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as to make the representation, & which
were as attorney more, than the attention
which is our duty, necessarily obliges
to pay, both to his Interests & those of the
Company, No time is to be lost as the
present, return answers can be given
to them, & it should be seen material to
imagine that regard to himself, as well
as to that which he professes to the Com-
pany, ought to make him set forth
them reasons at large, which he de-
clares to have been the cause of the re-
presentation being made to them, about
his Son Unnooner Ul Umrahs, Resolved
that a Letter be written to the Nabob
to this Purport accordingly

The Board informs
Board that the Chief Engineer has
represented to them, that a man who
had served the Company a considerable
time, & who understands casting of Guns
& Shot, has been recommended from their service
& is now employed by the Nabob at much
higher wages, than he received here, That
the Nabob is now altering a foundery at
Tanjore under the Charge of Watson,
the late Chaplain of this place, The
President likewise desires that the paper
of intelligences entered in Consultation
3d April concerning the Orders given by
Unnooner Ul Umrahs about the Pen-
jeards, that have been sent to the Na-

bob

Nabob, may be read again, which being done it is agreed, that this matter be particularly mentioned to the Nabob The Board cannot but remark, the very extraordinary conduct of the Nabob in the Settlement of this Troops at, or near Tanjore at this particular time, the more so, as hath already been observed in the answer to General Smiths Minute, as the Nabob seems to have been informed of the Report, that the Company intend to restore Tanjore to the Rajah, under certain conditions, Resolved that a letter to the Governor Gen & Council be forthwith prepared to the above Effect

Bayanaut Row deputed.

Read Letter from the Nabob ascertaining in forwarding Correspondence N° 50 enclosing Copy of a Letter which he had received from Mahadeva Pundel Pridhaun giving an account of the defeat of Bayanaut Row on the Banks of Mahee River, by the Ministerial Army

Pundhaun.

Letter from the Rajah of Travancore expressing his friendship for the English

Read Letter from the Rajah of Travancore as entered in Secretary Correspondence N° 51 expressing his satisfaction of having had it in his power, to afford assistance to our Troops on their March to Tanjore, & of his readyness at all times to observe his friendship & attachment to the English, Resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Rajah, to thank him in friendly terms for the assistance afforded our men, on their march

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The Secretary acquainted the Board, that he had received a letter from Mr Whitehill, who had at last communicated his answer to the Invitation requesting the permission of the Board, to allow him some time in order to settle his affairs, & that Mr. Whitehill had reasonable time allowed him, agreeably to his request.

Mr Johnson then begs leave to deliver in the following Minutes which he desires may be entered as his Sentiments on the present occasion

Mr Johnson's Minute touching the Measures of the Majority & his Opinion thereon

The Opinion which he has now in debate & the measures relative to the resolutions of the Majority, in our late addresses to the Nabob, appears to me wrong, if not possible in a stronger light than ever, from this Nights Consultation when the President's minute, for opening the Letter to the Nabob, was first read, I was struck with the proposition, & felt that nothing but the most critical Juncture emergency could, in our situation, authorize so very extraordinary a step. Twill soon be the consideration of the Board whether this occurred to me, or was it then Jointly Suggested that this Subject, but we have Sufferd that this Business, has been over three Months under consideration, since it was first agitated, & that even the usual Days of Council, have on various pretences been put off, I cannot be persuaded that, the President

himself

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onceives himself this charge against Unnamed searches, Comrade, of an nature to require that per- suring me are thus, voted at this first declaration of them found to fail speedily on them for a thorough and searchinement, But however unencouraging at this may appear to the President, it is impossible it should be so to the Rabob, and their Son, who must be either innocent or culpable Ascertaining of this, either Son. innocent way cannot but be brought by instituting a Court of Enquiry into the conduct of their Employers. This betraying first step of confidence, is but a first step in very dangerous matter, This was urged by the Select Committee, as a rea- time son for the last attacks of Tanjore & ended since Shanc had been compleated. & will I am convinced it was a very just one but from the late Proceedings of d. a Majority of the present Board Mem- bers, it would seem they have now differ- ent Ideas. Possibly it may be thought that this Heighten of has given so many however. proofs of this Dishonest attachment to ye Company, to appear blind, to overlook many the Cause, any abatement of this friendship, but it must be remem- bered, whatever opinion may think, that there are moments, when even the most & best disposed, can apply to evil contrary

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to their natural Interests and dispositions
moments, when not having but an indistinct
taken proper Opinion of their minds & hurry
the Cast of Men, the mixed of Prejudices
with Crude indigested Manners, Doubtless
the Nabob in such case would be the great-
est Sufferer & a thousand Ways Injured, sup-
ported by that natural affection he must
have, & indeed has proved the Cause for the Eng-
lish, will probably be a strong guar-
antee of their future Friendships, but
I must by leave to suppose that neither pri-
vileges, used Interest, no, nor any earthly
consideration, can be Sufficient Barrier
against the loss of those Princes Cause with
Seats like to the Hoighanops is, as exalted
as the Situation he is placed in, as much
Judging by invisible of Injury At the Same
time, the Nabob is proposed of Mistaken
ess any Sort of concealing, when it Same
proper, the Sentiments of this Board, I will
not undertake to say what may be
the personal disposition of his mind,
but if we may draw conclusions from
his Letter now before us, I can it is not a State,
very opposite to that which the Board of
Directors have so often, & so strenuously
recommended to the attention of this
Government, I a private Individual
nothing Relative appears more derogatory
to this Sense of right, than intermixing the
his family and property concerns from

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danger

much more poignant, must this Trial
be to a Prince, Th has a publick cha-
racter to maintain, the proper Sup-
port of which is, in all his rights Princes
-ges consists to be as Powerful among
his Subjects, & with his Neighbouring
Princes, for Europe, where even the most
absolute Sovereign, is but a part of the
State Sov. govern'd, his Subjects Shares
with the Monarch, any publick Hostility
-mity that is offered to them. In these
Countries, we know that the Prince is
absolute to excess to a degree, that the most
just for the whole, the Body of his Peo-
ple are passive, & look only to them, there-
fore it is, that when this Authority re-
-ceives a check, or indignity, he is galled
not only in private Stations, but stands
exposed to this Court, & disgraced to his Peo-
ple, & we will know that, the Minute
an Hindostan Prince is reduced to this
Predicament, his Authority is in danger
& the intrigues of his own Durbar begin
the Sap, Indignity & encroachments are
great or violent, from circumstances &
Situation, & not from any general
Idea, by which his Majesty injurious Sentim-
-ey can be ascertained, when we remon-
-strated with the Nabob, about Jumboojhi
Strond Lon to Sanjore, Sent him to desire
if any opinion had, we gave a deputy
Mount to this Station &c. than We should have

done

done, by writing him a Letter to assign the Country to the Company for his settlement & Commerce and application not only that the Country was not his own but that he could not employ his Son in this affair, notwithstanding our former publick Letter expressing our approbation, that, this way Son with his Fleet Joined, that the Proposal now us, should be employed in this very Service. His Highness would further publish our Letter was read in the Durbar, that if his good friends the English, laid claim in this Instance, that he was blind to his own Interest & incapable of Distinguishing the proper Persons to Employ in his Business, & the Change of this Fort, they would in proportion as this year come on, improve in their Capacity of advancing, & perhaps at last title Town, that the wisest thing he could do, would be to give them, the management of this Country, or for just this Reason I Sonabd grew too Powerfull, that he should give all power from him unanimously to his first Son. He could not them but find the question to his own Breast, where are now the Benefits of his Majesty's repeated directions to me by Letter & by the Voice of his Ministers, that he Englishmen should in my Dominions, and as my Protector in all my Private Affairs, what is Security

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of the Company's Repeated Letters touching
& about me, to their Servants, on the same
Subject? If I am deprived of the Power I enjoy
appointing my Son to command my Ships
ness, in any of my Possessions, or appoint
ing him to command any of my Forts
vessels that are not of the Company's Troops
as that Method must have been by impressd.
no vessels have on any occasion, by employing
any of ourselves in this Situation, for
nature is repugnant to the general tenor
of this Nation's heart, Let us more carefully
der this our words, in this answer I said
gation circumstances,
are these might, be supposed to be inde
our employers & yet I know and believe it is
my duty to those Employers, to mention
these circumstances as it is sufficient to say
I do firmly believe, and do believe
some to be affected by the Letter & the spirit
under pain of displeasure to them, that his
Sent the directions & that for is known to
vessel, have I done that I can, in being yet
English Town should be Sent against me
Many Sons & Subjects be Many to the Con-
mies of your friends? His Highness commands
in his answer, are a Capital diver-
to his Subjects

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what has ensued thereon Jefferd. The Correspon-
dence Governor, & him on Correspondence
with the Nawaub & yet never till Mr Wynch's
time do I find or receive even a Letter, we have
only to look over the Records & see what
strong remonstrances & petitions have been made:
disposed to them, on subjects where his
Interest was deeply concerned, Subjects
even objects of the greatest importance to
the Company were obtained from him
by discussion. But the Payment of the
contested Expences of the Mysore War
the payment of the three contested Bal-
lations, the giving up the Pagoda, In a
Word nothing that this Government has
did, by writing representations or re-
monstrance ever affected him more such
as this our Letter. This I think is evident
meaning of this words. For it is not to
be supposed that had the Letter is ad-
dressed to him by the Governor, he
then are considered it, any way perso-
nally, as this act. Hitherto meant it
to be, & finds it, as an act of the Govern-
ment, & did not undergo further upon
this part of the Subject, for from being
an implicit address for the Privi-
leges of our Alley, my object has been
from first, to represent my Idea of the
future consequences of measures un-
warranted in my opinion from the
conjecture, & unpolitically Disposi-
tions

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disproportionate to their relative
Extremity, to the reality of their or-
-ration, Thus may be occasioned
what we understand that such a Judicial
Dignity may be necessary for
Their only should that Power of this
Government in such cases, be vested
Did we find this Highness entering
into Engagements, hostile to every
Treaty with other European Powers or
had we orders from our Employers to
execute, that was diametrically contrary
delicacy. Then it is that we should
be circumscribed in the Duties of our Profession
pursuant Instructions. But to call them un-
-necessarily perhaps, Even to the most
critical Examination of our conduct, at this
very critical period, in any opini-
-on counteracting the very pernicious
Jarring and Fraudulent attentions
Distrust which I am advocate for the
Nabob I would dwell on the Laborious
with which the exposition of this Journal of
what has Just, then occasioned alarming
Letters were wrote home by this Presidency
There is towards the Close of their answer
an insinuation that suspects as
much Sensibly Even dishonour to have
explained, Tho my own Board Should
a Loss to judge of his misapprehending, Their
application would Seem to be that their
is something very Uncandid in his mind

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and near his heart, which he either
has not the thoroughly considered in
order to explain or which is not par-
-haps my duty to point out for Explanation

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The manner which the Majority
of the Board are pleased to make upon
my dissents being rejected join by an
amendment, must appear to me extra-
ordinary & I think will appear equally
so to those who may do me the honor of
perusal of these Records, when they shall
be informed that many members of
this Board have often done the same
& hitherto, no such objections have
been made, Even the President himself
- self if I am right not, As many more than
once been obliged to have recourse to Mate-
-gible hand to copy his minutes & Orders
Reports
visits to the Board, at a time equally
delicate with the present, when the
late Commander in Chief was driven
from the Board to Fair Lainy apology &
another member suspended from his
Seat in Council, But I am not to
record any defence, if a defence be necess-
-ary, in such a Case, by quoting the
Example of the President & others On
the Contrary I deny that there is any
impropriety in what I have done
For I mean there is much less probabi-
-lity that a Black Copyist, who is ignor-
-ant

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ignorant of the Subject, Krishna Bard depen-
ds on his fidelity, will divulge the Secrets
of his master, than that he or his two young
Gun Bearers who are under no obligation
of Secrecy, will refrain from talking among
their companions, of those matters, which
they are conversant in the Office, From a habit of
Writing very fast I have acquired the Habit of writing
Writing in a manner very difficult to be
read, & often at the Board, the Secretary has
found it difficult to read my minutes, For
that reason I employed my writer to transc-
ribe them fair, & having repeatedly done
it before I am ignorant of its being thought
improper in the present Case I am asha-
med to have said so much on so trivial
a matter, but since a Majority of the
Board has thought proper to attach consequence upon
this ground its behoves me to reply by

H Wynch
Joseph Smith
Chas Dawson
Henry Brooke

Alex Mackay
Archd Palmer
Francis Gordon

Geo Mackay

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Consultation, the following Letter was dis-
patched to the Chief & Council at Vizaga-
-patam.

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen.

We have received your Letter
of the 10 last Month, & agree to Mr Morton's
being appointed as you recommend, to assist
in the Survey of the Circarate Circar, And
as the finding of Mr Morton & Lieutenant
Johnson to different parts & independant
of each other, may not only be the Cause of
preventing any little Jealousy, but at the
same time, be a Spur to the Emulation
of both of them, We approve of the plan
you intend pursuing & directing one
to commence at the Southern & the other
at the Northern Extremities of the Circar
You will however be carefull, that their
Plans are constructed on the same scale.

We are Gentlemen
Your affectionate
Friends
W Wynch & Council

Fort St George
2nd 2nd May 1775.

In consequence of the application contents of
Lt Col James to the Council of Trichinopo-
-ply & of Capt Povey to Madura, the follow-
-ing Letters were this day dispatched

To

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To Lt Col. James

Sir

Letter to Col: James.

We have appointed you to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Fort Nelson aforesaid & have directed Lt Col: Harper to deliver over the same to you together with Such Orders & Regulations as he may have received relative thereto for your with all convenient Expedition

You have herewith also Warrant to empower you to Call a General Court Martial To be held at Fort Nelson aforesaid

We are

Sir

Your most Obt Servt

N Wynch &c Council

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You will therefore

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To Lt Col. Thompstary Harper
Commanding at
Fort Nelson

Sir

to Col: Harper.

You are hereby directed to deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Fort Nelson aforesaid to Lt Col: James, together with Such Orders & Regulations as you may have received relative thereto

We are

Sir

Your most Obt Servt

N Wynch &c Council

To

Sir

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To Capt. Bovery.

We have appointed You to the Commands of the Fort & Garrison of Madura & have directed Lt Col: Braithwaite to deliver over the same to you together with such Orders & Regulations as he may have received relative thereto. You will therefore proceed thither with all convenient Expedition

You have herewith a Warrant to impress men you do cause Ground Rents Marts. at to be built at Madura

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servants
A Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
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To Lt Col: John Braithwaite
Commanding at
Madura

Sir

You are hereby directed to deliver over the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura to Capt. Peter James Bovery together with such Orders & Regulations as you may have received relative thereto.

We are
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
A Wynch &c Council

To Lt Braithwaite

Fort St George
2d May 1775

Agreably to the Resolution of the Board at last Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to Col. Harper

To

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To Lt Col Harper

Commanding at Truchinopoly

Sir

to Col: Harper.)

I have received your Letter of the 23 Ultimo Kinnerpaty the 30th
I have to acquaint you, that as soon as
you appointing Lt. James to the Command
of Truchinopoly, it was not from a dis-
-trust of your abilities or from any
apprehension, that any part of your Corps
would have given us, but, merely from
a principle of Justice to the Corps of artil-
-lery which I conceive to have a right to
to those advantages, relative to their rank
from Seniority of Rank in the Army

Corps.

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I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wynch & Co

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To the Honble Mr. Wynch & Co

Fort St George

Sir

I am Capt. Duncan Commanding
gave me the following Letter
to the Pres. Dunt.

Honble Sir

I have received the Honble
Letter of the 23rd Ultimo
Signifying that as soon as
you appointed Lt James to
the Command of Truchinopoly
it was not from a distrust
of my abilities or from any
apprehension that any part
of my Corps would have
given us, but, merely from
a principle of Justice to the
Corps of Artillery which I
conceive to have a right to
those advantages relative to
their rank from Seniority
of Rank in the Army

from Capt. Duncan
Men and Stores
Landed at Motapillee.

I am Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Duncan

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To the Honble Mr. Wynch & Co
Pres. Dunt & Governor
Honble Sirs of Fort St George

Sir

I have received the Honble
Letter of the 23rd Ultimo
Signifying that as soon as
you appointed Lt James to
the Command of Truchinopoly
it was not from a distrust
of my abilities or from any
apprehension that any part
of my Corps would have
given us, but, merely from
a principle of Justice to the
Corps of Artillery which I
conceive to have a right to
those advantages relative to
their rank from Seniority
of Rank in the Army

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From the description I can suppose about six Pounders, Two Casks of Powder & two casks of Sigeroa. Two Europeans have also come from that Vessel, & have joined the Party left at Wainpatty by Mons.r Sadly. Those Europeans have all of them Hatts, Breeches & Stockings & most of them Coats of a White Cotton Europe Cloth, they are Jews all standing in a Rank, like Brownists & when spoke to by the French people there, answered them, in their own Language that they endeavoured as much as in my power to find out from whence they came, & the other Vessels Lately arrived at Mootapilly, have come, but have not been able to get any Satisfactory Information,

I am told that Bazalet & Jungs People at Naidpilly, say, that they expect the arrival of still more Europeans, & more Shops there

I have the honour to be

With the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your very devoted

& most Ob.t Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Angole
29.th April 75.

Then follows the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To the Honble Mess.rs Wynch Dep.t Secretary

President & Gov.r & Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Colonel

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Letter from Mazu-
lipatam recommend-
ing that certain
Europeans at Ellore
receive the Bounty
in advance.

Colonel Stuart having repre-
sented to us that the greater part of those
Europeans of the 3d Battalion of the 2nd
Brigade now at Ellore, would have served
out their time respectively by the months
of June & July and that most of them are
now entitling themselves, provided that
Bounty money is paid them in advance
& Major Sir Thos Rumbold represented that if they
should not be taken in their present dis-
position, it may be apprehended, when
the time comes, they will not enlist on their
discharge, & that as this will happen at
a time, when no Recruiting Parties
be procured to transport them to the Coast
ward, many inconveniencies may
attend their being then discharged. We
think it necessary to give you immediate
information thereof, & that you may
your Orders upon the occasion. The Sitting
tion of the Grenadier Party in the Gun
bican, giving us reason to apprehend, that
Emissaries from thence will be sent,
to seduce our men, & that they may
succeed at present yet we think it
guard, the greatest precaution
when discharged may be embodied
gaged Mahommedans in that Service
pany, that Strength of which should
been daily increased from the Depot
which have been posted at Masulipatam
may be made formidable by

Letter to Mazulipa-
tam in Reply.

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augmentation of trained Soldiers

We are very Respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
John Sulivan.

Maazulipatam
7 May 1775

In consequence of the aforegoing Letters as this day dispatched to Maazulipatam.

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Maazulipatam
Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of this Date & from the Reasons there in contained are induced to agree to the Bounty Money being advanced to those Men at Ellore who at times are so manky expired yet, we would have it done in such a manner, as to shew them that it is not a matter of Necessity on our part, but rather a mark of kindness, which is not to be deem'd a precedent, to those who have so long served the Company & who may be in real want, of the Kindness we are pleased to shew them.

You will be carefull that the Necessary cautions are taken, that

come

ally.

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none but those who can be trusted for upon
and ably effected & for fixed duty
during the Bounty Money on the
Manner aforementioned

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
Alx Wynch &c Council

Fort St George
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At a Consultation Present

Mr Wynch Esq. Gov. Pres.
Joseph Smith " Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke " Saml. Johnson
John M. Stone " Arch. Palmer
Francis Sourdan. Geo. Mackay
The Minutes of last Consultation Read
& approved.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.
President & Governor in Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George

The accompanying Survey is the
Plan of the Artillery Barracks at Fort
Mount agreable to Mr Plowmans plan
from which Estimate was made
Building 200 feet running @ 12 50 Pag. 2500-
Eight Doors & Do at 10 Each 80
Four Barn Windows @ 16 Pag. 45
Buildings 100 feet running Offices 700-

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Pags

Carried over. 3395

For Doors &c &c ... at 6 Pagodas 36.

Wall to join the Square ... 500

Pags as at 3061

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Patrick Ross
Lt Col: & Chief Engineer

Received, that Mr Blumers Proposals for Building the Bungalows accepted.

Pags as at for Building at the Mount & accepted of & the Bridge erected, to begin repairs thereon with all possible expedition

Brad Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam, together with Copy of a Correspondence between Capt. Matthews & Capt. Coundon

Military Department

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

The Post Letter with the Honble
Honor of writing you herewith the 13 Instant we
are commanded to acknowledge receipt of one of Mr Secy
Secy Petries Letters &c (Capt Coundon) dated
22 February respecting a remonstrance
delivered in by him to Govt Smith &
transmitting Copy of a Letter wrote to us
by Capt Coundon dated 22d Ultimo & Answer
thereto we sent Capt Matthews
a Copy) on argumentative terms, "We received
"that letter the Honble Board showed him
"this Insolence (of being sent their Instruct)

from Vizagapatam with Letters from Coundon

il

c/o Fort St George 8th May.

"it was never their meaning that he
"should change from one District to
"the other as he thought proper, but that
"he should fix upon one & not remove with-
"out making an application
"& having our permission, it being con-
"trary to the Established Rules, In
"these Cases and therefore desired he would
"acquaint Capt. Matthews to which of the
"those he remain in this district or
"join to join the five Companies of his
"Battalion ordered back to Chapoore &
this Letter Capt. Campbell has not yet sent us
an answer, but in case he has received
to Capt. Matthews the
"that he proceed for the present
"joining that Division of his Batta-
"lion ordered to Guntoor, & desired
"him to acquaint Capt. Matthews that
We are told by Capt. Matthews that
Capt. Campbell proceeded to the station Dis-
trict immediately after the receipt of
above Letter, Copy of which we enclose
you on the 6th of Capt. Matthews
received from Capt. Campbell an
Subject dated 20 Instant, to which
we beg leave to refer, Submitting will be
your Honor & Co. whether Capt. Campbell
is justified in his Conduct in proceeding

to

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to the Ganjam District without wai-
ting for an reply to this Letter of the 17th
Instant, for knowing positively to be
known our Sentiments & point out to
them, the time we ought to observe, it ap-
-pears to us, that he should have a sign-
-ified his Choice, & waited for our permiss-
-ion, but from the Stile of their Letter to Capt.
Matthews & his proceeding directly after
he wrote it, he Seems to assert that he has
a right of commanding in either District
without being controuled by the Chief
& Council here or at Ganjam

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton
P Perring
Thos Williams
Hybrow Ford
Nath. Balows

Vizagapatam
25th April 1775

To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Upon receipt of your
Letter of the 17th Instant wherein You
Capt. Candler informs us he was detained to
them at Sabatheu pettah, On the 18th received
one from them, Copy of which you will have
inclosed As the Answer of it appeared to me

of

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of an extraordinary Nature and such
as after an attentive perusal of your
Letter to Capt. Candler (Copy whereof you
sent to me) I did not expect he could
have wrote, Were you not born an Irish
man, (Copy of which is annexed) That
he ought considering the Unprofitable
situation of going to Garrison, that the
Road to Bhimavaram and after a short
stay of a few hours, took the Road for the
other District,

I beg leave to acquaint Gen.
Morgan that you would also Claim from
the Honble Board their Sentiments concer-
ning the Latitude of Exemption they
have granted to Capt. Sotheby Candler for the
which the Journal is Contrary to all the
Military rules which I have within heard
of or seen practised. And he certainly
would not have expressed himself in
such an Independant Terms, if the Honble
Board in Bengal, were also a Party against

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had not been explained to them, in so full and clear manner as that he could not misstake their real intentions & however I must so far dissent from my Brethren that I will not suffer such a Breach of Subordination as to pass unnoticed, For after your Letter of this day was delivered to them we were then told "We are therefore to desire you will ac-"-quaint Capt Matthews who then you "desire to remain in this district or com-"-mand to your former application to "him of going to join the 73d Companies "of your Battalion, which we conceive to be "for this best at Hooghly" We thought in duty to have waited a reply, On the Contrary, but not being so cond making an Expedition to get out of this District will be at this Juncture, that he thinks he hath Authority to give Leave one District to the other as it may appear Eligible to them, & that in this respect he cannot be Controuled by the Chiefs & Council, Or the Military Commanders of both Districts

I must crave to your Hon. Hon. that I cannot be answerable for non compliance to the Orders of my Superiours, If those under me dispute my authority, I leave for the present Matter is of such a Nature as should be rectified as soon as possible

Capt Campbell verbally told

(over)

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[illegible] some time ago that the inhabitants were going to the Cotta District which induced me to write to you for permission, you said you had no objection. Since which I have had a conversation with Mr Secretary Peters on the Subject of leaving a Company at Cotta to protect the Stores which he chose to accede to, in your reply to it are the Words granted among other letters to this purport which I should be glad if you would explain for another, I fancy you will understand

Sir
Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
Birch Matthews

Chicacole
28th April 1775

Copy of a Letter from Capt. Jno Caméron to Capt. Birchard Matthews Commanding the Troops in the District of Vizagapatam
Dtd

Jann
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
Humble Servt
Birch Matthews

To Mr Batthazar Lopez

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which I have the honor of Commanding is divided into two Parts one Part doing duty in the districts dependant on Vizagapatam, & the other, in the Districts dependant on Ganjam. They have to act against you that I propose for the present Joining that division of it's army to Ganjam.

I thought proper any you will be pleased to signify, this my Intentions to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam.

I am with
Sir
Your very Obt & most
humble Servt
Sign'd/ Jno. Call[illegible]

Satyhampett
17th April 1775

To Capt. John Candler
Sir

Your Letter of this Date was delivered to me this Morning your Expressions of Surprize & Indignation that I should so much as Suggested any Difficulty, which is contrary to & Subversive of Military Discipline, I little Fancy must induce you to have recourse to my Argument or Explanation as soon as possible, before I am obliged to make it necessary for me Justification to the Chief & Council

I desire that you will wait at Satyhampett, for an answer

to

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to your last address, you may receive this
Letter at that place, And I desire that You will
remain there & not quit or go from this
District until you hear from me or from
the Chief & Council of Fo:
St George, whose opinion shall be
obtained as soon as possible after you
have complied to this

May be proper to put you in
mind of a Law to this that the Chief
& Council wrote you, the 13th Current
"We conceive when the Honble Board
"shall see this indulgence is an improv
"their meaning, that you should charge
"from one district to that what you
"thought proper, but that you should
"not remove without a particular
"application, & having your
"reasons for the necessary conveniencies
"that would otherwise attend the Service
"must be obvious to every one & contrary
"to the Established rules observed in these
"cases

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Richard Matthews

Chicacole
18th April 1775

A true Copy
Hy Crawford Secry

declaratory.

Read to the Chiefs & Council at Vizgt.
patam, Hal Gazette, declaratory of

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Minute
Capt.n Candler
censured.

Journal dispatch answer, at Mr Commissary
behaviour of Capt.n Candler, & directing
that he may be ordered to return immed-
diately into the Circar dependancy upon
Vizagapatam, from whence he is not
to move, without express permission first
obtained, for that purpose

Read Letter from Mr Dani:
ell Paymaster at Madura
To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
at Fort St George

Letter from Mr
Daniell, for
having built
his Quarters at
Madura.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since my arrival here
I have received Mr Town-
send's Letter on the Subj.t
ject of Rebuilding the Paymas.rs
Quarters at this Garrison, but as he has
directed me to make my application
to you, I beg leave to inform you that I
found them so much decayed, that
part of them entirely fallen, that I thought
it most prudent to take down the rest
to prevent some of the Natives coming from
white ants &c.a & rebuild them, for
which & your Honor &c.a will allow me
so to do, With the assistance of three
Pagodas, and a few Pattamars, which
I can procure from the Bunter, I shall
require no more, The Gun Powder shall
when I have any to spare with
out incurring any additional expence

For

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for boatage thereof, except that which is
is granted hereinafter specified in the
Estimate which Sworn Surveyor by
Your Honors & Council
to be paid to Master or Owner of such
you will Do forthwith Grant Orders
may come to Hand the proper Number
or Build any but the former of the
Mansion should destroy the Cable
of Anchors Buoys & Grapnel for ensuing
it before the ensuing Season.

I am, with respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Ingenuble Servant
James Daniell
Paymaster

Pallamcotah
22nd April 1775

Estimate of Rebuilding the Paymr.
Fort Marlin at Pallamcotah

	Pag.	F	L
203,000 Burnt Bricks			
10,000 Burnt Do	31.	0.	-
Cooly hire to the Fort	35.	12.	40
5000 Sun Burnt Bricks	17.	7.	20
Cooly hire to the Fort	0.	35.	-
114,000 Tiles	4.	17.	40
Cooly hire to the Fort	60.	20.	-
35,000 Flat Tiles	33.	22.	-
Cooly hire to the Fort	16.	20.	-
150 Cotahs of Jaggery	0.	10.	-
Cooly hire to the Fort	9.	22.	60
	66.	30.	60
	9.	22.	60

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	£	s	d
Cooley hire for 9 Catahs of Rice pd.	20.	3	60
500 Brickbats @ 3 f/10 fanam	62.	32	-
Country Boon	7.	"	"

Current Pagodas 400 " "

Palamcottah
22nd April 1775

EC In. Daniell Pay.r

The President is desired to
communicate Mr Daniell's applications &
the Board, & to request his acquiescence,
to the substituting of the Payments Quarter
Rice Letter from Capt Lyd.
Pay Commanding at Vellaums

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lr from Capt Godfrey complaining of Want of Cash. Lr Encs & Wm Pay.

Enclosed is a monthly
returns of the Garrison of Vellaums for
March in my letter the First of April
observed to you how ill the Sepoys were lodged
the Killadar having possession of the Bar-
racks, they have suffered exceedingly by
rain

My Battalion is much in
want of Powder, this has been represented
by repeated to the Commander in
Chief, the Col.r of the Brigade, & Lately to
Mr Whitehill, before the Left March all
was never attended to, they are now
many of them without Cases I had a
Man drowned last Month after receiving
his

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For Cooleythair, we spoke about in our last
in part the Estimate which Jno Lucas and Myself
Have Drawn & Sent you and hope
you will Do Immediately that I
may Commence the Proposed Season of
Building least the Farming Season of the
Monsoon Should destroy the Unburnt Bricks & Prevent Farming
it Before the ensuing Season.

I am, my Dear Friend
Your Most Ob. Humble Servt.
James Daniell
Paymaster

Patamcotah
22nd April 1775

Estimate of Rebuilding the Paymr.
Two Quarters at Patamcotah

	Pag.	F	C
283,000 Burnt Bricks	31.	9.	
10,000 Burnt Do	35.	12.	40
Cooleythairs to the Fort	17.	27.	20
5000 Terras Bricks	0.	33.	"
Cooleythairs to the Fort	4.	17.	40
112,000 Tiles	00.	20.	"
Cooleythairs to the Fort	33.	22.	"
35,000 Flat Tiles	16.	20.	"
Cooleythairs to the Fort	0.	10.	"
181 Tollams of Jaggery	9.	22.	40
650 Cotahs of Chunam	66.	30.	60
Cooleythairs to the Fort	9.	23.	60

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	Pay	£	℔
Cooley hire for 95 Catahs of Rice pr. d.	20.	3	60
500 Brickstayers @ 3 ℔ 10 fan h.	42.	32	-
Country Boom	7.	"	"

Current Pagodas 100 - - -

Pallamcottah
29th April 1775

E E Jn. Daniell Pay.r

The President is desired, a
mmunication from Daniell applications
the Nabob, & to request his acquiescence,
to the substituting of the Paymaster Swarton
Rose Letter from Capt Lyd.
Pay Commanding at Vellorre
To the Honble Mr. Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r &ca Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is a monthly
returns of the Garrison of Vellorre for
March in my letter the first of April
observed to you how ill the Sepoys were lodged
the Hillars having possessions of the Bar-
racks, they have necessarily by
rain

My Battalion is much in
want of Powder, this has been repeated
by representation to the Commander in
Chief, the Lt. of the Brigade, & lately to
Mr Whitehill, before the left Madrass it
was never attended to, they are now
many of them without Boxes I had a
Man drowned last Month after receiving

Letter from Capt.
Godfrey complain
of Want of Pow.r
Encl.s Returns

this

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Sir pray the in taken at Vellore, Sent
him mark to Vellore without to be fed
to him formed how he is to be dispos'd
of. Most serious I Move this
my Batta Shan, draw on this pay ye.
able to Sir order given Some time ago
but have never heard of that Gentle.
man, ordered by you to know what I
am to do with it, a time to inform me
what I am to do in these affairs will
much Oblige.

Your obedient Servant
Robert Godfrey

Vellore 8 May 1775.

Order thereon
That Lieut Major
Commanding Wm
Pay

Ordered that the Secretary
do acquaint Capt Godfrey, that the most
Honble Governor does not think he can with
propriety Comply with the Request contained
in that Letter, but that the Same will be laid before
the Board, That as the Case is Circumstanced
Capt Major, Should be Tried by a Court
Martial to be held for that Purpose, That the most
convenient Time for that Trial, and that
it is the Judgement of this Board, that
the Court Martial Consist of Five Members
Capt Major, who will have Power to give the
necessary Directions, to Appropriate all the Mus
ters of that Officer

Fort St George Consultation Book of this Year

and bill

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Barnatic Battalion of Sepoys
An Order of Nabob Mahommed Commd.

