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[illegible] requested and Bagobah commonly
[illegible] reinforcement may be sent by the Second
[illegible] will be able again to take the field, on the
[illegible] the beginning of the month of November
[illegible], the army being at present obliged
the army to go into Quarters at Dubay near the
Country of the Nabobs, For this Reinforcement
which Bagobah has so earnestly solicited he is
to grant over additional advantages to the Honble
Company, exclusive of those mentioned in the
Treaty.

We shall also require a Military
force for the Protection of Salset of the Provinces
already added to the Company, as well as to secure
the Collection of the Revenues for the ensuing
Season.

We have thus stated to you our Reasons
for the Service for which a large Military
force is required, and shall now proceed to ac-
quaint you that it is totally out of our Power to
furnish for our part the whole that will be
requisite; but, satisfied as we are, how much
you have the Interest of the Honble Company
at heart, and being convinced that we cannot
receive a Reinforcement much more early
from you than from Bengal and Coast at Fort William, who
have offered us assistance, We therefore again
take the Liberty to apply to you earnestly re-
questing that you will supply us with Three
hundred [illegible] Europeans Artillery & Lascars

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Two Compleat Battalio
we may receive intima
will be required of them
ordering them to march by
from whence they will be dir
to Tellicherry, at which place, conveyances
shall be ready to transport them further, &
we can assure you that your Compliance
with this request will be of very material
Benefit to our Honble employers.

The enclosed Packet for the Gov.
General & Council of Fort William contains
nicates to them the same Intelligence as we
have now done to you, and we request that
your Honor &c will acquaint them with your
Resolution and Determination on the application
We now make to you, for should you be unable
to assist us with the whole Force that
is now desired, We have requested them Gen:
Assistance to supply the Deficiency, or even the
whole, should you not be able to grant any
part; but at the same time we request, that
you will consider that it is more than pro-
bable, that the Succours from Bengal, should
you lend it to the Southern Part of Coast to supply
the, cannot arrive at the seat of action, so early
as the beginning of November next, which is
the time, as we before said, that our Operations
must begin.

It will be very acceptable if
the state of your Finances will enable you
to

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to supply the Poor we that you may stand to our assistance with a Military Chest, as we have so many calls for money, that we are apprehensive our Resources may be insufficient to satisfy all the Demands expected on, more especially as one of our most considerable Resources is almost shut up, Namely, the Receipt of money for the sales of the Company's Goods, for, owing to the present situation of the Maratta Country, Trade is at this time almost at a Stand.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sirs Your Most
Obedt humble Servants

Bombay Castle
13th July 1775.

D. Draper
J. Mc.
B. Tolfer
Jno. Taylor

Resolutions thereon.

Resolved, That a Letter be immediately prepared and answer to the President & Council of Bombay, acquainting them of the Sentiments of the Governor General & Council relative to the Reinforcement which was at first sent to them; and of their injunctions, that we do not in future detach any part of our Forces out of our Provinces, unless for the Security of our own Possessions without their previous concurrence; and moreover if we could at liberty to send to them the assistance they require that our Military Establishment, is so very incomplete & Unprecken, that it would not admit of our making

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making the smallest Draught of Water, much
less of so considerable one, as that which they
required of three hundred Tunns and Sailed.
Resolved, Unanimous, that they be informed
of the Deputation of Lieut. Col. Upton to Poonah,
and of his having Ample Powers and instructions
to conclude a Treaty of Peace with the Mar:
ratta Government.

Upton

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to the Governor General Council, to accompany the Letter addressed to them by the Presidency of Bombay, and that Copies of their Letter to us, and of our reply in consequence, be transmitted at the same Time, for their information.

P Munro
Cha Barrow
Henry Brooke
Wm
Archdal Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo: Mackay

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26th. This day the following Letter was dispatched to the Gov.r General and Council at Fort William.

# To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor General &c.a Council

at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Gov.r Gen.l & C.o with Copies of Nawabs and Nabob's Letters from Bombay Your Reply, communicating also the proposals of Fazel Beg Cawn.

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 17th July, communicating to Us, the reasons, which have induced your Honors &c.a to depute Lt. Col. Upton to Poonah, as well as your Sentiments on the Measures adopted by the Presidency of Bombay, in acting in conjunction with Ragobah, against the Ministerial Party of the Maratta Government.

