urge the Siege of Tanjor, whom- -in the states all the advantages, which will arise, from the Capture of the Place, & promises 10 Lacks of Pagodas to the Company, not a word is mentioned which even in the most forced Construction can be said to allude to any such promise as the President says he made

The Subject of this Survey is to contain the Minds of the Board, to require a particular animadversion upon in this place Suffice it to say, that nothing can be more opposite or contradictory than the President's Report & the Nabobs Letter upon this Subject. The Inspection by adopted & the former & urged it as a Proof of the Nabobs Jealousy, to our Letter to the Supreme Council at Bengal, Jaggar Resolved that Tanjor no Interference of the Presidents Orders. -gority, but I must say that every pos- -sibility of a mistake ought to be guarded against in the transacting of public Business, Where for ever Mere That the Business between this Government & the Durbar, be Conduc- -ted by Letters to the Nabob or when Personal Intercourse be necessary for

(discussing

discussing any point which may after that the President & Marine Board or a deputation from the Board, do confer with the Naval & Marine Commissioners & lay before the Council & Senior that the opinions of the Board may be taken separately upon this motion, & entered upon record for the information of the Honble Court of Direction.

Lt Theobald appointed Engineer to Ganjam & its dependencies

Lt Theobald appointed Engineer to Ganjam

Resolved that Major Mallock Thorne be appointed to the Command of the Three Companies of Artillery stationed at the Mount, & as the Officers of that Corps are unprovided with Quarters at that place, that they be allowed 10 Pagodas P Month for House Rent

Major Thorne appointed to Command the artillery at the Mount

General Smith & Mr Thos Smith, Chief of Ganjam having both recommended Sergeant Dunbar, as a good Man & worthy of encouragement

Sergeant Dunbar appointed Conductor of Artillery at Ganjam

Agreed that he be appointed a Conductor to the Artillery

Agreed that Capt Dugood of Engineers, be directed to proceed again to Masulipatam, in order, to prosecute the Survey, & that he Lead before he goes upon

Capt Dugood to complete the Survey at Masulipatam

Nothing reported to the Bd

That

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that Mess.rs Hinchley & Davis, the Surgeons
of the Hospital at Trichinopoly, have
been for some time absent from that place
Ord.d that the Secretary do call upon
them, to know whether or not they
they intend returning to their Duty

The Majority of the Board
who were for the late Measures adopted
relative to the Prohibition of receipt of Pre-
sents to the Dubash, & to their giving Bills
on being made to the Nabob; not to invest
his second Son Ummeer Ul Umrah the
with the management of the Forts & Coun-
try of Tanjore, think it now necessary
to declare their Sentiments more fully
on that Head, & on the Subject of the
Minutes & Dijoints that have been
delivered in relative thereto

Minute of the Board in Supt of their Measures & in answer to the Dijoints & Minutes of the Minority

The more the Board reflect
on what hath been said, the more they are
satisfied with the propriety of the late
Measures, Gratitude calling upon them
to preserve Concord & Unanimity, the
Board answer if they were wrong, he was
wrong in a Question of right it is ex-
traordinary the utmost Support the B.d
to such instance of this Conduct
It does not appear to the
Board to pursuant to justice, or incompa-
tible with the Interests of the Company
to

to advise the Nabob, not to entrust any one with too much power. If this not upon hands of the Nabob, it may be known the Dan-ger which may result from a measure, which they believe he wishes to carry into execution, & is so far from being contrary, to the interests of the Company it appears to them completely without it, even to remonstrate against the measure, although they have confined their representation, when the Governor & Council of Bengal saw Shujah Ud Dowlah the Vizier of the Empire collecting more troops than they judged proper, they represented so, they did no more, they judged proper insisted on the reduction of part of them, the Board see no reason to fear any conseq-uences resulting to the Sons from the measure To men unacquainted with the Politicks of Asiatics, this sentiment may appear startling But to those who are Skilled in the Intrigues of Indian Courts, who recollect how often the Sons of the Emperors of Hin-dostan, have arisen against their fathers it will scarcely appear to have weight-Moreover the representation is not made to interrupt the Harmony of Families but to secure to the Company's connection on their Coast The Company have a Sufficient Check over the Nabob, by having their person at Fort in their possession by having them present, but over the Land fixed in the Tanjore Country they could

have

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have no Check With the Command of
his fathers Troops the right remained
him with the Jemidars, which
is the present Situation of Affairs, but
Father cannot consistently do
As Genl Smith was a
Member of the Board, & present at their re-
solution of giving up the Fort of Tanjore
to the Nabob, it would have been better
timed, to have represented the necessity
of giving an European Garrison in it
when after it was delivered to the Nabob's
yet pointed out the Necessity of Garrison-
ing it with Europeans; Such a requisi-
-tion surely would have been more dis-
-guising than the present representation
If it has reached the Nabobs
Ears that reports prevail, that he will be
required to restore the Country to the Rajah
or to give to the Company the Charges of
the Fort, it appears the more extraordinary
that he should think of putting this Second
Son, already chargd with the Command
of his troops in the part to particular charge of
it, especially as he is collecting almost all
Force in the Fort, & the neighbouring Districts
The Reasons for prohibiting
Europeans from going to the Nabob al-
-ready appears. The Board never can tell
Genl Smith knows they did not so ex-
-clude the Members of this Government from
all intercourse with the Nabob, They thought

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it improper for any of them to go to Surat
at this particular time & on that ground
only refused Mr Johnson the Leave he a-
-ked. Had the Board wished to have made
their conduct towards the Nabob myst-
-erious, which tho they did not, they would
have been disappointed for the know
of many of their transactions before
they were Communicated to them by the
President, which was their principal
reason for inforcing the Orders of the Court
of Directors against Europeans going to
Surat, without the Presidents knowledge.
It appears on the Minutes of Consultations
the 29 June 1773 that the Nabob requested
the President to inforce the former orders as to
send with for guard interruptions Ladys
Visits of Europeans — The Board think
it their duty, to represent any thing
which may materially concern the
Company altho it may not be in their
power, to inforce those representations
without Orders from their Superiors

On the Generals Recapitulation

To the Hon

Was we to procure all intelligence, not of-
-ficially communicated, great inconv-
-eniencies might occur, Where the
Nabob meant to take a measure not con
-sistent with the Interest of the Comp[y]
it is not to be supposed, he would recom-
-mend the same to the Board, on the
contrary he would act, as he does now

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The Board cannot conceive that the representation is any Violation of the Friendship, Confidence, & Harmony, which ought to exist between the Nabob & the Company, but is consistent with what we owe to the Nabob & the Company — They order us, to use conciliatory Measures, when their Honor or Interest will admit of them — Thus the Board will attend to their Orders — If upon the representation happens that ensues, that ensuing to our credit & Honor, is of great advantage to Friends, when disputes happen between them

3d In the Board have made the Representation from a sense of Duty to the Company, & to preserve the peace of the Carnatick, they doubt not of the approbation of their Superiors — How the representation can in any degree affect the Company's right to a compensation they cannot conceive, altho' the present Manner of the Nabob might to impartial Men convey doubts of their intentions to satisfy them

4th The Manner of the Nabob could not admit of a reference to the Gentlemen at Bengal, did the B.d consider it to be necessary, they judge themselves authorized to act for the Company, in this case & will not when necessary, delay informing the Gov.t Genl

&

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Proceedings of this Consultation

The Board have said no-
thing in particular against Mr.
Mercer's Abstracts, they have only
represented the dangerous tendency
of giving too much Power to any one

6th

The Board are assured
inclined as Genl. Smith to gain the
Confidence of the Nabob, whenever
they can do it without sacrificing
what they judge to be their duty to
the Company — The time for the execu-
tion of the Settlement, admitted not of
delay To have deferred it until the
arrival of the Ships, might have con-
sidered their representation useless

The Board have not in
general forbidden the Europeans vi-
siting the Nabob with leave, but only
at this juncture — The reasons for y.
Order have already been given

S Lynch
Joseph Smith
Wm Darrell
Henry Brooke.