Jamadar old Servant to y.
Honble Company and answering any
Call in their affairs, not omitting in
the least in any Duty, Whatever was
Just to Command him in their parts Sal-
ways remained in obedience & perfor-
med any Duty, It is now about Six teen
Months since any Pay was obtained
by the Company, Some time ago Capt.
Welly came to their parts & sent out a
few Sepoys to meet him & so Proceeded
him to the Country of Tinnivelly &
there again Encamped them from
hence to the Sea Side as far as the bounds
of the Madura & let him proceed for-
ward, The said Capt. gave a writing un-
der his hand about my Wages, which
writing I sent to Capt. Cook & the Same
will be presented to you. The said Captain
will acquainted with certain of my Services,
in obedience to the Commander in those parts
& he whom I respect your Honor Shall hear from him
hereafter that you do or will be so kind as to
send an order to the Paymaster of the
Fort of Madras to take consideration of my Services
which is due, & to receive for my Future
Wages to be paid every month to that I
may receive my just due & perform my
Duty in the Service of the Honble Compa

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Company
The Honble Company Dr

To pay as Subsistance in the 9th Battn Inft
from October 1773 to January 1778 Pay 356-
Both Months inclusive due as a
Pension allowed to Noor Mahomed
Jemidar Commandant of the 9th
Battalion, the said is Commandant
being to receive that allowance of 15
Pags P Month

Fort St George 26th July 1775

Robt Kelly
Capt 9th Batt

Ordered, that the Payment
of Pat be discontinued, he dying
this day, it is evident is still continued on the
List of Black Officers, & returned by this Capt
as Commandant of the 9th Battalion, & to
continue to him this Pay in the usual
manner

Granted

To Richd Sullivan Esqr
Secretary

Rect Letter from Lt Col Mac-
donald
Secy

Letter from Col.
Macpherson stating
the Mutiny
& disturbances
that have taken
place in the 9th
Battn

Sir

I am directed by the Governor & Council to acquaint you that they have received intelligence of a Mutiny & Disturbance having taken place in the 9th Battalion of Sepoys on the 25th Instant occasioned by the Men refusing to receive their Pay in the Manner directed by the Commanding Officer, & that they have in consequence thereof confined Seventeen of the Ringleaders

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a Dash as in the last, Breaking a Pot of
Ghee the Property of a Batigue Man
Using a knife on five others had occasioned
the burning of Town & Ill treating the
Inhabitance, all of which I am sorry
to find is too true But I cannot learn they
Particularly Ill treated the Batigue Man
as mentioned in the accusation against
them, that Jowry part I was only acquainted
with the two last articles of the Complaint
viz, that of Breaking the Pot of Ghee & Kicking
the Knife on Shore, in Consequence of
which I sent them both with me this morning,
stating to them their ill behaviour
that night Conscious of which and of
Justice me it proceeded entirely through
the effects of Liquor, they promised to
make the People any Restitution they
should be required for the damage done them
This I set you against the People with who
were all Servants except the Batigue
Man, belonging to Officers of the Garrison
& they seemed well satisfied, on which 20
Pagodas were given to them

The Gentlemen seemed
to be very Sensible of their fault, & desired
me that nothing of the kind should
ever be represented to Govt here by them, if I would
be so good as to overlook it which induced me
to grant it them for that time

I am
Sr

Your

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Trichinopoly
3 May 1775

Yours most Obt Humt
Humble Servant
Humphry Harper

Ordered, that Mr Nabobs
Secretary furnished with Copies of Letters from Lt
Col. Harper & Capt Mackenzie by which
he will perceive that the Officers at Tri-
chinopoly whatever may be
very
sorry for what they have done Sen-
-tenced the People, for the Injury they
had sustained & that the Serjeant have
been Reduced & turned into the Ranks
for his Conduct to the People at Wan-
diwash

Read Letter from Lieut Davis -
Presidt and Gov.rs & Council
of Fort St George

To the Honble Mssrs Wynch Esqr.

Letter from Lieut Davis representing his Case of Rank.

Honble Sirs & Sirs

I flatter myself you will
not deem this address an Intrusion
on the more important Concerns
naturally have on your minds, as
justice owe to myself & Family dictates
it When a Servant is required to attend
he applys for orders but to this Major
Sirs Superiors & the Nations of Mars Established
usual Stay I have to day before Majr
Waters I have suffered & are now undis-
-turbed the Honble Company Servants a
Cadet

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Cadet Harrison in June 1760 soon after
joined the Detachment then under
the Command of Capt. Thos. Fitzgerald
whom We are arrested against the Rajah
of Tanjore, who soon felt the Power of the
Honble Companys Troops, the Character
which that Command & every Officer gave
of the Cadets under his Command in
that Action gained them all Commissi-
ons soon after appointed a Lt. Fireworker
in which Branch I served for four Years
When a Reformation took place & I had
the mortification to find myself Superse-
ded, The Sufferings of my Family at that
Juncture is more than expressible, Suffice
it to say I thought I had not merited it
young as I then was I knew not what
Step to take to mitigate my grief, How-
ever concluded that an unfettered obser-
vance of my Duty would in time have
more than Marks of displeasure, but what
can I say Honble Sir & Sirs when I as-
sure you it had not that effect, why I
was induced to this severity of reproving
to the General for a Court of Enquiry, he
obligingly granted one at Campt near
Wandewash, & from it I well hope was
speedily restored to my Rank by the Honble
the Governor & Council

The Satisfaction it
affords me I will leave you to judge, for
nothing

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Trichinopoly
3 May 1775

Yesterday the Revd
Mr Brooke Serjeant
Humphrey & Harper
Corpl Shaddock & Jacobs
proceeded with Copies of Letters from Lt
Col Harper & Capt Mackenzie by which
he will perceive that the Officers at Tri-
chinopoly whoever guilty of the Riot
were sorry for what they had done &c.
-tisfied the Provoke, for the Lafes they
had sustained & that the Serjeant had
been Reduced & Returned into the Ranks
for his Conduct to the Provost at Wan-
dewash

Read Letter from Lt Davis-
To the Honble Alex Wynch Esq.
Presidt & Govr &ca Council
of Fort St George

Letter from Lieut. Davis representing his Loss of Rank.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I flatter myself you will
not deem this address an Intrusion
on the more important Concerns
matters already laid before you
just, in Duty to myself & Family drive to
it When a Servant is enjoined to Assume no
the apply for redress but to his Major
Your Honours Hon'ble Bd &c
Sirs Supposing the Gentlemen of this Establish-
ment May have to day before they
were Sworn & Sign your Honours
to the Honble Company Service a

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Cadet Harwood on June 1760 soon after
joining was able to give Orders & received
joined the Detachment then under
the Command of Capt. Thos. Fitzgerald
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of Ganjam, who soon felt the Power of the
Honble Company's Arms, the Character
which that Commander Every Officer gave
of the Cadets and their Conduct and in
that Action gained them all Commissi-
ons Two as appointed a Lt. Fireworker
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vance of my Duty would in time have
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pose you it has not that effect, why I
was induced to the necessity of applying
to the General for a Court of Enquiry, he
obligingly granted one at Ganjam near
Wanderwarde, & from it I must Expect
Immediately restored to my Rank by the Honble
the Governor & Council

The Satisfaction it
affords me I still have you to judge, for
nothing

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nothing can be more pleasing to a Sol-
dier than an Approbation, in that Rank
of a Superior with approbation to my
Commanding Officer I can pass once
a Letter to the Honble Board if Any of
James at Fairhaven apology to my Gunnman-
dinny that artillery at Madura which
he congratulates me and my Bank &
Profession under my Command having
at time completed them in their
new exercise, Officers tell me unfortunate
ly joined by a General Court Martial
but from the Strong recommendation
that Court gave me to the Honble Board
I found myself again restored to my Rank
in the Service, Gratitude demanded my
utmost Efforts to prove myself worthy
of so great mark of Favor & Humanity
All in my power. I showed a promotion
took place in a very short time after wards
by Capt. Kilpatrick going to England &
again superceded at a loss to guess the
Reason of it. I immediately wrote to Col.
Butler requesting to know it; A Copy of
his answer is here annexed

Sir, Fort St George Oct. 23. 7.

In answer to your letter
of the 16 Instant, I am to acquaint you
that

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that finding after all the trouble was taken to Recover you that Ran to you had lost, you should Act so as to incur the censure of a Court Martial Should not with any propriety recommend you for Promotion, judging the Comity shown by the President & Council, Shall as much as you to advise you to be expired Without being provided by immediate Preferment

I have not the least Objection. can to your making what in reputation you may think proper, but must decline being concerned therein

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Butler

L.t Davis

No Officer can be tried twice for the same crime consequently not punishable twice but I was dismissed & after my restoration suspended for one & the same crime. Notwithstanding Honble Sir & Sirs you were pleased to see my Error with Lenient Eyes & Rendered me, But Colonel Butler was not much managed at me that he could not recommend me for Promotion, It is the first Instance ever heard of when a Commanding Officer Would attempts to oppose a disapprobation of any measures his Superior should please to adopt

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs Have with this I will not take up longer your time but can-
clude requesting that you will have
me long in Remembrance
a favourable Sentence of what time you
& Beg that you will be assured that my
actions of my life shall be consecrative
to the honor of my Parents & Country
my duty & Country of it by your future conse-
Free
Have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful
& most Obedient
humble Servt
G. Davies

Fort St George
8th May 1775

G.O. Ellore the 10 July 1770

The Sentence of the Gen!
Court Martial held in this Garrison the 4th of
Inst & continued by adjournment on the
the 21st

Lt Geo. Davies of the Company of Artillery, Prisoner
an Arrest by Colonel Forman Head for
Behaving unbecoming the Character
of an Officer & a Gentleman in Lt Fielder
in abusing him as for any this Character
& wrongfully putting him under Arrest

Sentence The Court having maturely Considered
the Matter before them are of opinion
the Prisoner Lt Geo Davies do find him
guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge &
being a Breach of the 2d Article of the 18
Section

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Sections of the Articles of War, do thereon pass sentence Same to be disposed of the Service, Through the Court, by the Character given him by Colonel Hart & he that was present at Bars & Room, this Presumption that this extreme ill Behaviour to Lt Nadin the 3 Inst. Could proceed from Nothing, but the unhappy effects of Liquor which might have operated the Court upon them Not being Edicted thinks but rather the Contrary, hoped with the above Consideration might in a measure estimate the disposition of disadvantage he has Subjected himself to so far as to draw Commiseration from this Supposition. Should they Consider his youth & former behaviour sufficient Inducement touch clemency

Approved Mur Wynch

By the Recommendation from the Court Colonel Hart & this Command in my Office Capt Little the President & Council has been pleased to restore him to his former Rank in the Service

A true Copy.

As the Conduct of Lt George Davies, has been frequently so very indifferent, as to have caused him, to be passed over In terms of promotion. We cannot with any justice to the Officers of Artillery Acquiesce to his present request. If Mr. Davis is sincere in his professions of amendment

caused

Minute Thereon

amendment, time will shew it, & until
that time comes, & that he is recommen-
ded as well by all the Gentlemen of the Board
By his Commanding Officers, he must
rest satisfied with the Rank, with which he
at present is possessed.

Bajaramant Rows flight to Surat protected by the English

The President says he
the Board a paper of Intelligence from
the Soubahs Camp, which makes mention
-tion of the Flight of Bajaramant Row to
Surat, & of the protection being afforded him
by the English, who seem openly to espouse
his cause And of the measures pursuing
by the Nizam against Mahadjee
Bonsolet

Mor military Stores imported at Mootapilla.

The President acquaints
the Board of his having received a Letter
from Mr Whitehill, informing them
of Intelligence which he had received
of a further importation of Military
Stores at Mootapilla

Read Letter from the
Nabob as entered in Country Correspon-
dence No 55 Containing an account
of the respective Sums paid by him
to the Company since the year 1772 of
his having paid in the entire Balance
to the year 1772 they stand with the Sums
due under the Heads of Mais or War &
Current Charges to the End of April
the present year And desiring a discharge

(over)

Mais sore

Letter from the Nabob desiring a Discharge from the Board for Certain Sums

under their signs manual of the Board in the usual Manner for those Sums as well as for the Expence of the three Supernumerary Battalions, At the same time enquiring the Rates for the Rists of those Years & that any overplus at the Close of the accounts last Month may be transferred to the accounts of the three aforementioned Battalions

Ordered that the accountant do examine the accounts, & report upon the same, Ot- which time the Board will grant the Necessary Receipts to the Nabob, for the Sums the has so paid in

Read Letter to the Nabob as entered in Secretary Correspondence 56 transmitting him Accounts of the Ordinary & Extraordinary charges from the 1st November to 31st January, together with a seperate account of the Latter charges

General Smith this day in a Certificate, for Robert Smith Gunner to be admitted on the Military Fund- By Brigadier Genl Sir. Smith Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Coromandel

Whereas it is ordered by the late Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Military Fund, for the Relief of Officers & Soldiers who by wounds or otherwise are

rendered

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dered incapable of further Service in In-
dia, that they produce a certificate there of
from their commanding Officer as one of
the requisites to entitle them to the Provi-
sion made by the said Fund

I do hereby certify that
Robt Smith born at East Drayton in Nottingham
Shire England, & about twenty eight
years of age is an Invalid Gentleman on
this Establishment, has served the Honble
Company near six years, & having lost his
right arm, in the Service is thereby rendered
incapable of further duty in India, and
obliged to return to England depending
on the Provision made by the said Fund
Given under my hand
at Fort St George this
29th day of April 1775
Joseph Smith
Brigadier Gen!

To the Honble the Court
of Directors of the United
Company of Merchants
trading to the East Indies

We the President & Council
of Fort St George do hereby approve the
foregoing Given under our hands in Fort
St George this 2d May 1775

Mess.rs Wynch & Council
Ordered that the certificate be made out for Robt Smith to be admitted on the Military Fund

Capt. Henry Davis dies, Ens.n Humphry Harding dies Ens.n Knox promoted.

The President reports the Deaths of Capt. Henry Davis & of Ens.n Humphry Harding. Ordered that Ensign Thomas Knox be promoted to Lieutenancy of the Harding

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Harding

Capt DeMorgan arrives from Gan. join to join this Company at the Mount

Ordered that Capt DeMorgan who is arrived from Ganjam, ordered to join his Company stationed at the Mount, instead of returning to that Settlement

Mr Johnson begs leave to deliver in some additional Reasons in support of his Motions of the 3d Inst.

Mr Johnson's additional Reasons for a deputation of the Board to attend the Nabob

As the Majority have not been pleased to support my motion relative to the future Transaction of Business, between this Government & the Durbar, and as they have been further pleased to assign no weight to the publick Reasons which I gave on record, why the President should be attended by a deputation of the Board, when he went to the Durbar upon affairs, that could not be sufficiently adjusted in Official Correspondence, I am now to have the honor to beg the most serious attention of the Board to what to me appears the evident result of their conduct

When any Individual Member of this Board, differs so entirely in Opinion with the Majority that he thinks it the Obligatory Duty of his Station to record his Sentiments, he must consider himself as a singular Agent, pleading the cause of his Constituents He disputes every imputation of singularities

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singularity, & many disadvantages of appearance. Fearing either the chance of establishing permanent conviction, this arranges his arguments to the best & most convincing shape he can adopt, or deprived of every hope of obtaining assent to his opinion, hereby records it for the future consideration of a Superior Tribunal, if convinced that the public Interest may suffer from inattention to his Propositions, he has a right to expostulate so far with the Majority, in the name of this Employer, as to represent to them their responsibility. Such at least is my Opinion of the System, & the Obligatory Duty of the Service. If I misconceive it, the Board I hope will put me right.

In the present case therefore, tho' my opinion is confidently singular, & not supported by the unexpected authority of Genl Smith, I would think my self treacherous to my duty if I did not call on the most serious attention of the Board, & again beg them to consider our present Situation with the Naboh, & the force of their instances from the Records, on Subjects that vitally concern the Companys Interest, which I addressed, as the grounds of my Propositions, if disregarded all of these Considerations the Majority by an

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ours.

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still pleased to reject my proposition,
they them to reconsider, & Whether they by such
rejection, they dont hold themselves
responsible for the Event &c. It is my
opinion they are so, not only for any
future consequences that may follow
from their conduct they support of car-
rying on the Publick Business, with
the Dunbar but that, they give them sat-
-isfaction to the very instances I quoted
as parts of a Misapprehension
or misunderstanding between the Ma-
-jor & the President, in their part
of the Negotiation of Business by par-
-ticulars

To speak that We have
the Same always direct order for this
mode of carrying on the publick
business, is in my opinion, pleading
their rules against their Interest Tho
is no end to Orders, we have them much
rather than the, But there is one Obli-
-gation, I am afraid, will Should a notion
an order that supercedes all Orders, that
is to act the best manner, for the good of
our employers, There is what they
will perhaps call the Spirit, & what
we call the Letter of Orders, The first will
be adopted by some, as the truest to the
positive merit of their intentions,
The latter is often made a protection
for the agent, when he acts upon a

Plan

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Plan that on any occasion this Employer
the first Characterises agitators, the
second may distinguish a prudent
Sovereign

What has been the Spi-
rit of all the Orders we have for communica-
tions from the Directors of our Mana-
gement with the Nabob? Why to use the
mildest, the most conciliating & the
most engaging address, in the transac-
-action of business with him, Letus
again read over their Letter by the Ov-
-casion, in answer to the address pre-
-sented by the Nabob. Why to use the
most engaging address, that this Govern-
-ment has insisted on the Subject of
drawing the Line between the Provi-
-dency & the Nabob.

Is it in the spirit of this
Letter, that we manage with the Nabob
that we prior to any Letter, obtain the pay-
-ment received in our Favr administra-
-tions, without which an order of Jurisdiction
visiting my friend but the President. But
I have said enough, I hope, both, to argue
my zeal of my duty, & to inform my Constit-
-uents, what in this critical of our Government was
may be, I have in all I have said, studi-
-ously endeavoured to avoid even the ap-
-pearance of personality to the Nabob
in any Proposition, & It was for this

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reason that, I did not take notice in my first minute of a well known fact, which might be quoted, as a kind of a Precedent I mean Mr De Pos first requisition that Mr Hastings (who was then Second) should attend him to the Durbar, upon important occasions. In all the Negotiations for the first expedition against Tanjore, Mr Hastings was stationed present at every instructing Consultation. Yet few Residents could depend, more than Mr De Pos, upon their proper strength of attention, Judgment and Industrious Capacity. None perhaps was ever less willing to share with a Colleague the Privileges of this Station, either Civil or Military. There are other circumstances that might have quoted, Void of less public considerations, in Favor of my Proposition, I avoided them, for the Reason I have assigned above. My object was to convince by public arguments & Establish the propriety of my Proposition, upon those grounds, I disclaim therefore any being particularly influenced to the proposition by any other causes or motives. Form a settlement of such Nature & Limits as ours, there is hardly any circumstance known to one that is not known to all, what Circumstance could it be that should influence one to the Proposition & that would not have

None was other

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have had its weight with us all:

Should the Majority at any time be pleased to adopt my Proposition I would submit for their consideration whether it would not be proper that Genl Smith & Mr Dawson should attend the President to the Door as Commanders in Chief & the Senior Member on the Spot

Such being the Object of such publick motives of any Proposition, relative to the President's future intercourse with the Door, I have it to appreciations quickly to draw different Conclusions from the arguments the President has stated in his answer of the 6th Inst, & my mind, tho' any motion was coincident with the President's refusing me the Seal I had to put the measure of Protection to the test, as it respected the Members of the Board yet it was not on this ground, but the publick necessity that I founded my Motion, the very circumstantial detail of dates circumstances & particulars, which compose the President's Minute does not in my Opinion, invalidate a single argument that I have advanced, Nor is the President's positive claim of Privilege against my Proposal, any additional Motive with me for persisting to it, On the Contrary, had he, in consequence of the Reasons assigned, & the Pledge formed

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difficulty of discharging that part of
the public Duty, from the Situation
of this Government with the Dundas, had
the Consultant, to say from these Circumstan-
ces, deliberately assented to the aid of a De-
putation of the Board, on any instant
ing occasion, I would, for my Part have
been less convinced of the utility of such
an aid

My wishes were not to see
the Office of Governor stript of any of
those Privileges that are affixed to it, by
Order or instruction of the Company My
wish to see the Government on such a
Mode of Intercourse with the Dundas that
no mistakes, or critical misapprehensions
should happen in that intercourse

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General Smiths Sentiments in the
following Minute on the Remarks & Pro-
ceedings of the Majority of the Board.

From General Smiths

I cannot in the first place
avoid expressing my utmost astonish-
ment at being this Morning presented
with a Paper dated the 17 April called
the minutes of the Board, without my
ever having heard of it before, whence it
originated I know not. I can only suppose
the Minutes must have met privately
dictated this paper & then sent it about

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General Smiths Remark that the Board improperly applied by them

as the measures of this Board. This is a mode of proceeding very contrary to the Customs of Government & to ingur- -ter, that before I proceed, I do joind to it For the above reasons but Lastly y^e Board should not admit of any dispute We have to reply to what they are pleased to urge in favor of their Measures

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However the Board may be pleased to remark upon my pre- -sent position, I once again say, that a desire of unanimity & concord, have sometimes induced me to forego urging my sentiments & points not out of my Essential to themselves, & by which the concerns of our Honble Employers could receive no Injurious, this to a mind more desirous of admiration, opportunity's have not been wanting to indulge it

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I must beg leave as a Member of this Board to recall to the Comparison drawn between the Nabob & the Sanjah and Dowlah, In my opinion their Situations admit of none, their inclination none & common prudence that at the same time I think they ought to be Nabob & every proper Comm- -itment as well as to our gracious Sovereign & our Honble Employers should receive from the Shadow of his father & his friendship to this Country, have shewn due sensibility of their

Revenues

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By yard I think ungrounded Suspicion
to be the Return for such hasty arrived at.
Darkness, Does he not mistrust all that
is dear to him, within your Bastion-
Way at your Gates, His family, his Tre-
-asures, all that is valuable & sacred
to a Moorman, His Haram is within
a Mile of your Presidency, & yet you
doubt his intentions. I beg leave to tell
you as Commander in Chief of the Com-
-panys Forces, that I have known & served
with the Nabob for these many years &
I will affirm that there is less (if ever there was
any) danger to be expected from his army
at present than almost any period,
I've known them, every Officer he employs
is English every Staff is English, English
that will never desert the cause of their
Country. The Presidents Son is Aid de
Camp to Adams not All Moors as whom
he so rashly accuses in his Minute
I have made use of the Words ungrounded
Jealousy's, I say again, they are as far as
without foundation to mislead the Pre-
-sident proves them otherwise, I shall
think every negotiation, that are spoke
of, have been with the Englishmen &
that it might be improper even to pract-
-ise an intercourse with the Nabob
yet they could not be of so material
concern, as to cause Jealousy's of so pern-
-icious a Nature as the President, I will

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Captain Gent. I spoke now to Mr yesterday as
said to be carried on between the Nabob
& Col. M.Leans, and altho' they might be
improper yet I will not suppose that
any transactions which pass on that
occasion were dishonorable to the Nabob
the Company or English Nation
I am surprized the Board
should say no bad consequences can
result to the Sons from their Measures,
I am that many instances can any can
cupidations & fidelity without the Gloss
-est proofs, is the readiest way to make
them bad
5th

The affection of the B.
on the Intrigues of Eastern Countries, can on
these instances, extremely ill timed
and time of comparison can be drawn
between the Nabobs family & those of
the Emperors of Hindostan. This was imm
-mediately brought up under the English
Language, in part they may be confided
in some degree English, & how the Board
can talk of any similarity I cannot tell
to judge, I have never heard the Nabob mak
to give Honour till Unrivalled
of the Court of Tanjore, I have only understood
that how as to take the Management of
the Revenues & wish to have the Do-
-minion of the Board's proofs of these infor-
-mations, the Board say, that the Nabob

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is a journey to any all his forces to the South.
10th. That he is removing the garrison of Tanjore
This Step made the business of journeying
my & find that the same Garrison has now
been kept in it since it was taken except a
small detachment with Lately sent there, & who to the
time are without Guns or ammunition or
accoutrements, Major Davidson brought
two Battalions of Sepoys from the Southw.
when Bageramautroo appeared in the
Battagaul, they were Stationed at or
about 20 Coss in their still Those be-
ing properly to the Southern Countries, yet
the Nabob has not ordered them back, The
Cavalry which composed the new raised
regiment commanded by D. Burrows, D.
Dee, & St. Donald Campbell all Company's
Officers, were originally under Nazeeb Cawn
& always followed him, of course they remai-
ned at Tanjore, when the Nabob appointed
him to the Command of that Fort. Capt.
Burrows Regiment of Cavalry was sent
into the Tinnevelly Country's long ago
to prevent them from Starving, as no
Forage could be found for the Horses, when
they were Stationed near to Conjeveram
Lt. Dugald Campbell's Regiment was
ordered to Manapar 40 Miles west of Tri-
chinopoly, Stationed on that account, I
do not remember that the Nabob ever kept
many of his Regular Sepoys to the North
ward of the Coleron, He has one Battalion

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at Bannadaparam, Commanded by Capt
Fraser, One at Tanjore Trichatore
Capt. Gillies, One at Shattaccir & its dispen-
dancies Commanded by Capt. Montague
Mootk Maigues Battalion dispersed on
the Tanjore district, Two Battalions at Ma-
-dt & Four Battalions in Tanjore, The three
new raised Regiments of Cavalry have neither
Arms, or Compliment in any respect except in
Men, Horses wanting, Horses without Shoes
this army to be assembled at which Command
has been said, I do not know. The Board
speak nothing of this particular time. Why
is it a particular time? That the Number
of French Troops now and on this Coast
or the Dutch, or Danes, they have to ask by
whom have the French been joined to
their Bounds, or what were the Dutch
Troops to join the Rajah for to beat
to Calimere. But the Nabob, this reasons are
that he would have more but this English
now that this Son is carrying on intrigues
with these very people, & that such Con-
duct is countenanced by the Nabob, as
the Board are pleased to say on one than one
& yet add they have said nothing of
Arrears in All Arrears, & have only done
what they think justice to their Employ
ers. The Board are also pleased to say that
any representations for a Garrison, would
have been Attended, had I made them

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before the place was given up to the Na-
bob, Tho' it does not appear upon
record, yet I now Appeal to Mr Johnson
who was present at the Board, If I did
not mention the necessity of it at that
time, Tho' in reading this my petition to this
Question to the Board, to know that
in case the Fort of Tanjore by any means
came into my possession, what they would
hold it in the Company's name or not
To this it was carried that the Company
had no Quarrels with the Rajah of Tan-
jore, That their Troops acted on the Expedi-
tion as auxiliaries, & that the Fort if produced
must be given up to the Nabob, convinced
with in any account back of the restitude
of the undertaking, I will presume that
I exceeded not any impediment should
be thrown in the way of it, My own ho-
nor, Reputation, as well as the Interest
of your Honble Employers were materially
concerned, nor will it I hope be an affliction
on me, in having appeared anxious to
wipe off that ungenerous aspersion cast
on the army after the Siege & which
I shall ever disdain, nay they never
merited or deserved. I spoke of this matter
before the Siege, I wrote it after & at a time
when Negapatam was filled with Dutch
Men, Soldiers Sent to the assistance of
the Rajah, I know that we have no Enemy
for that, I never will believe the Nabob or

his

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his family own intertained any such
Idea as that the President and the
Board are pleased to say, unless they
bring proofs that will bear the strictest
Examination. That the Gentlemen
say without those proofs, Consider all
as ill Grounded. Wherefore call again
for any proofs that can be given of
the infidelity of the Nabob, or his
Family, or whom, or where, he or they
carried on negotiations, as the Board
call them to the detriment of the
Company. I call for those proofs in
justice to my King & my self

6th

The Board may
mentioned any thing kind of Woman
All Ahmeath, you have not in the Nabobs
Letter Certain, but the reasons
you give for the Letter are of such a
Nature, that did Sure them in the Same
light you do, should not think of the Con-
-sideratory Measures you speak of in your
cause are of so serious a nature, that in my
Opinion, if well grounded, the Gentlemen
would Demand every attention

7th

The information given
you by the Gentlemen is extraordinary
some, that can be speaks of is not in
the Company's Service, that I know of, if
he Dismissed, demand him of the Nabob
sometime to say he will give him up &
then let him be Prosecuted. The Nabob

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has Had a Jound any at Tricchinopoly
a many years, Therefore nothing news
Only Cawn had one at Madura &
Hydra Ally Cawn Casts his own Guns
& that every Poly you might do the Same
if they chose to be at the trouble, Workmen
are always to be had for good wages, and
a Prisoner may Call his Labor to What
he pleases, have we not supplied the
Nabob with new Gun Carriages for Tan-
jore, are not the Companys Stores & Am-
-munition applied to his demands, & is not his
Enemies constantly Complayned with as
Jar as we are able, This Kingdom Drew from
our Stores in about a year & half 17,000
Stand of Arms & Accoutrements in-
-right Quantitys, If there you suspect this Intention's & that you think
his acting Contrary to the Companys
Interest, It will be improper Ind to contri-
-bute any Farther towards it, in granting
him any Military Stores whatever

8 The Engineer whose Labour
in said Tanjore in a state of
Desperation, his Labour is not employed for by
the President to repair the Breaches
& such part of the Walls as suffered from
our Cannonadeed, his Sincerity was employed
by the Nabob at Tricchinopoly, Tho under
the President has not removed to order him
away

9th As to the Reason saying that

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the majority of the meeting would
not admit their writing to Bengal
I beg leave to differ in opinion with
them for I think it would if there was such
a majority, why was not Mr Johnson
motion attended to, & no delays till
the Business was settled. The Minute
made by the President respecting
Ummun Ul Umrah's order concerning
the Sergeants, I must beg leave to explain
to as follows. When this matter was
first mentioned I did not imagine
it would have been admitted as a matter
untill enquiry had been made into
the truth of it, however as it was again
revived by the President, I determined upon
enquiring into it, & accordingly sent
for Major Burke who acts as Sergeant
General to the Nabobs Troops, & asked him
for Copys of such Orders as Ummun Ul
Umrah had issued on that head, which
he gave them & I read them to be
intended as stated, That I had them Sealed
the President so on Monday
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Permit me before I conclude
to assure the Board that my desire to have
the Nabobs Confidence, is by no means
Personal, nor will I Sacrifice the Interest
of my Employers to it any more
than the Majority May condemn it to be
unreasonable, nor does it deserve any Censure
etcetera, Strike Trade & Retire to Chepauk
Town

been the Standard by which my actions have been guided and so am I with they can now in course

11 For the foregoing Reasons I dissent to the Letter being wrote the Nabob I dissent also to the Letter being wrote Mr Bingley, but am now that all these words on this Business, be sent down for the inspection of the Gov.r General & Supreme Council.

Copy of a General Order issued at Head Quarters Fort St George March 75

His Excellency Governor
All Natives who behave themselves by orders the
Commanding Officers of the General
Corps in the Highness the Nabobs
Service to repair to the Tents
Under their respective Commands
their entering into Articles of Agree-
ment with His Highness to serve
him, in that Capacity for the Space
of three years for which is purpose, Cer-
tificates are to be made out & Signed
by them agreable to the following form

Form of the Certificate.

This is to certify that S. A. B, upon Con-
dition of Receiving the Sum of eight
Star Pagodas Gratuity on the 20th
June, this Highness the Nabob of Arco-
lago, in the Capacity of Sirdar for
the Space of three years from the date hereof

Witness my hand
A B

Should any of them refuse to Comply with the

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The Said Proposals, they are immediately to be dispersed the Service

To Capt. Solon Fletcher

Sir

If the Sergeants mentioned in your last Letter are in the Publics Service only, they must immediately to the Great Ordnance into Articles with his Highness) as therein Specified) or quit the Service, If Company's Servants, their Commissions is by no means expected The Ordinance stating, to those in the Publics Service only

I am

Sir

Your very Obt Servt

F. Johnson

Deputy Adj. Genl.

Trippolicane
March 30. 1775.

Mr Johnson & Mr Stone

Mr. Johnson in the following Minutes, on the same Subject

The Record which has been lately produced Brings to Mind a Conversation of the Board, on General Smith's dispersal, as far as to any extraordinary nature, If the Style which the Majority have adopted in this Question, is not in Relation to the Company's System in Asperity they dispersed to the dispersing mention. The Majority

Mr. Johnson in Minute the Word Board inserted by the Majority.

of Members, or even of half of the mem-
-bers if the President is of the number
constitutes the Government of this
Establishment, & in the ordinary ab-
-acts of this Government, that Majori-
-ty, or majority of which the President is
one, write & act as the Board, & this for
may even that Name, But in our own
opinion upon public affairs. How the majority in such
contests, should adjourne the name
of the Board, in a word what they are not
the act of a Summoned Council, or the
Result of publick debate appears an un-
precedented, as it is unjust, But over
Superiors will determine in this Case, & if
I am right in my not the Case, They will
have as much right from this single
proceeding, as a Volume could express.
on the whole Subject. One, of two Consi-
derations, must Evidently impress them
The first will probably be, that the Ma-
-jority must clearly & reasonably be
understood the Power, with the name
of the Board, proceeded to Business, a Second
consideration may be that One Member
drew forth this opinion & that all clearly
but the rest, they adopted, Animated by as
their own & their country Members, if
viewed it as the act of the Board. In any case
it must appear from the records that,
a Majority proceeded to Business, as
a Board, the first act of which, is an
approbation of their own Conduct

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without their arguing the Powers
of their Members, who might have
been of Some little help to them in
drawing their Conclusions

"The More the Board
"reflect on what has passed thereon
"they are satisfied with the propri-
"-ety of the Late Measure" To their act
of full approbation, of this Board. I
reply. by asking what was the Board
Summoned to take the Late measure
into consideration? On what board
-ation do we find the measure
a reconsideration, of this measure
stated & discussed?