Acknowledging your Honor &c.a will receive Copy of a Letter, which the Nabob has lately received from Sawey Mawb: Chiveroo Pundit Pridhaun — In consequence of which we have addressed a Letter to the Nabob, wherein we advise him, in reply to Nawabs to refer him to Lieut.n Col. Upton, who on the Spot, can best inform him of the favorable intentions of the English towards his Government. And we have further requested, that the Nabob will inform Us, if there is any thing, relating to the safety or prosperity of the Carnatic, which he may think may be obtained from the Maratta Government, by means of Col. Uptons Negotiations, and which he would wish us to communicate to your Honor &c.a

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for that purpose —

In a Letter lately received by our President, from Mr. Whitehill Chief of Manoji Pattam, we are given to understand that allyar Beg, Brother to Fazel Beg Cawn who commands the Soubah's Army, and who has extensive influence, both over his Councils and Governm.t, is shortly expected to arrive at Manelipatam, in order to celebrate a Festival at that place, and on this account we think it advisable, to acq.t your Honor &c.a that we believe something of Importance to the Company may be obtained thro' his means, particularly as Fazel Beg, has expressed himself greatly inclined, to a more intimate connection, than at present subsists, between the English and the Soubah. In all events, we think a Negociation with the Nizam might be profitably carried on, not only as it might affect our Northern Circars, but, as it would be of immediate consequence, to the forwarding the intention of the Deputation, which your Honor &c.a have thought proper to send to Poonah. The Soubah has heretofore had great weight with the Ministerial Party, of the Marratta Government, and we therefore are of opinion, that advantage from that Quarter, may be had thro' his means — In this Matter, however your Honor &c.a will be the best enabled to judge — Mr. Whitehill has been directed to send allyar Beg with respect to the Soubahs real intentions towards the

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the English, and on being advised of the result of his enquiry, we shall not fail to communicate it to your Honor &c.a for your information.

We are engaging Letters from the Presidency of Bombay, addressed to your Honor &c.a having just received, We have not the Honor of forwarding it to you, together with Copy of a Letter, which we have received from them, as well as of our reply in consequence, whereby you will observe, that they request a further Reinforcement of Troops from this Establishment, and that we in consequence of your Honor &c.a Order, have declined complying therein with that Succour, which they require.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obd.t & humble Servants,
S.r Wynch &c.a Council

Fort St. George
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— Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to the President & Council at Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bombay in reply to their application for Military Assistance.

We have been favoured with your Letter of the 13th Inst.o together with a Letter addressed to the Gov.r General & Council, which shall be forwarded to Bengal with the utmost expedition.

&c

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In consequence of the aid of Troops, which we conceive with your earnest desire we before sent you, We informed the Governor Genl. and Council, of your having done so, and of the weighty reasons, which influenced us, to such a Measure, But, altho' they did not disapprove, of your having granted you that reinforcement, at your urgent request, yet they desired, that for the future we do not detach any part of our Forces, out of our Provinces, unless for the Security of our own possessions, without their previous concurrence. From this therefore your Honor &c" will perceive, that we are not at liberty even if our Military Establishment could afford it, to send to you, that assistance which you require. But, indeed were we left, discretionally to act, our incomplete Establishment of Europeans, would not admit of our making that considerable detachment, much less of so considerable a one, as that required by your Honor &c" of 300 Rank and File. Having a few days ago, received a Letter from the Governor General & Council, containing an account, of the reasons which have induced them to depute Lt. Col. Upton to Poonah, we shall here furnish you with an Extract of that part of it, which immediately relates to the Embassy, and to the Powers given to Col. Upton. Viz.t We have deputed Lt. Col. Upton to proceed to Poonah to conclude a Treaty of Peace with that State and have furnished him with full Powers & Instructions

your.

For

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For this purpose the Governor has been advised of this Deputation, and desired to procure passports for Colonel Upton to meet him at Calpee.

Agreably to your request, we shall immediately inform the Governor General and Council of your Determination to decline accepting the request you have made, in order, if it shall appear to them proper, that you be supplied with a Reinforcement of Military from that Establishment.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed! & most humble Servts
A. Wynch &c. & Council

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## At a Consultation Present.

Alex. Wynch Esq. Governor President
Joseph Smith George Dawson
Henry Brooke John Johnson
J. W. Stone Arch. Palmer
Francis Fowke Geo. Mackay.

Monday 28th August

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read a Letter from the Nabob enclosing his Sentiments in full on the measures proposed with respect to Bazalet Jung, and the Governor General. - Does not approve of the sending a Letter immediately to the Soubah. Declares him to be no friend to the English, whose growing influence he is jealous of, and offers it

from the Nabob enclosing his opinion of measures proposed to be taken with respect to Bazalet Jung. Differing entirely from the Board.

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as his advice, that applications should be first made to Bazalet Jung, contrary to the Rule observed of the Board, herein and Packet for that purpose.

Resolutions in Consequence.