Jno Hindall Palmer

Thomas Sanders

Geo: Mackay

particular time

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We This day dispatched the following Letter
to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Herewith we send you Copies of two Letters, one from our Chief Engineer
at Tellicherry, & the other from Major Lettr to Masulipatam regar-
dings Tondiman & addressed to us & the other from Major dings Tondiman Bar-
Stibbert, on the Subject of their re- -rier & the Procu-
-ceiving Orders to leave Forts Bastian & as they are both -ding of the Tonds
of the same opinion with respect to the & Bagadet Jung
Plan which ought to be followed you will
begin upon it accordingly

Our President has sent to us several Letters & papers of Intelli-
-gence, which he has received from Mr
Whitehill relative to the late transac-
tions in the Guntoor Circar, and as
it is highly incumbent on us to keep
a watchful Eye, over both Bagadet
Jung & the Forces, who appear bent to
be daily encreasing instrength in
that Circar, & as it is necessary Forces to
be furnished with every Information
we think proper to direct, that
you keep the most constant attention
to both the motions of Bagadet Jung
& the Tonds & other Troops, that are
in this Province, & that you give the
clearest accounts possible of the Na-
-ture & Quantity of Stores, that may

Arrive

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arrive at Mootapilly or other Ports upon the Coast, & of the places, they may afterwards resort to You will likewise endeavour to find out if Baz. Let Jung had any other motives than of Settling with the Gunstoor Zemindary for his leaving Adoni & his Coming to this Sea Coast

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
Alex.r Wynch & Co.uncil

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21 Conformable to the Minutes of last Consultation, Letters to the Gov.r Genl. & Council as mentioned above, was this day dispatched to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor Genl & Co.uncil
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Gov.r Genl & Council in answer to 13th March Consults

We have had the Honor to receive your Separate Letters of the 13th Instant, & have duely considered the Contents

Since our general Advices to you, under date 20th February which in we informed you of our having called upon the Nabob for a Copy of the Treaty subsisting between you & him agreeably to the Provision therein made with Hyder Ally We have not had any Money Goods from

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Jo: in answer on the Subject
Agreeably to your order
-quest we shall permit Mr Williams
Chambers to proceed to Bengal to take
upon him the Office to which he has
been nominated by the Honble
the Supreme Court of Judicature, of
which we shall advise the Honble
the Court of Directors & request their
permission for his continuing in
that Station, without prejudice to
his Rank in the Establishment
We accompany you
extract of a letter which we received
from Capt Meyers on the 5th Instant com-
manding the Detachment of Cava-
-lry, that was sent from hence by
Madaras Coast Dated 28th February last
We are with Esteem
Honble Sirs
Your most Obt
humble Servants
Thos Wynch
& Council

Fort St George
21st March 1775

Dispatched the following Letter from
the Secretary to Masulipatam

To Johan Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Hon.
ble President & Council to acquaint you
that

Advise that
Capt Dugodin
Ordered thither

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that they have thought proper to order
Capt Dugood again to your Settlement
in Order that the Survey which he had
before begun upon, may be compleated
2d On his arrival with you, you
will be pleased to furnish him with
the Necessary Orders & Directions

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
R. P. Sulivan &c.ca

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

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam in Answer to the 26 March

We have received your
Letter of the 26 Ultimo & are well pleased to observe, that from the arguments of Vizieramdoo, to the demolition of the Fort of Tagapoor, & to the Pass being guarded by the Sibbendy of Vizieramnauze that there is no fair a prospect of the tranquidity of the Circars, being again restored

We are Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
& Wor Obedt Council

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At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Gov Presidt.
Joseph Smith " Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke " Saml Johnson
John Mt Stone " Archdale Palmer
Francis Sowdan. George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read Letter from Vizagapatam, with one addressed to the Chief & Council at that Settlement by Capt Sandlin

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have received from Mr Secretary Sedgwick a Copy of the Letter wrote by your Honor & ca Orders to Capt Sandlin dated 22d February respecting the remonstrance delivered in by him to Govr Aldercron with his Govrs reply wrote to Capt Matthews for this Opinion whether any & what part of the 5 Companys of the 3d Europ Battalion stationed in this District can be spared from it & what Force he thought necessary for its protection transmitting to him a Copy of that Letter, & he has acquainted us that Sixteen Companys are sufficient

Letter from Vizagapatam with Letter from Capt Sandlin regarding the Season and State of this Battalion

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an Account for their Conduct & as they
concur in Opinion with Capt Mathews
& have argued against Capt Candler there-
with in answer to a Letter we Received
from them on the same Subject Copy
of which we beg leave to transmit to
your Honr with, we know not how far
it may be consistent with Military
rules to seperate the two Grenadier
Companys but we conceive that Capt
Matthews must be a competent judge
of this & should refer the matter to him
We conceive that Capt Candler after
having Chosen the part of the Battal-
ion he likes to remain with, cannot
change without a regular application
according to the Established
Rules of the Service & not as the Com-
mandg may see expedient, for in
the Light his Letter may yours Stand pro
towards him which we cannot think
was your Honor &ca intention, We
have therefore wrote them our Senti-
ments to Capt Candler & hope the
Same will meet with your approba-
tion

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
humble Servants
George Stratton
P. Perring
Wm Williams
N. Brereton

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To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & Council at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Stake Sheet. by the Ship
Matthews, Commanding the troops in
this District, to argue with you that as
the Battalion there the Honors to command
is divided between the Districts depending
on Vizagapatam & Ganjam, Command-
ant authorized by the President & Council at
Fort St George to remain with the Company
of it as long as he expedient, Having
laid before the Honble Board at Madras
the Superior Hardships Salary under
to that of any other Capt in the Corps
so having many Battalion many members dis-
pirited, and ventured to point out to
them a small remedy whereby my
Situation might be somewhat alle-
viated without injury to the Public Ser-
vice, I am referred by the Honble Board
to the Chiefs & Councils of both districts
whom they may have the fit disposal
of the Troops destined for the defence of
these Countries

I shall therefore Gentlemen.
Upon what that therein some reasonable
addition Regarding that a small addition
of pay may be joined to the division
under my Care, so as to give me some
command a little above that of any of
the Field Officers, Since it can hardly make
any

any difference to the Service, whether
six Companys of the Battalion are
returned on the Coromandel District
& only four on the other, Or on the Con-
trary Six Companys arrived to
Vizagapatam & only four to Ganjam
The whole Battalion being now on
the Spot, the additions may be made
without any troubles or Expence
which is the Cause, Gen Lawson & my
addressing you have desired you & also to point out the hardships Suf-
fer'd in having many two a Companies
of Grenadiers Separated, & now are
intirely totally removed any Subject
may Subsist on this Occasion be re-
moved.

I am with Gentlemen
With the greatest respect
Your most Obedt & Most
John Camdler

Camp at Guindapoor
22d of March 1775

A true Copy
Hy Crawford Secy

To the Gentlemen at Viza-
gapatam, as I thought it necessary
it was not the intention of the Boat
that Capt Camdler should shift about
from place to place, as he should of him-
self think proper, They meant him only
to with that part of this Battalion,
whose his Services, would be most im-
mediately

in Orders thereon.