The next resolution
"Is Grounded upon this saying the Gen
"eral thanks once Sacrificed this pri-
"-nciple to preserve Concord & unanimity
The Board answer if they were only
this was wrong in assuming, if right,
it is extraordinary the Board Refer
the Board to search an Instance of this
Conduct. To this am a member disposed
against this answer to Genl Smith
nor, till the answer becomes an official
act of the Government, after a discussion
of its propriety is recorded, can, any other
than a disingenuous answer; as must
carefully on the terms of this Observation
without a Summary reconsidered consideration
on it's merit, If individual Members,

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had not that respect for the Harmony of Government, which the General enjoins, as an occasion of evidence, our Situation here, would be trouble some enough, & disagreeable would cause that Secrecy, & which our Constitution gave us the Power of speaking from General Smith a positive truth, which we would know, & the Consequences necessary as well as liberal spirit of which we cannot in justice disavow, When his dispatch, which this Comptroyer knows to be neither positively, nor figuratively by they will not perhaps ever be lightly by his Remarks, The Company will weigh a Servant whose private as well as public Character they them, as those they esteem, The Majority thereof, could not have been so ready to mould this Observation, in to an entire thing that, which immediately his claiming merit, for doing wrong or for doing nothing, The General observations was addressed to the Company to those who know its Truth, & it was the proposed, because the last proceeding, by which he could engage their attention to the superiority of the Conjecture which made him at that time dispatch forcibly, and at such full length to the Majority of the Council, I would not have dwelt upon this Instance, but that the evident Impropriety of it cannot be too much remarked

The Board then proceeded to

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to a Just discussion of the Generals
minute, That they Complained to
him, Summoned a Justice to try
to their Work, This matter at present
ation must be that, the Work would
Shew him more complete, such as it
is, the General is very able to examin
& state in a clear view of its strength
& Propriety, to compare the Propri-
-ty of the late Representation to the Na-
-bob, about this Sum &c to the Precedents
of a Bumastamare, comes nearest in
to Say a Doubt about this Troops, is,
in my opinion, no incontestible Pile
of Argument, Who was Sujah Dowla
the Nabob of accident, First our Enemy
then our Prisoner, Captive, our Suppli-
-ant Ally, Was he Absolute Lord
Lord of this Dominion, Dare Jindhim
in a State any act of Parliament
ordinance, &c to by the Powers of Europe
the Law of Nations, Was he specially guaranted
by the State? Are we Guardians in
Sea of public Commission under
the great Seal of England, sent out
to declare to all India that our Sov-
-reign acknowledges him his Ally &
protected them in all his Sovereign
Rights? would it have been a crime
against the State, to have Stripped him
of any of his Rights, or to withdraw
this

his army by force, or even to displace them off his Command, in those days, at Bengal &c, Circumstances of a similar treatment, Women in his Station ever performed by the Company's Government there, & with Impunity, They were performed with such little respect to the Publick, it's known what, the necessity appeared, of establishing a Check here, that made it criminal & dangerous to the attempt to follow any similar examples in the Carnatick. To draw the Precedent for our conduct to the Nabob, from Bengal, is quoting a most critical authority This Court, as we said to Convince the Nabob at once, even the Children of the Servants

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In my Minute delivered in the 3d Instant on the Subject of the Letter to be wrote the Nabob, respecting the grant of the Tanjore & Country said to be intended to be made to his Second Son Ommeer Omrah I expressed the necessity there appeared to me that the Board should be clearly ascertained what this any such grant was really intended or whether the Nabob only proposed to appoint his Second Son to the Management of the Tanjore Country. This I say appeared to me absolutely necessary, because the Conduct

which

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ry which the Board ought to observe in the
one case but the other by no means as
similar, the Board however seemed to
think it very immaterial whether an
absolute or perpetual Grant were made
of the Tanjore Fort & Country to the Sirdar
Sons, or whether they only were appointed
to the Management of the Country
as Renters, & still continue in my Power
Opinion that the two Propositions & the
Consequences to be expected from them are
& that either are widely different. The Board
have however taken their Time, But it
is observable that altho' it was so positively
asserted that the Nabobs instructions were to make an absolute Grant
of the Tanjore Fort & Country to the Sirdar
himself & Heirs &c. yet, in the Letter he
writes on this Subject, it is by no means
so expressed, if it had, it might have
given the Nabob an opportunity of
shewing that the Board had been mis-
informed

Letter in reply, & the Minute of the Board thereon

Transmit a copy to the Nabob

The Nabobs Letter appeared
terms to be expressed in terms which such
a one might have been expected from this
the measures lately taken by this Govern-
ment could not in any opinion fail
to raise in a mind less susceptable of

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I take any thing than this, the Grave & appropriation
without strife
sions, for Terms adopted were proposed, to
what cause can the Nabob ascribe the
disapprobation of this Government
to the appointment of his second Son,
to the Management of the Carnatic
Fort & Country, since in the Letter
to them on the Subject was reason
is assigned why this did not exist at the
time, but was determined & Formally agr.
eed by this Government, that after
the Conquest of the Place, he might
appoint this very Son or whomever
he Should think fit to the Charge thereof.
The President in this reply to Mr Johnson
Manuel says that the Conduct of this
second Son since that time makes it any
of measures necessary, as to that Effect
the Board have not thought it expedi-
ent to inform the Nabob of the Sen-
timents they entertain of this Second Son
or given him any one instance of his
Sons behaviour which has given them
Offence or rendered any of Measures
necessary. Indeed the Board themselves
are not in general Terms informed
that he is ambitious, intriguing
& dangerous, & that he is an Enemy
to the Company, without any single
Fact in support of assertions so injuri-
ous to his honor, The Board have only
acquainted the Nabob that it is dan-
gerous to place too much Power in
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the hands of any one, & that Whenever
this Second Son, who already is Com-
mandarin Chief of the Troops & has
the Management of the Finances of the
Country ought not to have the charge
of the Fort & Country of Tanjore, would
not it be known to many one, that this
any Son was Commander of this Father
Troops & had not the Management
of the Finances of the Country for a con-
siderable time before Hyder in July 1772
the very time the Nabob was formally
proclaimed by the President & Letter that
he might please to leave him in the Charge of
the Fort & Country of Tanjore when Com-
manded by him? Can any Member of the
Board plead ignorance of this? If they
cannot, ought we be surprized that the
Nabob should interpret our interfering
in this Business to motives which
he is unwilling to express; & of which
I will hardly be brought to give an
explanation to those who who he Imputes
to think has no materially injured
Him? Indeed I am so thoroughly Per-
suaded that the Board would not adopt
a Change of measures with respect to the
Nabob or his Son, without giving their
Immediate reason for the Same, that I thought
I could not Dismiss at this Juncture
Presidents Answer on that Minute
otherwise than proposed the Letter to be

-ve ots to the Nabob, & by which it appea-
-rs evident to me that, if it was intan-
-ded the Nabob should be informed
of the Sentiments expressed therein
respecting this Land & Sea Force intended
-ns to represent the impropriety
& Danger of such a Step, on Suppositi-
-ons ought to be supported by
clear & incontestible proofs.

The Conduct of the Go-
-vernment of Bengal towards Sujah
Ad Dowlah cannot justly with any
propriety be urged as an Example
for us in our Transactions with the
Nabob, the Situations of the one & the
other with Respect to the Company
are widely different, Sujah Dowlah's
Connexion with the English is of very
late date. The Nabob has been considered
as their Ally for a great number of years
& has experienced with them the Vicissitudes
of good & Bad Fortune - Sujah Dowlah
has more than once appeared in ar-
-ms against the Company, & it was not
till his defeat that he entered into an
Alliance with them, The Nabob & his Fath-
-ers Name embraced the Friendships
of the English from their first Intercourse
since been connected with them by ties
of mutual Interest, The Country &
Possessions of Sujah Ad Dowlah are
remote from those of the Company &

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we have no Garrisons in any Part
of their Dominions, to check or control
them. We have Garrisons in all the
Principal Forts of the Nabob, which
is such an Effectual restraint upon him
that there is little to be apprehended
from them. By the Treaty of Paris the
Nabob is acknowledged as lawful Ma-
-ster of the Carnatic & the Sovereignty
thereof conveyed to him as one of
of the Crown of Great Britain any
attempt that we should make to deprive him
of the Rights & Privileges appertaining
him as such, would be in my opinion
subject this Government to the imputa-
-tion of a Breach of Publick Faith
& under the Individuals of it liable to
the pains & Penalties incidental to
such a Conduct. If the Nabob had the
least intimation, or Suspicion that
this Government intended to transac-
-tions with them, in opposition to the Conduct
of the Gentlemen of Gentlemen of Bar-
-gal towards Sujah Dowlah as their guide
& We ought to Settle it, I conjecture if they were
to pursue this thought to transactions
in Bengal before our Connection with
Sujah Dowlah, The Transactions
-tion at such a reflection, I can appre-
-hensive, would by no means tend to re-
-move the Jealousies with which he
seems so deeply impressed, having in
my former Minutes on the Subject

transactions with the Nabob, mentioned respecting the injunctions of the Company with respect to the Conduct to be observed by this Government towards the Nabob, I have thought proper to extract the following passages, in order that their Sentiments may appear in one Point of View, & this I think the more necessary, as one at least of the members of the Board could have had no opportunity of seeing some of them, they having come under cover to the Committee & which they now stand recorded, They are as follows

Cons.t Letter 24 Dec.r 1765

Para 8th "If the Nabob shall be without desired, at least acquainted with your approbation, that Garrisons of our troops should be placed in his Forts, if not impossible, but that after having enjoyed some time the blessing of Peace, he may forget his own weakness & not seeing danger immediately before him, wish to throw off the Restrictions imposed, that he may seem to give a brighter character in the Eyes of his Subjects & Neighbours, should such an Event happen it may give some room to apprehend jealousies to avoid giving any this disgust & at the same time a degree of Power

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Permit us to persist in your present
plan. But permit us to remark, for We
establish it as a fundamental Point
that the Company's great Sovereign
Power in the Provinces, cannot
by any ways so effectually maintained
as by keeping the principal Forts
in our Hands, But this should be so
managed as Women always shew
they are, as in reality Women are they
should be kept for Women as Natives of
the Provinces to that End exempted
other Regulations, but the Commanding
Officers be confined solely to
the duty of the Garrison & subjected
to such Rules as the Nabob may have
more reasonable cause of complaint
Para 11 We would also have you
await your answers of the Inspections you
have in the Country which Place & Per-
sons they visit, to obtain as perfect
a Knowledge of every part as possible
& if it were practicable to have exact
Surveys made of the whole Province of
Arcott, it would be a good & useful Work
& if such Undertaking should prove
agreable & practicable to the Nabob, he will
probably be willing to bear the Charge
But as this is a delicate Affair, We would
have you act with such circumspection
that the Nabob may have no jealou-
sies of our taking Offence.

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Gent Letter 25 March 1768

Para 8th We entirely approve of your
Conduct on this Occasion & for the pro-
tection of the Carnatick You are
according to our former orders by all
proper & Just Steps to withdraw our Troops
& We doubt not of your Dexterity
& Address of this apparently favorable
disposition to Obtain assurances, We are de-
sirous of this without embarking our Posterities
with You from this our Inclination than
that it should Draw it strongly be pursu-
-ed only by you to do it

9th The Force of the arguments
advanced for retaining the defence of the
Country in our Hands & discharging most
of the Sepoys cannot from its Eminence
admit of Controversy & the introducing
that System is of the utmost impor-
-tance from your Conclusion that
12 Battalions Sepoys would be sufficient
for the defence of the Carnatick against
all invaders than are now kept up both
by the Company & Nabob, Can it appear
that it would be the means of establish-
-ing Peace & Tranquility increasing his
Revenues & very considerably dimi-
-nishing his Expences

10 We are very sensible
that in a matter of such Delicacy
You will have many difficulties
to encounter from this apprehensions

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that his reputation & authority
with it, depend by it. & the obstacles
his dependants will throw in your
Way, to excite his Suspicions & Ja-
-lousy Such Impediments to Wide-
-spread Conquests & Alliances Manage-
-ment to remove, & that you will with
that Sincerity & good Grace that mix-
-ty of the Case requires engage him &
without divulging & by degrees to dis-
-abuse ye Minds of his unnatural
& dependant entirely on our troops
for the defence & Security of his Pos-
-sessions

Genl Letter 16th November 1769

Para 4th

Before part of your said
Advice We cannot help at present
animadverting upon & that is your
additional separate Letter of 8th March
last to our aforesaid Council that
by your Letter said 8th observe an
Inclination in you tending to Ne-
-gotiate that Join alliance between the
Nabob & the Company which We have
ever thought our Interest to maintain
& that on so as this Majesty by the
late General Treaty & Peace has agreed
that "in order to prevent future pira
"on the Coast of Choromandel & Orissa
"or the English shall acknowledge No-
"-bauet Ally Cawn Jon Cawn first Nabob
"of the Carnatick

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5th This morning intimation coming to our ears touching the Nabob's indirect designs against us, we immediately dispatched a Letter to the Commissioners, dated the 26th September last, that they would not fail to procure from Fort St George, that the most vigorous measures might be pursued in carrying on the War against Hyder Ally Cawn in order to procure a reasonable peace, the said Commissioners were also desired to exert themselves in the most effectual manner imaginable to support the Company's Faithful Ally, the Nabob of Arcot, & to that End we informed them that they might expect the strongest Reinforcement from hence to both Coasts, particularly to enable the Presidency of Bombay to make a powerful diversion on the Malabar side in order to oblige Hyder Ally to draw his Troops from the Carnatick & to put an End to this tedious & Expensive War

Letter to the Commissioners 10 Nov 1769

Para 4 We received your Letter Dated the 27 Septr last, wherein you express your Sentiments, which the Honble Court of Directors by their Letter of the 26th of last Month ordered to be communicated to you on the arrival of the Ship Dutton for your Proceeding directly to Fort St George

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to use your best Endeavours to misrepresent
Affairs in the Carnatick & Forthwith
yourselves effectually in support of
the Interest of the Nabob of Arcott.

Para 11 Genl Letter 23 March 70.

You say the Nabob
has always been Busy at Transactions
into which Himself & Europeans do not enter,
You have contrary to our expressed injunc-
tions offended but too much by reason for
all the Country Powers around you
to suspect us of ambitious designs
against their Possessions & Sanguini-
-ty & gained no ones Aid and ag[ainst] them
-by
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Our ancient Ally the
Nabob, on whose Oeconomy & Attentions
to the improvement of this Province
our Welfare so much depends & which
it was your duty to promote has hereby
you drag'd or attached into the new & most
distressing difficulties & from all your
Promises, has only acquired a most
formidable & inveterate Enemy, Dis-
-tractions to this Country & enormous
accumulations of Debt, & if this faith
& honor pass ait not cure this distress
what have we not to expect may not the
Foreign ennemies incase of an European
War

Letter to Commissioners 23 March 70
Para 30

It is with the utmost
concern

concern we read the advices of our late
Governor & Council of Fort St George
relative to the Nabob of Arcot, We
allow their Sentiments on the pre-
-sent Situation of Affairs with the
Company to be too just & the Con-
-clusions they have come to, such
as present appearances warrant them
to draw therefrom, Sorry are we to be
obliged to add it appears to us that
the unprecedented ingratitude & unpolitical
Schemes engaged in, & pursued by
the worthless have eventually encouraged
the Nabobs pride, & heightened his de-
-sires to do great at a degree that will be
commensurate to any instances opinion
they can form or attribute to arrogant
proposed of such a mode or measure
of Power over the Nabobi Revenues
which tho' it might perhaps operate
immediately in favor of his Cre-
-ditors, considered simply as such
could we can't say it also of being productive
-tive of events which might in pro-
-tine of time end in the total annihilation of all
our Interests & Influence in the Car-
-natick

31 When we reflect on
the very Experience We have had
of Mahomet Ali by Covenants faithfully
Attached to the English Company
We are Surprised at the Idea entertained
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by the Governor & Council via Bussa
Letters of the 6th March & 27 June 1769
have duely been laid before Mabob.

32 The Sanctions of the Treaty
of Paris, by which the Treaty, Publish
d with the Guarantee of the
Nabobs Title will be of little use to him
if mutinous Soldiers, Rights & Powers usually exercised
by & dependant on such Titles, should
be by the countenanced & permitted
to take place

33 The Vast Sums which the
the Nabob owes the Company & the dis-
tant & uncertain prospect of Pay-
ment while the Nabobs Revenues
are wholly in his own Hands & sen-
-sible his own Management, are Rea-
-sons urged for adopting a New
Plan, or attempting some material al-
-teration in our present System of
Policy with the Nabob. But as we
conceive it will be extremely diffi-
cult to make an Experiment of
this kind & try the utility of the System
We can only judge by Experiment
without an alteration such discovery of
our Intentions as would probably
destroy entirely all the Nabobs Con-
fidence in us, which seems but too
much weakened already & whose na-
-tural bend to encroach the Concessions

of all such Country Powers who can any have
received unfavorable impressions concer-
ning Us from the transactions at Bengal
We cannot think it prudent, or ourselves
by any means warranted again to alarm
the Inhabitants of India by attempts of
this nature more especially as perhaps We
might thereby also give rise to the
very great regretable Necessity of answering at
some future period for the infraction of a Pub-
lic Treaty of the Consequences thereof

34 Nor by no means ought Our Si-
tuation to make a Sacrifice of any part
of the Companys Property, which is at present
in many great amounts in the Nabobs Hands
Was this even not the situation, which it is far
from being the Case, We should justly deem
ourselves responsible for a Conduct, which,
as Guardians of the Company We believe
would be utterly inexcusable without we Were
duly, But as by the Nabobs late Letters
to the Governor, We observe with some
degree of Satisfaction that he seems to
have at least the Reduction of the debt
to owers, & Servants the utmost reasonable
of this Country, Because as he says, it must
of Necessity prevent him for some time
from entering such far again into
the wish to do, from which Expressions
We could hope, that with proper appro-
ration & Frugal Management he may be
induced to lessen by degrees at least his
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unnecessary Expences, & in particular those incurred by the keeping up an unnecessary number of useless Troops Quartered this Season, provided the could be divested of Jealousies & Apprehensions they Princes the Seems to have entertained concerning our intentions towards them & by which the Occasion of paying the Company would be greatly facilitated

35 That you may have every help which it is in our power to afford, & whereby you may be enabled with the greatest Prosperity to institute & pursue a subject of this interesting Nature, We are determined to send a present to the Nabob of which We desire you may be determined to treat with every Solemnity & Ceremonie on such occasions & that your Endeavours to render it as acceptable to him as possibly you can, And we further require, that you embrace every opportunity & use all means in your power to remove any prejudices he may have imbibed to our disadvantage, & to convince him of the Sincerity of our friendship for his Person & Family & in doing this - You will not fail to assure him in our name that we cordially sympathize with him in his present unhappy Circumstances & We will continue all in our power to protect the Carnatick, secure to him as far as We may properly do it, all rightful pos-

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Consequences in the Eyes of Country Powers
maintain inviolably our faith with
them, & that We repose the strictest Con-
fidence in his Honor for just fulfilling
all his Engagements with the Company
so soon & by such reasonable Payments
as the Exigencies of his affairs & an Econo-
mical Management of his Finances
may probably enable them to pursuant
Letter to the Commissioners 30 Nov. 1770

Para 5 But we must here observe
that the Suspension of your Advance from Fort St George) We have enjoyed
the Select Committee to convince the Nabob
of the Activity of your Intentions towards
them, & by these means divert them from
a desire to have the defence of the Carnatick
wholly in their care. Our hope of such an
Effect will be increased by Your interposi-
tion in a Point equally delicate & impor-
tant, for while We are assured of your
Zeal to perform a strict Observance of their former
Confidence in our attachment to them
We flatter ourselves that your Repreſen-
tations of the Warmth as well as Sincer-
ity of our Friendship, & of the danger at
tending a Separation of our Interests
will have the greatest influence on his
Mind from the Knowledge of the distinguish-
ed Character we entertain for You will with
make your application to him

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Letter to the Select Committee

10 April 1771

Para 7

It is with the greatest Anxiety we see the Affections of the Natives towards the Company, & their confidence in the Vigour & Conduct of our Councils ascertained to such a degree as appears in many late Occurrences. Whatever may have been the cause of this favourable Change in their Temper and Disposition. The Necessity of your pursuing on their Parts to ascertain the proper arrangements for the Security of the Carnatick that Barrier & our Possessions on your Coast is too obvious to leave room for doubt of your compleat carrying every Effort into Execution can suggest for the Recovery of the Confidence which the Nabob formerly placed in our attachment to them, And as We have already most fervently enjoined you to use every remedy in Your Power to mitigate any unjust Suspicions the Nabob may have entertained of our bearing secret Designs on his Country We shall do anything in your attention to our Interests & Lead You in Advice, did We think it necessary to any Comment our Injunctions on this Subject

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Agreable to your request We shall for the present forbear to form any Judgement on the Nabob's Conduct

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& elaborate addrss. whereby you transmit
to us We must however observe
that tho you should be able to convict
the Facts & confute the Argument She
to an Unconquerable in his own Justification,
It will require every effort of this
dom to remove the appr: aversion
that he has conceived by the measures
pursued by our late Servants
9 We are apprehensive
also that the Nabobs Mind on may have
been embittered by the pernicious
Insinuations of British Subjects in
his Service, who would not scruple
to gratify their selfish Views by the
most unjustifiable means. Should
any Person recently to the Exile of this
obtaining such Powers about him,
Your Difficulties may be thereby en-
-er. But we trust your Endeavours will
be the most strenuous to efface the un-
-happy Impressions that may have
received from any of our Sovereigns
10 The private Correspon
-dence the Nabob holds with Persons in
England is undoubted to be lamented But at
the same time impossible to be prevented
Yet with respect to any Communica-
-tion he may have with our gracious
Sovereign, We are not without hope, that
his Majesty's Letters to him in future will
tend to remove any false Ideas he may

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have entertained of the Protection of
the Crown in opposition to the Com-
pany, & consciousness of the Expedi-
ency of preserving a perfect Confidence
in our Friendship, has obtained We hope
happily to obtain a accommodation
to this Effect, We flatter ourselves We
should soon be retained from the Gov-
ernor We feel an account of this pru-
sent disposition towards us.

The foregoing Extracts ap-
pears to me fully to express the Sentiments
of the Honorable Court company with respect
to the Conduct they would have this
Government observe in their Trans ac-
tions with the Nabob. How far they have
attended to in the late Correspondence
with him, or what cause there might
have been to deviate in any thing from
them, must be left to be determined by
our Honorable Employers. For my own part
I do not see that I cannot on any cause assi-
gn which can justify the Board in not
having late contests with the Nabob. The
Danger to which it is said the Comp. and
Interests may be exposed by the appointment
of the Nabobs Second Son to the
Charge of the Fort of Tanjore is in my
Opinion merely ideal. I must here ob-
serve that I believe there never was any
real foundation for the report that
the Nabob meant to appoint Ameer

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All Honor ah to the Charge of the Fort of Tanjore, but entirely to their Management of the Country, This Service may properly be considered as immaterial & of no consequence for the Board to be acquainted of, in like manner as my former Representation with Respect to the absolute perpetual Grant of the Fort of Tanjore & Country, said to be intended to be made in favour of The second Son, But admitting it universally the Nabob's Intention to appoint this second Son to the Charge of Tanjore as well as the Country, I say I do not apprehend any ill consequences to be expected therefrom, either on account of the present Government by the Nabob, the distribution thereof, or from any appropriation of any Revenues to the Country for the same to intended to the Company's prejudice, And I declare that I know of no circumstance in the Conduct of the Nabob or of his Sons, which should any ways alarm this Government, If the President or any Member of the Board can set forth any such & can produce Proofs thereof I think it my duty they owe to the Nation, the Company & their Government to bring the Same to light, But Transactions upon bare report without a single Proof produced in Support thereof, consent to Measures which I consider as injuri-

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injurious to the Nabob & detrimental
to the Companys Interest & which is
in my opinion cannot be looked
upon as a direct & manifest Breach
of a formal & absolute Promise made
to him: more especially when from
many circumstances, which hath come
to my knowledge since my writing the Nabob
& his Family, I am persuaded that
the charges alledged against the Gover-
nor / Council at Dacca are / have neither
in them, For all those reasons I dispute
against the Letter proposed to be wrote
to the Nabob, But as Commissioners the
Governor Gent & Council at Fort Wil-
liam as intrusted with the Charge of
the Companys Political affairs in
India I think it highly requisite
that they should be fully informed
of all that has passed on this Subject
& as it is necessary they should be guar-
ded with the arguments both for & a-
gainst the measures of the Board, towards
them to form their Judgement of the
Prosperity or Unprosperity of those mea-
sures I desire that all the Minutes &
Proceedings regarding the former may
be transmitted to Bengal

Withers paid to the Gov!
Orders said to have been given
the Nabobs Second Son & the pa
during the Journey I shall say no

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until I was informed of the truth by
them. I shall only observe that these
are Subjects which appear to me
improper to have been discussed between
the President & the Nabob, upon they
were formally brought as complaints
before the Board, as such a confiden-
tial communication, would in my
Opinion be the most likely means
to obstruct Harmony between the Nabob
& this Government

Before I conclude I cannot
avoid taking Notice of a proceeding which
appears to me the most extraordinary
Your Letter, I Papers was on Monday
last the 1st Instant about 12 O'Clock brot
to me in the Box Said to be a minute
of the Board of the 27 April, But which
upon perusal I found to contain
Remarks on Mr at Smiths Dissent
to the Majority resolution of the
Board, I was much astonished at this
right Hon'ble Assistance at this Board
to be entered which has been re-
gularly summoned, I was in Board
the Said Minute read, neither did I
receive it before Monday last. No de-
-bate was ever had thereon at this Board
& I declare I am to this day ignorant
of what matters are objected
to in my Conduct, what I complain of
Is that I have not had an opportu-
nity

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opportunity of expressing my entire
approbation thereof.

"Resolved, That the Foregoing Minutes, do lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

A Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo. Barron
Henry Brooke
Wm
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fordam
Geo. Mackay

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In Conformity to the Minutes of last Consultation, the following Letters were this day dispatched to the Chiefs & Councils at Ganjam & at Vizagapatam

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Ganjam

Gentlemen

Letter to Ganjam respecting Capt Candler Station

In consequence of a Letter we have received from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam touching the late irregular & unmilitary behaviour of Capt Candler in not leaving his Station in the Chicacole District, & repairing to that part of his Battalion which is Stationed in the districts dependant on your Settlement, without either asking or receiving permission from the Chief & Council or the Military Commander in those districts, We are led to express our Surprize & displeasure at this behaviour in so doing & desire that you will on receipt of this, inform Capt Candler that it is our order that he immediately direct Capt Lan. Alen to repair to his Station. Whatever reason he may have for not complying with our orders, we do not think proper upon any such occasion, without the Express permission of those, whose orders he is directed to obey. We are induced to be thus particular with Capt. Candler, in the Hope that

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that he will reflect Seriously on the Error he
has been guilty of, & that he will not
in future give cause, for any further Com-
-plaints, to be preferred against him.

We have thought proper
to order Capt. Augustus de Morgan, to join
his Company here, immediately on his arrival
here to this Station under your Settle-
-ment we have appointed Mr. John Wal-
-lard, Persian Translator at this Presi-
-dency.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
& Humble Servants.

Fort St George
16 May 1775
To George Stratton Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Viza-
gapatam on
the Same Subject

We have received your
Letter of the 25th Last Month, conveying
to us your Sentiments on the Late unnat-
-ural Behaviour of Capt. Candler & a
Copy of the Correspondence between
him & Capt Matthews

Our Letter to you of the
26 Ultimo, will clearly point out to
you our intentions, relative to the con-
-tinuance of Capt Candler in our
Station, But as he has thought proper to
deviate from the Line prescribed to all Offic-
-ers Subordinations, & be arrogate to
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himself an authority, which is incompatable with all military rule, & leaves this Station to head Quarters without either your permission, or that permission of the Military Commander in the District to dispond of at Vizagapatam, We desire, that you will transmit Capt Hall these to explain to him, our sentiments respecting at this Detachment, & to acquaint him of our orders, that he does not upon any account whatever, without express permission, leave the Station, that he may be appointed to, by you, These our Sentiments have been communicated to the Chief & Council at Ganjam, & at the same time directed that Capt Campbell may be ordered to the Station, which he had so irregularly left, in the Circars dependant on your Settlement

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

& Humble Servants

A Wynch & Council

Fort St George
10th May 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alex Wynch Esq Governor President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam Johnson
J. M. Stone " A Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay

Fri day
12 May

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Sed.

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The Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr Whitehill, together with one inclosed to him, by Mr Scott

To the Hontble Mar.s Wynch Esqr
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr Whitehill with Instr. Mayor from Masulipatam

I have the Honour to lay before you a Letter I received this Evening from Mr Scott giving an account of an attempt on the Station of Stores at Masulipatam

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
5th May 1775

Sir

I have received intelligence that since my Letter to you of the 27th Ultimo there has been landed at Masulipatam from Your Vessel loads of Gunpowder, two thousand large Shot & four thousand of a smaller size, a thousand of the latter which People usually keep by them in Gittid with Powder four large Iron Guns about three Vessel load of Grain Boats & about four Vessel load of Grain Boats, An European

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European Officer with fifty Topazes & fifty Sepoys & thirty Horse, arrived at Mootapilliem on the 30 Ultimo & it was resolved to carry off the above article next day I remain respectfully

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

/Signd/ Andrew Scott

Portamerka
1 May 1775
To Tobn Whitehill Esqr

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The President acquaints the Board, that he has spoke to the Nabob, about the rebuilding of the Paymasters Quarters at Madura, & that he has promised to do it, The Secretary is directed in consequence, to advize the Paymaster, that he has the permission of the Board to rebuild his Quarters agreably to his request, The President further acquaints the Board, that he mentioned to the Nabob, the representation of Capt Godfrey, of the want of accommodation for his Sepoys, & that the Nabob had assured him, that he had wrote to his managers at Dindigum on that Subject & that as soon as he should hear from them, he would give the President an answer

Paymasters Quarters at Madura to be Rebuilt

Read Letter from Mr Pasley Military Agent to Govt Fort St George, which the Governor lays before the Board & which is to be taken into Consideration, this day week

Letter from Mr. Pasley regarding the Offrakonungs.

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nature to the Military Establishment
in general

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Sir

Letter from Mr Pe-
ry to Genl Smith
regarding Office-
rs wings.

I am directed by the Mili-
tary Committee to address you on
the Subject of Observations on the Difficul-
ties attending the receiving of which-
have annually protracted the Settling
of the Military accounts & encumbered
at home, thereby adding to the Charges of
the troops

The Government Commit
in 1773 were pleased to issue an Order to
Paymasters requiring them to provide the
Honble Company's Cash with the most
the different Stations in Asia; that the
whole might be received yearly at
Madras, but as this has not been
complied with & the Public Accounts
dispatched at more distant Terms to the Pre-
sidency. It would appear that there can possibly
be, for the Agent to transact the Military
business with precision or answer the
Demands of Officers at all times in
the year for occasional Supplies of
Money

The accompanying
Letter to the Board in November last
with shows you the inconveniences un-
derlaid last year on the Military Off-
icers wings, [illegible] adds that this
Cause

accounts, wch are but Settled abroad, some of the Offreckonings for last yr having not as yt been received nor ascertained and a good deal of them paid in so late as april & May this yr

As the difficulty of procuring & adjusting the Offreckonings is productive of Sensible & pressing inconveniencys to Officers, it remains with you Sir to endeavour to find out some remedy to obviate the obstructions that have hitherto attended this business what appears to the Committee as the easiest & most eligible method is, to procure an order for the Paymaster=s of Subordinaries punctually & yearly to draw on the Paymaster or Treasury here, Bills, in favor of the Military Agent for the amount of Offreckonings then in their hands & payable on demand without waiting for the dispatch of Garrison accounts which are often postponed by accidental circumstances

If this is complied with the Offreckonings of Madras will depend=s, & of every Subordinacy might be realized in the first quarter, viz the Month of April for the Second in July for the third in October & for the last in January by subscriptions the accounts might

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might be rendered without difficulty
the first day of March of the ensuing
Year, That no mistakes may take
place Abstracts should accompany
the Bills not once prepaid for Madras
& Gunjam, having been received for
Last year

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Gilbert Pasley
Mily Agent

Fort St George 3 Nov. 1774

Honble Sir & Sirs

For the month of April
last you were pleased to give an Order
regarding the mode of Guelder payment
of the Military Officers coming home
it seems not to have been taken Effect Com
laid under the Necessity of troubling you
again on the occasion as the Making
up the Abstracts for the ensuing year is
much impeded on that account

The Spirit & Tenor of
the Order you at that time thought pro-
per to give, Sufficiently explained or in-
sinuated that all Officers coming home should
be received Quarterly by the Military
Agent in Fort St George & that the Cash
given to the Honble Company's Cash at
Ellore & the different Subordinacies for them
should

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should appear in the Accountants
Books & in consequence be payable
here one Years and every three Months
Notwithstanding the above
explicit Orders have been circulated, no
Money has been received for, this
whole year except six Months Offerck-
onings for Madras & its dependancies
This being the case it will appear how
impossible it is to furnish the troops
who are cloathed in advance, for the
cloathing as it has been issued, in the
Months of December & January I
should hope Money for that the Honble
Board will be pleased to take into consi-
deration the inconveniencys which
are entailed, by these awkward circum-
stances on the troops on the Coast &
on that Agent, who is at present 6000
Pagodas in arrears on account of Off.
rickonings I have the honor to be
with much Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt
Gilbert Pasley
Military Agent
Frequent representa-
tions having been made by the Mili-
tary agents, of the irregular Method
still pursued by Subordinaries, with
respect to the Stoppages, at the orders have
been

at the

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Minute & Re-gulation in Con-sequence

been repeatedly joined by the Board to prevent any kind of Inconvenience may either to the agents, Or to the Officers, & at the same time to bring the business of the Cloathing & Office to a conclusion as regular as possible— Resolved therefore that orders be joined again, to the Chiefs & Council at the respective Subordinacies, directing them to cause the different Paymasters in future, to transmit regular Monthly Abstracts of all Military Payments made by them, to the Military Paymaster General together with Bills from the Chiefs & Councils under whom they are, on the Establishment, for them on Which they account therefor, in order that there may not be any cause for future representations & complaints from the agent, as there has been too frequently the case

Remarks on General Smith's Minute

Remarks of the Board dissatisfied Majs. Dawson, Brooke Patonia, Jourdan & Mackay.

The Minute entered with General Smith's calls a Resolution of the Board was to be entered on the Records the 17 April, in the Absence of the Majority by the dispatch which had been determined upon by the Majority The Majority were obliged to send for the Records they then drew up a reply & sent it to the Secretary to be read at the Board, Until the Same had been read & Approved it could not be determined on, but by the Board

act

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The Majority did not mean to make it
an matter of record without giving every mem-
ber an opportunity of entering his remarks
upon it, & therefore their having resin tenti
onally made use of the Word Board instead
of Majority, would not possibly be atten-
ded with any bad consequences & could not
have given so much alarm

The Majority of the Board
did not mean to make any Comparison
between the Characters of Sujah Ul Dowlah
& that of the Nabob, The first was a Man of much
more consequence in the Empire than the
other & if the Governor at Bengal thought
it necessary to put him under restraint,
for the good of the Service it is not unreas-
onable, that one with whom they are
so much more immediately connected
with should be under some restraint

The Majority by no means
differ in opinion with Governor Smith
they think there is more danger to be ap-
prehended now than ever from
for the Nabobs Troops are numerous
& well disciplined And the Chief which
Governor Smith thinks the Company
have over them by having English
Officers may by Gratuity removed, by dis-
missing them, besides there are many
Foreigners in the Nabobs Service & the
Commanding Officer at Tanjore & several
other Officers are Foreigners, Necessity &
Ambition

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Ambition & Jealousies Are every
in due Men of all Nations & Ranks Mankind
-ver of Many Country & therefore Gen. Smith
Smiths Ajunction does not appear to the
Majority to be Reasonable Wright, The
President Soon was sent to the Board at
his own desire as many others have been
& therefore Gen. Smith's coming with
appears extraordinary — The President & the
Majority say as they Said before, that they
believe Mahomet Ali Khan to be Ambi-
-tious, & Intriguing & not a Friend to
the Company, this is the Opinion of most
of the English as well as of many of
the Dutch & Notwithstanding what
Gen. Smith says now in his Favor,
he has also been heard to speak of them
in a different Manner, & his own letter
to the Board from Trichinopoly of the 13
Sept. 1771 draws his Character in the Following
Words viz

"Head of them put Mahomet
" Ali Khan in mind of the Suspicion
" I deprived him, & the Cunning by which I
" Manoury's report. I waited on him to
" inquire what Steps he had prepared the Grain
" that was to accompany the army — He
" gave me the most positive Assurances
" that there should be Industry, & that I
" might depend on him for the most ample
" Supplies, on this I went for the Outwall
of the Bazar, & asked him what Grain had

then

" been brought to the Camp, which to my
" great surprize & astonishment he in-
" formed me there was but fifty bags of
" Rice in the Bazar, & that it was with-
" out the people would be that Day
" subsisted, Both the Pabobs Sons came
" as their messenger in a Tent of an inferr Tent
" to them, & could not avoid telling Ma-
" dr all Matters with the same warmth that
" he had broke his mind to his Brother & to
" me, as there was not a moments delay in
" the Camp, but what Mr Lawrence ajax had
" got for the Europeans, & not above 4 hour
" sand Men, That we were now on the
" point of moving & the Dad put a stop
" to it by this not furnishing the Supplies
" of grain he had from day to day promised.
" He in the true Eastern stile began to form
" a Many and Excuses & immediately
" sent to Tanjore and this very Afternoon at
" Evening, But at last his Brother has sent
" him numbers of Bullocks, & Tannary
" more, particularly by Capt. Horne to
" whom he promised in the most solemn
" manner, it should be in Camp this Evening
" at three O'Clock, but I am not the least asper-
" vance of it, & from this behaviour our Sr James
" determined to give us no more assistance
" than what he cannot possibly avoid
" Thus I spoke my mind very freely to his
" Brother & Nevin, & absolutely declared what ever
" bad consequences may arise from such
Conduct

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"Conduct Should not be answerable, Salor
"hinted to Thro'your my Nabob it was no.
"sooner my thoughts went to himself in. This
"very interesting Business for that thro
"was so much at stake, & every thro' was lost
"would be irrecoverable, but soon what no.
"tions Should be, to recommend it only to avoid
"entering into any disputes with this
"Brother, who is absolute here amongst
"the Natives & will do as he pleases - I
"think on a Service of this kind, when my
"heart & hand should go together it was ill
"judged in the Nabob to send these two
"Brothers to act in concert between whom
"there has been & still is a very visible dislike
"to each other, & the Character of the Sensible
"property Nabob is well known that it
"would not be my Pen to paint it

Soon thereafter Lord
General Smith gave the Nabob Board in
his Letters of the 2d Instant a Copy of
an Act Made the 2d Instant Nabobs Son
Ali was Adopted of. Mahomet determined
upon, that application should be
made to the Nabob to order Coins down
from Tricheno poly, which Messrs
Brooke & Markay who were at the Board
remember well

Let us now be likewise
Lead to a Letter from the Select Committee
of which General Smith was one of 24th
25th January 1778 where it will appear that

Ali's

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his opinion of the Nabob, was Much
way different to what it now is.