Also the Nabob laid before the foregoing Letter, and many Arguments, in support of his advice, & negociating there his affairs with Bazalet Jung, and in consequence many objections to the Measures proposed to be adopted by the Board, yet, as they cannot conceive Matters, in the same alarming light, in which they are represented, It is Resolved, to adhere to the first determination, of making direct application to the Soubah by Letter. That the Nabob should not however, have any the least Colour of pretence for complaint, in acting there opposite to his opinion, It is ordered, that the Translator do wait upon him, with Copy of the Letter to the Soubah, and that he do in the most particular manner explain to him, the contents - in order that he may point out to the Board, any material objections, which may occur to him on the Subject. Resolved, in consequence that the Letter to the Soubah, be not dispatched this Morning day next, when it is agreed to meet, and finally conclude this Subject.

Read Letter from the Nabob Dated 26th Instant as entered in C. Corr: No. 97. accompanying one addressed to the

Gov. not general.

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From the Nabob enclosing a Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l desiring their assistance in carrying on the Carnatic War: from Gov.r Johnstone: from Mar: to the Govn: ment.

The Governor General expressly declares his inclination, that a perpetual Treaty of Peace and Amity, should be concluded, between him & the Mahratta Government. It is Resolved, that the general advantage of such a Step, both to the Carnatic, and to the Company, be pointed out, to the Attention of the Governor General & Council and that it be recommended to them, to adopt if possible the renunciation of the Chouth, both for the Carnatic, & for the Company's possessions, the former of which has been repeatedly demanded. Tho' the latter has not, not that the Board are of opinion it will prevent the Mahratta from demanding, and enforcing their demands, if the state of their affairs will admit of it, but it will be a Plea for both them and the Nabob, to refuse, acquiescence in such demand, and will be the only method of depriving them of every plausible pretext, for plundering & ravaging the Country, when their circumstances require it, or their power encourages them, with the hope of Addition of Impunity. Ordered, that a Letter be prepared to the Gov.r General & Council in consequence.

The Secretary lays before the Board, the following Letter, which he has received from Captain Charles Clifton.

Sir

As it is very possible I may not

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From Captain Clifton requesting certain extracts from Records.

not be clear as to the Paragraph of the Gen.l Letter which relates to Captain Mackay — nor on the last Resolution of the Board thereon — I therefore beg you will permit me to take a Copy of them both, also of the Paragraph of the General Letter that appoints me to the Service. The Note I have taken were such to be trusted to in a Matter where there cannot be too much perspicuity.

I am Sir

Your h.e &c.

Aug.st 26th 1775.

Cha.s Clifton

P.S. If you could them any Copies, I shall be more obliged to you.

Copy of the Para in the General Letter appointg him to the Ser: vice granted.

At the Board December 1775

That Captain Clifton has a right to require a Copy of any Record relative to any Transaction such as of their Resolutions, on any particular Subject. It is Resolved, that the former grant of his request be complied with, but that the Secretary do furnish him with a Copy of the Paragraph of the General Letter, whereby he is appointed to the Service.

Read Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roy, Chief Engineer.

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

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From Lt. Col. Ross respecting the Works now in hand

At the Commencement of the Works to the South East, there was one of the finest Beaches I had ever seen, but for these ten days past, the Sea has gained very considerably, at least 50 or 60 feet, which will prevent our going on them until the Surf Decrease, The Pales to the Westward is mostly formed, and the Ditches before the new Works on that side are chiefly excavated, except what will be wanted for filling in behind the Curtins; I will therefore with your leave carry on this Countermure before them, But as this will not afford sufficient employment for all the Coolies, I should be glad to have your permission to open Ground for the Works to the North East, in such parts as can now be conveniently come at, which will be much done towards expediting the Business of the next Season.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

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Resolved, that the Chief Engineer be directed to open the Ground for the Works to the North East, in the manner herein mentioned.

Read Letter and Report from the Committee of Stores.

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

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Herewith we have the honor to lay before your hon.ble Board Minutes of the 22.d Inst.

We are with Respect

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your very humble Servants

Joseph Smith

George Dawson

Math.w Horne

Letter from the Committee of Stores with.

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At a Committee of Stores Present.

Brig.r General Joseph Smith

George Dawson Esq.r and

Major Horne

Tuesday
28.th Aug.st 1775.

Colonel Ross indisposed.

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Committee a Report from the Nabob representg. that when he shall have an Account of the Cost of procuring and repairing Stores to compleat the establishment, and shall know what credit he is to be allowed for Stores brought away, He shall be enabled to give a Satisfactory answer regarding the Alterations proposed in his Garrisons,

The arrangement in the Company's Garrisons cannot be compleated as intended.

Order of the Board thereon.

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intended by the Committee until
it has taken place in the Nabob—
The Military Storekeeper is there-
fore requested to get an Indent, in
as accurate a manner as the nature
of it will admit of— the Account
required by the Nabob— that some
thing conclusive with respect to
the matter may be determined
on.