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immediately reguire This Payment
be acquainted with, & at the same time
directed to inform Capt. Cavalier that
it is the pleasure of the Board, that he
shall remain, with that part of
his Battalion, that the Chief & Council
may think proper to order them to
& that he upon no account, is to leave
that Station, without express permis-
-sion; At the same time, that it be
recommended to them, to allow him
his two Companies of Grenadiers, in
Order, that his Command may in
some degree bear a Superiority, to
that of his Eldest Officer

Read Letter & Report from
the Commissioners of Stores, with Letter
from Capt Mannery

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we have the Ho-
nor to send you our Minutes of the
15th Instant together with a Letter &
some Papers laid before us from the
Commissary of Stores

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We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedt & Hble Servts
Edward Saunes
Joseph Smith
Matthew Horne
George Dawson
Patrick Ross

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Brigr Genl Smith &c Smith &c Dawson Esqrs

Fort St Geo. Lt Col Pearse &c Capt Innes

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Read

Capt Innes Thor-
ports to the Committee
that Ensign Pringle
has lately proposed an
Alteration in the Mo-
ning the Barrood by
Carbine & Tinderbox, &
which having been
try'd by Capt Thompson
reported by him as a
great improvement
on the Carbine for Sea
ry Service, as appears
by his Letter to the Genl
of which the following
is an Extract and Genl
" the Committee desire
" of your Favor of the 8th
" Instant, whether Trouble
" some or no, Judgment
" of the improvement
" Ensign Pringle has
" made on the Carbine
" which is afterwards stated
" Loyalty am happy to
" coincide with you in
opinion

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" opinion, that it is an
" excellent contrivance
" for Cavalry & in conse-
" quence could wish to
" have the same provision
" not take place on the
" Cartouches now in use
" with my Troop, there
" is no comparison &
" without any to that &
" Quicker in loading
" on Horseback more
" particularly when
" the Horse is on the
" move".

2.d Upon examination The Committee of Stores to be directed to contract with the said Gradwell Pringle, on such Stores as they shall approbation of any Directors as they shall judge proper & that a Standard all the Cartouches & Cartouche on the New Construction be laid before the Board from whence it is to be had. & the ingenuity of the Invention willingly to be encouraged, to the consideration with due Encouragt. hereof, & the consideration of the Court thereon more particularly as Mr Pringle of Directors — Lastly as Mr Pringle has been at great trouble

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and expence incompatible
-ting this Plan and attend-
-ing the trial of it at
Cuddalore, Resolved unan-
-imously to give further assis-
-tance necessary in getting
into execution should
it be approved of by
the Board, as Mr Pringle
should go down to Cud-
dalore in case it be resolved
to compleat Capt Torry-
ns Troops with Carriages
on the New Construc-
-tion as wished for by
himself

3d Happears to the Committee that, with a trifling alteration regarding the stays Timberheads with the addition of fixing three Ramrods might be of great use to the Artillery & to Planting Parties of Infantry Agreed that if it be recommended to the Board to the Board that a Trial be made

Approved

4 The Clerk lays before the Committee the Old Arms to be delivered to the Storekeeper

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a Letter from Captain Monckton as to Iron
Mancouvy Carriages; a good ably to the Jour-
nary of Stores, & which a resolution of
being considered by the Board on that
the Committee Agreed thereto.
that it be recommended to the Board, that
the arms mentioned
by him as not proper
for the Service, may
be cleaned & sold on
account of the Company, That the service-
able Arms may be
either sold as they are
or broken up, & applied
as usual, And that
a Survey be made of the
Gun Carriages mention-
ed in Capt Monckton's
Letter, that such
as are thought proper
to be fitted to their Guns
& that the orders of the
Board may pass with
respect to the disposal
of the Rest

5th The Iron Work
for Gun Carriages & boarders referred
having upon a Survey been made by the Court
Representation of the of Directors accom-
Committee but none were not happy to
[illegible]

Approved.

In this matter

[illegible] [illegible]

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annexed to the Court of Directors, with the whole Proceedings concerning which the Committee are not yet acquainted with, they do not think it meet to give any Opinion thereon.

6 The Board having an Extract from this Minutes read & delivered out by the Clerk, approved of the Governor & of the Standing Order of Capital Military Stores demanded by the Committee as necessary for the Defence of the several Garrisons on the Coast, The Storekeeper General was desired to get from all the Chief Garrisons Accounts of the particular State of their Arms & Stores, & what they will want to compleat the Establishment

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we are permitted & with their Orders & Native thereto—

Ordered accordingly

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Establishments propo-
-sed for them. Copies of
which he is desired to
send them that upon
their answers the Com-
-mittee may be enab-
-led to proceed in quot-
-ing in Execution the
Plan which has met
with the approbati-
-on of the Board.

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

Gentlemen

Letter from Com-
-m[illegible] of Stores
-ces to Europe Ammun.
-nition Artillery arms
Gun Carriages
& Gun Carriages
from

We have yesterday wrote
you Stores which they may be in want of as
they cannot with propriety be issued
in the Service a List of them Inclosed
for you the you for your Consideration
-on, whether it would not be advan-
-tage to the Honble Company to dis-
-pose of them, as they take up much
Room & will require a number of
hands to clean them or they will be
destroyed by rust

Also to day by your a
List of unserviceable Stores & c^a for your
approbation to have them broke up
& permission to remark as a dimi-
-nution on the Bands, were delivered

&c

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to the Civil Storekeeper & the Cash and
Brass Work brought on the Military
Storekeepers Books

Likewise beg leave to lay
before you two Reports of Gun Carriages,
wanting to compleat the Guns of the
Garrison, agreable to the Estimates
One on supposition that the unservic-
able & Repairable Carriages of the old
Construction are not fit for a Siege
the other as they are, & which are now
drawn up, without the assistance of Jew
on the works requisite for your inspec-
tion: The 24 Pounders Ship Carriages
cannot be reduced, as they will not
stand a Siege & also a former Committee
objected to the use of Ship Carriages above
an 18 Pounder.

Beg leave to represent We
have a large Quantity of Iron Work
for Gun Carriages in Store, whereby
a Considerable Sum may Accrue to
the Honble Company as there is not
or likely to be any demand for it.
The Contractors for making Gun Car-
riages having Objected to take it
on account of its bad Quality & im-
proper Dimensions, therefore con-
ceive means are Given to have it dis-
posed of as it will soon be eat up with
Rust & a Considerable Sum lost to the
Honble Company.

I am

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Your very obedt
humble Servt
J Manoury
Comdg Stores.

Fort St George.
The President says before the Board a letter
which he has received from Mr Whitehill
underwriting some Goods on the Subject of Militia
Stores imported at Masulipatam
To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr
President & Govr
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

Herewith I have the
honor to send you a copy of a Letter from
Mr Scott to me, giving an account of
a further importation of Military
Stores at Masulipatam which I believe
is confirmed by a Letter from
Mr Chapin to the Company's Inter-
preter here, translation of which
I do forward for your information

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obt
humble Servt
John Whitehill

Letter from
Mr Whitehill
to Mr Scott.
with Mr Scotts
report of Boxes
& Guns imported
on the Ship
Mary Pro-
ceedings.

Masulipatam
20th April 1775.