Gnrl Smith may be
right or may be wrong, in his Suspici-
-ion of the Negotiations between the
Nabob & Col: MacLean, the allowes it may
have been improper, & the Majority
therefore think it was expedient in
them to take Notice of it

The Majority of the Board
were informed that the Same Day
the Letter was sent in the name of Omrah
All Omrah for the Fort & Poyntry of
Sanjore, & the President also been told
that Nazar Ali were proceeded to the Na-
-bob on the occasion, & that there even
at that time, & have been since fre-
-quent Meetings of Europeans at the
House of Omrah All Omrah &
other Places. The Majority cannot
give such Proofs as Gnrl Smith
requires from the Nature of private
Intelligence - but as far as such in-
-telligence can be depended on the
Majority believe these Reports to be
true

By Gnrl Smith's accounts
the Nabobs army consists of Twelve
Battalions of regulars & Seven Regiments
of Horse, & the Majority know the Cavalry
hundred Artillery & five hundred Co-
-operate & a Considerable No of Sibbendy

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In 1764 when the Nabob Faire was Depo
& was discriptioned the Court of Directors
were alarmed at the Report, & made
how much to more they will be. So when
they are informed of the Regulat Troops
now kept up by them

The President does
not recollect Gen. at Smith's proposing
at the Board the keeping a Garrison
of the Company's Troops in Tanjore, but
at all Events at the Gen. Smith may
speak of this Indication to give up Points
not material to the publick Service the
Majority cannot consider this
as a point of little Consequence, & think
therefore he ought to have recorded his opi-
nion, When the Majority disposed to
enter into the Nabobs Character, they
might from the Records produce many
Instances of this want of Sincerity nd
to anyone but they have not time nor
they can be entered into any theory of
that kind nor have they any reason upon
-ed or insinuated that they had any Idea
of breaking with the Company at the
they think that a Continuation of
such Conduct in the Nabob as they have
lately taken notice of may at a Conside
-rable Period lead them to. Gen. Smith
to be warm & angry when he calls again
upon the Majority for Troops — he has
been often told that Proofs cannot in

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with circumstances with any propriety be produced. The Majority are under no apprehension of the disapprobation of their Sovereign or of their Employers knowing their own intentions

The Majority are under hand of any Stigma arising thereon and that army at the final Seige of Tanjore nor do they think they deserved it. A Treaty was made with the Rajah just as the Place was ready for assault. The young Nabob Admitted Ld Admirals Ways in his Letters to his Father that he did no thing without the Knowledge of the General, these Letters were laid before the Board & by them sent to the Court of Directors with a Copy of General Smiths account of the transaction

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The Board & not the Pres.t

The 22 Sept.r 1773 ordered that upon of the Breaches at Tanjore & destroying the Approaches, The President is at a loss to know from what Circumstances Genl Smith expected this Surprize that the Gates not made for the Engineers being order. ed down from Trichinopoly, The Board may remember that he proposed that Major Munro should be directed to carry on the Repairs, the Nabob had promised to be made at that Place

The Reason of the delay was an overture on the Part of the Nabob

that

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that he wished not to have the dispute
continue & that he would explain it
on either, but when it came to that Point
he disclaimed it. This being after the
Transaction / at the Durbar with Genl Smith /
would not have been mentioned since
but in answer to this Remark. He de-
-clared that not could be attended with
any bad Consequences

The Majority are of Opinion
by declining out with Genl Smith for
going the Confidence of the Nabob
when they can do it by Arm which
they think consistent with the Interest
of the Company. The Majority have not
made Insinuations to the detriment
of Genl Smith's Character and are
sore surprised at the word[s] [a]dvised by
Genl Smith, if the Chief
intended any thing
himself
which he has
to blame them.
The order
about the Ser-
-vants Company's Complaint
against the Nabob for
nothing of the Kind
-cumb'd to above the Sp[ecie]
Allumrah The Cap[tain]
-dian entering to form
in every Respect on the Same Plan
with the Company's

Remarks on Mr Stones Minute

Mr Stones 1st Minute

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readers and bad communications are
the Majority of attempts to deprive
the Nabob of the Right & Privileges
instituted in him as lawful Nabob of
Tanjore Cannatick & a Board of publick
Faith of pursuing measures injurious
to the Nabob & detrimental to their
Company and of a direct & manifest
Breach of a Solemn Promise made to
the Nabob, that his Second Son Amir
ul Umrah should have the
Charge of the Fort & Country of Tanjore
Mr Sullivan acquainted with the merits
of the case, would on reading Mr Stones
Minute immediately conclude that
at least such acts of violence had been
offered to the Nabob by the Majority
of this Government, & would imagine
that they would be charged with
such accusations for only having of-
fered their assistance to him on the
Bad Policy of this putting too much
power in the hands of this Second Son
Yet the Majority have done nothing
else, nor are inclined to do any thing else,
they hope therefore that the Court of
Directors will pay as much regard
to their Word as they will to Mr Stones
whom they mark Solemnly declare that
they Seriously wish the Welfare of
the Nabob & his Family, believing the
same inseparable from the Welfare of
the

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the Company. They declare also that
none of them was received a personal
injury from the Nabob or this Second
Son, & that no Motive whatsoever ex-
cept what they have conceived to be
their duty to them in Complying with
them to write that Letter to the Nabob
which has occasioned so much Ill Will
& disposition at the Board

Mr Sloane says great Stress
on the Nabobs answer given the Nabob
in July 1773 by the President. If that Go-
vernment have no right to interfere
in the Nabobs Affairs why should
he think it necessary to have such a
Answer from the President. & why
did not Mr Sloane whose was then at the
Board object to the impropriety of such
Answer being given, as the same
Principles are which he now so strongly
objects to any advice being given the
Nabob on the same Subject

Mr Sloane says "That altho
" it was not so positively expressed that
" the Nabobs intentions were to make
" an absolute Grant of the Tanjore Fort &
" Country to Almas Rau All Remarks yet
" in the Letter to him on the Subject it
" is by no means so expressed if it had, it
" might have given the Nabob an oppor-
" tunity of shewing that the Board had been
" misinformed" & that the Nabob thought

Tanjore

proper to have given the Board any
Explanation of the Manner in
which he received the Second Letter
from Tanjore he wanted not Opportu-
nity, of doing so, Such an Explana-
tion might probably have put
an End to the dispute, but that would
not have answered the purpose of this
Nation, The Majority believed & does
still that Sando was not actuably pre-
pared for the Second Letter, & the
Fort & Country of Tanjore, & the Board
did not think them Justified to the Nabob
in Suspending Sentiments of this Second Letter
they made a Second Letter but he was known
them

Of all the Peons & Cutwarks
which Mr Stone has allotted for the
Roads not one of them Joined this Go-
vernment to offer their advice & opinion
to the Nabob on any part of this Conduct
which they apprehended them to, giving
it, The Court of directors in their Peons
& Cutwarks are ordered to comply with
mand to their Towns to Joined the
Nabob on all occasions of their Friend-
ship & Support & to do any thing
Consistently with their Interest to gain
his good will & Confidence & not to give
him just cause of Jealousy & Displeasure
The Majority mean and to act in any
Respect towards the Nabob contrary

to

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The Spirit of these Orders. The Majority have likewise made a Just Remarks & Extracts from the Records to shew that this Government ought not to interfere in the Black affairs and interfere Since after.

The Majority differs in Opinion with Mr Thomas they do think that all Causes of Grievances may in time be redressed from any one of the Countries mentioned, The Will also prevent Grievances, & that is daily encreasing, & to what purpose, only to Lessen the Influence of the Company & the Power of the Chiefs within Nations if the Limits it convenient for to do

The principal Points in Mr Thomas's Minute having already been considered in the Foregoing, the Majority think it unnecessary to any further on it, Except the Subject then that Contains Truth of the Case appears to them to be, That the Abolishing any Intercourse with the Company is in a certain Degree controuleable by the Company, or the is not, If that be in any shape controuleable then the advising them, or warning them from Interfering with them in certain Points is proper & the only Doubt will be with

Compare

regard to the Timing of it. The Majority
believe that the Nabob intended to
put the Charge of the Country & Fort
of Tanjore in the Hands of Monsr
Du Pont at this Second Son at the this
Commandant Dr of All this Forces & has always
the Collection of the Revinues of Trichi-
nopoly and as they believed also
that he was on the Point of Settling
out a Troop of Horse Having been and
sed from St Dougat d Campbells Regi-
ment to accord thing, they judged that
no time was to be lost & therefore they
wrote a Letter to the Nabob, Herein Enclosed
they send with to the in Suspension
from the Musnud and the
Nabob is totally independant of the
Company & they have no right to interfere
in this Affairs, their Situation on this
Coast must in a Short Time occasion many
Jarrarious & unpleasant Disputes between
the Company are obliged to furnish Troops as
well as Money for the defence of the Car-
natick of which the Nabob is to reap
the advantage & will therefore be does
much inclined paying at a Juncture pressed
the Money the Company may have ad-
vanced, he has been for some time encou-
raging this Troops & subsisting by Gomr Smith
Account as already mentioned an
very Considerable, The Revenues of
Tanjore will Join enable them behave

Double

double his present number of Troops, thus
to this are alarming & the Consequences
which from any Jealousy if this Natives is suffered
to go on without a proper Contradiction on the
part of the Company requires their serious consideration

I am unwilling to with at Mr Johnson's saying regarding his Minutes being Copied by a Black writer the Majority observe that the reasons which is to be given are by no means Satisfactory to them, If the President at any time gave his Minutes which were not wrote by himself he had them always copied by one of the Company's Servants & Mr Johnson is pleased to put the Fidelity of his own Black Servants in Competition with that of the young Gentlemen in the Secretary's Office, the Majority do not allow the Comparison to be just, they are therefore of the same Opinion as before that Mr Johnson is not to be suffering this Sentiment to be specially on the Company's Political Affairs to be Copied by a Malabar or Black writer

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Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer

Tomus Jervis
Geo Mackay

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Extracts referred to in this foregoing Minute
Company's Letter to the Nabob dated 16
April 1771

"We command but earnest that
"in any late occurrences in Your Carnatic
"should have differed in Sentiment from
"us or from our Servants, such as we can only
"attribute such difference to the Suggestions
"of malevolent & designing Persons. We rely
"so much on your wisdom, & candor, that We
"doubt not you will have entered into
"Such Views & done us the justice to believe
"that it is our most sincere desire to perpe-
"trate that union which has so long sub-
"sisted between us"

As the Injunctions We
have laid on our Servants will convince
them they cannot do an action can displea-
-sing to us than giving you any just cause
of complaint of this kind, We earnest-
-ly hope Your Excellency will restore them
to your good & perfect confidence and to this
end We are led by our regard for your Cau
& the appointment since the Protection of your Coun-
-try will ever greatly depend on the Security
& Assistance of those whom we entrust with the
Government of our affairs

General Letter from England 27 Nov. 1771
Para 4th

"We have told you in our Let-
-ter of 17th March 1769 that as the Defence of
the Carnatic rests principally on the Com-

pany

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double his present number of Troops, then
he thinks are alarming & the Consequences
which may follow if that Nabob is suffered
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"that it is our most sincere desire to preserve
"& strengthen that union which has so long exist-
"ed between us"

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of complaint of this kind, We earnest-
-ly hope Your Excellency will restore them
to your favor & perfect confidence and to this
end hope We are led by our regard for your Excel-
-lency's interest since the Protection of your Govern-
-ment will very greatly depend on the Security
& Assistance of those whom we entrust with the
Management of our affairs

Genl Letter from England 27 Nov. 1771
Para 4th

"We have told you on this occa-
-sion of 17th March 1769 that as the Disputes of
the Carnatick rose principally on the Com-

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Company the Nabob ought to acquiesce
in our opinions respecting the Number
& discription of his Troops & We do not
think that the Nabobs Circumstances
have varied so much since We wrote that
Letter as to render it necessary for any Reasons to deviate
from the Maxims therein contained

Company's Separate
Letter 27th Nov. 1771.
Entered at the close
of the Extracts

General Letter from England dated the
25th March 1768.

The Continuance of the
Nabob and the Company for the Protection
of the Carnatick, you are accordingly to our former
Orders by all prudent Steps to endeavour
to effect, & We doubt not of your Ingratiating
Yourselves of this apparently favorable
Disposition to that Measure. We are desi-
rous of this entirely being your Protection &
Assistance from this our Sanction & Inclination that
that the Company should willingly be prevailed
ded on by you to do it

The Peace of Augaum we do advise
ed for preserving the Defence of the Country in
our hands & discharging much of their Expence
connected from experience a dread of Contrary
ry & We incline a during that System is of the
most Important Importance from your Consideration
that the three Battalions Sepoys would be sufficient
for the Defence of the Carnatick against all Powers
dens, than are now kept up both by the Com-
pany & the Nabob and as it appears it
would be the Means of establishing Peace &
Tranquility more among the Princes and

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very considerably diminishing his Depen-
-ces

10 We are very sensible that
in a matter of such Delicacy you will
have many Difficulties to surmount
from this appearance that this Repu-
-tation & Authority will be beyond by
it & the Obstacles which this dispersed state
will throw in your way to excite this Suspi-
-cions & Jealousies, such unpredisposed
not depend upon your cautious Mana-
-gement to remove & that you will with
the kindness & good grace, the society
of this Subject requires engage him with-
-out disgust & by degrees to discharge the
whole of his useless Rabble & to depend
entirely on our Troops for the Defence
& Security of this Presidency

11 If this desirable Purpose should
be effected as you judge that twenty Bat-
-talions of Sepoys in the whole will Suf-
-fice we positively require that do you
not exceed the Number by and with
should on the most pressing Consideration
of all Circumstances be actually deemed
necessary that in any manner be pursued You
retaining your Establishment by them as pru-
-dent a footing as possible & to prevent
all Differences between the Officers & the
Native Managers the most positive Orders
must be given for keeping up the Strictest
Discipline & avoiding every cause of

Complaint

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Compleat visit We hope your perseverance
care & attention with sincerity promises being
such as shall disobey those orders, all difficult-
ties may in time be overcome, so that by a
proper Economy as you give us room to expect
the Nabob will not only be able to pay off
all his Debts, but to lay up a Sum sufficient
to answer any Exigency
the Company
General Letter from England dated 17
March 1769

6. 17 We very much fear the Na-
bobs Government is by no means upon the mili-
tary & that there is great Oppressions, in-
collecting his Revenues, so in securing the
Polygars you must be cautious not to
oppress the Weavers & Manufacturers
of the Protections they are entitled with
in the Strong holds of the Polygars Country
37. Soon the collected Sum of your
Proceedings & from the whole course of the War
We perceive there many difficulties & disad-
vantages the Company labour under
from the Want of Some uniformity of
System between the Nabob & the Com by
with Respect to their Military Establish-
ment & Operations. As the Defence of the
Carnatic always rests upon the Country
in case of an invasion, so it is reasonable that
proper that the Nabob should contribute
to be constituted by them with respect to
the Number & disciplining the Troops
30 We observe with Satisfaction

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A Communication the Report made by the Nabob Mr Pybus in my own Proceedings of the 5 Sept. then last Body of Infantry the Sepoys not up than 20000 Numbers 2000 Cavalry & 10000 Sepoys maintained by the Company & charged to this account a greater Force than is kept up in the three Bengal Provinces & exactly beyond What at the Distance of the Carnatick cannot require, or the revenue Maintain

39. By the last Judgment Mr Pybus of the Expence of such an Establishment with the Consumption of Stores & other charges it cannot exceed Short of Sixty Lacks of Rupees Whereas add to that Expence of this Civil Establishment & the Fortifications on this coast Debts &c. this Affair is a matter Light must appear there very inconvenient Consequences there from to the Company We are willing to impute the keeping up so great a Force to any Views in the Nabob inconsistent with the Friendship subsisting between him & the Company, or with that power he ought to maintain of the great Support We have given him & yet it gives us pain to call this Judgment so much in question as to suppose it to arise from an ostentatious Vanity The long Struggle he has gone through for the Preservation of this Government

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should have suggested either Ideas to him, And praying off the Debt contracted in the War & sustaining his Dominion from the Ravages they had sustained during the long War, he had been engaged in should have claimed all his attention

40 It appears very extraordinary that Governor Pitt with his experience as he has had should not have taught him & that the undisciplined troops he keeps up are of no sort of use when a time of action comes, more especially when the means to pay them regularly & besides that he takes from this County a Number of hands who would be much more usefully employed at the Loom, All these arguments must be represented to him & your manner on this occasion with you the proper Plan he is in future to pursue without recurring to this Military Establishment both as to the Number & the means of paying them, & part of this Plan must be the forming & paying a proper Body of Men duly under English Officers whose Interest Service when occasion requires Company's Settlers to the Value of 17[illegible].

Wherefore as we wish to see your Excellency advanced in power & estimation of Dominion, We rejoice in that on which promises duration & thereon exe-

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as if We could see We shall no pleasure in
your progress to the Possession of this Ma-
-sors Country. A Barrier to the Carnatick
is nicessary but if you pass it now Posses-
-sions may expose to new Enemies & ne-
-gotiations more Juncto defend them than the
Province will maintain, & thus diffu-
-sive agency at Work in so thorough bad the
whole

I by your Instructions recall
to mind the Consultations we have had
in support of the Carnatick, Such Efforts
may be again required for which by your
Excellency desire of us in your Letter of
4th November 1767 is in prospect able Why your
attentions should be turned to prepare
against such Event which will require
a fall Army & will Absorb with the Provisions
& Ammunition

It is with the greatest
concern we find that a large Sum of
what was advanced by us in Support
of the former War is yet unpaid.

Letter from the Nabob Dated 19 July
1763 N° 55.

As I shall always retain
a grateful remembrance of what I owe to the
Company as they have constantly supported
me in my Enemies I cannot but
in gratitude always look upon their Int.

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Interest, as inseparable from my own, & shall always esteem them as my guard & protector, The Grants, Sanctions making over to the Company are not a Sufficient recompence for the Pains & trouble, they have taken in my affairs, but, as it is not in my power to do more, I hope they will be pleased to accept of them, as tokens of the Sense, I have of their Services

Extract from the Select Committee's to England of 21st January 1771.

Para 3.

June 31 July

We advised your Honors under date the 29 of December by the Lapwing of the measures we had taken with the Nabob in consequence of your orders respecting the Establishment of Europeans & Sepoys, & of our having requested of that he would inform us, what Number of Battalions on the New Establishment he would command should be kept up by the Company on his account. We also transmitted you by the same Conveyance Copy of our Correspondence with him on that Subject, & informed you that We had not at that time received any answer to the Letter we wrote to him on the 3 Sept.r de- -viating he would allow us to place to his Account 10 Battalions only with according to the New Establishment amounting to 11,000 Men, as it was of the utmost consequence importance, that We should be ascertained

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of the Nabobs resolution in this respect
in order that We might on aks the Necess-
sary Arrangements in Consequence We
appointed We their persons abby on the 31st Oct
for this determination thereon: But no Ans
we at the Same giving us an answer, that he
declined deliberating persons abby with
us on that or any other Matters of impor-
tance, desiring that what ever we might
have to communicate of an atrocial Bu-
siness might be done in writing & that
he would return an answer in writing
The thanks are wrote herewith, dat date 5 Nov.
expecting our request to be forwarded with his
answer soon Letter of 8 Septr. nod. with standing
which it was not until that December
that we Received it, by which We are informed
that instead of consisting to consisting
ten Battalions or 10,000 Men to them, he
required that the Seven Battalions of
Sepoys (about 7,000) which he had been
consented should be kept up by the
Company, as this are consented might be
under his Orders, & Paid by his Paymaster
in time of Peace, that nevertheless they
should still be discontinued & commanded
by our Officers & that in time of War
they should join our forces with 3 Battalions
more of his own & 3000 Horse, This Propo-
sition of the Nabobs which so plainly
indicated his Views towards Independancy
was by no means unexpected. The whole

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tunes of this roundest of late, hath manifest-
-ly animated that this hath been his Object
the we are of opinion he would not yet
have declared his Intentions so openly
Were it not for the Concessions once
more with We think the Company is given
to expect from this Ministry for we believe
he is well apprized of the Contentions
between the Company & the Ministry
known to all with himself of so favorable
an opportunity to carry this Project in
execution,

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In determining why what We
should do or about not comply with the Na-
-bob's Requisition It was only necessary
for us to advert to our Instructions respect-
ing your Power at Durbar and be assured to on
this Head you obtaining your own Sanction & Appli-
-cation without regard to the Necessity & expedien-
-cy of supporting the Company's Influence
in the Country & the propriety & reasonable-
-ness of the Nabobs submitting to be controu-
-led by your representations with respect
to the Number and disposition of the Troops
kept up for the protection of the Carna-
-tick, that you would not hesitate in re-
-solving not to comply with His demands
It is evident from your Orders, when you
acquiesced in the proposal for our keeping
up 10 Battalions of Sepoys on the Nabobs
account that you meant without any
apprehensions of the Consequences We

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Upon experience, to prevent which by your
Honors we were pleased to lay down in the
most precise & binding terms certain
Rules & Regulations with respect to the
bleathing & disciplining & paying them
& to direct that the utmost care should be
taken to inculcate the opinion that they
are wholly & solely dependant on the Com-
pany subject to Your Orders & controul, & to
no other power whatsoever & that it should
as much as possible be removed that
the Nabob is now, or may ever pretend to
right to command the Company for their pay
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& we could not comply
with the Nabobs requisitions contrary
to our own clear judgment, & in plain
opposition to your above mentioned
Orders as which are so directly oppo-
sed against the dangers that an advan-
cing upon us it remained for us to learn
from the Nabob whether he would allow
of our continuing to discharge (agreable to
his former consent) the 10 Battalions of
about 700 men each [illegible] about 7,000 to his
account at Madras could not agree but
putting by those Heads in his Orders & controul
& resolving them to be paid by this Gov-
ernment, & letters as these were to be sent
the 20th December requesting that he would
favour us with his resolutions on this Par-
ticular, But receiving no answer from
them till Mr Macay was sent to them with

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and your Letter this 7th Instant desiring his
immediate answer, since circumstances
& arrangements must depend entirely upon his determination &c &c
Sam: 10 Jan[y] to which it was necessary we should
advise your Honour by the first Opportunity, The Nabob imputed his delay in answering our Letter to the Visit of Ramsawm, But said he would set about it, & we might depend on receiving it before the dispatch of the Ships for Europe, In consequence of which another Letter was wrote to him the 14th Inst and respecting the Necessity of giving us an immediate answer which he could at no time see any difficulty of doing, as he had only to say he would or he would not agree to our request, to which he only replied as before, that his answer had been delayed by the Visit of Ramsawm, But that he would immediately forward for it he would now set about it, That circumstances any delays might occasion on the Subject of the Military Establishment have already tended to give Offence & Suspicion to the Nawaub who cannot but Effect the Obligations he declared to Impress on Sujah Dowlah thereby at this very critical Junction of affairs to promote harmony & any arrangements in this Letter respecting which he shall not

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be involved in difficulties from which he will not be able to extricate ourselves, without his assistance & thus be compelled to adopt his measures to join the Mahratta's We have given our reasons for this Opinion in an address at large in our Minute annexed in the Margin which We beg leave to recommend to your attentive Perusal.

Committee 7 January 1771

6th During the time that We were waiting for the Nabobs answer to the Letter of 3d Sept. We received an application from him desiring that We would send him four Officers to do duty with his Troops in addition to those already there, The arguments to that effect were in our deliberations on this Subject would be too tedious to insert in this Place, The Nabobs Request as it related merely to the Sparing or not sparing a few Officers from Your service to be employed in this could not admit of any arguments debate, But when the whole Extent of this Views, is considered & the advantages or dangers of giving him an respectable Military Strength under his own Command independant of the Company than the Granting him Troops with Officers that is to say with Artificers Gunners & Gunning that Military Strength it becomes a matter of Moment & deserving of the most mature Reflections We have

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Com. 30th April.

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have expressed our Sentiments very fully thereon since our Proceedings which wait on you by this Conveyance to which We beg leave to refer & only here to add, that reconsidering the Disposition & disposition of the Naboh & his total want of Confidence in the Company. Desirous of not only ourselves independant of But of Controuling the Company We inclined to the Opinion, that it is not consistent with the Interest of the Company to furnish him & with the means of becoming independant of them Nor should We be thought it advisable to leave the Point in our power until We should see what Reduction the Naboh would take respecting the Military Establishment & that Subject being still undetermined as We have already stated, this also was an Article for Consideration In former Times when his Interests was deemed inseparable from those of the Company, We should always be glad to see the Necessity Naboh pay for upon all occasion to the reparation & Discipline of his Troops, it was what he was frequently urged to do, & we should not have scrupled to have afforded him all the assistance in our Power to render his

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Incapable did keep up of as much cor-
-rect as possible But different times
& circumstances require different
Manners

Extract from the Select Committee
Letter of 28th February 1772.

Par 11. We desire your Honors
will draw your proofs of the real State
of your Affairs & Transactions as this
Cash not from our Letters, but from
Facts, the Embarrassments & Vexati-
-ons We have met with in almost
every Transaction, which cannot possibly
affirm in any material Instance
from such a Plan. Which perhaps
at times have drawn from us Sen-
-timents & Expressions that may seem
to favour & savour of Resentment We
contrary at your Honors Should we
believe that we can withdraw from the
Service, or to recruit We see or think
we see dangers & are anxious to give
you the Earliest intelligence to guide
your Judgement which gives cause
& this cannot be done without many
& frequent representations, We wish
it could be avoided, for we Detest
that it is from our desire to do the Co.
-bot an injury, & if gives us great con-
-cern we shall take for deviation
-tion, But whatever Regard We owe to
this Instance We owe Still more to the
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Company & to remember, & tho' the whole truth according to the adage is not to be Spoken at all times, yet Where par-
ticular Justice & Accuracy is to be Observed in reporting you to Facts, we think it
also our indispensible Duty to present them and the Records of your Proceedings for Many
yrs past Furnish abundant Matter for reflection, Both of Late the Transac-
tions with Tanjore, & with the Mahra-
rattas deserve the most serious Investi-
gation, & as We have spared no Pains
to procure every circumstance in as
clear a Light as possible in our Mi-
nutes, We have only to request
your attentive Perusal of them &
that in giving your Judgment on them &
your directions in Consequence it shall
be our Part to execute them faithfully ac-
cording to the best of our ability.

Extract from the Committees Letter
to the Select Committee of 16th April 73

Para 12

In our Letter to you of
3d November last We directed that you
should Immediately withdraw our
Troops from the Fortresses which they
garrison in the Carnatick, But as
the Subject appears to us of the ut-
most importance, We have since that
time been induced to enter more fully
into the Consideration thereof, And on
the most mature deliberation We see

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the greatest Reason not only to enforce our said orders But to signify to you our extreme disapprobation of the promise which you have made to the Nabob & since our positive instructions. What you did not at any future time give the Nabob the least Reason to suspect that such a measure can possibly take place, On the Contrary tracing the Subject minutely We find that no Power in the Nabob put in possession of the Said Forts & the Company's Troops removed, than his own additions will by it be rendered unable to attempt retaking Some of them & their Troops whenever they had little else to do than to appear before them, on Ordinary Occasions Possession on which account the Nabob himself declared he was tired with the frequent accounts he received of the depredations of the Plunderers & that he was fully convinced this troops were unequal to the Task of suppressing them We therefore desired a proper means for this Troops might be taken into the Company's Service, put under our Officers & discipline like the rest of our Troops, That the Expence them of otherwise be defrayed by himself & that if the Company would agree thereto & give strict Orders that our Officers should not interfere in the affairs of this Province he would dismiss all the Troops he kept

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in the said Countries, & dependances
above Year the ensuing Tranquility
of the Carnatic
13th We cannot but view with
a Regret of the Nabob's a compliance
wherewith on our Part to be according
all Circumstances considered, as the the
Conditions were stipulated by a
Person at Treaty & therefore on the
Nabob can urge with Propriety (which
We hope is not the Case) that our Mi-
-litary Officers have improperly in-
-terfered in the Business of the Bus-
-siness. We cannot even now that he has
Event a right to expect us to decide from our
part of the agreement
14th We are entirely at
present the Consideration of the Gov-
-ernments notice of his rights & ought
to proceed to settle absolutely
with the Nabob request take place, Be-
cause we are not at all disposed to make
the damageous repayment, But in order to
convince the Nabob that our Troops shall
be employed for their benefit & that they
shall not in the least interfere with the
Business, We do hereby direct that
no Officers or other person in our Service
whatsoever do presume to lend or by any
Means advance Money to any of the Na-
-bobs People in the Country where any
Such Officer or persons may happen to be

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be, for we trade nearer to believe that
from such practice great evils have
arisen The Officers serve on the spot, in
time of Warr, secure his own Property
before the Nabobs armed Dar can possi-
bly take care of the Revenues & the
high Interest paid by the Land Holder
is a great temptation to a commanding
Officer to engage them to Land Money on
the Produce of such Lands, as lie within
their reach of their Guns, or the Limits of
his Command. This being an undoubted
principal source of almost all disputes
between us & the Nabob on this Subject
We are determined effectually to crush
this evil & do hereby direct that you dimin-
ish all Advances into effectual Execu-
tions & dismiss every person from our
Service who may presume to act con-
trary to our positive Orders given by vigorsi-
-d to you.

Extract from the Company's Letter to
the Select Committee of 17th March
1769

Para 12th. Having adjusted their ac-
-counts You are to let the Nabob know
this first Obligation is to discharge this
Debt due to the Company, you are
therefore to offer him your assistance
& if necessary warn to insist with the strongest
manner on his entering into the detail
of his Revenues & to point out to you

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what further resources the Seas for the dis-
-charge of this debt & to make the Liqui-
-dation thereof a matter of Publick con-
-cern between you & them & give that Sa-
-tisfaction of the Company's authority to the
Measures to be taken for the discharge
of this Debt due to Individuals without
which it is to be never can be accomplished
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We have expressed our sen-
-timents in our letter to the Separate
department on the great & almost im-
-mediate danger this Garrison is kept up by the Nabob. But
unless by any you pursuing the proper
Measures to enforce the Reduction of
them to a Number more suitable
to the State of the Nabobs finances, We
are permitted an inspection of the Sepoy
Establishment in 1765 it was with the
View to reduce the number of this un-
-disciplined rabble, instead of which
they have been increasing to a degree
which we need not mention as it
thinks him unnecessary in future here by you
them for the defence of the Carnatick
The Safety of this must be strongly represented
to them & you intreat to him that he
cannot strongly them sufficiently by any
Mode of effectual, as the maintaining
this Force ought, Burning Sums of the City
War we have ever attained in the defence
of the Carnatick, that the time may
come when such aid their Effort may

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be organized against the Same powerful Enemy, That he is always to bear this in his Mind as a probable Event That he may & be preparing against it, & that no preparations will be so effectual as a Steddy Economy & Still that is accomplished by moderation. all this ambition be the putting the Carnatick into a proper state of Defence, by the erecting such Fortifications & having in them Magazines as will Stand

4th In my opinion our anxiety during a Negotiation adapted to promote our Views as to our Allies as the Mysore War, We expect We shall not think ourselves secure whilst we have Soldiers or Sepoys in that Country, nor till We see it given to some power that may serve as a Barrier against their Malice as Either may serve an useful Ally should we ever have occasion to call in the assistance of a Country powers. These are our Views But not being able to form even a probable Conjecture what on any basis upon being from the time of your last advices to the time this shall reach your Hands, it is impossible for us to say how our Views are to be accomplished We trust intirely to your Judgement as to conduct these delicate Affairs as shall

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The remarks aforesaid

The President in consequence of Mr Johnsons additional reasons, for removing that certain Member of the Board should at all times attend the President on business to the Nabob, argued with those reasons, that whenever he shall be of Opinion, that the exigency of the Service may require the presence of any but him only with the Nabob that he may then, think it right to request the Senior of any of the Members of the Board, to attend him to the Durbar on that occasion

W Munro
Joseph Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

A Wm Campbell
Archd. Palmer
Thomas Sheppard

Geo: Mackay

Letter to Capt.n Godfrey

Fort St George May 1775

By Dispatched the following Letter to Capt.n Godfrey
Commanding at Vellum

To Captain Godfrey
Commanding at Vellum

Sir

I am commanded by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant & to acquaint you, that the regular Mode of Application for Military Stores is by Indent, You will therefore be pleased to make out an Indent of what you may be in want of, for your Battalion & give the same to the Storekeeper, who will take the necessary precaution, that you are properly supplied

The Man whom you are appointed to have deserted, & who has since been taken, you will cause to be tried by a Court Martial, as you are empowered so to do, by the Articles of War & by the President & Council for that purpose, I am directed further to inform you that it is the pleasure of the Board that the Boy which you have drawn for Ensign Weir should be committed to the Town Major, who will take the necessary precautions to appropriate it, to the use of that Gentleman

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
R. Fullerton Secy

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Consequently to the Minute of Consultation on the following Letter was this day dispatched to the Dayan as tion at Madura

To Mr James Daniell

Dayan aution at Madura

Sir

Letter to Mr Daniell the Dayn. Quarter at Madura

In reply to your Letter of the 22d Ultimo I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that you have their permission to reside the Dayan as tion Quarters at Madura, as you represent them to be at present, so convenient habitable a Situation

I am

Sir

Your very loving Friends

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B I am in the following Letter from the Govt & Council at Bombay to go there with Copy of the articles of agreement entered into between them on the part of the Company & Rajah and

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Military Department

To the Honble Mr Wynch Esqr

President & Govr &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from Bombay Articles of with Agreement with Rajah

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We had the pleasure to receive your favour of the 13th of last January Sensible of the Attention you have paid to our Regard for a Military Reinforcement, for which We return you our thanks, the European Infantry and

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have on the Coast the 22d Ultimo, & hope Conveyances have been made provided for bringing hither from Anjengo the Battalion of Sepoys

Upon Consideration we are no doubt, are perfectly well acquainted with the Divisions at present subsisting in the Mahratta Empire We have deemed it for the interest of our Honble Employers to embrace the Cause of Baja-ba, the Right Hut Successive Governor of the Mahratta Dominions, against his Enemys the Ministerial Party & our army to the Number of 500 Men Gas in Consequence has proceeded to Sambay to his assistance, & tho' his affairs owing to his own Miscarriages a short time before our Forces set out, do not at present wear the most favourable aspect, yet we hope when our Forces, should join the Bombay Division of his army, that they will be quickly retrieved, & we are the more confirmed in this Hope, as we learn for certain that great Divisions are at present subsisting amongst the Chiefs of the opposite Party.