To John Whitehill Esqr
Sir

I must Have been authorized
to have returned back the Vessel
safely on perceiving, however
when I have just been informed that three days
ago two boats went out to Sea from Masulipa-
patty in the Morning, & returned in the
evening loaded, they did the same next
day

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day, & have landed in that manner two hundred Chests of Stone & fifty large Casks, likewise four Soldiers come on shore with them, there is no Vessell within sight of land soon after they came, bring these things mentioned the Seamen also have that any had been seen off Masulapatty, only, saw the abovementioned Stores when landed, fifty Coffries, & twenty Troopers who were left by Mons.r Lally took charge of them & send them away immediately to what place he does not know

The Hircarrah sent to Camp is also returned with account that Bazalet Jung is encamped with eight hundred Sepoys at Doodah which is at thirteen Cos from Innaroondah, Mans.r as Cauvery Nabob of Candanoor is encamp'd with seven, with three hundred Horse they have with them two Guns and two Tumbrils Dive Chunda who now is called Baza let Jung go Secretary has been for some time encamped at Innaroondah with seven, one Gun & one Tumbrill Mons.r Lally is expected at the same place with two thousand Sepoys, three hundred Coffries & fifty Europeans he brought with him two Brass Guns and seven Tumbrils, The Hircarrah did not hear that they have any other Camps, but said upon an probable terme from the Several Numbers Europeans that the mentions, that they

(have

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have our commissions also Swivel Guns by all
two Flat Boats immediately to day if they
can find it, We likewise understand that they
are buying up all the Bullocks they can
get & that it is reported that they can by that
Bill the Village People pay some arrears
that are due to Bazar at Fort St George &c.
&c. &c.

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servt
/Signed/ Andrew Scott

Masulipatam
18th April 75.

In consequence of the Secr.
Army application to Majr Wheatley &
Davis, the following Letters have been receiv-
ved from them

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr.
Davis Surgeon
at present unfit
for Duty

By a Letter received
from the Secretary I am directed to declare
my intention with Respect to returning
to my duty at Fort St George & I accordingly
have the honor to inform you, that I am
not but observe that the present, I am incap-
-acitated to act as a Surgeon, having suf-
-fered such an injury in my arm as to
render me unequal to the most trifling
operation; I am given to by these circum-
-stances my Surgical intentions are
vanished

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vanished, and thus to take upon me the
Charge of an Hospital in a Garrison —
whose the other Surgeon may at times
be absent with the Regiment would be
highly dishonest, That however does
not take the Knight Journey Physical Ab-
litys and Inward gifts by Station myself
Sufficient capable of serving the Honble
Company by the Practice of Physick
but should any difficulties arise in
finding such an Employ for me
am bound by the contract of the Honble
President & Council Proposition
mentioned at Madras, the expectation that
time may produce a favorable change
in that Point which is now disabled of
that from Employ with the prosperity wish-
-es those advantages which may abun-
-dantly in the Service might entitle me
to

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Thomas Davis
Surgeon.

Madras 21 April 75

To Alexander Wynch Esq
Honble Sir

Letter from Mr
Thomas Davis
Surgeon to
Sick. Syphacate
Returned from
St. Northumberland
Remain till the
arrival.

I am in disposition with
which I am troubled at the time I
received your Commands to attend you
had been very severe & sickness confined
to my Room ever since till within these
two

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two days past that I have found it impossible
on the receiving your days I hope will
enable me to pay a personal obedience
to your Commands at that Same time
by leave to open, that it has been by no
means a matter of choice, but a severe
Necessity my having been so long ab-
-sent from my duty, apprehensions
of incurring the imputation of neglecting
of stating the Real of it distresses, has hurt
my mind and not a little aggravated
my complaint

I am hope in a few days
to be with through Services to my duty
unless it should be your pleasure to an-
-dulge my absence there from till the
arrival of the Northumberland from
Bengal by which ships I propose with
your Honors permission to visit my
native Country; by a Letter I received from
time ago from Mr. Wigg to, I learn'd since
that he is in very great want of assistance
& that Col. Billingham had not receipts
-ted property explained them as to
you as that Head, whom he made this ap-
-plication to you Mr Wigg by his desire
was the return of Williams who came to
Madras, about the Same time of my self
this person remained Constantly in my
Hospital whose place is since supplied
by another; With the powers & assistants
are left, I did the duty of the Garrison &
Hospital

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Hospital of Tricheniapoly for many months
I cannot believe that Mr Whyte more
than myself returns it an hardship
I do not intimate this with any view to
exempt myself from Duty which the
utmost Exertion of Health shall return to,
should it not be expedient to appoint
and my Place filled till the arrival of
the European Ships, Your Honour & the
Hon'ble Council in that quarter will
will be pleased to intimate a Particular
Favor requested on

I have &c
Your most Resp[ectfu]l
most Obed[ien]t & Hble Serv[an]t
Joseph Hinchley

Tranquebar
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Resolved that Mr Lavie be permitted
to remain at this Presidency, as he
represents himself, as disabled from
doing any of the duty's of a Surgeon
and as Mr Hinchley declares [in hopes of full Recovery he may be allowed to Draw his full Pay and] he is
in a infirm state, to whom the recovery
that he be granted leave of absence
some time longer, but that, he be in-
formed it is expected he will return
to his duty at Tricheniapoly as soon
as his health will admit of

† Read Letter from Col. Roy
with a Plan & Estimate of the Bund-
[1000] Pagodas in Gold to be drawn for
To the Hon'ble Alex[ande]r Wynch Esq[r]
President & Gov[erno]r &c[a] Council

Resolution

himself

his

built

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Letter from Lt Bogle respecting the Bomb proof Cisterns &c. marked with Plan & Estimate

Sir of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have agreable to your orders given directions that the repairs and alterations necessary for erecting the Bomb proof Barrack Bastion capable of containing water be made, They will be begun upon as soon as the Centers of the Arches that are now burning in the arsenal, which obstruct the Communication to them are cleared away, & this shall be done with all expedition

I have the Honor to lay before you the plan & Estimate of the Bomb proof Cisterns which are intended to be built with Gun arches over them On which they have to observe that there are now in hand in consequence of the late Orders received from the Honble Board, on account of Bomb Proofs on a medium 600 Jut Dany & 16 wide besides what are executed last year which from what we are apprehensive that there may be under the Old South Curtain may be spared & easily fitted up for the reception of water, should it be thought advisable pushed to have it done immediately lodged in the Fort there will contain three already ordered will contain

I have the Honor to be with Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your most Obedt & most humble Servt Patrick Bogle

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terms & conditions prescribed by them
in his proposals, With this clause that
it shall remain at the discretion of
the Board, to direct or the whole or any
part of the Contract must & void if they
shall deem such a measure necessary
either from the Orders of the Court of Di-
rectors, which may shortly be expected
on the Subject of the Fortifications,
or from any other reason that may hereafter appear to them sufficient ought
to alter their present intentions, relative
to the whole or any part of the intended
Works aforesaid

Ensn St Thos Wilder

Ensn Geo. Wilder dies

Ensn T. Mar. son promoted

General Smith Lieutenants
the Board, that Ensn St Thos Wilder had
desired leave to resign the Service, signify-
ing that if it should be granted him to resign
the Service, but at the same time to be
informed, that it was expected he would
return to Europe by the first Ships
The President reports the
deaths of Ensn Wm Read the 4th Inst at Chicacole
& of Ensign George Wilder, Ordered that
Ensign Thomas Thos Marrison be promo-
ted to the vacant Lieutenancy
Brigd Lifters from the Nabob
under date the 16 & 19th Inst was laid
in Secretary Correspondence Vol 60 No 49
the Letters containing Intelligence rece:
ved from the Southern Camp, & the Letter
Letter from the Nabob forwarded with Letter from Tricht. Copy of Wanted Europeans

Correspondence made to the Nabob, by his
Managers

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Majors at Trichinopoly & Wandewash of the misbehaviour of certain Europeans Ordered that Copies of the Complaints to the Nabob, be transmitted to the Commandant of Trichinopoly & that Capt Mackenzie, Commanding at Conjeveram with Orders, that they make particular enquiries into the Causes of them, for the information of the Board

to

Ordered respecting the Annual Statement of Military Stores

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board Statements of Military Stores & Ordnance, Received upon, by the Committee of Stores, to be Specified for the defence of the ensuing Garrison Ordered, that the Secretary do forward those intended for our Garrisons with Orders, that the Ordnance & Military Stores in hand may be compared with the Statements, & that a particular Account of the Overplus or deficiency after such Examination be transmitted to the Board, that the necessary directions may be given relative thereto

The President laid before the Board the Petition of Mr Smith

Proceedings of the Committee for Invalids and Pensioners &c

Mr Smith late Secretary to the Committee for the Examination of Invalids & Pensioned

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Pensioned Europeans & Topasys. 5 Instant
Ordered, that the Invalid Topasys be or-
dered to Chinglepeth, for the purposes
directed in a former Consultation, & that
y^e Europeans & (admitted) transmitted on the Est
of Invalids in this Garrison

J Monck
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Wm
Arendale Palmer
Francis Sheridan
Geo: Mackay

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In Consequence of a Minute of Said Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam

To George Stratton Esqr

Chief & the Council at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Vizagapatam containing the Commission to Capt. Candler

We have received your Letter of the 13 Instant, enclosing to us Copy of an Order to you from Capt. Candler, on the Subject of the Commission we thought proper of granting him Command with that part of this Battalion, that he might first join, You were right in imagining, it was not our intention, that Capt. Candler should shift about from place to place, as he should of himself think proper, We command that he should join that part of this Battalion, where his services would be more immediately required, and we therefore desire that Capt. Candler may be informed, that it is our pleasure, that he shall remain, with that part of this Battalion. that you may be ordered him to, & that he report no account more that Station without express Commission first obtained At the Same time we recommend, if you can do it with propriety that he be allowed his two Grenadier Companies in order that this Command in case it should you may have a Superiority to that of this Black Officer

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Officer, In what manner you will be guided as shall appear to you, most beneficient with the good of the Service

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
& Wynch & Council

Fort St George
26th April 1775.

At a Consultation Present
Thos & Wynch Esq. Gov. President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Jno. Johnson
Monday 1st May John Macleod Mont. Archd. Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President begs leave to observe to the Board, that there are some Passages in the Minutes & Diposals of Mr Johnson, which merely relate to him & therefore require some explanations on his part & the Minutes may be inserted in the following Minutes of this Day, which will perfectly explain those Circumstances alluded to by Mr Johnson

The President in answer to what Mr Johnson speaks of his Letter to the Nabob previous to the Siege of Tanjore telling them that the Fort if taken would be delivered to his Son, Shou Maudaien All Nabob or whosoever else, he should Appoint

President Minute answering parts of Mr Johnsons minute & disputed which relation to part acted by him +

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as proved, Observed that the Sentiments of the whole Board & which
said Letter was communicated to the Nabob
But the Alterations in his Principles &
disposition which was very sensible after
he was in possession of Tanjore, & got
his new title of Ammeer Ul Omrah from
his Father, & his behaviour since, which has
been obvious to everyone, Was not unobserved
by Genl Smith, very early after the Fall
of Tanjore, there about to what the Gen. &c.
before mentioned, were the Presidents
Reasons for making the motion, Said
to the Board of writing to the Nabob & which
his Duty to his Employers rendered necessary

The President then reply'd to
Mr Johnson's Minute of the 17 April Copy
Laid before all the Board in which he says
Passed at the time it was urged not to
send the Letter Commanding to the Nabob
& that the whole Board was fully satisfied
the Information the Said given them was
true - But as the Words of the Said Consul-
tation express the same in different
terms to what the said minute does
Mr Stracey who was the Secretary to
Govern the Nabob & the President, testi-
fying the truth of it by signing the
said Consultation the more inserts the
same

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The President observes to
the Board that in a Letter received from
the Nabob the 2nd instant a very different
turn, is given to his declaration report-
ted by the President to the Select Committee
the previous to the Expedition against
Tanjore, which was to the following purport
that if Tanjore was not reduced & the Ma-
harattas should invade the Province
he, the Nabob would in no wise be
enabled to make Some Payments to
the Company The President observing
as he could produce many circumstances
in Support of this representation which
added to the authority of the Interpreter
Mr Straeey, would clearly shew, that
the Nabobs meaning at that Juncture
was the Same as he reported to the Select
Committee, but as the point in dispute
is now the Capacity of very little consequence
by the departure of the Maharattas
& as disagreeable altercations may arise
from a correspondence on such a Subject
with the Nabob, which the President thinks
should always if possible be avoided-
when the dignity or Interest of the Com-
pany, or their Government does not
suffer he the President is willing to let
the matter drop & is of Opinion that it
will be best to take no notice of the Na-
bobs Letter. The Board after considering
the Subject are of Opinion with
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the President"

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Mr Johnson and the other
Ministers confirm the Minutes of the Hon.ble
the President Says before them, the
Company's Orders of 24 Nov.r 1773 Dated
General Letter from the Company of the
8 Nov.r 1765 & the 37 Paragraph directs that
no other person but the President do pre-
-sume to hold any Correspondence with
the Country Powers. Genl Letter from
Company of the 6th March 1772 Para 66 Dur:
will observe that our Genl Orders were
intended not only to prevent our Gov-
-ernment Servants from Corresponding with
the Country Powers of India, but also to extend
to Secret Consults & Actions. Who reside in
India, under favor of the Company's Indul-
-gence & Protection

The Instructions to the
Supreme Council received but 3 Months
ago as those before mentioned, also limit
the Power to the President only, therefore
have not that Fault to find. The Board
will think it necessary that the Busi-
-ness of the Settlement with the Ma-
-hratta Country Powers is to be carried
on by him the President agreable to the
Company's Orders, as far as Circumstances may

The President further desires
to move, that the Motion made by Mr
Johnson, in Consultation 3 Instant
tending to exclude him from having the

Sole

This Subject of Mr Johnson's Motions respecting the Correspondence with the Marhatta Powers referred to the Orders

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Sole Exclusive Privilege of corresponding
with the Nabob & the other Country Powers
may be pointed out to Consideration & When
upon the occasion is again read & such
to the vote accordingly

Ad to the Vote.