A Treaty has been entered into with Bajabah much to the advantage of our Honble Employers, a Copy of which We enclose for your Honrs & Cts Information, the Amount of the annual Revenues of the several Places ceded to Gov-

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ver is about 19 Sacks of Rupees, & We stat-
ter ourselves the article regarding the
Saltpetre will be thought of preser-
ving the Madras Possessions from
the Depredations of the Mahrattas
in time to come

Mr Mackie has been
ordered to repair to your Presidency
agreable to his Destination at home from
the Honble the Court of Directors

We dispatch to Mr
Letter under the care of an Officer in
Command of a Batteau proceeding
to Bengal, & as the is bulky we charge
with Particulars & Packets of concern-
ment for the Governor General
& Council at Fort William, We request
your Honors &c will not detain him
but that you will order him to pro-
ceed immediately after the delivery
of this Letter

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Gent
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

Wm Hornby
D. Draper
F. Mostyn
B. Fletcher
Wm Taylor

Bombay Castle
10 April 1775

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L.S. The Seal of the Company

Articles of Agreement &
Treaty between the Honble Wm
Hornby Esqr President & Governor
& ca Council of Bombay and of all
its dependencies on the Part and be-
half of the Honble Company
United Englists East India
Company on the one part and Ra-
goonath Row Banajee Pehwa.
on the other part. Dated the sixth day
of March in the year of our Lord 1775
on the third of the Month of Mohogrum
& year 1189 Sjry Mahommedan Stile or
the day of the Month & year 1000
Jumlee Stile

Article 1st The Treaty concluded between
the Government of Bombay & Badjerow
Pandit Pradan or first Minister of his
Highness the Soll Bajah dated
July 173 & of the Mahommedan Stile
& that concluded on the Part of these
Governments with Banajee Badjerow
Pandan the 12th October 1756 or of the Maho-
medan Stile 17th of Mohogrum 1170 are
hereby ratified and confirmed in this
present Treaty according to the Just &
true intent & Meaning of them in the
same manner & in the same
sight as if they had been recited &
here inserted

Article

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Article 2nd All attempts or agreements subsisting between the Government of Bombay & that of the Mahrattas are hereby ratified & confirmed & after the Re-establishment of Ragobah in the Government of the Mahratta Dominions Peace & Friendship shall subsist unmolested between this Government in behalf of the Company & the Mahratta Government

3d Ragobah on his part & on the part of the Mahratta Government engages upon this Force and more on any pretence or in any manner to assist the Enemies of the Honble Company in any part or Nation of their Dominions in India & the Honble the Governor & Council of Bombay do in like manner engage never to assist the Enemies of Ragobah.

4th The Honble the Governor & Council of Bombay in behalf of the Honble Company and in consideration of the above mentioned Grants & Cessions made by Ragobah do the Company do hereby engage and agree so soon as possible after these Articles of Agreement & Treaty are fully ratified executed & confirmed on the part of Ragobah to assist them with a Strong Body of Troops, with proper Guns & Warlike Stores as a field Train of Artillery which are to join this

his army and act in conjunction with his Forces against his Enemies the Mussulmans Army in the said treaty shall be includ=ed one hundred (700) Europeans, & three whole shall not be less than two thousand five hundred (2500) Men but at present only five hundred (500) Europeans and one thousand Sepoys and Sircars with a proper Number of Guns will be sent & the rest if wanted afterwards

Article 5 In Consideration of such assistance on the part of The Honble Company, Bajo Ba as Peshwa and as supreme Gover=nor in this whole Mahratta Empire doth hereby and doth grant & con=firm to the Honble Company forever the condemnation named Places & Territo=ries & the duties arising by the same pursuant to make over the Same to them in the most ample & effectual manner & the duties with these pursuants duties in the most safe any Summonds gran=ting unto the Said Company all the pursuant & future just right & title of the Mahratta Government to them & in case of the Fort at any time of the Sum=monds now delivered, these pursuants are at all times to be forwarded as such and at full equal validity with any Summond whatever

Bajerain

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Bassein and the
whole of its Dependencies in its fullest
extent & all Rents & Revenues thereunto
belonging to the Poonah Government
in it.

Salsette the whole Island
Salsette with all the Revenues of the
different places annexed to it except
Sirtee by Agreement Bow & Ramaja
Pundt

Tannah Bassein and
Orpah, with the whole of their fullest
extent, together with every thing
belonging to the Poonah Govern-
ment in those Purgunnahs

The Town following Islands
adjacent to Bombay with every thing
belonging to the Poonah Government
thereon Viz.t Carangia Canary
Elephanta & Hog Island.

Article 6th Ringotah and engages
immediately to procure from the Gov-
ernor a Grant to the Honble Com-
pany for ever and all the respective
Summuds of Shasir Shares in the Revenues
collected by Government in the Town
& Purgunnahs of Broach

Article 7th The Honble Company
to be Considered as the Sole Sovereign
& Proprietors from the Day of the sign-
ing of this Treaty of all & every of the
places

places cedd by the two last articles
in the Nabobs answer as the Bonah
Government at the Guicawar, Govern-
ment must before considered and
an accordingly from this day For-
ward be carried on by right & authori-
-ty in those Places and to receive any
Business to which the Bonah Govern-
-ment or the Guicawars before carried
or received

8th Bajy Rab also engages
paid to Justly Town alleged to the Com-
-pany for over the Sum of Twenty five
thousand /75000/ Rupees annually
from this Share of the Revenues of
Cordasier to which Town is to be paid
by their Proportion two different Pay-
-ments at stated periods

9th Bajy Rab engages
to pay in Full for the Charges and
Expences of the Body of Forces with to
which he is to be appointed with the con-
-sistency of two thousand Five hundred
Bulls Gunn & Ammunition. The Sum of one
One Thousand & Fifty thousand /150,000
Rupees annually and during annually
to which the Honble the Governor &
Council agree to accept him without
further account and it to commence
the day the Forces leave Bombay, but as
the whole Number of Forces will not
at first proceed, he is only to pay a Pro-
proportionable

for so particionable Men shall by Law still
the whole Year, if occasion any be found
to join in Arms, he engages to pay this
Sum and more duly and as accurately
for the Same till this Affair will
enable him to furnish the Number
he proposes to do as soon as for the
Assigns by these presents Appoint-
ment of the following Places Viz
Occasion this remaining Sum as aforesaid
directing what is herein by these pre-
sents recited to the Honble Company
Fishwood and all its Districts
Hamsoot and all its Districts
Virsaul and all its Districts
Bukit in Sum by dust and that the
Revenues of these Places belong to
the Honble Company one Year
than till the Accomplishment of the Month
by stipend that may Endure for the
Expences of the Company's Forces as
fully discharged, when all Your
demands on these Countries are to
be entirely vested and in this Light
the Honble the Governor & Council
declare they accept these Pro-
positions

Article 10th

It is also mutually agreed during the course of this Negotiation that six Lacks of Rupees should be deposited by Rajah Lah with the Agent of the Company to Discharge

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accounted for at the Expiration of
the Time intended to be performed
against their Enemies the Ministerial
party & Bagotah finding it at this
time totally impossible for them to
raise the Sums to be deposited therein
equally with them to do it was left in their
power, the Contracting Parties
have mutually agreed to settle this
point as follows — That Bagotah
shall immediately deposite upon
with the Company's Agent at Surat
to the Sum of Value of Six Lacks of Ru-
pees in Jewells to remain in the
Honble Company's Possession till
a decree, wherein must be done as soon as
Bagotahs Affairs will possibly admit
all this Bagotah faith fully & firm-
ly engages to perform & the Honble
Company to accept

Article 11th In case of opposition from
any person or persons whatever unto
the Company taking Possession of
all or any of the Places herein by formerly
and effectually yield to them, Ba-
hah doth engage to pay the expence
that will be incurred by their gai-
ning Possession, to use effectual
Means to feed them in Provisions
as well as to procure them Guns in
the quiet Possession of all the Pre-
mises & Places now ceded to the Honble

Company

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Article 12th

Company

Should Bagabah or the
peace with his Enemies the Maintain Su
sincerely & faithfully engages that Honble
East India Company shall be included
in it to their Satisfaction

13 Bagabah doth engage
never to molest the Dominions of the
Honble Company in Bengal He further
engages not to make war or commit any
Depredations in the Carnatick so long
as the last Treaty subsisting between
the two Governments is adhered to by
the Nabob

14 In case it should hap-
pen (which God forbid) that any of the
Companys Ships or Vessels, or the Ships
Vessels or Boats of any other person or
persons trading under their protec-
tion, should be Shipwrecked on any
part of the Nabobs Coast, every assistance
shall be given by the Governments
Inhabitants to save as much as pos-
sible & that which may be Saved
shall be returned, at a reasonable
Expence being paid by the Owners

Article 15th All the Factories ceded &
given to the Company by this Treaty are to
be considered as their sole right & proper-
ty from the Day this Treaty is signed &
this Treaty from that Day to be Consid-
ered

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Considered in full force, just as if the Expected Services were fully accomplished whether Bagojah shall make peace or not

16th Immediately after the Ratification of the foregoing articles and a Sum the Treaty to the full amount of Six Lacks of Rupees are deposited and the Security of the above mentioned given for the payment of the Monthly Expences of the Forces so long as they continue with Bagojah, & till their return, all the Hostages released: Signed the Governor & Council engage that the Company's Forces applicable to what is mentioned in the body of this Treaty shall proceed from Bombay to join the army of Bagojah & they trust by the blessing of the almighty that they will quickly overcome his Enemies the Ministerial party & Establish Ameer at Poonah in the Government of the Mahratta Empire

The foregoing articles having been agreed to by the Honble the President & Council of Bombay who have empowered me to accept the same in their behalf, I do in confirmation thereof affix the Seal of the Honble Company & sign my own proper name thereto in Surat this Day

and

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and year above mentioned & do engage to procure a ratification of this treaty under the Seal of the Honble Compy & under the Hands & Seals of the Honble the President & Council of Bombay within three days from this date

Signed

Robert Grandbies

We the President & Council of Bombay aforesaid having empowered Mr Robert Grandbies to execute a treaty with Bagodah Row Bausajee Pesshwa & in our behalf on account of the Honble Company & under our proper Hands & Seals within one Month from the Date - Now know ye we do ratify & confirm the Foregoing treaty in all & every part, in testimony of which we have caused the Seal of the aforesaid Honble Company to be thereunto affixed and & do now sign the same with our Hands & Seals our proper Seals this 16th Day of March in the 15th Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy five

Signed William Hornby
Daniel Draper
Thomas Mostyn
Brice Fleetwood
William Taylor

By

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By Order of the Honble William Bombay Esqr President & Governor &c Council of His Majesty's Castle & Island of Bombay and of all Forts Factories, Territories, Towns and affairs of the Honble English East India Company on the Western Side of India & on the Coasts of Persia & Arabia

(LS) George Skipp
Secretary

A true Copy
George Skipp

Came in the following Letter from Fort St. George.

Military Depart.

To the Honble Mr. Wynch Esqr
President & Govr &c Council
at Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Fort St. George dated 26th ult. with Return of Military Stores at that Garrison

The 26th Ultimo We received a Letter from your Military Secretary Mr. Richard Sullivan, inclosing us the Statement of Ordnance and Military Stores, with the yours Honors &c desire should signify that you are to determine to be the Quantity necessary for the Defence of that Fort of Cuddalore We therefore now in Compliance with your directions Signify to you by your Military Secretary in the said Letter and by you ordered Returns of such Articles of

(Ordnance

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Orders are to Militia any Stores you are
to send on board the Vessels as they have
at present on board. We desire you
make up your returns of such Ord-
nance & Militia any Stores as have been
in Garrison & are not included in
the said Returns

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obt
humble Servants
Richard Saltwell
Edwd Saunders
Will Maitland
& Wm Tollofield

Cuddalore
11th May 1775.

16th Came in the following Letter from
Lt and Lieut Lang Commanding at Vellore
To Richd Joseph Sullivan Esqr
Military Secretary
Fort

Letter from Lt
Lang Capt Hughs
with Detach-
ment from
Fifteenth Regt
arrived at Vellr.

Your will be pleased to
represent to the Honble Board that this
Day Capt Hughes with one Company
one Sergeant, two Corporals & forty
four Privates of the Second Battalion
of the First Regiment arrived here from
Fifteenth Regt.

One Man of the above De-
tachment charged with Mutinous
behaviour on the March is to be tried
by a General Court Martial

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Sirs

Your obedient Servt

Vellore 16th May 1775 Ross Lang

Came in this following Letter from Capt. Duncan Commanding at Bangalore

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Duncan with Journal &c with Bazat. Invs

Since I had the pleasure of writing you last, I have heard that the Guns Stores &c have arrived at Mootapit. by the Canal all on board of them brought from Pondicherry. Also a Mons. La Vie a Frenchman, with the Two Merchants & Mons. Bonatt from Nantipilly have been that Agents in procuring them. This Mr La Vie was at Moota. pilly Universally Lately, Has had Two Brothers, one Settled at Pondicherry & the other at Madras

The last Boat up and from Moutapilly, was escorted by 100 Sepoys commanded by a European Officer their were Four Guns mounted on Carriages, which had been sent from Pondicherry, Each Boat Carried a number of Timbers that came by the Last Vessel were not in Chests but brought ashore loose, & carried away by Coolies in

bundles

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bundles of 38 to tyed together. There
are no troops now at Mootapilly
except a few Sick

I shall now
particular Account of the Force
along with Bazalet Jung: & which
I think may be depended on

Maj.r Pitts Corps of Europeans con-
sists of about 300 [illegible] Sixty of whom are mounted, the rest
Infantry & formed into two or three
Companies. His Officers are a Majr
Allbeck who is second in Command and
has the title of Batt. Commandant
Major Montague & Barry, Two
Captains & nine Subalterns. He has
Two Battalions of Sepoys, Aboard 800
each, & near 500 Sepoy Europeans Offi-
cers are attached both to the Sepoys
& Sepoys. In his Camp are twelve Guns
all mounted & twelve Swivels. Nine
of the Guns are very large & five of
the others are what we call Field pieces
of the army consists of near by 4000 horse
& from 1000 to 1500 Pikemen, there are al-
so seven other Guns with it, two of
which are reported to be very ex-
cellent. There are also Sepoys in Bazalet
Jung's Camp, also, as Artillery men
The European Recruits I mentioned to
have arrived at Madapollam have
now joined the Camp

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Shall not be able to learn any thing certain or satisfactory, with Respect to his intended Operations this ensuing Campaign, as I am informed that he is shortly to marry his Eldest Daughter to the Cundanore District by the Kistnah Towards the Sea Coast, & afterwards go to Hyderabad where his Sons Marriage, with the Nizams Daughter is to be Solemnized When I say that he will Shortly return to the Boat he came, I am informed that he has strictly told his Brothers with whom I have Received an Embassy from the Nizam & Various Letters, that he will have it Ready against the Rains to Carry him & Family to Hyderabad

Tho' I am not able to learn any certainty of the Intentions of Hyder Ally, yet from the Reports of Deserters & Others, I am Induced to believe that he has a Large Body of Troops Encamped near Bangalore, & that he is Collecting Provisions & Stores at Colar & Vellore, & that he has Ordered Money to be Coined at Bangalore, & Seringapatam, & that he has Ordered Cannon to be Cast

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to the 16. Four Guns have lately arrived
there, they are laid upon the Ground
& have no Carriages, Two of them were
old & unserviceable, one having its Muz-
zel beat in, & the other blown at the
touch hole & is said there are a consi-
derable number of Small arms of
one kind & another, lodged in an old
Pagoda in the repair, part & which is
converted into a sort of Magazine
& that from time to time a number
of black Men are employed
in cleaning them. When am I not
satisfactory Informations I have
yet been able to procure than the
Same to be

With the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& very devoted Servt
Alex. Duncan

Angole 10th May
1775.

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

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Letter from Capt Duncan Bazalet Jemy more towards Endeavour

Honble Sirs

I just now have received
brought to me that Bazalet Jemy has
broke up his Camp & return'd to Fort
for some time past & is supposed to be
on his Return to his own Capital as
he directs his Road towards the Cudda-
pa & Commercoondy's by the Fore
Road which he came

Share

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Shall the Same or to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir

Your very devoted
& most Obt Servt
Alexr Duncan

Angole the 17 May 1775

A
18 Agreeably to the Minutes of last Consultations, the following Letter was this day wrote to the Paymaster at Madura

To Mr Samuel Daniell
Paymaster at Madura

Sir

Noor Mahommed Commandant of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys, having addressed the President & Council on the Subject of Arrears of Pay said to be due to them, I am directed to signify to you their pleasure that the Said Arrears should be justly discharged & likewise to inform you that it is their Order, that Noor Mahommed do receive his Monthly Pay in future, in like manner as he did formerly, Unless Ordered to the Contrary by the Board

Sam Lisle
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
B Sulivan Secy

Letter to Mr. Daniell Paymaster at Madura Noor Mahommed Commandant of the 9th Battalion of Sepoys his Arrears of Pay

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18th May 1775

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19 Came in the following Letter from Arcot dated this Day, as entered in Consultation

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No 19 Country Correspondence N57 enclosing
Copy of an Arzdash from Bungan Yuna-
pray Naigue to them & requesting that
Orders may be sent to the Commandant
at Cuyolo, directing them to permit that
Bunton with a few Sepoys, in order that his
Villages & Country may be protected
from the Ravages of Bazalet Tunjy People
20 In consequence of the afor-
going, the following Letter was this day
dispatched to Capt. Duncan Commanding
at Cuyolo

To Captain Duncan
Commanding at Cuyolo
Sir

In consequence of a Re-
presentation from Bungan Yunapah
Naigue, to the Nabob, complaining of
troubles & disturbances occasioned by the
Bazalet Tunjy people, I am commanded
by the President & Council, to signify
to you, that it is desire, that you will furnish
Bungan Yunapah Naigue, with
some Sepoys to the Number of two or
three Companies as may be wanted, in
order, that they may guard the Country
from the Ravages complained of

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
B. T. Sulivan Secy

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20th March 1775

Read.

Capt Duncan
Letter to supply
Yunapah Nai
gue with two
or three Compas
of Sepoys.

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Read draft of a Letter
to the Nabob, as entered in Country Cor-
respondence N° acquainting him with
of the [illegible] of the Officers for their con-
-duct & Behaviour at Trichinopoly
& of the punishment of the Serjeant for
his misconduct at Wandewash

Monday 22d May 1775

At a Consultation Present

Mar.t Wynch Esq.r Gov.r Pres.t
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam.l Johnson
John Mar.t Lane " A Palmer
Francis Sourdan " George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read
& approved

The following Intelli-
-gence was received from the Nabob the
15th Instant, but omitted to be entered
in the Diary That Ruttun Bin Doudah,
a Sirdar sitting in the Durbar with Ni-
zam Ally Cawn had received a mor-
-tal Wound, of which he died, in the
space of three hours, - That the Nizam
himself, had at the time the assassin
rushed in, drawn his Sword, with an
intent to cut him down, but, that
his guards prevented him from daring
exposing his person any, & had the assassin
themselves to death on the Spot, That
he died the same day enough to Sonst.

That

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that he lived long enough to receive
What he had been attending the Durbar for two Months, in order to effect
his purpose

The following account
of the assassination of Burrum Ud
Dowlah, received from the Chief of
Masulipatam, the President desires
may be entered at the Same time
Translate of a letter from the Sou-
dahs Camp dated 26th April 1775, to
Cummoodeen Dofs Sircar at Hydrabad
Received from them this 8 day by
Hayamaud Naicks Sirs Agent at this
place —

Acct of the Assassination of Burrum Ud Dowlah

The Soubah having
halted near a Village called Perkarry
took Burrum Ud Dowlah to a private
place under pretence of Consulting
with them, but having formerly given
him an Order for their assassination
a Sepoy came privately thro' the Purdah
of the Womens apartment and stabbed
Burrum Ud Dowlah with his Sword
setting by the Soubah He survived the
Wound about four hours

Read Letter from Com.r Abbo.t
Service as noted Some after

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Letter from Mr. Innes requesting to have Bankes Surgeons assistant from the time of his arrival in India

The indulgence which you have upon former occasions been pleased to shew me, encourages me to lay my Situation before you, & I have reason to hope that the justice of my Pretensions will procure them a favourable reception

I have from my youth been brought up to the Profession of Physick but my Friends having entertained a favorable opinion of the Honble Company's Military Service by their advice, I procured a Cadetship in the Year 1770 — I received an Ensigns Commission upon my arrival and continued in that capacity with Mr Des Vœux to Michaelmas in the beginning of 1772 in this place I had an opportunity of making myself serviceable through my knowledge in Surgery, which induced that Gentleman to recommend me to the Honble Board & to request that I might receive an addition of Pay as Surgeons Assistant I now Months after my return from this Expedition in 1773 my natural inclination to the profession which I am bringing up added to other motives induced me to apply to the Honble Board for leave to resign my Commission & to be appointed Surgeons assistant which they were pleased to grant me, I flattered myself at the time

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Immediately upon my Arrival at Madras I waited upon the Honble Company's Agent at that Place to enquire whether any Vessels were expected from England, and was informed that I must expect to remain at least Six Months longer in this Country before any Ship could be dispatched from hence to England, and that I must look upon myself as one of the Number of Surgeons who were to be sent Home in Rotation, which Information I received with the greatest Concern, as I had been absent from my Family upwards of Three Years, and had left them in a very distressed Situation, and as I had been Appointed to the Charge of the Hospital at Madras, I was in hopes that my Services would have been retained there, but I was informed by the Surgeon General that he could not dispense with my Services, as I was the only Surgeon who had been in the Country any length of Time, and that I must proceed to Fort St George, where I should receive Orders from the Governor & Council, I accordingly proceeded to Fort St George, where I arrived on the 15th Instant, and waited upon the Governor & Council, who informed me that they had received Orders from the Honble Company to send Home all the Surgeons who had been in the Country any length of Time, and that I must wait my Turn, which would be in Rotation, and that I must expect to remain here at least Six Months longer

which he afforded the Men, who were employed on that Service, he received an indulgence of Pay as assistant Surgeon during the time he was absent, in addition to what he drew as Surgeon, And as Surgeon mate of Jarvis, He was at this application permitted to resign his Commission and was admitted on the Lists of Surgeons assistants, Had any Services at that time considered himself entitled to any thing further than are received, Whereupon he was the time to be represented, & to comply with his request at this period recorded and Deserved by a Gratuity to those, who have so long considered themselves as Supernumerary to their Branch, and the Board cannot at this juncture gratify their requisites

Read Letter from Mr Mun-
ro, Paymaster at Chingleput

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Munro presents their
sufficiency of
Letter attested
by thirty-four

I do humbly intreat your Honour &c that their humble Letter belonging to this Garrison are very insufficient to their daily fatigue of its duties and deserve more particularly to be so, when as I understand

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understand your Honour & Fraternities Desiring an additional Supply of Stores Ammunition &c.a for the defence of this Fort & whom most your Honours the present Number will be Deem'd adequate to the Service

I hope your Honour &c.a will pardon the Freedom of my recommending the Same to your Consideration, & requesting such an addition as you may judge expedient & necessary

I remain with much respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servt

R.t Dunc.an Munro

Storekeeper

Chingleput
10th May 1775.

Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Mr Munro, that at the time the Stores are Sent to Chingleput a proper Number of Lascars for their Guard & Necessaries should be Sent with them from this Garrison, but that that purpose cannot be effected, the present Number attached to Chingleput must be considered as sufficient

Read Letter from Mr Mitchell

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

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Mr. Michell applies for the deference of Pay as Ensign from the time of his Arrival in India.

Take the Liberty to trou-
=ble you with this address on the
Subject of my Pay as an Ensign in
the Service of the Honble Company
On the 16th of August 1772
I arrived at Bombay as Cadet on that
Establishment and soon after join
the Expedition against Broach
all the Cadets being appointed Do.
ating Ensigns I continued to do the
Duty of an Officer, since that time
for which I received Month by Month Pay
down to the 20th of February last
The Honble the Court of Di-
rectors having been pleased to appoint
me an Ensign on this Establishment
and to date Rank from the 13th Decr.
1771 I hope no impropriety will app-
-ear to the Board in my addressing this
application to them for the difference
of Pay from the day of my arrival
in India assuring them that I took
no time in repairing thither by the first
opportunity that offerd, after I received
the intimations of my being appointed
the interval of the last 16 or 5 Months, that
I did duty with the Army engaged against
the Mahrattas in the Reduction of
the Island of Salsett, which Circumstance
did in truth and unavoidably Subject
me to a greater Expence than the Allowance
which I received could bear & this also I hope

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hope will merit your attention
I have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& very humble Servant
William Mackie

Agreed that Mr Mackie
be allowed the difference of Pay between
this & the Bombay Establishments
from the day that he was given certain
Grant at Ostend as Ensign
Read Letter from G. Watson

To the Hanble Mess.rs Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.rs &.ca Council
of Fort St George

Gentlemen,

G.r Watson ap-
plies to go to Eu-
rope by the way
of Pondicherry

Having applied for
your Permission to go to Europe in
the Month of January & February last
& obtained the Same / But being dis-
-appointed of a Passage by the Hostile
Conspiracy Ships of those Months
I have now to represent
that an Opportunity offers from
Pondicherry To which place I hope I may have
to be allowed to pass and by your command
to proceed to Europe
I request also that you'll
please to make mention of me in your
next General Letter to the Honble Court
of Directors, in order that I may be
confirmed

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continued on the list of the army &
Shall join their Letters, I am with
Sincere wishes for your health &c

Gentlemen
Your most Respectfull
& Obedient Servant
Henry Watson

Agreed that Lt Watson
be permitted to proceed to Europe in
the manner he proposes
Read Letter from Ganjam
Military Depart.

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have received the
Letter from Military Secretary's Letter of the 20th Inst.
Ganjam, Gumsur, inclosing Copy of your Letter from the
Rajah refuses to Chief Cassidun of the 22nd February
give up the Vil- & in answer to your Letter of the 24th
lages agreed to December We informed Your Honor
be given to his & Council that We had demanded for Satchuma
Brother Villages Bunjy's of the Gumsoor Villages
taken for Support as they constantly were Subject & Tributary
of Jor Satchuma to Nimdapauydie, Bamooja, Noowapeetty,
Bunjy. Batteroya, Pundiapada, Bazapooty
Badakottoo, & Sonakootoo, from the
Disposition which the Gumsoor
Rajah then showed, We had hoped this
Matter would have been speedily ac-
=commodated

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accommodated about his Cause since delay-
-ed coming to any Conclusion from
time to time on various Causes, &
at length Manifested a total Diminuti-
-nation to the Deliverings up of the Villages
as above mentioned for passing instead
of them to give this Brother Villages situa-
-ted at considerable Distances from
each other and the Situations interior side
of Vizagapatam which is the Principal
Barrier of the Gaumoor Zemindary to-
-wards the Sitta Country, as we were
of opinion that the Raja's Motive
for offering this Brother the Villages
situated so near to Gaumoor was that
he might an aid thereby of any Oppor-
-tunity that might offer of getting
possession of this person, or at least that
he might be enabled to distress him in
the Collection of the Peshcush and as
Latchima a Bungee now doing Duty
expose his life to danger from the attempts
of this Brother to the diminishing purpose
wanted to use & what he was a Consider-
-tion it was an incumbant on us to attend
to We thought it necessary accordingly
to what is before related to you upon this
Subject to take immediate Possession
of the Villages Jointly demanded Capt.
Bandon ill was accordingly Ordered to
appoint an Officer with such a Force
as he should judge necessary for this
purpose

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purpose & a letter was written to the Rajah to apprize him of our Intentions not to molest any other part of his Country — As the Service appeared to us absolutely to require that Officers commanding detachments should correspond directly with us, & be subject to our immediate Orders, and as We do not see any thing objectionable in the Contents of the Translate of the Instructions of the 29th March 1775 lately transmitted to Us We judged it necessary on this occasion to send a letter to Capt. Brandiner to be delivered to the Officer whom he might appoint to take possession of the Villages containing directions for his Conduct, & ordering him to correspond immediately with us, advising Us of his Proceedings In consequence hereof Capt. Brandiner arrived at Manchad from with the 16th Instant with the Grenadier Companies & one Field Pounder, & took possession of all the Villages without opposition

Lieutenant Barnage arrived at Manchad the 17th Instant with the Battalion & We shall direct Captain Brandiner to leave with him a few Sepoys to protect the Villages from being burnt or Plundered by the Gomastah Rajah

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs Your
Your most Obt humble Servants
Charles Smith
Johan Hollard

Tanjore
29th April 1775

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In addition to the foregoing observations the Board are induced to approve of the Gentlemen at Ganjam's having taken proper notice of your own Villages, & particularly as it is evident, that the Raja wished to give Latchanna a Burrge, which we conceive that Situation, that would enable him to keep a Watchful Eye over the actions of his Brother, And at any time, to injure them either in person, or in the Collection of their Rents, if so the case required. The Board likewise approve of the Conduct of the Chief & Council in directing all Officers detached to correspond directly with them, & to obey all Orders, that they should think proper to issue, as the same Power is now vested in them as a Board, which before the late Regulations, was vested in the Chief alone. & became a contrary System, would doubtless be productive of many & probably material inconveniencies

Rec.d Letter from the Gov.r General & Council answered 5th June after

To the Honble. Hen.y Wynch Esq.r
President & Co.n Council
at Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 3 Ultimo, enclosing Copies of the Correspondence which passed between the Nizam Ally, his Ministers & your Selves on the Subject of an application from the Zemindars

General Letter from Fort William respecting the Nizam's Application for assistance.

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former, for the Aid of the English Troops

We consider the Treaty
with the Nabob Nizam Ul Mulk, as
defensive only, & not binding on the
Company, in projects of distant conquests
or the invasion of the Provinces of his Neigh-
bours. For this reason & for the other
communicated in your Letter, We cannot
authorize you to afford that Nabob
the assistance which he requires, &
we beg leave it to you to decide in
terms, which shall be the least offen-
sive to him.

We think it necessary on
this occasion to prescribe our General
principle to you for your guidance
in all political Questions which may
be presented to you. That you regard
the Peace of India, as the ultimate &
determined Object of this Government
as We conceive it to be that of the Com-
pany & of the Legislature itself in the
Institution of the present System & that
you do not accept, encourage any
proposals for offensive Engagements
with any Powers of India, whether
for the acquisition of Territory or any
other prospect of Advantage

We are Gentlemen
Your most Obedt humble Servants

Wm Pitt
7 May 1775

Richd Barwell,
Francis

Warren Hastings
John Clavering
Geo Monson

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The Board are pleased to observe that Marion Brasons former conduct in the Military assistance as given to the Sambahs remained with them proved approved by the Governor & Council. The late appointment of Brevet Lt Douglas, considering it probable that new Measures may be adopted by the Rajah, it is Agreed, that he be not write to at present, but that the Letter declining the Military assistance be dispatched until certain advices arrive of the Effects that may have been produced by the death of Brevet Lt Douglas

The Secretary represents to the Board, that he had application made to him by Mr Brennan & Mr Donald both now out of the Service to remunerate the former Pay & Rates, & to have leave for the latter an order for the usual allowance of House Rent. Resolved that neither Mr Brennan nor Mr Donald be made any allowance on what-soever, unless they represent, that the Company are indebted to them any arrears or that they are real Objects of distress, & in consideration of the Sum of 5 Rupees p Month, that they will engage to proceed to Europe on the first Ships dispatched from hence

General Smith delivers in the following Recommendation for Mr Thomas Pittman, Relict of the late Capt Pittman to partake of the Military Fund

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By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commander in Chief of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Choromandel

Whereas it is Ordered by the late Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Military Fund for the relief of Officers & Soldiers, who by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further service in India & the Widows of Officers & Soldiers dying in the Service, that they produce a Certificate thereof, from the Commanding Officer, as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Fund

I do certify that Philip Pittman, born in England was a Captain of Engineers on this Establishment, that having served the Honble Company nine years, he died at Vizagapatam on the twentieth day of January last and left a Widow Honora Pittman, who resides at Fort St George and is hereby recommended to the Provision made by the said Military Fund

Given under my hand at Fort St George the 22 May 1775

Joseph Smith
Brigadier Genl

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

Approved

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Approved

Approved, & the usual
Certificate ordered to be made out
Genl at Law with the recommend
that the 6 Six Pounders which were some
time brought to the Mount from Vellore
be returned to that Garrison, together with
the Gunners attached to them, Agreed to and
ordered accordingly.

The 13th Article of the Articles of Agreement entered into between the President & Council of Bombay, & Rajaram the Rao, as entered in the Diary the 13th Instant, making mention of a Treaty existing between the Nabob, & the Mahratta Government, it is resolved, that a Letter be sent to the Nabob, together with a Copy of the Articles of Agreement, & a request, that he would inform us, what Treaty it is, that is alluded to, & at what time it was that he concluded it.

Mr Stone delivering in the following Minute & requesting the Board, that he might keep it, with him as Monday last, but, as it was a Civil Council, & as he imagined a Military Council would have been Summoned for Friday last, he did not then deliver it in.