Mr Mackay's Min-
-ute

I do not hesitate announce
to agree entirely in opinion with Mr Johnson
-son, with Respect to the manner in which
the President ought always to treat the
Nabob, yet I shall put a negative to both
our motions, because the manner in which
he introduced them, after he had been refu-
-sed the Leave he improperly asked to go to
the Nabob while the present Debates were
before the Board, & Recommend which Mr.
does claim to introduce them at all Days
to such the resolution of the Board to the last
& in my opinion highly improper
I will add besides that as the Court of Directors
have provided the Mode of the Presidents
Correspondence with the Nabob, I do not
think myself at liberty with their orders
to give any Opinion, that may alter or
restrain that mode. I will now take the first
this opportunity of declaring my own
Sentiments upon the Subject being pos-
-itively convinced that a Bed cause may
be made of that exclusive privilege
given the President by the Court of
Directors, as it puts it greatly in his
Power to conceal from the Nabob the
real Sentiments of the Board except

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when Letters are wrote to them, & likewise
to conceal from the Board what ar[illegible] Sen-
timents of the Nabob even when he
does write Letters, Therefore think that
the President should never go to the
Nabob except to make or return Visits
of Ceremony & then he should go attend-
ed by this Council & with as much state
as possible That when the affairs of the
Company require that the President
& the Nabob should have a personal
Interview they should meet either at
the Fort House or at the Company
Garden House & then the Select Com-
mittee or the Council should be sent
for, as the affairs to be discussed might
require, that in general affairs of any
Consequence should be transacted with
the Nabob by Letters & matters of little
Moment by sending the Company
Interpreter to them, That Method is
my own Opinion would be consistant
with the Honor of the Company's Go-
vernment & their affairs Company
ded would be carried on at least just as
well, as they are by the present method
It would also subject the President to
less Censure & Detraction

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Mr Jourdan. I am against the mo-
tion, because the Company's orders, clear-
ly express the manner in which all
Correspondence

Mr Jourdans
Minute

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Correspondence is to be carried on with the Nabob & the other Country Powers

Mr Palmer agrees in opinion with

Mr Palmer only to the Motion

Mr Sloane Minute

Mr Jourdan

Mr Hall Same of Opinion

that if all Matters of Consequence touching the Company's Affairs & Correspondence with the Nabob were carried on in writing or if otherwise a Committee were chosen by the Board or select Committee to confer with him, that future Mistakes & misunderstandings would probably arise yet as it has constantly been the practice, since the Nabobs residence at that Place as for the President to hold Conferences with the Nabob on the Company's Affairs & which appears convenient to the Company's Orders I am against making any alteration in this Mode of conducting this part of the business, particularly as it might lessen the President in the Eyes of the Nabob & other Country Powers

I have already given my Opinion that no one should be prohibited visiting the Nabob & of Course I cannot think that the President should be debarred from making him visits of Ceremony tho' in the mean time I think it proper to inform him

Mr Brooke against the motion

Mr Brooke against the motion

mation, for the reasons delivered on the
then 1st Consultation 3 last Month, of
the time wherein the Affairs ought to be
pursued with respect to the Correspondence
with the Nabob & the other Country
Powers.

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Mr Dawson's sentiments

Mr Dawson is of opinion that
if the Correspondence with the Nabob regarding
the Company's affairs were carried on in writing
writing
& conference with the Governor joined to
some other Member of the Council or Select Com-
mittee, it would probably prevent Misun-
derstandings, but as it has been usual for
the President to hold conferences with the
Nabob, & whereas it may be most agreeable &
is comformable to the Orders of the Court of
Directors, I cannot consent to the deviating
therefrom, particularly on the present oc-
casion, as it might appear to the President
in the Eyes of the Nabob & other Country
Powers. I am also of opinion that no One ex-
cept the President should be allowed to vi-
sit the Nabob at this Juncture of Affairs.

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General Smiths Minute.

General Smith on Waiving with at-
tention proceeded Mr Dawson's Opinion
entered in Consultation on the 17th Sept.
1775 in support of his motion for pro-
ceeding the President from going to the Dur-
bar & proposing that in future all Matters
between this Government & the Nabob

to

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be transmitted by Letter from the Board
or by a Deputation of its Members
The reasons and Argu-
ments Mr Sulivan has produced in
support of his Opinion are powerful to
my Satisfaction that I can chearfully
adopt them, The same are so, and he has very fut-
-ly explained the Points which I should
have chiefly to notice in my own to germanate in
favor of this Motion, The Points I allude
to are thefse

The contradictions that
appear to the Board between the Resi-
dent's reports, & the Nabobs answers rela-
tive to this Shingtumeffes promise when the
Expedition to Tanjore was undertaken,
Confirm the Board in the opinion that Shingtumeffes would in no
Case, but as appointed subsidize Tanjore
of Tanjore Country is to be returned and
willing to furnish them at all times
Sums of Money towards the Support of
a War waged the Nabob as any
other Enemy invade the Carnatick, This
promise however the Nabob now pro-
-vitively denys ever having made & the
Matter rests undetermined

The other point Mr Sulivan
-son speaks of is the Business of the Envoy
which the Nabob in his Letter to the B.
answers them he never had any objection
to the mission they approved but the mode

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of carrying it on to be distributed, which is to be
more than ever incumbent on the Presi-
dent with, than also a mutual understan-
ding arose between the Nabob & the
President, to prevent all the little jea-
lous Jarrs of opinion about its Sligthly
Necessary to the Company's Interest
whom this Government have any
Publick matters to discuss with the Na-
bob that they be transacted without by
the Select Committee, a deputation
from Council, or the whole Board to visit
the Nabob at the Presidents Garden that
in any Conference shall with his Highness
be regularly minuted by the Secretary
& Copy of the Proceedings given to him of
Nabob, before he quits the Council Room, to
them examined & that Signed accordance of what has
past, or duly it

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Resolved, that agreeably to
the Instructions & pointed Directions of the
Company, that the President, Does the Sole
& exclusive prerogative of Corresponding with
the Nabob & the other Country Powers, who
may have any sort of Connection, or com-
munication with this Government

Read Letter from Lt Col. Harpur

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Letter from Col.
Thurston complain
of Col. James's
superseding him
in the Command
of Fortifications

I gave on the greatest concern
last night to hear of Lieutenant Colonel
James's having appointed to this place
or to speak more properly superseding
me in the Command of Fortifications by
cannot but deem this as a reflection upon
me first because I was appointed by you to
the Command of Fortifications by Second.
-ly because I am superseded by one of
a different Corps & taken from the Head
of the Artillery to the Command of a Gar
-rison where there is but one Sixth of that
Corps, Except the Soldiers of their Guards.
-men, I do not pretend to say it is not
his right, as you are and only the best
Judges, I have taken the Liberty to men.
-tion this Circumstance as out of the extra.
-ordinary & unprecedented as some part
of the world will naturally imagine
that I have by some Means or other in.
-curred your displeasure, & the other part
call my Abilitys in Question more par.
-ticularly as General Smith had decla.
-red as my right. It would therefore be
some little Satisfaction to me, Gentle.
-men to know in what Manner I have
either incurred your displeasure or pro.
-ved myself unworthy to continue
in this Service and

I have the honor to remain

with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen Sir & Sirs

Your

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Trichinopoly
23d April 1775

Your most Obedient
Humble Servt
H. Harpur

Agreed that a Letter be wrote
to Lt Col. Harpur in answer to the 2 pos.
going, & approving Leave, that by
reason of the Board for appointing
Lt Col. James to the Command of Trichino-
poly, would not learn a Diminution of Col.
Harpurs abilities, or from any disposi-
tion that any part of his Conduct had
given them, but unanimously learn a princi-
ple of Justice to the Corps of Artillery
whose Services the Board think entitle
them, to those advantages which they
can derive from Seniority of Rank in
the general Line of the Army

Minute thereon

Read Letter from Col Bos
with them enclosed from Capt Dugood.

To the Honble. Thos Whitehill Esqr
President & Govr. & Cl Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt Col Bos with Capt Dugoods Survey of the Lilly Brook

I have with Duty to you
Capt Dugoods Plans & Sections of the
Lilly Brook together with his Remarks
on them & his Letter to me on the Subject
and remain
very truely
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Patrick Bos

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To Lt Col Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

Herewith I do Inclose to you
(33) Sheets of the Section Shewing the Paddy
Brooke & its Environs from its leaving the
Godavery to it joining the Sea
Done to a scale of 8 Inches
to a mile, & intended to be annexed to the work
ordered by the Honble Court of Directors dat
ed 29 June last, for the purpose of div-
erting a communication by the Canal &c
which by the Ordered Scale would do hard-
ly appear

And as I was given to under
stand that the purpose of having this
Canal was to compensate by the Increas
ed width &c thereby the facility to the Pas-
sage of the Water from the Godavery to
the Sea.

It is obvious it being done
on the present scale will better answer
the Purpose of the person who under-
takes such a work

These reasons I communi-
cated to Mr Whitehill, & he acquies-
ced in them

There will also appear in y[e]
Plans some rivers, or brooks going from out
not Surveyed, they were omitted as they
did bring Water & carry none from our
River yet had the Weather permitted
they

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they would never the less have been
laid down

Enclosed is an account
of the amount of the Expence, of tak-
ing away & removing the Dam
Also the account as near
as can be done of the time they have
been made & who made by
The use of them is evident
as they may be the Country about them
produce Paddy, otherwise them
by produce would be consumed
And in their present state
they are of great detriment as they
keep out all the Water from the
Estate

I am sorry that Indisposi-
tion has made any delay so long in
giving in these Plans & hope to make
up for it, by greater Expedition on any
other occasion

I have the Honor to remain
Your very Obedient
& Humble Servt
J. Dugod
I. D. Engineer

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Accounts of the Expence of cutting open
the dammes & of removing them as Per
the Translation demanded (their price
being Pardons owing 30 Sqr. yards one
Pagoda) as also of the time they have been
made & by whom. The first it was made

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20 Years ago by Cowds Sarkinnarsu
The Expence of opening y^e
dams will amount to 36 M^d Pagodas
Putting it upagain ... 11 Do Do
This said that the principal
Object for making it was to destroy Maria
Appah Row as it is very low & contrary
the Watermark
The Country People in
gineer at deny that there is any dam But
say that one additions that could be made
to them would be of Service to them, But
if the dam near Madavaram Paddoo was
raised it would be of great use for many pur-
poses.
The Seven dams B. made by Shapanday
Sakkiem a Snowgut Visiar. Madavaram
or Madavaram Paddo
This dam can be removed for ... 40 M^d Pag^s
& remade for ... 14 Do Do.
The Villages people say, they may pay it
very easy & by Marimares they get Paddy
Fields, they agree, with the Governm^t People
that raising the Dam, would add greatly
to their advantage, by increasing their
Crops &^ca &^c & that if additional Instruments were
removed, the Colvee would fill in Eight
days by this Channel alone
The third dam C. is a very large one & is a
near Cattery Perumal Sola, is called Ja-
Hood made by Mahdy Jugga Rajah
20 Years ago The Expence of removing
this

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this Dam is ... 20 M.Ds Pay.
Yearly making it ... 10 M.Ds Pay.
the Country people say that before this
Dam was made the Inhabitants of y^e
Six Abovementioned Villages
Gageroom — Madavera Pallom
Chitty Mals — Vincadaya Pallam
Mettla — Gavery Pattam
paid unto Sachs marraindon & Ramalar
only the annual Sum of 1500 M.Ds Pagodas
which is Seven Years Continued to pay this
two years ago when the Dam being enora-
ged the demand was encreased to 3000 M.Ds Pay.
& the last year the Dam being again enora-
ged, the present demand is 6000 M.Ds Pay.
which is Sum the People say they can't pay
if it is not, & that when ever the Rains &
Water is so great they cant stop it
Some years ago very little or no Paddy
grew in these Grounds, but since the
Dam has been encreased a great deal
Yearly by all the Produce was secured
to
The Fourth dam. Made by Coto Ram
Canna head Man of Vincata Pallom.
Village can be moved for ... 10 M.Ds Pay
& replaced for ... 8 D. Do.
This Dam stops whatever Water may over-
flow the last mentioned dam.
The Fifth dam. C. was begun 12 Years ago
by Eyna gunday Chenna, Pata, Bra-
minny & since encreased 3 Years ago
by

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by Cotar Papaya of Cowary Patam it
can be removed for 12 Pd Pay
& removed for 5 Pd Do
it is thought by the Village People to
want no addition
The Sixth dam. I am sorry I cannot find out how long it has been
could not find out how long it has been
made or by whom, any other remark
are on the Plans the marked or on the
Sections

The Plans likewise show
a Canal begun by Appa ah Rau (but still
very imperfect) with an intent to carry
the water from the Godavery into the
Tuddy.

It begins near Eguthiram.

If this could be effected all
the dams which are shewn to be of no
consequence in the above Plan would
be of no great detriment & this Canal
being join Appa ah Rau Country could
not be obstructed

Any other dams shewn are
the Canal besides the ones here Proposed to
being low the Water in the Inundations goes
over them & they are of no great detri-
ment but if judged proper on any Locality
removed

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Read Letter from the Chief &
Council at Vizagapatam.

To

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Vizg.
Zapatam Mr
Maxtone propo-
sd to assist in
Surveying the
Circar.

We have received a letter from Engineer Johnson wherein he argues to us that the great extent of Country renders it necessary there should be more than one employed on that Service, & he understanding the assistants Mr Thos. Maxtone is very capable of affording this assistance by his having a competent knowledge of Practical Gromatry & Drawing, & in favor grounds of the We called upon Mr Maxtone & having asked him whether such an appointment would be agreeable to him, he acquainted us that he should be always ready to go on this or any other service we might think proper to appoint him to, requesting only that should this be approved of by your Honor &c. he might have a part of the Circar to Survey independant of Mr Johnson as he could not be with him consistant with Rules of the Service We beg leave to Submit the foregoing to your Honor &c. & at the same time to propose that if Mr Maxtone be appointed the Instructions to commence his Survey from the Southern limits which Mr Johnson

is

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is on the same Service to the Northward &
that so soon as the has finished any part of
that District that the Same may be trans-
mitted here in order that it may be forwar-
ded to you Honr &c.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
George Straton
P Pring
Wm Williams
H Crawford
Natl. Barlow

Vizagapatam
8th April 1775

Agreed that Mr Morton be em-
ployed upon the Survey of the Chicacole
Circar, in the manner recommended by the
Chief & Council.