Mr Stone Mr. Smith

I had hoped that my Minute of the 8th Instant would have been the last I should have had occasion to write on so disagreeable a Subject, the Remarks however of the Board require that I should say something

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aware that my further as well Temperate to
shew as in vindication of my opinion, particularly as I am in some manner called
upon by the Board

In my Minutes both of the 3d April & last inst. I endeavoured to shew the Necessity there was that the Board should be clearly ascertained of the Nabob's real Intentions in sending his Second Son to England, before they proceeded to take any Steps in Consequence of the Presidents Report, I also attempted to point out the improbability of the Reports communicated by the President & the danger there was in giving credit to the very heavy accusations alledged against the Nabob, & his Second Son upon bare Report, without clear & certain Proofs in Support of them, & to shew that the Conduct of this Government, in taking Measures in Consequence of such vague & indeterminate Reports, without even proposing any Enquiry into the truth of them, was injurious to the Nabob & hurtful to the Interests of the Company & lastly that it appeared to me that the Measures adopted by the Board tended to violate the Nabobs Rights, & that they were a direct Breach of a Solemn Promise made to him — My Arguments & Reasonings on the Subject, I therefore submit to the Judgement of any Superior

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Them, that if the Conduct of
Jshall in any further observe in Support of
the Nabob or any of his Family it is to be con-
demned as Treasonable, without giving them
an opportunity of justifying themselves
without diligently to inquire into the Va-
lidity of the Evidence against them
or even without the least Intimation
of the Nature of such Evidence. Says if
if the Nabob or any of his Family are to
be condemned on such Grounds their
Situation is to be pitied indeed — The
Board say they have only offered their
advice to the Nabob of the bad Policy
of putting too much power in the hands
of his Second Son & that they meant not to
do any thing else "As the heavy Accusations
brought against the Nabob & his Second Son
and entered on our Record for the Inspec-
tion of the Governor General & Council, of
the Honble Court of Directors, & of Our Most
Gracious Sovereign, to be considered as No-
thing? Is not clearly of opinion that had the
Board been unanimous in the Measures
taken in Consequence, had not the Truth
& Validity of those accusations been disputed
by Some of the Members, they would
have been taken for granted, & would not
fail in inspiring every one who has a right
to have access to our Records, with Sentiments
very injurious to the Nabob what Effect
they may have in other Countries,
without pretending to say —

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A Reference to the Boards both on the last & former Siege of Tanjore with Mr Orme to pay the Nabob thought it necessary to obtain from this Government the assurances given him in the President's Letter in July 73 The Reasons for the Nabob's desire & the Boards acquiescence were briefly these — The Nabob wished their reduction of Tanjore, the Army in route not accomplish it without the Company's assistance the was apprehensive that having once got possession, Would be keep it for the Company and therefore would not consent to the Expedition, but upon those assurances, the Boards saw the Danger of suffering Tanjore to remain in the hands of the Rajah after the army had given over their design of forming Connections detrimental to the Interests of the Company & the Carnatic, & when they were assured that he only waited for an Opportunity of declaring themselves an Enemy to both, It appear'd therefore less dangerous to suffer the Fort & Country which Cannot be retained to remain in the hands of the Nabob till the Company's Pleasure could be known, than to permit the Rajah to continue in Possession thereof — They could not undertake the Reduction of it without the Nabobs Concurrence & these Reasons induced them to give him the Assurances he required — The Board are pleas'd to ask, why I did not object to those assurances

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being given at the time? for answer Tory
I saw the necessity of giving them, & therefore
did not object to them. What I could object to
is a Breach of those assurances after they
were formally given, & in what shall
the Board say to such a breach of them,
I consider it as a very serious matter, I look upon
this Government as representatives not only
of the Company but the Nation & that a breach
of any Engagements, entered into by them
must & will be considered as a Breach of
publick faith.—

The Board say "that had
" the Nabob thought proper to give them
" an Explanation of the Manner in which
" he understood the Second Son to succeed
" to, He wanted not opportunities of
" doing so, & such an Explanation might
" probably have put an End to the Dispute."
Since the Board themselves allow that
such an Explanation might probably
have put an End to the dispute, I will go fur-
ther, & say, that had any proportion in
any Minute of the 3d April been attended
to wherein I formally recommended that
the Board should learn from the Nabob himself
what were his intentions concerning the
Second Son to succeed, before the Board pro-
ceeded to take any measures in consequence
of the Poonadunka Information, I say that had
previous & necessary Step been taken I am
persuaded it would have prevented all

dispute

dispute, I am convinced the Nabob would readily have informed the Board of his Intentions, If he had declined doing so, after application was made to him, if this Explanation had not been satisfactory, or if he had afterwards sent this Jemidar with such powers, than those with which he might have originally entrusted the Board, it would have been time enough then for this Government to have interfered, But it was, I thought not to think it to be supposed that the Nabob should look upon the Letter wrote to him, as an infringement of what he considered as his Rights, & a Violation of the promise that had been made to him, & seeing it in that light I do not conceive how the Board could expect that he would enter with them into an explanation of the Subject, I am willing to mention on this occasion a circumstance which appears very Striking— When the President in Consequence of my Minute of 3 April acquainted the Board that I had mistaken his meaning in supposing that he intended to inform the Nabob of the Sentiments expressed in this Minute, of the 27th April, regarding the Second Sum, & thereupon proposed that y.e Board should represent to him the Danger of putting so much power in the Hands of any one &c. I did not then refer to the Minute to see whether any such measure as proposed by the President was agreed thereon

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Memorandum, Upon reference having been had to
the last Consultation Book, I do not find a sufficient Mention made
the Danger of placing too much Power
in the Hands of any one Member of the Government
made of the Succession during the Absence of
the Father among, or in the Management
of the Fortifications Country. If there were
the Reasons actually proposed by the Pre-
sident, when he wrote this Minute to be
given to Mabet, it is natural to suppose
he would have mentioned them in the same
as he did not, I must conclude that they
could not have occurred to them at the time
of writing this Minute; & of course that
the Reasons assigned in this Minute
& of course that the Reasons assigned in
his Minute were what were intended
by him to be urged to the Nabob, or none
at all, & it is evident from that those
Reasons actually assigned in the Letter to
the Nabob, in Consequence of the Presi-
dents Report Motion, were not thought
of by the President until the impropri-
ety & danger of our giving those mentioned
in his Minute, were pointed out

Memorandum that I have any
other Intimation that this Government
are partial to offer their advice & opinion
to the Nabob on any part of this Conduct
which they may appear to them to require
it. The Quotations I made from the Consultancy
By them I meant to show the Delicacy &

Tenderness

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Tandavarayen recommended by the Mantrie for
to be observed by this Government in
their Transactions with the Nabob, even
upon the most important & interesting
occasions the Quotations made by the Board
tend principally to shew the Nabobs Conduct
towards this Government on the important
arrangements which had been entrusted
to the Select Committee to settle with him
We can then Suppose by his Majesty's
Minister; & No one voice was giving to those
Transactions with due regard to the justness of
the representation, & which the Select
Committee thought it proper to make
in as striking colours as possible, in
order to point out to our Honble Masters
the necessity of forming some solid and
permanent System in respect to the Com-
munication between the Nabob & the Company
The Expectation of receiving in a very short
time, some Orders on that head encouraged
them to have recommended the Board to have
avoided any Steps which might inflame
the Nabobs mind, & render him more dis-
posed to be provoked on to adopt such
Measures as may be judged necessary
for the Interests of the Company & the
Carnatic – It is however to be observed
that these Sentiments of the Select
Committee & the Board on the Nabobs conduct
were recorded before either the Former or last
Siege of Tanjore – notwithstanding which

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the Board thought it expedient to require in giving the Nabob the assurances he required that they should never be brought as Arguments in Support of a Breach of that assurance must I think be esperated extraordinary to every one

With respect to the Dangers to be apprehended from the Troops kept up by the Nabob, I am with safety rely on General Smith's Judgement He has them long under his Command & knows well how far they are to be depended upon

To the Remarks drawn by the Board of the Nature of our present Commission with the Nabob, it is unnecessary to make any reply. The Subject has been long before the Court of Directors & I cannot depend on them alone to establish the Line to be observed by this Government

W. Thomas Esqr

& Minute to the Letter prepared to be sent to the Nabob.

Since I wrote my Minute delivered in this Day, I have perused the Letter prepared to be wrote to the Nabob, the whole of which I dissent from, & for reasons mentioned in my Minutes on that Subject, I shall pass them & proceed to give more particular Remarks, The first is the disposition expressed by the Board of the Nabob saying that he is Lord of his own Country & the best Judge of his own Affairs I cannot conceive how there words can give offence, since I

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since I believe it will be found that there have been the same Language of this Government to the Nabob, for some time past, for which reason the Nabob has thought it expedient to ask the Advice of the Board on any important Affairs that have generally been told that he was a Master of his own Country & the best judge of his own affairs, he has given ably been as to that effect,

The next Remark which occurs is on the opinion I am supposed by the Board to have Nabob suspecting his Second Son viz. That he is ambitious, intriguing & the principal Cause of the present Misunderstanding between the Nabob & this Government, how far such Sentiments expressed to the Nabob himself, agree with the Presidents declaration in Consequence of my Minutes of the 3 April, wherein the said the answer intended to inform the Nabob of the Boards Sentiments suspecting his Second Son, or how far the same correspond with the declaration of the Board wherein they say in reply to my minute "That they have only offered their advice to the Nabob on the bad policy of putting so much power in the Hands of this Second Son - that they have done nothing else, nor mean to do any thing else, I say how far the Sentiments now expressed in the Letter to the Nabob, res-

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respecting this Second Son, are reasonable to the Declarations aboumentioned, I have to desire to determine

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by general Consent the following Minute may be made on the proceedings of this Day

Sharpe as to our Gentlemen

However you may wish to be respected,

that the Majority of the Board may by

be prepared resolutions at any time, than

When all the Board are present is highly

improper, as it is impossible the Majo-

rity can alter any measure that may

be resolved on to by the Majority, and

therefore to bring those Resolutions

to the Board is mere matter of form —

I have understood the mode of proceeding

to be, that the members give their opi-

nions Separately, after which the resol-

utions were collected by the Secre-

tary, & if it appears to be necessary ex-

traordinary that the same Gentlemen

the Examination as, the same Gentlemen

to communicate them, should occur to me

so very different in their Judgements and

dispositions, as the President, Messrs Boddle

Dawson, Mackay, Jourdan, & Robinson That

induced to suppose that the Assurances that

given you of the State of the Nabob's Army

would have been sufficient, removed any

future reply from me, but the long Detail

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of a remarks drawn up by the Majority
adverse unto the Necessity of staking my
reputation again, I am make it a
Rule Give Him, never to advance any
thing Hastily, without being able
to prove it accurately; Gentlemen Assertions
are proper ornaments to a cause that requires
the most plain Truths Truths that
should bear the Nicest Researches
What you say of the Sujah Dowlah's
greatness in the Empire, I shall pass over;
Only beg leave to remark that Remarks
upon this Country of Same queries as
they are valuable from their fidelity
& attachment to the Company & Nation
Either upon the Nabob & Sujah Dowlah
there be any Comparison of Confidence
owed towards them, Therein I will venture
to affirm that even against the Suspicious Character of Sujah Dowlah
the Board in Bengal never proceeded but
on the most Solid Grounds, nor would
they think it wise any to aggravate an
Idea of infidelity with any groundless
and dangerous Assertions, when they had
nothing in view but the good of their Employ.
In the Majority are pleased to observe
that notwithstanding the said on the State of the
Nabobs Army does not for the reasons
appear to them any security, That with
out of any Employment make an Earnest
they have not, & their regard Bias for the

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Welfare of my Masters & the Honor of
my Sovereign and Nation induce
me to repeat again, that as Commander
in Chief of this Factory, I say this
is left to be represented, if we have
was anything from the Nabobs Troops
at this period than any other, Sir Eyre
Coote, The army he has is filled with English
men & Officers of birth & family such and
recommended in the same manner as
the Nabobs Princes Son, such Men
as neither avarice or avidity will tempt
them to desert the interest of the
Company, There are few Officers in the
Company's Service who have not some
Friends or relations in the Nabobs Service
Many & Many Members of this Board have
their Relations in this Service, I am sorry
they should entertain such bad Ideas of
them as the Majority Expects This
are in the strongest tie over the Nabobs
Army the I doubt them keeping this Company
Major assures for Mentioning the Princes
Sons are so very apprehensive that
they hardly need Explanation if
Omrum & Omrah is so detestible as
the Princes Makes them in this
Minute, why does he admit this
Son to continue with them altho very
the Nabob to have asked for them, what
I will Suspect you might have done
who at Native in the World could see you

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the President to address his own Son being with a man as Son James as the President is desirous of obtaining Ummeer Ool Alomrah, & what advice would Dissuade the Nabob to ask Gov Thu Governments aid in Sending Ali Dadjunk to the Samun assistance Chief of Tanjore but what measures from the most Sense of Attachment & Confidence in his Old friend & the English

I consider my letter concerning Ummeer Ool Alomrah Thus Madam. and Must be wrote in Sept 1771 being brought up at their Instance as an Ignominious and below the dignity of this Government particularly as it appears from the Nabobs Letter that both the President & myself had since Joined Bengal Government Seem to this Station, Since the Majority have been pleased to mention it, Shall have simply as follows would the Majority but reflect they might Soon be Sensible how disagreeable my Situation was at that time, I was Just gone before the Commencement of the Mon Soon to accomplish an Expedition, that was likely to continue Months the Ummeer Ool Alomrah was ordered to accompany the troops with Provisions, the Mortifications I felt at any delays cannot by be known to myself, my Feelings run much upon the rack when I wrote the Letter alluded to

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I complained heavily of Ammonna Ali Ali
Ammorah, Soon, & there upon at that time
he denied it, but did agree to be between
him & his Brother & other causes and Grandson
of Ammonna Ali Ammorah, which is Grounds
upon which a enquiry Section has since induced
me to alter my Sentiments of that Matter
& permit me to assure the Majority that I
am not ashamed to change any opinion
on which I find reason to do it, & that no
view will ever lead me to punish in an
erroneous conduct on any occasion, what-
ever - The Majority say that Sanads were
made out for Ammonna Ali Ammorah for
the Fort & Country of Tanjore, & that the Pre-
sident has declared that Pizzas were presented
& that frequent Meetings have been with
Europeans at Ammonna Ali Ammorahs House
& other places, I declare myself at a loss what
Conclusion the President wishes us to draw
from this information, if the means us
to judge that should be positive at last, plain
ness & truth are all I require from him
hired as I am in these Expressions I say in
Loyalty & honour, that Mr Johnson's Sec-
tion made upon a just & impartial
Basis of sound Policy & reason & attention
due to, that the President be accompa-
nied with Letters to the Durbar upon
public business, I say, if this are not
attended to, I wash my hands of
every transaction that on any Scale that I

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I shall go the Majority on leaving answe-
rable for any thing the President may
within Countenance or do thereby.

The Majority say they
cannot give such Proofs as General Smith
requires from the nature of Jurisdiction
-diction, but as far as such is stated.
-diction can be depended on, they believe
reports to be true, Scotch and Dutch at Playing
Words, or do Individuals. Shake your
meaning explained in your own words
this Statement of yours I hope will
have due weight with that Board to whose
who are to judge of your Conduct, but I do
not William know, that the President
had joined the Majority with any
man privately in Guilt, than he thought
might be trusted with his Secret. Stone, John-
-son & Self, to Main as Enemy, I against all
on the President & Majority jointly &
Separately for those Breaches of Main very
Sudden & alarming in Innovation. I say
it is necessary that the proceeds be as soon
as possible ascertained that I do Justi-
-fication of this
Court as Commander in Chief of this
Army may have no time in Forgiving upon
this Honble Board such Plans as I conceive nec-
-essary to counteract & prevent the Conse-
-quences, which are to be apprehended
in case the reports are well founded. The
Majority say the Act say was an evolution
from the Naboob to settle the Dispute &

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that Speaks Sparingly upon matters we are known to owe, but when the Public are put to the test the disclaimed Sentiments a desire for accuracy & clearness Scrupulous not to move that Subject is admitted upon the Records a Letter to work to the Public Reputation it, I will not attempt to say before the Board all that Reports Surmises may be with upon this & other Subjects, did I not think it that it was time with the Dignity of this Board to take notice of those aspersions which to our knowledge have no more than Reports for their foundations I could enter upon the Records such accounts as would Alarm our Employers more than those Intrigues which frequently spoke of by the President - The President did not fancy some hopes of making up matters, & determined to request Mr Johnson not to bring on the Business - I did so, I found afterwards he had not been successful, but I know this Matter is over & only judge from the President's account, most likely it is explained by the Nabob I must add however, that it appeared to me the President by Nothing upon matters, as he called it, meaning to discovery, indeed I know he could be ill content with the Interest of our Employers Servants capable of Judging for to have effected this, he must have withdrawn explained away or stopped up all the Channels of

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information concerning Contrivances with the French, Dutch & Danes, & something hinted in a Manner all the infidelity the speaks of in the Nabobs family, I know not how the President might join it, But I own to me it would be difficult as well as disagreable

I am sorry Gentlemen to hear due. ed to the Necessity of desiring the Majority to turn to my former disjoint in which I was mentioned Col: Ma Leans Transactions &. the Nabob my Observations is as follows ~ That although such Negotiations might be improper yet I will not suppose that any transactions which passed on that occasion were Dishonourable to the Nabob, the Company, or English Nation, The Majority answer'd, that General Smith may be right, or may be wrong in this but of the transactions of Col. Macleans at this Durbar, but that his allowing it to be improper was sufficient for them to take notice of it. The Business was unknown to me, I need not speak of its impropriety, nor do any words although the Majority gravidity lay hold of them, convey such a meaning

I appealed not to the President's recollection for the Support of my having mentioned at this Board the Necessity of having a Garrison in Tanjore before the Siege But I say Gentlemen that I did not mention such Necessity before the Siege, I wrote of it after, Before Negapatam was Sitted with

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Soldiers Sent to assist the Rajahs, there was
reason at that time to advise the Nabobery
strongly because there was reasons at that time
time to advise, danger not only from the Polid
but the Nabob as this was suspected, & this is
the only time when danger has made such
Advice to the Nabob necessary, for this Could
not be termed interference in the Nations
affairs of this Country this could Do not have
alarmed his mind concerning this own
Son, advice Such a time shewed a real
regard to his Interests, as allies, Protectors
& friends, There are facts so impressed on
the Mind of General Smith, that as an
Recollection in any man whatever can-
not persuade him they did not exist
The Majority say that if
Nabob has many friends Do on this Service
Interference be to add to the List of his officers
& the Majority will find that there are
Sufficient friends foreigners on this Service
than in our own, The Officer Commanding
in Tanjore is Major Martin an Officer
who has served the Company & the Nabob
these 12 Years, a man from what I believe of
him of a good disposition & been a most excellent
character in the Nabobs Service it was
owing to the recommendation of Major H
Flintham & other Officers for his General good
Behaviour when with them on the Rajahs
Country, In justice to an Individual I have
been induced to say Somuch

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The Majority may, they have said nothing ill of Mamnier Ali Khan nor do we think they insinuated any thing to the Nabobs disadvantage, that their advice was mild & could not be taken ill, I agree with you that considering your ad-vantage, your advice deserved a more softning if possible than Mildness, but we do as you order'd & will leave to the Judgement of those who have after any Specious our Proceedings

After all this altercation Gentlemen which I am sorry there has been occasion for, the case stands thus. The President in this late hours of this Government whom we daily expect a new Governor from Europe, whom the laws of our Country as well as the Instructions of our Honble Employers have ordered us to advise & obey a power not, far distant and daily known that all Europeans should be prevented Visiting the Nabob, this being suspected to introduce Jacobinism & infidelity in the Nabobs Family par-ticularly of Mamnier Ali Khan & Mamrah & whom the Jaygir is carrying on Intrigues with the French, Dutch & Dane, that he is Ambitious, intriguing, designing & dan-gerous, & an Enemy to the Company In support of which he adds he is collecting all his Forces at Tanjore, Establishing a Foun-dary there to cast Guns, that & &c is listing the Company Sergeants & invesigling away Artificers from Madras into his Service & indeed from which might be expected an

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immediate Reception, at the Nabob and all
his Family, thro Treasures, thro Shavers, his
every thing, during Peaceably at our Gates
I have proved already Gentlemen, as I am
ready to prove, that the Story of the Siege of
the Nabobs Forces collecting at Tanjore the
January in Tanjore which on enquiry
I find is filled with Grain instead of Provi-
sions are all groundless, & that this long
chain of alarming circumstances is
without foundation, & that those persons
wrong informations as inhabits the breast
of the President, Without deliberation
ill founded & untied proofs are
for a Breach of that Instant and Solemn Treaty
which the case requires, Tells all his Appoint-
ments that the whole of this business has
been inconsistent with the Interest of the
our Humble Employers, that it was begun
without serious reflection, thoughtlessly contrary to good
Policy & the best detriment of the Company in
the Carnatick from the Spirit of Opinion that
there was no necessity to write to the Nabob,
or to alarm him, or occasion any fear concerning
his Son, he says himself that he is the best judge
of them, I believe them to be so, & that he will
not trust them with any manner of power so that
what he thinks them capable of using to the
best advantage of his Old Friends the Company
the English, or at his own Disposal, He is the exterior
Management of their Business, I am clearly
of Opinion we have no right to what ever we
could for

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intercourse with them as it seems to be the particular Orders of our Employers that We should not intermeddle ourselves, or admit it in any of their Servants under our Government upon pain of the most severe punishments

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Mr Johnson dissenting in the following Manner

"If the Explanation which the Majority have given of their Ideas respecting the Nabob & Sujah Ul Dowlah, affords ample room for discussion, and had Mr Johnson embarked in this Opposition from any other Considerations, than the Duty of his Station, he could not have resolved for a Step so the Purpose of commenting upon the various Sentiments which the Majority appear to have adopted, relative to the Ally of his Majesty, & the Friend of the Company; Yet he must unwillingly waves this Subject, which he conceives to be of too delicate a nature for Contested discussion The Words of the Majority speak for themselves, & he cannot help requesting the particular attention of his Humble Employers to the Evident Tendency of such Ideas. For the Sake of the Company, the Service, & this Board, Mr Johnson sincerely wishes that, whatever might have been his private opinions, of the Situation in which the Nabob stands to the English, they would at least

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have been a little more cautious of recording
Such Sentiments, as those accorded by a Ma-
jority of this Board, respecting the compa-
rative consequences of the Nabob & Soujah
Ul Dowlah

Altho' it may appear for-
eign to the purpose For Mr Johnstone to Remark
upon the Weight to be by the Majority on
General Smiths Opinion, officially given
in this Department as Secretary under this
of the Forces, relative to the Nabobs Army
yet, the Boys leave to offer to the Consider
& consideration of the Majority, whether
they do not think our employers will be
more inclined to allow weight to the Gene-
rals opinion, founded on Military Experi-
ence and a thorough knowledge of those troops, than
to those opinions, so backed, if not merely
introduced to support their Arguments,
must at best be formed from such hearsay
and Reports, as the Board have lately been
amused with, Even upon Military Matters
of general discussion, so that the Generals
Opinion does not carry some conviction with it
Mr Johnstone remarks there would be no
occasion to build Arsenals &c, this objections
does not appear to have much weight, there
circumstances, although of no great consequence
Attractedly considered may however, when
connected with others, have some weight
upon the Spirit of the present time
If the Board will allow

Mr

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Mr Johnson to me the Journ Expedition
to Iowa, relative to the Majority have done
to General Lewis to, I would say that, his ex-
pectations of the command in relative to his
Son would in the Native Service, does not
appear to Mr Johnson to have much
weight, Because the Natchez asked for him
he was permitted to go into this Service, is
the Substance of the Explanation, It is
not to be supposed, even in the language
of flattery, that an Officer so young & of
so little experience, could be of much
utility to the Natchez in this Military
Capacity, Prejudice may thus naturally
Suspect that the Natchez, in asking for the
President's Son, meant a Compliment
to the Father, in which Almoner Ali Almonah
joined when he appointed Lieutenant Wynch
his Aid de Camp. The fact is plainly this, Almo-
ner Ali Umna ab is suspected by the
President, as ambitious, dangerous, intri-
guing and disaffected to the English, not-
withstanding which the President this com-
Son is allowed to remain in this Service, & to
be in the very Department of circulating
those Bribes, which were to have been so
ruinous to the Company, This in fact
is too obvious without the President's dis-
-closures those reports, which he himself
has forwarded to the Board, & upon which
they have grounded their Jealousies & Ma-
-noeuvres, or, to use his Letter, Arms, & yet for

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The Sake of a Declarative Appointment
to this Town, the pursuits of which seem
is the Service of a man, who is contri-
ving the destruction of his fellow countrymen
Mr Johnson conceives it will be necessary
matter how we can we either case with
Propriety, or duty to the Company, If the
Subject admits of a more favorable explan-
ation, Mr Johnson will be happy to
hear it.

Mr Johnson cannot but
admiring the industrious attention,
with which the Majority have furnished
General Smith with a Copy of this Letter
relative to Mandar Ali Mutsuddy con-duct
in the Supply of Grain for the first Siege of
Tanjore, The question is not, what Gen.l
Smith thought, or wrote some Years ago
about Omdat ul Omrah, but in fact in the
doing of Grain, The Question is, whether
the Poor distressed Inhabitants of Tanjore
which he has advanced to the Principles
of this Princes minority & character.? Do the
Majority mean to persuade them Changes
from what General Smith wrote in Sept.r
Sept.r last 1771. or do they wish to
establish the Precedent of Reasons from
past, to prove the Impropriety of present
Opinion? If this is their Object, we may
in accordance to a Vote of Consult Period the
the Siege of Tanjore, admire the present
happy coincidence of Judgement & Inte-

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Sandwich, between some Members of the Majority. But such Persons as always betray a Spirit unworthy of argument, and publick discussion Whatever Character Mr Monro at this time Governor Smith wrote his Letter. They are Persons whose character could only be ascertained from report or private actions, which cannot speak for themselves It was not till he appeared in publick that his Character could be affirmed, or could have been formed, In the publick Character in which he is now prosecuted let him be tried, & the proofs adduced He has served two years at Madras in that Character, can lose the Eye & Ear of the Directors of all publick Business with the President, He is imprached, as an Enemy to the Company as an ill adviser to his Masters, & as having Mr Monro's dangerous designs in his head, Yet to support those Charges or Insinuations, all we have yet heard of, is, an order issued about Jerjeerah, the ill intent of which is positively disproved, his having a Guard under the charge of a Serjeant & which he is alledged to have ordered a work man from the Company artillery of which no report was ever made by the Colonel of the Corps & his forming Leagues with foreign Powers, of which some of the Members have not had yet a shadow

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of proofs, If this barbarous act is collec-
ting Gravis for Gener al Smith's army
in 1771 can any way essentially corroborate
these charges, the proper act of assistance be
gave in that article, in the Subsequent
Siege. was for a Lakhy to participate this crime
with the General

The Majority observe General
Smith may be right or may be wrong in
Supposition of Negotiation between
the Nabob & Col. McLean, Mr Johnson
cannot help remarking on this Suppo-
sition of the Majority, that it is no Sup-
position indefinite, than an assumptionary
If General Smith is not right in this
Supposition, the reasons they should be
rejected and Reasons assigned, Mr
Johnson acknowledges that, for this com
part, he was not aware, from any light
he has received about this Negotia-
tiation, form any notion at conjectures
about it, Therefore he was not in the
knowledge to Col. McLean, pursuant by
he has heard him mention ably spoke
of, as a Man of Integrity, Honour
& Abilities, from the Stations in which
he served the Army, the Public & the Com-
pany & from this opinion of the Na-
bobs understanding and good intent-
ions to the English, he does not doubt
reasonable, how either Col. McLean
would, or the Nabob propose, Services in
England

England, that would counteract the
national, or Company's Welfare in
India: But admitting the Contrary,
by whom were such Services to be Reward-
ed? Why it could only be, either by the
Crown, or the Company — On either side
it does not become us to have Answers, If
Col. McLean is charged with Any Injury
by either, there is little danger of his par-
taking with them, to Subvert an Injust
a System, that the Legislature have
laid down for the Management of India
If the Colonel was charged with any
unjust Representations against the Con-
duct of this Government or its Members
what have we to fear? The Tribunal
of our Employers, or Country, condems
not on Assertions, should it indeed happen,
this Government has received & transmit-
ted an imperfect Sight of this Negotiation
the inference would no way redound to
our credit, if we Jumped unnecessarily
alarmed, This Step is the Model, for
ages past, Hand and in course, with both
the Crown & the Company without a
communication of the particulars to
this Board, & yet no bad consequences
have followed, nor are we emphatically
told here that the Ends are not properly
answered in Intercourse — Indeed Sir Thomas
Roe, the Court of Directors have approved
it, For these Reasons Mr Johnson thinks

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that Without Shewing a doubtful proof to the Contrary, there can be no Hesitancy in the Secrecy of the alledged negotiation that ought to make us so very jealous of the Nabob, On the Contrary that Gentleman at Tanjore as your most Servants Col. Mac Leane's disputed Character of Sense & Honour carries very great weight with it, If Mr Johnson remembers well Col. Mc Leane stayed here but two days on his return to Europe, It is likely the President must have had intimation of the Negotiation, The Colonel & the Lad, Had as the time to ascertain the nature of the Negotiation The Colonel was responsible to this Government, & might have been detained here, if acting unjustly, And that would have advised the Nabob against an unprofitable confidence in the Colonel Mr Johnson would not have to Jurisdicted upon this Subject, but to shew the Honble Court of Directors, how and the Situation of Parties of their Members of Council is here, when they are required to act & adopt measures on informations that are not Justly stated or unsupported with proofs

Mr Johnson did not

know, or retail the Sage Observations of the Majority, that the President had com-

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communicated this Proofs, regarding Him-
self as Old Man also dangerous intriguing
Member of the Board & not to the others
This may be thought, by some, to origi-
nate from the same motives, which
induced the Majority of Council, to
hold Meetings, & to assume the same
of the Board, to the exclusion of three
Members, who had the misfortune to
differ from them in Opinion, upon
the Measures then under Consider-
ation, Admitting the Explanation the Majo-
rity have given of their meetings, & that
they were only to examine the Records
to they might not have indulged
the other Members to a participation
of so useful a Talent? Mr Johnson does
not mean to call upon the President
or the Majority for their Proofs, since they
have been so peremptorily refused to
General Smith, he cannot flatter him-
self, that they will be granted to him,
he will only submit it to their Consideration
of every impartial & dispassionate
Man, whether these proofs ought not
to have been communicated to every
Member of the Board, without excep-
tion, when the measure under which it was
then under debate, must either have been
right or wrong, & these Proofs could be
admitted as Rejected, & be appealed to the
Honble Court of Directors, if the President

or

of the Majority are not responsible for any errors, which Sec & Many, may have fallen into, for want of the Power & rights, which devolved the Duties upon the Judgment of the Majority. But as Mr Robinson does not intend to call upon the President & the Majority for their Proofs, nor the calls upon the President, in the most serious manner, to declare his reasons upon record for conceiving any part of the Board unworthy of trust than the others, or why Sir A Wilkins estate immediately in the public Service, should be thought more safe with the Majority than with Lt Colonel Smith, Mr Thomas & myself. Mr Robinson can have no right, as a member of this Government, to call upon the President, to inform the whole Board what Reasons he may have for calling upon the Court of Directors as much as in the dark without proof to those Secret Proofs, as he has thought proper to do a part of this Board? or if he means to favour them with his confidence, Mr Robinson can speak to be informed, by what channel the information is to be conveyed? the cannot suppose, by the General Letter, for they were made up to the Resolution of the Minority now, for the communication from the Select Committee, then can by remaining the Board, into private correspondence with his friends, which Mr Robinson has

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begs leave to say, in his own name, that Jon.
structions at Bengal Channel of Pa.
ssage cause Instances the President of this
Board & the Court of Directors, Whom the
President should be pleased to accept.
rid with the Board, on other Points
Mr Johnson will
have occasion to give his Sentiments &
more at large upon the Subject,

The Majority says, that on
of the delay was an Overture on the part
of the Nabob, "that he wish'd not to have
the dispute continued, & that he would
explain Matters, Suspecting such an
overture to have come upon humanity
from the Nabob, was this Jeffirion to have
authorized the Majority to correct all by.
papers & proceedings, which have lately
come before this Board, upon the Sub.
jects of so great importance to the
Company? What Overture from the Na.
bob could be deemed Sufficient to allay the
fears of the Board upon the President's alar.
ming reports, backed by Secret Consulted
Proofs? But the report which Mr Johnson
has heard of this Overture is very different
from the truth, which the Majority would
to give it in their Minutes Mr Johnson
has heard that the Overture came not
from the Nabob, but from a very diffe.
rent Quarter

Mr Johnson will now beg
leave to reply, as briefly as possible to
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the respective Sums, thereto. The Majority
have been pleased to thank him Subject
for having this Disposition proposed Gaol
by a Black resident, He has already taken
occasion to explain himself upon this
Subject, & had the Majority been desirous
to seek for cause of Censure, they have found
ample Materials of this Service, he flatters
himself that this explanation would
have been deemed sufficient.

Happy it is for him, since
such is the disposition of the Majority
that they have been able to attack him
only upon such weak grounds, so full
discredited under the Censure of this
Board, as did afford Mr Johnson the
sincerest concern, that the proceedings
of the Majority, are prosperous with
very different sensations, He cannot
avoid expressing this assertion is towards
the President & Select as to all
he thinks the matter is itself of too little
moment, to endure him, to search for
proofs of this assertion in the Office, yet
he can direct upon this head that, to
the best of his knowledge and recollection
he has seen Minutes & Papers of the Presi-
dents, operated by produced at this Board
in the hand writing of this Black amanu-
ensis, & if it will lend considerably
to the Satisfaction of the Majority, Mr
Johnson may probably produce proofs

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to the truth of what he advances, The President will at the same time please to remember his own usual Practice in this case, when Chief of Masulipatam

"Resolved that the Consideration of the aforegoing Minutes, be past[poned] till another Consultation

The President argueing with the Board, that upon enquiry he finds that instead of an Attorney as Ordered for the Carnatic, which he had inserted in the Letter to the Nabob, & which was approved of by the Majority, that a Power and Commission for the Government of it to him & his Sons Mears Alt Mudk, Thos Dit Alt Monahs Heirs for ever, Granted which was made to him by Shawe Mears & Thompson moves that an alteration to that effect, be made in the Letter, Agreed to by the Majority & Ordered accordingly

Francis Lowndes
Gen: Mackay

P Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Barwell
Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer

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24 Same as the following Letter from Capt Gibbings

To the Honble Mer Wynch Esqr

Sir

Letter from Capt Gibbings informs you that I arrived and encamped on the with his Batta- 15th Instant. tion.

I have the honour to acquaint you that I arrived and encamped on the 15th Instant. and marched the Battalion the 16th into the Fort

I marched through the Jungles with a Company to take the advantage of getting good water & wood, which Supplied us as well as Supplyed with

The Enemy was so Spread that I was Obliged to go about, which put me to the necessity of making two days marches more than Expected

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obdt Hble Servt

Robert Gibbings

Saichgur apoly
19th May 1775

This day the following Letter was received from the Chief & Council at Masulipa.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam Capt Lyon ought to recognize the Gubbyrs &c

Having five days ago received a Letter from Capt Lyon acquainting us, that in consequence of an application made

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made to them by the Chief & Council of Viz a g a p a t a m the Hardwicke the Family of the Gol g o n d a Ambassador, we think it necessary to enclose the said Letter to your Consideration, together with our answer & to request your directions, what further orders we should give to Capt Lysaught should he not meet there at Vizagapatam the Chief and Council of Viz a g a p a t a m, on the Subject which he alludes to we have not done & we think it more necessary to apply for your instructions upon this occasion because, as it appears by Capt Lysaughts Letter, that the Golconda Raja has taken refuge in the Southern Districts, the pursuing them into a Country so much hilly & so difficult of access may be attended with bad consequences, which may be thought more than proportionate to such an Ob-

ject

To Peter Whitehill Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

The Chief of Vizagapatam having applied to me to give the Zemindar of Golconda, who had fled his country & came into this Circar upon the approach of a detachment sent against him I thought waiting for the approbation of your Board for doing it, would have been attended with a Delay which probably would have given them time to get out

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out of any reach, I yesterday Morning ass-
-ended the Village in which I had
information his Family were, but
upon Examination, I found that he
had burnt all gone to Attapuilla two
days before leaving his Family, with some
of his people behind him, His Wives, Mo-
ther, Sisters, & Nephews were there & as
Mr Stratton desired that all his Family
may be seized as well as himself, I have
brought them here; where I shall detain
them until, I hear the pleasure of this
Honble Board, I have advised Mr
Stratton of their being said both of Jacop
-pore the Chief & Commd of Mandapatam
will apply to you, Gentlemen, to have them
either detained or sent to Pulicat or Nauze, or
Sum with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Archibt Ingram Capt

Samuel Cotah
16th May 1775

To Capt Ingram Cpt
Commanding the Troops
at Samuel Cotah

Sir

I have received your letter
of this date and acquainting me that in pur-
-suance of an application from the Chief
& Council of Vizagapatam I had ordered to seize
the persons of the Gudgendals Zemindar by
surrounding the Village in which you
had

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had no information to give us, but that he having escaped into the Tottapillee country you had secured his family whom you found in the village

As we are satisfied you were actuated by a Zeal for the Service in taking this steps, we shall only observe upon it, that according to the Established rules of the Service its improper, you should detach any part of the Troops under your Command without express orders from the Authority under which you are appointed to act, & that as by the later regulations in the Service the seperate authority of the Chiefs of the different Settlements was united & blended jointly with them in the respective Councils, the desire of the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam (admitting the propriety of the application which We by no means do) was not sufficient ground for you to go upon

As you inform us that the family of the Gol Gunda Linguist was now in the Fort of Diamond rock & as it may be of consequence to the Publick Service to have them secured we desire you will keep them there, & cause them to be treated with proper attention, but we desire that you do not account delivering them up, without our express directions & that you take no

further

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for that we are to receive the Person of the Governour, until you receive our orders for that purpose

We are Sir
Your most Obed. Hble Servts
Tolson Whitehill & Council

We are respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obed.
humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Dowdeswell
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
10th May 1775

In consequence of which the following Letters to Masulipatam & Vizagapatam were accordingly dispatched

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief &c. Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Letter to Masulipatam approving of their not having sent after the Govt. guard a Reminder, to write to the Nabob with his protection

We have received your letter of the 10th Inst. and containing Copy of a Letter addressed to you by Capt. Sydenham on the Subject of the Govt. guard a Reminder & this Country, & your answer in consequence We are well convinced that the Conduct of Capt. Sydenham, has been actuated by no other motives than those of Zeal for the Company's Service & therefore the indemnification your Reminder & Country, without exception is the most reasonable, We cannot however but express great Surprize at the corrugated-

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irregularity of the Chiefs of Vizagapatam's
proceedings in sending an order from
his single authority, rather than in
the Chicacole Districts would be impro-
per, to an Officer forming a Garrison
in the dependancies of Masulipatam
and without furnishing your Board with
the least intimation of his reasons for so
doing, or without informing you publickly
thereof in conjunction with this Council

The Timmindar as you impro-
perly style him to the Tatapillee Districts, on re-
quisition in the propriety of so ordering
a force that thus to bring them back, the un-
healthiness of the Climate, & the difficul-
ty of access to that Country, being very
weighty objections against such a measure
We think it however necessary to di-
rect that the present Manager of Tatapilla
be written to, desiring him in the strong-
est terms, to withhold his Contribution
from the Polygar as a Man, & desiring
him, as he wishes a continuance of the Com-
-pany's favor to deliver him repeatedly
-atedly.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
Alex.r Wynch
& Co.a Council

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To George Stratton Esq.r
Chief

To. Fort St George 20th January 75

Chief & Council
of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

Letter to Vizag.
patam on the
Strattons directing
Capt Sywright
Siege Mortgetgom
on Tuesday

In consequence of a Letter
which we have this day received from the
Chief & Council at Masulipatam touching
the flight of the Dane in Law of Gotgunta & of his
family, We command both you & him strictly
great degree of surprize, that Mr Stratton
should of his own degree of surprize, that
Mr Stratton should of his own authority during
Capt Sywright acting under the Orders of
Masulipatam, to seize that Man & his
family, & that both you & he should do immediately
on that Head, to the Chief & Council there & to this
Board

To prevent therefore any such
irregular steps in any future conduct We
desire, that on the receipt hereof you &
of the assistance of any of the Troops under
the other Subordinacies, that you ab-
dress yourself for such assistance to
the Chiefs & Councils & not to the Mi-
litary Officers, who cannot act unless
directed so to do, by the Powers under
whose orders they are placed, but you will
be further pleased to observe, that in regard
that no matter of any moment what-
soever be undertaken, but, what We may
be made acquainted with, either at the
time it is undertaken, or immediately
after it, as the nature Exigency of

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We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

Hod Wynch

&c. a Council

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24th Conformably to the Minutes of last
Consultation the following Letter was
this Day dispatched to the Chief & Coun-
cil at Ganjam

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Ganjam

Gentlemen

Letter to Ganjam approving of their having taken possession of the Gumsoor Villages for Satchema Bunge.

We have received your
Letter of the 29th April & peruse the Reasons therein advanced, are induced to approve
of your having taken the Possession
of the Gumsoor Rajah Villages, which
lay so contiguous to the Ika Country
& which you had so unsuccessfully
demanded for Satchema Bunge. We
are not surprised at the Rajahs
Motives for desiring that the Villages
given to his Brother, might be distant
from each other, & in such situation
as to enable him, to keep a watchful
eye on his actions & therefore the more
approve of your having rejected the
proposition made to you by him, for
it is more than probable, that Satche-
ma Bunge would, even were there no
apprehensions

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apprehensions for their Safety, be reduced to great distress by the many obstacles which could be thrown in his way by their Brethren in the Legislature of this Presidency

The System of the Military Establishment as laid down by the late Regulations & Instructions, is clear & precise with respect to the Troops, as to any undue Exercise of any Subordinacy, & only requires the Authority from the Chiefs, on the Heads of the respective Chiefs & Councils, who have regular Returns made to them & who of course have a right to insist upon every Officer corresponding with them who is invested with a separate Command and for these reasons you were right in directing that all Officers Detached shall correspond directly with your Board, & obey the Orders they may receive from it.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
Wor[d] Wynch
& Co[a] Council

Fort St George
24 January 1775

In consequence of the Resolutions of the Majority of the Board & with the alteration agreed to, at the last Council table was this day sent to the Dubash as ordered on

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in Country Correspondence Vol 59. ⊕

25 A Letter was this day read to the Naboh as entered in Country Correspondence Vol 61 together with a Copy of the Articles of Agreement entered into between the Presidency of Bombay & Raguanaut Row, requesting an explanation of the 13th Article, which makes mention of a treaty existing between them & the Mahratta Government

⊕ Expressive of Astonishment, That he should demand the late measures of the Board, with respect to the Government of Tanjore, as an interference with his private & family concerns, Shewing how that his late Mysterious Conduct in surrendering Dll Johnson to Bengal & on his Return, in sending treasure in concert with Sol: Maclean to Europe, has attracted the attention of Government & proving to them, that this Conduct is the Source of Jealousies, that this Government have a Right to enquire & know the Reasons of all measures they perceive as detrimental to the Interests of the Company, That the Company are the Guardians & Protectors of their & his Country & that if they can assign any other motive than those which Natural ally proceed from such causes, for the present conduct of the Board, now is the time to produce them, when they can be answered

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conduct

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At a Consultation Present

Wm Wynch Esq Gov. President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Sam'l Johnson
John Mac't Stone. Nicholas Palmes
Francis Fourdan. George Mackay

Wm Mackay is dispensed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read Letter from Capt Charles Hopkins as entered herein after, containing Plan & Estimate of the additional Quarters, wanted at Palamcotah amounting to Pag. 266

To Rich'd Joseph Sullivan Esq
Military Secretary

Sir

Letter from Capt Hopkins containing Plan & Estimate for Quarters at Palamcotah

Herewith I transmit you an Estimate of the Expence that will be incurred in Building the additional Quarters, that are wanted in this Garrison, & in preparing some of those that are now standing in, as exact as I possibly could get it estimated, which I beg you'd be pleased to lay before the Board & procure me an answer soon

I am
Sir
Your very Obed't
Servant
Charles Hopkins

Palamcotah
16th May 1775

Fort St George 20th May 1775

The President desired to in-
form the Board of the amount of the above
Quarters, & how it would be his acquiescence in
their being erected

The President acquainted
the Board that in a Letter which he has received
from Mr Hornby Governor of Bombay, he
is informed that Capt. Mr Dougal departed
this life the 20th of last Month, which hav-
ing the 5th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys
vacant, Capt. Keating is accordingly appoin-
ted thereto in this Room

Read Letter from Mrs Sevinsoud

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mrs Sevinsoud applies for the Allowance made by the Military Fund.

The person who has now taken
the liberty of addressing this Honble Board
is the Widow of Capt. John Sevinsoud, who
was formerly for many years in the Service
of the Honble Company, and, as is well known
distinguished himself by his Bravery,
Prudence & faithfulness towards his Employ-
ers

It pleased Almighty God to
take from this family when they were still
In Infants, & by that awful dispensation, to leave
the charge of three small Children (1 Boy &
2 Girls) to my care. I brought them up to y.
best of my power to years of Maturity, but
have had several years since the Misfortune
to

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to leave my eldest daughter & my Sons who from the
dutifulness of his Temper, & the industrious
turn of his Mind, gave me great hopes that he
would, in due time, have been able to provide
for the Family. his Youngest Sister is Heavily
Child left, & she has been for many years griev-
-ously afflicted with ill health

By a variety of Incidents
& Misfortunes the Estate Capt Torrin and left
indebted to sundries, & there is to this day two or
three Thousand Pagodas owing by the Estate beyond Fran-
-cisco de Cruz of which Hood the Debtors formerly
Sahib must be able get any thing, except for the
Pagodas & Annum which his Relations Mr
De Souis pays on his behalf, but in case either
of them should die, even that will be lost
likewise, All the rest of my Friends & Estate
is worn away, except a few old Houses in the
Black Town, which is greatly out of repair
& the Rent of which is very precarious, So that
I am reduced to the greatest Extremities, And
Hood the continual & severe Sickness of my
Daughter & the weakness of my whole frame
to which I may add, my having been for many
my Childhood accustomed to be waited upon
want, & for many years to a Superior rank
as Ladies were then, to an affluent Situation
in life. I have no means of procuring a
livelyhood unless this address which I have
the honor to make to this most respectful
& compassionate Board, should meet with
a favorable reception

I

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I am to let that the Right Honble
Lord Clive has established a fund for distressed
Widows of the Military Officers at Bengal on
the Coast of Choromandel, And am not without
hopes, that you may possibly be entitled to
become a Member from that generous fund
or if not, that, in consideration of my Husbands
long & faithful Services the Honble Company
may be induced to make me some Allowance
for my future Subsistance I commence far ad-
vanced in years, & God knows if I shall long
stand in need of this charitable Indulgence
but as long as it shall please God to prolong
my life, it shall be my constant Prayer that
he will bless & prosper the Honble Compa-
ny in all their Concerns & Sentiments them
a Blessing to Thousands who live under their
protection, or subsist by their Service

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
& very humble Servt
Eliz: Sommerset

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In the death of Capt Sommerset
happened long before the Establishment
of the Military Fund, & particularly as
the Board have reason to believe that his Wid
not die in such indigent circumstances
as to render his Widow entitled to the Pen-
sion, it is Agreed that Mrs Sommerset can-
not be recommended for that purpose, but it
is however to all Honours, that she is now

annuals

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much reduced, & that from Misfortune
more than anything else, This Board had that
Petition recommended home to the
Consideration of the Court of Directors
in the most General Letter to England

Read Letter from the Chief
& Council at Masulipatam as here after

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Masulipatam with Account of Stores & Troops sent on the Expedition of Mess.rs Talby recommend Landing Madapollam from Bengal Jury

Having in Consequence of your Orders of the 10.th Instant, issued particular Instructions to be made as to the Quantity of Military Stores, & the number of Troops to be Landed at Madapollam & having also procured an Account of the Stores & Troops sent on the Expedition of Mess.rs Talby in the Service of Bengal Jury before this reaches you I send herewith to Advise you that he has more with his Troops

Troops & Stores brought from Madrs	European Troops	Sepoys	Lascars	Pioneers	Bullocks	Carriages	Rounds Shot	Rounds Grape	Rounds Cartridge	Barrels Powder	Barrels Flints	Barrels Shot	Tons Stores
	150	200		300			1200			4	"	"	5
Troops & Stores landed at Madapollam in March & April		56								66	"	62	91
Troops & Stores landed at Madapollam in May		13								125		65	200
	150	269		300			1200			195		127	371

Total Shot 300 lb. 5 Cwt.
Shot 300 lb. 5. 4
Grape 50. 4. 16
Cartridge 62. 91. 50. 4. 16
Powder 37 1. 50. 300. 14. 16

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And we have received certain information that
he is recruiting Sepoys, & has already en-
listed 150 of a new Battalion which it is
said he proposes to raise

Upon the above information we make no doubt Your Honors
&c: will think the situation of the Affairs
of this Party deserving your particular
Notice, & that you will excuse us the liberty
of offering our Sentiments upon a Subject
which may [illegible] entirely concern that
part of the Companys affairs which you have
been pleased to entrust to our Management
For however secure the present State of India
may make us in our possessions here, &
however little we may have to apprehend
from a Country Enemy, yet seperated by
the Kistnah from the Carnatick, & having
such a party as that now under Mons.r Lally
to dispute our Communication we cannot
but be thinking, that upon the first rupture
with the Nizam we may be unable to put in to full extent the
inconveniencies of the Situation which
this party now holds, for as their forces,
Numbers are nearly equal to our Establishment,
and as small reinforcements may be easily
sent them by the Port of Mootapoilee, they
may, in a short time, be put in a Con-
dition to disturb us, & having it in their
power, at any time to possess themselves
of the Nizams Seat at Aurungabad, Circar, & having the
Limits &c

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Dominions of Nandi-yanna, Bryaw as a part
of Mozu. Dowracotah, & the Island of Dury
open to their desperations, we think it
cannot be doubted but that our Revenue may
shortly & immediately be afforded by
their just measures & we be prevented hereby
from sending those supplies of Money to
your Honor &c. which these Circumstances
afford, & which in time of War may be upon
that occasion to the Public Service
Not our apprehensions
upon this occasion are encreased by the
Number of Europeans which have been
things at Anjengo at Mootapillee, 55 in
private, & 1 Officer, having come upon one
Vessell, a Circumstance,
Has Strongly proves that the Continuance
of the French Government is given to
this Party, & encourages them to
particularly necessary that we should
take measures in time to counteract
them, for if they should be suffered to
grow as to strengthen themselves in
the Country, we are of opinion they will
shortly obtain an Establishment the most advan-
tageous on the Coast not only from effecting
the Commerce of the Country, but with
the Country Powers for settling such Taxes
Artillery & for supplying us Grain, &c.
for the apprehensions of keeping from distribution
from the Gundoor Country, from Mozambique
from Angola, & the Palmyra and for securing
such

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such assistance as Hyder Ally Bazalet Jemy. or any other Country Powers may be disposed to give them

Having exposed the grounds of our apprehensions, we think it necessary our duty to add that nothing less than the whole absolute possession of that part of the Carnatic Circar, in which Mootapilley & the Villages now held by the French are situated, can give us sufficient security against the ambitions of the French, And we therefore beg Leave to submit to your Honours &c. whether it, for these reasons which have ever been communicated with, you should not think it proper to insist upon the dismission of these French Troops or the immediate reception from an adequate consideration for a Circar which is in reversion to the Company it would not be expedient to acquire that Mootapilley & the other Villages held by the French be given to the Company at a reserved Rent to Bazalet Jemy during this life

If Bazalet Jemy should refuse to comply with such a desire, we think no other measures need be required either of Him than of the French & the influence of their Country over them, or of their intentions. And we submit to your Honrs &c. Letter Fort

Govr &c

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Judgment whether in such a case it would not be better to dispossess them by the means of giving us assistance while we are in a good state of peace; than to defer it, till their encreased strength & other circumstances may render any of the Companys rights to so valuable a country as the Gentoo Circars, & even compleat ets, be act upon the dispossessing for the protection of those now in our possession

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
John Sullivan

Resolved that the consideration of this about Letter be deferred till a further Consultation
Read Letter from St Paul

Hughes.

Masulipatam
20th May 1775.

Mr Alexander Hughes Esq
President & Governor
& Council
Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from Pr. Bn Hughes dated 20th May that the Fort St George will be sent to Pondicherry.

His Majestys Ship Swallow having been on Ground near Point Gos. Pandaveroom some time ago, Capt. Pigott was under the Necessity of Throwing the Guns Overboard & the Ship being hot, & much

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fruitless efforts having ever been made to find the Same, I Must therefore pray that you be pleased to give directions that the Ordnance Storekeeper of His Majesties Ships, under my Command may be Supplied from the Company's Stores with the Shot and Number of Guns Wadding mentioned in the Inclosed, which are very much wanted for the purpose, & can be spared conveniently. In the latter case I must request he may be supplied with 6,000 Round Shot also. I have sent my directions to give Bills on the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Board of Ordnance in London, for the amount of what the Guns thus supplied may be valued at, or to settle the matter in any other manner which to You shall Seem most advisable on behalf of the Company

I am,
Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servt.
Edwd Hughes

Salisbury in Madras Road 26th Day of May 1775.

Ordered, That the Mility Storekeeper be directed to supply the Ordnance Storekeepers of His Majesties Ships with the above Guns, Shot, &c, which can be spared & will answer the purposes intended for the Squadron, And further that he do supply the Ordnance Storekeeper

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Steerkeeper, with (1100) one Thousand Round
Shot, Received, likewise that the Mili-
tary Storekeeper, do receive from the
Commissary Storekeeper, Thirteen of the
aforegoing Guns, as the same with Bills
to be incommodious to my own Ship
upon the Principal Officers of his
Majestys Board of Ordnance in London
A Letter to the aforegoing effect, to be
wrote in answer to Lieut. Hughes
Read Letter from Lieut
Willock, & Certificate of the Surgeon
To the Honble Mr. Wheelers Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Committee Willock
application to go to
Sea for the Recovery of his health

Having long labourd under
a consumptive habit of Body, Doctor Pasley has
recommended a voyage to Sea as the most eligible
method I can pursue for recovery of my health
appear by the Certificate I have received the Honble
to enclose I am therefore to entreat Permission
of the Honble President & Council to proceed
immediately on a Ship bound to Madras &
from thence to China & from thence should
nothing hear of be restored to me by the Voyage
I have in that case Purpose visiting the Cape
of good Hope to all which I beg your honours
Consent

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt & most
Thomas Willock
Lieut of the European Regt

Madras
26th January 1775.

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These are to certify that Lieutenant Wallack
of Lavalry is consumptive, & as the Heat of
the Season ag[ain]st are ate his Constitution daily
a Voyage to Madrass, China & the Cape of
good Hope is recommended to him as the only
possible Means of recovery

Gilbert Pasley Surgeon

The Secretary directed to acquaint
Lieut Wallack that he has the permission
of the Board to make a Voyage to Madrass
& China & if necessary to the Cape of Good
Hope for the benefit of his health

Read Letter from the Committee

Permission granted

for Accounts

To the Honble Mar[k] Wyndh Esq[r]
President & Gov[r] &[c] Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report from the Committee of Accts

We have examined the Accounts
of the Out Garrisons as follows

Vellore	from Sept[r] to January
Trichinopoly	
Vellore	
Madura	
Palamcotah	
Ongole	

Superintendant Accts of the Nabobs Accounts with the Company ... } this last Acct from Sept[r] to January

Report

Orders of the Board in

In the Militia Correspondence

Paymasters Accounts

at

Fort

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at the Presidency the Pay of Inspector of Stores & Key Serjeant at Fort St George is charged to the Military Payments it ought to have been placed to the Marine Account

In the accounts transmitted from Bengal, We observe a Charge Monthly of Military Assistance to Military on Furlough or on Invalids made to us from Out Garrisons, This Practice appears irregular & liable to abuses therefore We think it should be discontinued, & the pay of such Men drawn for at the Garrison to which they belong their Batta being sufficient to support them on the Road

In the Months of November there is an Charge of Pocket Money paid for four Artillery Men serving the Guns on the Ramparts this Guns are more than the usual Duty of the Artillery, and as the artificers

Signed &

This has been ordered already, Some Alteration to be made.

The Salary of the Guns being a part of the Duty of an Artillery Man, they are not in future to be made any allowance to be ordered for that Service.

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article of Pickell Mo:
ney is a considerable
Charge in the Service
& Mess appears not
particular but
for it except Laboratory
Work we submit it
to Your Honors &c
Consideration if a
Statement of such Extra
Charges as are
allowable should not
be formed for a guide
to the Auditing Officer
as well as to this Com:
mittee.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Dawson
Francis Fourdan
C. B. Desk
Andrew Majendie
John Reeves

Fort St George
1st April 1775

General Smith delivers in
the following Certificate for the Widow
of the late Lieutenant Isbrandson of
Batavia an Establishment to par-
take of the Military Fund.

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commanding

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Commander in Chief of the Honble
Companys Troops on the Coast of Coro-
mandel

Recommendation
for Mr Isherwood
to partake of the
Military fund

Whereas it is ordered by the
Regulations for Streamlining the Business
of the Honble Companys Military Fund
by order for the relief of Officers & Soldiers who
by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India, & the
Widows of Officers & Soldiers dying in
the Service, that they produce a Certificate thereof from the Commanding Officer
as one of those qualifies to entitle them to
the provision made by the said Fund
I do certify that Adam
Isherwood was a Lieutenant of Artillery
in the Honble East India Companys Service
on the Bataumbang an Establishment
& left a Widow when Isherwood embarked
at Fort St George & is hereby recommended by the provision made by the
said Military Fund, Given under my
hand at Fort St George this 29 Day of
May 1775

Joseph Smith
Brigadier General

To the Honble the Court
of Directors of the united
Company of Merchants
of England trading to
the East Indies

Approved, & the usual Certificate ordered to be Made out

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Ensign Osborne appointed Adjt. to the Independant Companies at Cuddalore.

General Smith's recommends Ensign Osborne to be appointed Adjutant to the 4 Independant Companies of Sepoys at Cuddalore, in the Room of Ensign Sinclair removed to Madura, Agreeable, & the appointment to take place accordingly

It being reported by General Smith that great Inconveniency & hardship, would naturally accrue to the disabled & Invalid Sepoys in the Circar Battalions if they are obliged to come to the Presidency for examination, before they are admitted on the List, It is therefore Ordered, that Committees do examine them in the Circars & transmit their proceedings hither to the Committee appointed for the examination of Invalid & Pensioned Sepoys & Europeans from which proceedings, Regular Reports must be made to the Board, who will of course issue the necessary Orders, that they as well as the Sepoys who are examined here, are admitted on the List of Invalids and Pensioners—

Wm Monckton
Josh Smith
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Stringer Jordan
Jas Mackay

Wm Fullarton
Archdale Palmer

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May 30th Came in the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore

Military Department

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Cud.
Dated.

We have received your
Orders of 10th May enclosed to us a Letter from
your Military Department

In obedience to those Orders
We have given directions to our Paymaster
that he do in future pay Monthly unto
the Companys Cash here the accounts of the
Monthly military Stoppages made by
him, & We shall Monthly furnish him
for the Amount with a Bill on your
Honours made payable to the Military
Paymaster General, on receiving of which
Bill our Paymaster has likewise been
furthe[illegible] directed by Us to transmit the
Same with the Abstract of the Military
Stoppages to the Military Paymaster
General.

We are with respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Richard Lathom
Will.m Maitland
E.H. Tolfrey

Cuddalore
20th May 1775.

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Consequently to the Minutes of last Consultation, the following Letter was this day wrote to Sr Edwd Hughes

To Sir Edwd Hughes

Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India

Sir

Letter to Sr Edwd Hughes to be Supplied with Military Stores.

We have to acknowledge the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 25th Instant, & in consequence have complied with the request therein contained, have directed our Military Storekeeper, to supply the Ordnance Storekeeper of his Majestys Ships, with what ever you can be conveniently spared, & will answer the purpose is intended for the Service, We have likewise our orders to Supply the Ordnance Storekeeper with 1000 Round Shot - As the Value of these Stores, will not amount to any thing considerably We are glad you will be pleased to order that they, or any be paid here to our Military Storekeeper

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servts

Alexr Hughes

&ca Council

Fort St George
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In consequence of some Complaints made by the Chief & Council at Sadras of the audacious Behaviour of a Man called John Jones, now on the Madras Service, the following Letter was this day ordered to be Dispd

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Dispatched to that Settlement

To Wm Blankaan Esqr
Chief & Council at Sadras
Gentlemen

Letter to Sadras
Respecting this
complaint against
Mr Jones

We have had the pleasure
of your Letter of the 31st Instant, & are
sorry that we have to acquaint you that
Sahon Jones the Man complained of
was formerly an Officer in the Nabobs
Service, & having obtained his discharge
is now employed in the Sea Service
And in consequence thereof, & because the
Misdemeanors were not committed within
our Jurisdiction, nor by a Person in
our Service, we cannot take that Notice
of which we otherwise would gladly do

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obt Servts
E Wynch
&c Council

Fort St George
30th May 1775

Read Letter to the Nabob as
entered in Country Correspondence No.
acknowledging the receipt of Letter from
them 31st January, 1 March 1829 April
with Bills for Lo 03166.24 Ps

31. The following Letter was this day dispatched
to the Chief & Council at Ganjam by order
of the Board.

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Ganjam

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

In my Letter of the 20th Ult.
I sent Targe you acquainted you by Command of the
President & Council that Dr Tatham Shad had
an Appointment to go and Settlement
& its dependencies, But it being represented
that a further explanation of this Appointment
is wished for by your Board, I am directed
to inform you, that he has Instructions
to proceed upon the Plans, which are to
be pursued by Engineer Mercer, in
the President & Council's Letter 2d November
1774, to which you will be pleased to refer.

I am further directed to signify
to you, that, as it is proper & necessary
that the Chief Engineer should be consulted
on all occasions respecting the Works & Build-
ings, at the several Settlements, it is
expedient that he should be furnished
with every information, that may
serve to direct his Judgement, therefore
you will therefore be pleased to direct the
Engineer at your Settlement to correspond
at all times with the Chief Engineer
& to give him every necessary information
respecting the Works & Buildings, & that
previous to his laying any Plan before
you, he do advise the Chief Engineer
of the Motives for his projecting the Jun-
ction of the grounds of his Calculations, & of any
other material circumstance, in order that
he may receive the Chief Engineers Opi-
nion thereon, who will also, be thereby

to

Letter to Ganjam respecting the Appointment of Dr Thos Tatham his Duty at Ganjam.

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The Letter was added to form this Days Journal
by me the President & Council and Sea Officers
when the matter should become before them
for their final determination

Sirs
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
Rich.d Jos.h Sullivan

June 3. Sworn in the following Letter from Jos.h
Pouney.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt Pouney enquires the Command of Madura.

Agreeable to your Orders
Lieut.t Braithwaite has this
day delivered over the Command of the
Fort & Garrison of Madura to me with
the Orders relative thereto
I have the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Pet.r Sa.l Pouney

Madura
25th May 1775

Receives the following Letter from Lt. Colonel Braithwaite.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Lt. Braithwaite delivering over Command of Madura

Agreeable to the Orders con
tained in your Letter of May the Second
I have delivered over to Capt.n Peter Pouney the
Command of the Fort & Garrison of Madura
with the papers & regulations thereto
belonging

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belonging, I did this the 25th of May as the Month was so far advanced, & as I proposed staying some days at the Gardens to collect myself after my journey, I thought I might with propriety & with the concurrence of Captain Povey draw my Pay & Allowance for the Month of May & sign the returns &c for the Month, the returns with their part roome to you signed by me as Commanding Officer I thought at the time of their date I am not

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obt Humble
John Braithwaite

Madura Gardens
May 29th 1775

To Lieut in the following Letter from Lieut
Lang Lieut commanding at Dindigul
To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr
Military Secretary
Sir

Letter from Lt Lang. I am favored with yours
concerning the Guns & Stores belonging
to this Garrison

Sir in my appeal to the Gentlemen of the Board that the General Court Martial of which I lately advised them has taken upon me to act ordinary time I flow will be pleased to observe to them, in the course of the trial of an Officer for mutinous behaviour, a plot has been discovered in which many persons were concerned

who

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who may a great deal from the Detach-
ment last joined from Trichinopoly.
That the examinations on this occasion
are intricate & tedious, & the trial of the
Prisoners is likely to last yet
many Days

Sam
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
Ross Lang

Vellore
3 June 1775

At a Consultation Present

Monday
5 June

Chas Wynch Esqr Gov & President
Joseph Smith " George Dawson
Henry Brooke " Saml Johnson
JM Stone " Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan " George Mackay
Absentees of last Consultation excused

Read Letter from Major
Patton

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Summoning Officer
at Vellore some time ago represented to us that
the Officers there were much inconvenienced
for want of Lodgings & from the Badness of
the Water of the Houses which he obtained for them
on the Rattah of that Place we thought it necessary

to the ultimo

Letter from Major Patton for the Lodgings for the Officers at Vellore

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to send Capt. Mitchell home also a survey of all the Quarters in the Fort & Pettah, understanding upon this report he has offered our opinion to your Honor & Co. upon this Subject. But Captain Mitchell's receiving ill state of health having prevented him from making the Survey with Sufficient accuracy, & this present Condition making us apprehend that it will be some time before he can be fit upon this Service again, we are under a necessity of requesting you will be pleased to favor us with your orders what Barracks Pandals to be built for the accommodation of those officers who are now without Quarters, or to provide Materials for building such additional Quarters in the Fort as may be sufficient to lodge all Officers of the Artillery & of the European Battalion, the Sepoy Officers being already provided with good Pandals or are to the place where the Battalion is stationed without the Fort

In either case Your Honor & Co will be pleased to direct Capt. Dugood to proceed to this Appointment here, as without some professional assistance, the Company may be put to unnecessary expence in those Works

We are very respectfully

Honble Sirs & Sirs

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26th May 1775

Memo to Messrs

Upon most Obedient
humble Servants
Johan Whitehill
Charles Desvoeux
Johan Sullivan

As the Ship is soon to sail
not impossible as particularly by
by of the Alexander, or of the Expence of the
Pondatts &c. or Deserters, wanted for the affairs
of Artillery & Infantry at Ellore, I agreed that
a Letter be wrote them to Ellore, directing them
to or for Capt. Mitchell to proceed
& set out as the Deserters in question
if their Cattle will permit them so to do. the
other being done & transmitted hither
the Board will then determine whether
or not they shall be recalled.
Read Letter proceedings as

To the Hon.ble Thos. Wynch Esq.t
President & Gov.r &c. in Council
of Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Major Thompson requiring Recruits for this Office.

Many of the Officers now
Stationed at the Mount are greatly distressed
for want of Quarters notwithstanding the
handsome Allowance the Hon.ble Board
have been pleased to make to enable them
to provide themselves & are for want of
Houses obliged to remain in Tents. This is
owing to the Houses at the Mount belong-
ing to Gentlemen who don't chuse to let

them

Ms Sent St George 5th June 1775

Sirs, Sadness this inconvenience and to accommodate the Officers Shaw the Lines of Encampment as far as Lays in my power Should undertake to Build convenient Quarters for such Officers as cannot provided & let them at as reasonable Rents as the Honble Board approves of any doing so, And will be pleased to give me a Lot of waste ground for that purpose The Situation I have chosen as the most convenient is on the South Side of the Mound & runs from the Corner of the Parade in a Slope to the West Point of the foot of the hill, Situation high & dry, near the Barracks, and of easy Ascent. Situation, If your Honours are pleased to Sanction this undertaking, I must request your Indulgence in allowing me to burn as much Brick & Charcoal as will be required, Or to Order the Contractor to supply me at the Same rate he furnishes that for the Building the Barracks,

I am with Respect,
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Hall Harrie

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Ordered that the Engineer be directed to survey the Spot of Ground pitched upon by Major Horne, for the purpose of erecting the proposed Quarters for the Officers of Artillery, And also the

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same time that the Secretary do acquaint
Major Thorne, of such directions having
been given to the Chief Engineer, & of the
desire of this Board to be made acquainted
of the respective Sorts & quantities of Ma-
terials wanted, in order that they may
be enabled to come to a resolution on
his proposals at the next Consultation

Read & Sent from Fort St. Ros

To the Honble Mr Thomas Pigott
President & Governor & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Lines of the Bastion, & the
Curtain to the South West being now raised
above the Bank, I find I can with more conve-
nience to the Inhabitants, the passage
immediately from the Bastion to the
Sea be by, through the Curtain
& to carry on the Embankment
along the Beach to the Southward
as I also wanted, in order that they may
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Letter from Fort St
respecting the
Southward Bay
and the Fort &
Bounds.

the Kings Barracks is now completed
and all the Scaffolds to the Westward
finished, I should be glad to hear your
sentiments on the other Draughts on that
side of the Fort to them

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servt
Patrick Ross

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Resolved that the Chief Engineer

His advice approved

be directed to reconsider the Observations on the
Report he recommends, and to give his Opinion
of the same Opinion with his own, with
respect to the alteration of the Passages &
to the Planting of the Guns on the intrenched
Ground for the defence of the Bridges, that
he be directed to make the alterations
accordingly.

Read Letter from the Chief
& Council at Ganjam

To the Honble Mr Wynch & Esqrs
President & Govr & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Ganjam
with Return of
Artillery Stores.