Read Letter from Capt. Duncan
Commanding at Ongole

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to the Commands
signified to me by Mr Sullivan's Letter of the
21st I have taken what steps appeared to me
most proper, for procuring the Intelligence
wanted: And in the meantime beg leave to
mention such particulars relative to it
as I already have any intelligence of
Bezabel Jemy still remains in the Deccan

Letter from Capt.
Duncan respec-
ting Bezabel
Jemy's Proceedings

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Country, & nearby in the Same place, when he has been soon for on any Weeks past Mons.r Sally has again joined him with his detachment, or the greatest part of it, & carried to Camp along with him a considerable Quantity of Stores &c. But what has the whole of what was not? at Moodapilly for which Communication a former Letter from Mr Boudain; as the accounts Shew, does not make them any great — A few days ago there was some of his Troops still at Moodapilly & Nair pilly, waiting as it was supposed for the Same other things expected to arrive when Mons.r Sally has the Command of a detachment Corps, which is encamped in front of Bazalet Jung as the Commandant &c. not with his Troops are in the Rear

The avowed Purpose of Bazalet Jung in coming into the Carnatic is the Settlement of his Affairs in the Guntoor Circar; to secure the Payment of the Sum from this Province & avoid the to pay them under a sort of Contribution to them & in the manner of Encamping & Marching their future annual Payments — His Circar, is in many parts divided into five principal parts, four of which are divided in Proportion of four Divisions, & three of them as Sons in Law had already settled every thing with them, as to their Rank,

Arcot

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Mr Evans & Cracraft, & the others Managers
Bora Jangama Setty and with them got all Mat-
ters adjusted with them too— The Setty
Carried Considerable Part of the Cincarem
which Candavin & Gumtoor are Situate
Sri Sarvadiram Annadar, who resides
mostly at Gumtoor; as to Bussiness go-
ing at present the whole Is gone by the same
of Bajah Bahadur

His supposed, that Baza-
-et Jung is not disposed to Join the Con-
-federacy, with Bungar Naig, part of
whose Country lyes near where this
Camp is, Join this Road, in their Returns
The Inhabitants are in great Consterna-
-tion, which has also spread itself into
that part of this Country which adjoins
to it, As Bungar Naig is the Ruin for from
the Nabob, they are afraid of being looked
on as belonging to him & suffering on that
Account.

Bungar Naig has had a Var-
-gut all along with Bajah Jung & I
should imagine things, will not come
to any extremities between them tho' per-
haps at a little Expence of Cash from
the Former

I hope Soon to be able to give
you a more particular Account of
Gumtoor Circar. But from all
the Descriptions I have already had of them
I dont find they have any Considerable
Fortifications

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Fortifications, or any of remarks thereupt
except what is derived from their Situ-
ations

Condavir is situated on a Barky Hill
Promontory of Two Fronts, The Upper Cur-
tain extent, has a Stone & Chunam
Wall inclosing the whole Summit
of the Hill, but in no way parts of no
great strength and the Wall very
accessible, in different places it is well
supplyed with Water — One Face of the
Lower Fort, adjoins to the upper one, it has
a good Wall of Stone & Chunam, Bady
ditch round the other three Sides No
Body not in any ways commanded from
the Country & I am told it is not now, in a bet-
ter Condition in any respect than it
was, when he attacked it

At Gundoor there is a
Common Mud Fort, in but indifferent
Repair There is not Guns but there are
any of the Places in the Circar that de-
serve the Name of Strong Holds & which
are in the immediate Protection of
Bazaleh Jung, All the Zemindars have
Forts some of them more than one
Innicunda, in particular Jim the Pol-
ygar of Cattaya Gundaroo is said
to be much the most Considerable &
Strongest in the whole Country

I expect every Day to have

Some

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Some further Intelligence of Boats &c
if the accounts I have are true of this ha-
ving so nearly settled every thing with
his Excellency I cannot imagine he
will stay much longer where he is
I must beg you will have
the Indulgence to dispatch, what Im-
portance I may be guilty of on
this, or other occasions and allow me
to assure you that I have the honor to
be, with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted
& most Obt. hble Servt
Alexr Duncan

Ongole
26th April 75

The Secretary lays before y.
Board a letter which he has received
from Capt. Mackenzie, Commanding
at Conjeveram.

To Richd Joseph Sulivan Esqr.

Sir

In answer to your letter
of the 20th I have to acquaint the Bd.
that I received complaints from the
Inhabitants of Walgeeroda about three
days since of the Sergeant, as I have since
found him Prisoner and made a proper
enquiry into all complaints against
him, found them to be guilty and in
some greater than I wrote the whole

To

Letter from Capt
Mackenzie.

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Copy of the Letter from which the Proposals for Building the Bungalows at the Mount were taken

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Sent to the General from whom I expect an answer to morrow

Sam

Sir

Agreeable to your Orders I have caused Publick Advertizements to be set up to receive Proposals for Building the Bungalows at the Mount according to the Plans, Sections & Elevations designed by the Chief Engineer

Sir

Your most Obt & most Humble Servt

Alex Kenzie Capt

Ordered, that the Surgeon in Sovereignance of this ill behaviour be rendered & turned into the Bankshall

Read Letter from Mr Wm Mayor

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Sovereignance of the Letter from Mr Plumer this proposals for Building the Bungalows at the Mount

Building Bungalows in Chuna including Carriage of Materials, Batta to the People, excavation for Foundations & filling in the Ground for the Floor of good Gravel well rammed in at 12 50 Pags 100 Pags

Doors to be with Locks, Hinges & Fastenings @ 10 Pags each. Iron Bars fixed in the Windows @ 16 Pags a

(Building

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all 642 Miles in the Execution
of an Impressment on the
Carbine & Firelock which the
Hon.ble the Gov.r & Council have
been pleased to approve of 180
Extraordinary Expences attending my residence at Madras
from 2d February to the 1st day of
May 1775 90

Total 270.

Jno. Pringle

Ordered that the Military Paymaster do discharge Mr Pringle's
amount of this Bill, as the same may appear
to him to have incurred the expence which
he has charged, in prosecuting the
said Impressment, which
is to be made on the Carbine & Firelock

Admitted

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in his Secondry Consultation
Dec.r 1774. in answer to the
Address presented to him by the President
Whereupon whereupon is expressed
that he would not consent to
Mr Monro's with the Name of
the Surjon Secretary, in addition to the
very great power, that is already
in their hands, by drawing the
amount of the Contingencies &
the Command of all the Sepoys
The Board are concerned to observe that
the Nabob in his Letter should have

Letter from the Nabob in answer to Representation respecting the Management of Tanjore

the

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taken the representation of circumstance subjects they deemed dangerous to their Interest as well as those of the Company as much interfering with Sir James concerns The appointment of a Deputy for the Government of a Wealthy & fertile Country with the Charge of a Fort rendered very strong by the Labours of one of the Company's Engineers, can never be considered of Private, but of Public Concerns — The late Negotiations at the Durbar, the Letter sent to England, the many strenuous Silence, which has been observed by the Nabob on the Subject of Negotiations, have not removed difficulties but increase the Jealousies which have so long existed. When the Nabob intended to give Umrood all Authority rather greater power than he had reserved for himself, it became absolutely necessary for their Government, to represent the dangerous tendency of such measures to an over the Nabob's Affairs, he is absolute Lord of Institutions as these could not have been the effect of cool reasoning, but must be attributed to the advice of ill minded Persons, whose the Nabob consults instead of this Govern-ment, How ever on this occasion not to proper to consider that the Company at a great expence of British Blood & Treasure

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French,

Concerning the Carnatick Joan the Jesuit the Nabob imprisoned & obtained Joan the Nabob's Pharmaund for the Carnatick as an Allowance to Jesuits dependance of the Dewan &c dependance on the Company, That the Company consider themselves as the Guardians & Protectors of it & as such this Government has a right to know the reason of every transaction, which may appear likely to affect its future tranquility, & in reference to Letter from the Nabob in July 1763 That this Junction to Move the Force at the very distressed season, The Nabob ought to signified his acquiescence to the Nation, when it will be considered, that after all the Expence & Loss Incurred by pursuing the advice of this Government which claim is ready to support & protect him The Board have long known the Jesuit of the Nabob, The Services of this Second Son, the Nabob may on any day without giving reason the Charge of the Fort of Tanjore, with the Command of the army & this they are confident is their representation The Board likewise believe there to be ambitious, & also, that the Jesuit been the Cause of the many disagreements, which have of late subsisted between this Government & the Nabob - If the Nabob has any cause to assign, other than those, which actuated

actuated

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