Agreeable to your Commands
signified to us by the Military Secretary
in his Letter of the 26th Ultimo, We now trans-
mit you a Return of Capital Stores Military
remaining in this Garrison & also
specifies the Quantity proposed for its
defence, the Quantity wanting to com-
plete according to the Establishment and mode
used in the Letter above mentioned & the
Reasons

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Charles Smith
John Holland
The President reports the
Death of Lieutenant Forrest formerly garrison Gunner yesterday

Ganjam
22 May 1775

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Ens: Towns Commd. this Day

Yesterday, in consequence of authority to that Effect from Town, is promoted to Lieutenant in this Room

Ens: Towns promoted

The Secretary brought before the Board, Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Poonamallee 24 May on Ensigns William Hand, & Wilkinson, authorised by the Governor in Council to be appointed the Court

Gent. Court Martial held on Ens: Hand &c

Read Letter from Capt. Johnson

Short

To the Honble Alexr Wynch Esqr

President & Govr &c Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Shewing a vacancy of a Battalion of Sepoys in the death of Capt. Mr Dugat, giving me leave to propose my pretensions thereto as a Senior Capt. of Sepoys to be approved of by you, to which Gentlemen of my Study attention to duty we refer being always with the greatest Respect

Capt. Short applies for a Battalion of Sepoys

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful & Obt Servant

John Short

Seighsinopoly
27th May 1775.

General Smith Esqr laid before the Board, that he has had a conversation with Capt. Short, on the subject of his Petition, in which he has informed him, that he has no objection to his Succeeding to the Command of a Battalion of Sepoys, but that he cannot recommend him to the Board, as he has not been in the Service sufficiently long to entitle him to it, according to the Rules established for the Promotion of Officers in the Army, which he is willing to adhere to, as far as circumstances will admit

arise amongst the Officers of the army, whilst
acting by virtue of their present Commis-
-sions, but that other Matters of Consequence
which have been before the Board have
prevented him, from paying that atten-
-tion to it, which he is of opinion it de-
-serves, & therefore he now directs
that the following Minutes may be made
-ed on that Subject

General Smiths reasons for recommending the calling in of the old Commissions, & for granting New ones to said Officers on the Establishment agreeably to the late Instructions of the Court of Directors to the Governor & Council

1st Because in all Military Services there is an absolute necessity, that the times of the Commissions by which legally Officers are impowered to act, should agreably to the Orders of Court of Directors must now, & those which heretofore have been granted, occasionally differ in some of the most material points

General Smiths Reasons for desiring the Old Commissions may be called in & new ones issued—

2dly Because, the Preamble of the Commission hitherto granted, has run in the name of a President, Governor and Commander in Chief of all the Forces on the Establishment, whereas the Same Person where as the Military Authority of the Governor exists at this time in no other Part whatsoever than the Fort, Town and Garrison of Madras

3dly Because in the body of the

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the Commissioners on his shall be granted all Officers are directed to obey their Lord. orders which are addressed to the Lords Military Lieutenants they now cannot adopt in the Fort, Town & Garrison of Madras, to obey, therefore would unavoidably thereon thereunto such a situation, that they either must be Offi. guilty to act in contradiction to the express Command of their Commissioners, Duty & precise commands of the Honble the Court of Directors.

2dly. Because, it is impossible for an Officer, to be so situated as to receive orders from both the Governor & from the Military Commander in Chief of the Forces, in direct opposition to each other, which orders, whilst obeying by a Person in either Person, will unavoidably cause him to act, in a manner without consistent with his duty to the Lord Generals Orders which he is directed to obey

3dly. Because, an Officer upon duty even in a case of great Misconduct cannot justly be removed by the Sentence of a General Court Martial, for in either case he could find Authority for his Order & such Authority as he is directed to obey implicitly.

4thly. Because it is an utter impossibility for a Person of Officer to obey two Persons or Orders in Chief at one & the same time.

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7thly Because for the same Reason that new Commissions are granted to all Officers in His Majesty's Service on the Demise of a Sovereign, New Commissions should be granted on this Establishment, now that the Government Military Authority no longer exists, but in the Fort, Town & Garrison of Madras

8thly Because the President & Council are directed in future to sign all Commissions whereas many must formerly Signed only by the Governor

9thly Because, new Commissions are granted agreeably to the Instructions of the Court of Directors whenever may arise, whereby the Military from Mistake or from premeditation may act in direct opposition to each other either to the injurious to the Company's, & to the Support of good order & Military discipline

Joseph Smith
Brigadier General.

In consequence of the foregoing Reasons advanced by General Smith, in support of his Proposal by granting new ones, the following is directed to be given out in General Orders

G.O. The President & Council Deeming it expedient that all Commissions granted

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granted to Officers on this Establishment
before the 2d Day of Sept.r 1775 should be
called in, & that new ones conformable
to the Regulations laid down by the
Honble the Court of Directors, should
be issued. It is hereby Ordered & Required
that all Officers Commissioned prior
to that date, do with the greatest expedi-
tion possible, send in their Commissions
to the Secretary of the Military Depart-
ment, who will transmit new ones,
drawn out in the manner above men-
tioned, to the Several Paymasters with
directions, that they may be issued to
the respective Officers, on Regular
application for that purpose

Read Letter from Lt. Lieut.
Baker Evance
to Brigadier Gen.l Joseph Smith
Commanding the Honble Companys
Troops on the Coast of Choromandel

Sir

Letter from Lt Evance
Officers not sent to
Bengal with him
on account of a Gen.l
Order of 1772 —

In obedience to the Gener-
Order of the 18 of Jan.y last I proceeded
to Pennamalee to sit on a General Court
Martial, several of the Officers objected
to, my being a member on account of the
General Order given out in Fort St George
the 17 December 1772 Viz.

"The President & Council
" having thought proper to dismiss Lt
" Lieut.t Baker Evance from the Honble
Companys

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" Sepoys Service for having received
" Money from the Sepoys under his
" command under various pretences such
" as for Passports, Enlisting, & by Stoppages
" Made from their Sepoys, And the Presi-
" dent & Council being Determined to
" put such as far as in them lies all such
" practices, which are in the highest degree
" detrimental to the Service, they hope
" this Example will form and all Officers
" from being guilty of the like Conduct
" And the President & Council thinks it
" necessary thus publickly to declare
" it to be their firm, & unalterable Reso-
" lution to dismiss every Officer from
" the Service, who shall be guilty of receiv-
" ving any Money from the Sepoys under
" any Pretence whatever, And it is ordered that
" this Order be translated into the Gen-
" ny Language & Read publickly to
" the Sepoys in the Service once every month"

The indiscretion I am
guilty of you must be sensible of in having
suffered so many months to pass without
Mind & sincere endeavours. The above Reflec-
tions still in force is disagreeable to me &
Lessons are in the Opinion of those I am
to command, Wherefore Sir Thomas I re-
quest You will please to lay this Letter
before the Honble the President & Coun-
cil, hoping that, through your Endeav-
-ours they will please to make an alte-
-ration

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alteration in those Orders which in
effect are

I should deem myself want
ing to pay the strictest attention to
any Duty on the discharge of which
I am sincerely desirous of meriting your
approbation with the greatest respect

Sirs

Your most Obedt Servt
L. B. Evance
Lt Batt.n 2d Brigade

Fort St George
May 27th 1775.

To the Gentlemen
of the Board

At the Board of Directors
at this place Lt Evance Engr.
Service, It is Resolved, that the Govr and
Order of the 27th December 1772, given
authority for conveyance of Sick
be revoked, But at the same time, that
a Surgeon be given only, to prevent
if possible, any the least kind of abuse
in the Surgery Corps, & that attention of any
Officer who shall be found guilty thereof
with the utmost Severity of the Board

The President lays before
the Board Papers of Intelligence received
from the Bramins in the Coudahs camp
which on examination of the Submission
of Mhadoojee Bhoonsalah, & of the entire
overthrow of Cuttack Cavan, with the
small of 150 Sawaroy, that Gopie was the
Coudahs camp at any with him, & was put
to Pieces, And the President further

acquainted

Intelligence from the Coudahs camp

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argue against the Board, that the Intelligence received by the Nabob Sadlier confirms the aforegoing.

General Letter from Ma-
dapollam of the 20th Ultimo which
was ordered to lie upon the Table, being
now taken into Consideration it
agreed, that tho' a great degree of trouble
may be apprehended from the French
in case of any Rupture with that nation, &
that Bazalet Jung should prosecute
his designs against the Carnatic,
Yet, as he has not as yet, that they
Board are acquainted with, the Strength
the Terms, on which the Troops proposed
of the Guntoor Circar, they cannot with
any degree of propriety, either insist
on the dismission of the French, or on the
Cession of Mustapoilloe, & the other Villages
proposed by them, Resolved that the
Chief & Council be made acquainted
with the aforegoing, & that they be
directed, if the proposal be agreeable
& favorable, & they are of opinion they
may succeed, to endeavour to obtain
from Bazalet Jung, Mustapoilloe, & the
other Villages proposed by them Resolved
therefore that the Chief & Council be
practicable the whole Circar, as contains
Council send to him which should be mutually
agreed upon for that purpose, Resolved
likewise that Copies of the Letters from & to the

Chief

Determination of the Board respecting Bazalet Jungs proceedings in the Guntoor Circar

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Chief & Council at Masulipatam to Genl & the Gov.r Genl & Council at Bengal Inquiries with the Sentiments of the Board in Relation that subject

The Majority of the Board deem that the following Minute may be entered on the Proceedings of this Day

Minute of the Majority in answer to those of Gen.l Smith Mess.rs Johnson & Stone

The Majority have on more than several occasions declared their Opinion that the Minority have exceeded the Bounds of Moderation in the Minutes they have entered on Consultations the 22.d Ultimo & they will only make a few Remarks on the most glaring Passages & that added to what they have said already will they hope fully justify their Conduct to the Court of Directors, they have the Satisfaction to find that what they have once Said produced one good effect, that in preventing the Nabob's Second Son from going to Tanjore & in the Way he would have been totally master of the Person & Sentiments of the Nabob & his Second Son, which they do not by any means allow they are perfectly well Satisfied that they had no other Intent but the Interest of the Company in View & they are sure the Minority cannot make the contrary appear

The Majority have already explained the nature of the Meetings to which the General & Council repeatedly mention it would have been impossible for them to have past their Sentiments regarding the Measures

which

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which have been written on any order
at the Board, & to have delivered in separate
minutes on the same Subject, as the Ma-
jority have done it could have fitted them-
selves with less delay Reputation & have taken
upon them what they have to impart from
the Companys Business, & for that reason
they have no ambition to figure seperately
tho' they may be different in their Judge-
ments & dispositions as Gen.l Smith ob-
serves a Precaution to this appear clear &
evident to them all such as, That nothing
were carried on at the Board which may be
prove detrimental to the Company's Inte-
rest. The Necessity of representing to the Nabob
But for a Previous of giving too much power
to his Friend Sam Ummen will Nawab &
the Propriety of suspecting the Opinion
they had given from the Gen.l Consti-
tution of the Board of Directors & from
many Instances of the Conduct of this Go-
vernment towards the Nabob

All that the Majority will
say with Regard to the Nabob having in that
Ummen Ul Umrahs is endeavouring the pro-
it is very suspicion that Sam Jealousy with
that of the Company's that he is daily en-
tertaining of Officers, & collecting Troops
which the Majority think Politically im-
politic that either the Nabob or his Friend
Sam have an intention to run due this Govern-
ment independant of the English, that

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at the Moment any real & immediate danger
shall be perceived or any reasonable Grounds shewn
after he can with Honour & safety with any other
Nation, at the same time must first
Instruct

The Members of the Provi-
dent Soc. Fort St George being
Mahometans already engaged &
Governor Smith's direction in so dangerous
a Subject as little connected with the
present dispute, appears to the Majority
much more urgent Business than the Deputation they made from Gov. Smith's Letter
in Sept. 1771, for it is certainly [illegible] all
Lawful, to produce every Proof that makes
against an Opponent's Assertions & it
makes against us as with that View the
Letters as mentioned, The Majority
do not deny but there may be [illegible]
Reasons may with Propriety obtain ye
his Opinion, but when his Reasons
for so doing should convey reasonable
with them, they think it in this case about
Members All Councils do not, but the
Majority absolutely deny that there
can be any case wherein it is allowable
for a man to be of different Opinions at the same
time, as Gov. Smith appears to have been
when a few days after the date of their Letter above
mentioned, he wrote of the 23rd Sept. to Mr Mander
All Mahometans that he had resolved himself [illegible]
in the Affairs of the Carnatic & that it was owing

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" to his good fortune that the Fleet of Vessels
" was taken" & the very same day writes to
the Board again "That if he had not been for
" the great Care & attention which he & they
" had shown in collecting Boats & Bags
" for the use of the army & giving his assistance
" on many other occasions when the Circum-
" stances of the army & his being indefatigable made
" the army to remark. that Gen.l Smith was
" persuaded they might have remained on the
" Plains of Sriperumbedy & been obliged to return
" at that time" These facts again but will be that
love of candor & sincerity which is to Gen.l
Smith's virtues the World to believe he is no Jew

J.

The President has been informed
that Gen.l Smith was one of the persons who
first visited a mizzur to the Nabob on his appointe-
ment of Ummeer Ul Umrahs to Tanjore, which
admitted impossible on representations of the Mu-
tineers; & that some of the Mutineers mentioned
were at Gen.l Smith's House, as also that
Gen.l Smith has been with Ummeer
Ummeer Ul Umrahs House, without
the Knowledge of the President contrary to the
express Orders of the Commissary and those of the
Board, The President has told Gen.l
Smith he did not apply to him for leave to visit
the Nabob which he granted, but it would
not be inforced from that he had a general leave
to go where he thought proper, because the
Order expressly says that when ever any person
wishes

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visit any of the Family, they are to have Leave
of the President

The President has not com-
municated to the Majority any Intelligence
which he has not been communicated to the
whole Board — In a minute which accom-
panied the first Letter to the Nabob, he read
to the intelligence delivered to the Select
Committee, it was read & the Majority
placing dependance upon the Presidents
Information, which was corroborated by
the Sircars of Vencatachellum & Nundidroog
Preparations for their departure, yet yet it
proposed to act as they did. When the President
laid this Intelligence before the Select Com-
mittee if General Smith did not believe
it to be well founded, will it not appear extra-
ordinary that he should have consented
to transmit such Intelligence to England
& Bengal. Why did he not then reject it
as vague, or insist upon Proofs — but enough
has been said upon this Subject, it is
submitted by the Majority to their
Superiors

It appears extraordinary
that Genl Smith should after what has
been represented again call for Proofs
When danger appears they tells the
Board will no doubt give them Notice as soon
as they that the army may be held in Readiness

The Proposal for an accom-
modation came from the Durbar, & the Persian
Translator

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Translation, was, at the Nabobs own desire sent
to him, for the Evening he brought another Offi-
cial Message from the Nabob, to the Pur-
port that he had supported an accommodation
with Hyder and Morarjy was by the Nabob
sent for Mr Chamier and told him that
what the Board said to him, the preceding
night was in confidence & he desired the
Governor in private, It may not be
quite regular for any Government
to communicate any of its Orders
situated as this Government is with
the Nabob it may sometimes prevent
many inconveniencies, The intention
of the first Letter to the Nabob was to pre-
vent Hyder and Morarjy getting Possessions
of Tanjore. For Secondly, that answer
it was meant for the Company's Interest
that the dispute should cease, & was
said that overtures came from the Peishwah
he thinks there would have been no im-
propriety in it, & that any accommoda-
tion taken Place, the Honor of this Go-
vernment would not have been saved
There is an Instance known to the Board
where an Acquisition was made to
the Nabob for the Land for the Jaghire
in 1763, The Nabob alarmed at the Letter
immediately proposed the Cession
& requested the Letter might be with-
drawn, which was complied to, but upon

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in the Office to be occasionally produced
But if General Smith disapproved of
the accommodations & would join the
Light Horse as represented, & they did not
not object to it to the President, was had
of speaking to Mr Johnson

It is evident that had any
accommodation taken place between
the Nabob & the President had not away
Mr Johnson wanted them to, no single
paper would have been withdrawn, the
Nabob having already denied this institution
for an accommodation, to write to him
would answer no good end but tend to
an indecent alteration If General Smith
can communicate any Intelligence
to the Board which he believes, & it is
material for them to know, it is a duty
he owes to the Company to lay it before
them, upon the which they should have no better
Foundation for all their Proceedings, as
from this Insinuations any inquiry
answer may be drawn

Every thing which Ge:
neral Smith represented, the said Paper
of this Minute has already been or
fully answered that it is common for any
to say more upon the Subject they
relate to

Mr Johnson's

The President admits
that the Understanding in having for his Son
in Law ed

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intended to pay them a compliment
& would do the same to any Man in
Station, But is it to be inferred from
thence, that no notice is to be taken of
what things are that are not
Thirdly Argument to which
Mr Johnson brings in favor of Mr Mon-
ckton & Mr Monckton are in the opinion of the Majo-
rity greatly against them, & strongly
marks this Character, If they did not use
this best Endeavours to collect Grain &c
for the First Siege of Tanjore this obvious
that he was unwilling to let his dear
Brother who had the Management
of the Expedition gain credit, & this is plain
by an Letter in favor of General Smith's
Letter. In the Second Siege it was dif-
ferent for he was to reap all the Honor
But the Mr Johnson says that Monckton
& Mr Monckton was a zealous advocate
worker during the First Siege could not
be defined or termed, General Smith in
the Letter before quoted on this Subject gives
a different Opinion of them
The Majority are sorry to be
under the necessity of making any further Re-
marks on Mr Johnson's very improper pro-
ceed as a member of this Board, though have
already many Things observed the very pro-
priety of this giving his Minutes Copied
by a Black writer pertinent by in that
Department, The Transactions of which

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The Court of Directors intend should be good
notwithstanding which Mr Johnson still
persists in the same Practice, & not satisfied
with that, locates the Opinion of the Majo-
rity with some contempt, the Bad tendency
of such principles in any Servant of the
Company & especially in one who by his
Station ought to set a good example to others,
it is too evident to need any Comment. The
Majority do not wish to hurt Mr Johnson
& therefore take this Opportunity of advi-
sing them to reflect a little upon their unwarily
& to write their Minutes in future with
more deliberation

Mr Stone requests that
certain Proofs for every Opinion which
this Government may give regarding the
Nabob Mr Stone knows perfectly well
that it is impossible to give such proofs. Let
Mr Stone read with attention the Letter wrote
in December last to the Governor General
& Council of Bengal wherein the Nabobs ac-
cused with untold Villainy Cruelties & misunder-
standings, & want of confidence in this
Government of giving or not giving Sup-
plies as the Measures recommended by the
Board provided with his concurrence & Conj
and to many more as were which can produce
the Board thought necessary to adopt for
the Supply of the Country, What clear and
certain Proofs did the Board send with those
accusations? Those Lord Mr Stone's own opinion
founded.

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these
but?

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founded on Expressions of the Nabobs Letters
& Dispositions. If the Nabob had been sensible
to any the Subject of these accusations, he would
probably have answered, that the Governor
& Council were not his friends that they
misrepresented his actions & Intentions
& that they were the most faithful & Sincere
friends of the Company; Yet no Step was taken
and there is no reason doubting the Nabobs with
not giving them an opportunity of Justi-
fying himself had he been so violently
misrepresented. The Majority for acting as
they have without having recited
Letters
produced to call proofs, The Letters &c.
mise made to the Nabob without Mr.
Stone bringing on the Complaint again, as as
liberally & strictly fulfilled on their Part!
Smith after the had taken Leave paid Mr.
more Visit Stone absolutely refused to Sign
Letter, the Letter was remained in Possession
of it as long as the Nabob thought proper
at that time & then gave their reasons which
were a Change of Circumstances. This
Board may find necessary to adopt
ought not in prosperity or Justice to
be termed a violation of a promise
made & fulfilled near two years ago.
The Majority are of opi-
nion that if the Nabob had not been
this Cause was supported by some of the Mem-
bers of this Board he would have returned a
reasonable answer to the first Letter wrote

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him by the President & followed the advice which was given him thereon & thereupon resolved the Nabob is to be petitioned according to Mr Stone, the Majority are of Opinion that the Companys Affairs cannot go on well unless a part of this Government become advocates for the Nabob in such Question as are moved before the Board

Giving reasons moved for the Capture of Tanjore is foreign to the Subject but it can by no means be supposed that from Mr Stones Minute it is to be understood that the Nabob is only to hold Possession of the Fort & Country of Tanjore until the Companys Pleasure be known & the Majority think the same on that no such Stipulation is entered on the Records it is rather ordinary Mr Stone should recommend execution of it, to which they add that had such Stipulation been made, there would have been the greater Reason for the Representation.

Mr Stones Minute of 30

April requested to know as that the Nabob should be applied to for an Invocation should there be one and to give his Opinion thereon positively or as a mere Clerk, the Majority were of Opinion, that giving it in without case might be attended with bad consequences, & therefore thought it necessary to put the Question proposed

But

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But now had such a question been sug-
gested it is scarcely possible to sup-
-pose that Satisfaction would have
been obtained, to that, which has been
observed to a possible Letter, under the
Pretence of our interference in his fa-
-mily Affairs. Mr Stone says he is per-
-suaded that had such a Step been taken
it would have prevented all dispute, that
Mr Stone given at the same time, their opinions was
to the Board, & proposed that the Nabob
should previously be spoken to by way
of accommodation, the Majority would
not have opposed it, for it was the mea-
-sure Both the Manner which they
had in View, The Majority of the Board
differ in opinion with Mr Stone, for
they think that if the Nabob was not to
have been informed thereof all of this resolu-
tions relative to Tanjore, this would
have done it at the beginning and of
his own accord & his consulting it upon
visited them, that he did not expect
their approbation of the Measure
Mr Stone seems to admit that the Govern-
ment might have interposed had they
previously taken the Steps he recom-
mended, If the Government had a right
to ask the Nabob in what manner he
intended to dispose of Tanjore then can
there be doubt of their Right to demand to
know in writing their Sentiments upon

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Subject which has not been alluded
to by the rest of the Majority & it
may have been recommended that the Babob
might have taken more decisive steps
during of the question proposed thereon
the Receipt of the Letter of
from the question but may yet have imposed
that the Same Majority would determine
with him touching this Business
If the Board's Sentiments
made and the first Letter not wrote to the
Nabob differed in Some Expressions
the Majority do not think that any precise
material for the instruction of the Minute
end of the Letter was to show their disap-
probation of Mr Thomas All Almanah's going
to Tanjore, but even with that Minute
says about instructing them in the
the Nabob Government how more Diffi-
could be for in availed upon to adopt such
Measures as may be required necessa-
ry for the interests of the Company &
the Same at the Majority beg leave
to refer them again to the Letter wrote to
Bengal in December last
The Majority must observe
Mr Thomas Separate Minute say, that
they did not mean at first to tell the
Nabob their opinion of this second Letter
received, they have done it afterwards
but for these Reasons that they are perfectly
well Satisfied the Nabob has known that

impropriety, the opinion thereon
upon the records of this Second Son and that very
probably the Nabob will say that the
Board acted uncandidly by by him in com-
municating from him an opinion of his Son
which they had communicated to their Court
Court of Directors & to the Governor General & Council
in Bengal

So much has been written
on this Subject, & it has so often been
digressed from that it is very much to be
necessary here for the Board of Directors to
the close of the last Remarks of the Majo-
rity for the dispute is the Impropriety
of omitting a certain Letter to the Nabob
& the Reasons of the Majority have in
that Part again been repeated — Had the
Minority only dissented to the measure
their Dissent would have Carried [illegible] them
Censure the Majority answerable to the
Company — this could be no impropriety
for them to Enter so warmly into the
Dispute nor to give their reasons to
the Nabob & this Second Son, which some
of them have done, & the Majority have
taken leave to say, that it was their Opinion
if the Nabob had not suspected such part
the second, and have thus continued to dispute
with the Board, & that the present Situ-
ation of the Minority as compared to
that they subscribed to in December
last will appear on reading the Letter
&c

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to the Governor General & Council of Bengal

The Board after enumerating the Burmese & Peace of the Nabob

say "As the Company's Interests in this Coast are so materially affected by this

"Connection with the Nabob, & Misunderstandings & Animosities have long subsisted, which notwithstanding every endeavour

"endeavour to remove, do still exist We think

"it necessary to enumerate the Causes & circumstances

"which may serve to give you an Idea

"thereof

The Board then mention that they wanted to send a Garrison of the Company's Troops into Tanjore, when an army of Mahrattas threatened the peace of the Carnatick & whom the Nabob collected a considerable force at Negapatam, but that the Nabob would not consent till they then say "When any proposals are offered by the Nabob relative to

"our differences not inconsistent with good

"Policy, or the Interest of this Country, We have

"spoke to our Vakeel endeavours by Reason &

"Argument to dissuade him from pursuing

"such hasty & violent Measures with Assurances

"from the Gentlemen of Madras, or Tondiman

"whether he or Ginjeree missed Tolaja, or to whom

"to this power" "This misbehaviour of the part of Tanjore & Considering the Connection that has ever existed

"and there, it had been resolved to convey the

"Boats of the Carnatick &c. to the river not

only

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" only responsible for the Safety of the
" Companys Possessions but are also
" charged with the Protection of the Sur-
" rounding Country without any certain Resources
" to provide for the Expences of a War—In the
" Mahratta we are obliged to look for Many
" Provisions, Bullocks, & without Sur-
" mounting many formidable
" obstacles to carry in the
" us to equip & maintain an army in the
" Field & consequently Bullocks will be bought
" either to give them Subsistence or sent to the
" Market as the Commanding officer may receive
" Orders, & this Article of Bullocks is subject
" to increase upon account Occasion, & then
" Grain, Unattended by an Invasion forms
" the Mahrattas, as We have mentioned
" before, the Mahrattas formed an immediate army
" Marine, which in Proportion We thought
" necessary to adopt for the Safety of this Country
" & have now given to understand, that as this
" Resource depended chiefly on the Resources
" of this Country in case that we as invaded
" in War, it would be out of this power to sup-
" ply us with Money as Provisions
" but that We objected to Upon Principle of just
" a respect by of Money which it was neces-
" sary to have from the Carnatic might
" retain here from the Carnatic might
" be attached the Dangers of Sending Sup-
" plies in the appearance to acquire suit-
" able in the Mahratta Circumstances
" made during any Share on Circumstances
" which materially concern the Com-
" pany's Interest & We have repeatedly

represented

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represented these ill Effects and moved
the Court of Directors
That as the Longevity
of the Board & Members age, Sickness
without a single Instance to be pro-
duced of the Board's having changed
their conduct towards the Company
by protracting any Consideration in their
Debates or Determinations thought to consider in
but on the Contrary celebrating with
Europeans, the Gentlemen of the Council Mem-
bers, have changed their opinions of
them, & have stood Sometimes the same
when they wrote to Bengal those they
would subscribe to that Letter without
Dissent, & with no Doubt appear in an
Extraordinary Light to those to whom
these shall or may be said.

light

Mr Patton dissents from the Opinion of the Majority of the Board, as [illegible] associates to the Copying of Mr Johnson's Minutes as he is of Opinion, every Member of the Board should be left to his own discretion in those matters

Mr Patton dissents from the Opinion of the Majority of the Board

That upon the Presidency making Motion that all Minutes be Copied by Some Clerk

That it is the Opinion of the Board that all Minutes entered on the Company's Records & particularly in the Military Department should be Copied by the Person who gives them in or

before

makes the following Motion,

Presidency.

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or by-laws of the Company's Servants in the Sec[re]t[a]ry's Office

Mr Mackay. Sees for the Consideration

Debate thereon Mr Gordon. Sees of opinion that all Minutes of Consultations should be signed by a Company's Servant, or by the person himself to be delivered those Minutes in

Mr Paterson. Sees of opinion that it should be left at the discretion of any Member of the Board, to copy, or to have the Copies made of his Minutes by those in whose secrecy he can confide

Mr Stone. — Agrees in opinion with

Mr Paterson

Mr Johnson Has already given his reasons in support of what has been read, for the necessity of getting done himself, but, as they seem not to have had any weight with the Majority of the Board, he begs leave to deliver in at a future Consult. some observations

Mr Brooke for the Consideration

Motion & Vote of Opinions, that whilst matters of Consultations are under the discussions of the Board, it is a Duty incumbent upon every Member to keep them Secret, particularly in case of Disputes & Controversy And that it is Unjust & Unfair to have them written in the Parties own hands, if they

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they can possibly be done so, at the same
to have them copied by a Company's
Servant, in the proper Secretary Office
Mr Dawson Jun of opinion with Mr Brooke
Genl Smith — Jun of opinion that
the writing of the Minutes should
be left at the discretion of some of Mem
bers of this Board

The Majority of the Board
Carried for the Motion. being for the Previous Question
is Resolved, that all Consultations & Disputs
Resolution from on any Subject of consultation, should
be deliberated in, in the Publick assembly
sitting, or in the vacations of a Company's
Servant in the Office, in which the said
Minute or dissent is to be made
matter of Record.

Wynch
Joseph Smith
Geo Barrow
Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer
Fras Fowke Jun
Geo: Mackay

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8th Dispatched Letter to Capt. Duncan Commandg.
at Orgole as entered Secretaries.

To Captain Duncan
Commanding at Orgole

Sir

Letter to Captain Duncan, to send in Accounts of, Bazalet Jungs Troops & the French Party.

By Command of the President
and Council I am to desire, that you will gain
and transmit hither, the best accounts possible of
the distribution of the Troops of Bazalet Jung &
particularly of the French and the Foreigners
under the Command of Mons.r Lally. And
you will further be pleased to informe yourself,
if it is the intention of Bazalet Jung, to continue
those Foreigners in the Murtazanagur Circar,
or if he means at some future time, to draw them
up, nearer to his Capital of Adoni.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan
Secry.

9th Received the following Letter from Capt. Hopkins
Commanding at Pallamcotah.

To

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

Letter from Capt. Hopkins

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit you a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore received last night by the Hircarah by whom I forwarded the Letter to the Rajah and also by the Secretary of the Military Department.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient humble Servant
Charles Hopkins

Palamcotah
1st June 1775

At a Consultation Present.
Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Gov.r President
George Dawson
John Johnson
Arch. Palmer
George Mackay

Monday
12th June

Henry Brooke
John M. Lloyd
Franc.s Sourdan

General Smith Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Lieut. Du Hamel Willock &c.

The Secretary reports the Death of Lieutenant John Du Hamel of Cornet Thomas Willock, both of the European Troops of Cavalry.

Letter from the Nabob

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Cons: Corr: N.o 62. complaining of the Govr. Presidt demanding 36,000 Pag.s P.r Month for the Current Charges, & a Lack of Pag.s every Month for the Ballance of the Sum expended by the Company, when at the same time the Drought of the Season, & the

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The Misery of the Inhabitants is so well known, that instead of making collections from them, the Nabob is obliged to assist them with every thing, even for the purposes of cultivation. Remarking that the Books of Accounts received by him were not signed by the Governor & Council, & fearing that the Accounts to the end of April may be sent to him signed in the customary manner, and that on receipt of them, which will shew him the Ballance he is indebted to the Company, he will settle the Bills. Offers to pay in the same manner this year, as he has done in the three preceding years, provided his Country continues in peace & quietness.

Letter from the Nabob, with Acct. of the defeat & Death of Ishmael Cawn. And of the Death of Rucuun ud Dowlah –

To lie on the Table

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Con: Corr: N. 63. enclosing Copies of two Letters one from Nizam Ud Dowlah & the other from Vikaver Ud Dowlah alias Nazebar Cawn containing Accounts of the Submission of Khadunjee Bonsalah, of the defeat & Death of Ishmael Cawn and of the Death of Rucuun Ud Dowlah. Ordd that Copies of the aforegoing be transmitted in Numbers in the Packet to the Governor General & Council.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. Harper, enclosing estimate of the Expence of raising the Hospital Wall at Warreour 5 Feet higher.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed

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Letter from Col. Harper, with Estimate for raising the Wall at Warriour Hospital

Inclosed is a Monthly return of the Troops in this Garrison for May & May I have to inform you that the Sick Men returned & Dead & Run off from the Hospital of Warriour at two different times, & the Dead taken every precaution in my power to prevent any thing of the kind, and also to have Irons on, But the Wall round the Hospital is so Low, they got over it in the Dark, march across the Rivers to the Terrapin Country and the People there seem to favor their Escape to Hyder Ally.

Inclosed I have taken the Liberty to send you an Estimate for raising the Wall at the Hospital five Feet higher, and hope it will meet with your Approbation, This done I think it will almost be impossible for them to get away.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
H. Harper.

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Estimate for raising the Wall round the Hospital 5 Feet higher.

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Wall Bricks	80,000	@ 1/2 p. Mile		120	—
Chunam	Buckets 700	1/2		25	—
Sand	D° 1,400	1/4		8. 14	—
Bricklayers	180	3		12. 36	—
Cooley Boys	500	60		3. 39	—
Men	100	1. 40		3. 24	—
Women	270	1		6. 18	—
Faggrs	Four 700	1/2		25	—
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N.B. The Assistance of a few Lascars will be wanted to place and remove the Scaffolding

W.m Stevens
D.o Engineer

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The President desired to represent the same to the Nabob, and to request his acquiescence in the manner proposed by Col. Harper

A Bill from Cuddalore for silver Trumpets for the European Troops.

The President laid before the Board a Bill for 100 Pags for silver Trumpets for the European Troops of Cavalry sent up to him, by the Chief of Cuddalore, who requests the Order of the Board thereon. As the Board do not see any reason why there should be a regular and constant Expence for silver Trumpets, for the European Troops of Cavalry, which Trumpets cannot possibly be worn out, It is ordered, that the Bill aforesaid be not admitted, and at the same time that the Chief and Council be informed, that whenever any Accident shall happen to the Trumpets, that they do in such Case the Commandt. and of the Troops, must apply to them, for new ones which new ones they will grant as they shall think proper taking care at the same time, that the old ones are delivered.

Read Letter from Major Horne

To Richard Sulivan Esq.r

Sir

Letter from Major Horne, proposals for building Quarters for the Officers of Artillery at the Mount.

I have Honor with your Letter informing me that the ground I proposed building Quarters upon for the Officers there would be ordered to be Surveyed, and of them would be ordered to be Surveyed. Col. Ross has seen the Situation and the Ground Traced

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Should each Set of Apartments which he
intends to approve of, I shall be obliged to you Sir,
if you'll inform the Board, that I propose six Sets
of Apartments, each to contain 1 Hall 20 Feet by 16.
two Bed Chambers each 16 Feet Square - One
Cook Room. One Godown. A Convenience &
Stable for two Horses. That shall require about
4000 Parrons of Chunam and about 4 Lack of
Well Brick only & 25,000 - six Inch Square Brick.
The Foundation being intended to be built with Stone.
The Partition Walls and Offices with unburnt Brick.
This Method I propose to enable me to let the
Offices have their complement of Chunam.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most humble Servant
Math.w Horne.

Mount
June the 11th 1775

Read Report from the Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have examined the Ground
Pitched on by Major Horne, for building Officers
Barracks at St. Thomas's Mount, which appears
proper the purpose: & the granting it will not impede
the Cultivation.

I have the Honor to be with Respect.
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed.t & most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Engineer.

Fort St. George
12th June 1775.

Resolved