An Indent for Madura
being laid before the Committee
is directed to be complied with
as far as is consistent with the
Statement of Stores for that
Garrison.

A List of such Stores
as can be supplied to the Nabob
in part of some Indents received
from him is now made and
the Stores directed to be issued
accordingly.

An Indent from Vellore, is
ordered to be complied with as
far as can be spared—

The Commissary
of Stores lays before the Commit.
An a Report of defects in some
foreign Guns, which upon
examination are condemned
as unserviceable.

Ditto

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Shewing more Powder in Madras than can conveniently be stored away and the Garrison to the Northward appearing to want a great deal, Resolved, That they be supplied with that Article as Opportunities may offer.

The Military Store: Keeper representing that there is a great Monthly charge on Account of making Powder at Vellore, & the Commg Officer finding them over acquainted of the Quality or Quantity made there. That they are of opinion that the Storekeeper should be directed to send an Account of the quantity made up in the last Six Months and that an Artillery Officer should regularly provide and report such as is to be received into Store.

Agreed that it be recommended to the Board.

The Grenadier Company of the Regiment at Pondamalee having some time ago been surmised while Colo Bell and the Commanding Officer there having repeatedly requested that the whole Regiment be supplied with

ordered accordingly

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with them. Agreed that such be sent to Pendamaleer for experiment. As if they are found to answer the intended purpose — The Committee are of opinion there will be no occasion for Lunge Bells —

The Clerk lays before the Committee an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 25th April in which the Board having directed that a contract be made with Lieutt. John Pringle for the alteration of such Firelocks & Carbines as shall be wanted, Mr. Pringle is now sent for and an agreement intered into with him for 1000 Firelocks, that is to supply the Select Picket of each Battalion of Sepoys, & 100 Carbines for the Troops to be completed according to his new Invention at the rate of 1½ Pago: da for each Firelock & 1 Pago da for each Carbine — And as the old Musquets are represented so much worse near the Muzzle as to be liable to failure in that Part. It is resolved that new ones be issued to Mr. Pringle for this year: which when finished may be kept in the Arsenal to be the Rest. Approved

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First delivered out for Service—
And in the meantime, for
Drill Arms, Mr Pringle be
allowed to finish 250 Stand
of old Arms which he has
begun upon.

General Smith's Copy
before the Committee a Letter
from Major Horne representg
that Mr Pringle's new method
of fixing the Hammer, upon
several Trials at the Mount,
was not found to have so much
advantage over the old one
for Artillery Practice as to
make it worth while to alter
the old Arms. Agreed therefore
that the adoption of it be dis-
-continued until there are new
Arms enough in Store to serve
out to the whole Corps.

Major Horne propo:
-ses that a new Model, as now
shewn to the Committee, for slinging
and unslinging their Arms be
adopted by the Artillery, as the
motions are thereby quicker
performed and the Pieces to
kept much steadier when
slung, which being approved
by the Committee.

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Agreed that it be recommended to the Board that the Buff Lunge Belts be altered accordingly to be supplied to that Corps.

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Coun: with a List with accom: praying Musters of Military Stores made up in the last Month — Agreed that such be received into the Arsenal

General Smith's Minute propo: posing that the Vacancys of Field Offi: cers shall be filled up.

General Smith begs leave to deliver in the following Minute.

Altho' the Board have been pleased to come to the Resolution of not filling up those Vacancies made by the Dyath of Lieut. Colonel Braithwaite & Bellingham till such time as Orders may arrive from the Honble Court of Directors in this respect approving of their Conduct in similar Cases before, and drawing a line for it in future, yet I am again induced to represent the delicate Situation of those Officers so particularly affected even by that Resolution — The long, faithfull & singular Services of those Officers must in Rank, merit the attention of this Government, to permit therefore even a accident to deprive them of that Object the only reward of a Soldiers

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Soldiers Services would be as distressful to this Board in general as to me their Commandg. Officer. In particular, and as such a provision can be made without acting in any resolution Contradictory to the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors I should flatter myself with the approbation of the Board to the following proposition.

In the 48th Paragraph of the instructions of the Honble Court of Directors say "It is our express Order that no Commission to any Field "Officer be granted by you but in case of Vacancy "the Officer next in Rank shall supply the same "provisionally until our pleasure be known."

Such provisional Ranks therefore being immediately given to those Officers is neither an additional Expence or does it intrude upon the resolution of this Board by preventing them in any Degree from exercising such instructions the latter Ships may convey to them on this Subject, but on the other hand mutually eases the minds of deserving Men naturally anxious in so Under a Situation and who have every Claim to the indulgence of this Government.

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Joseph Smith

The filling up of Vacancies in the Line of Field Officers, has lately been often under the consideration of the Board, & they would esteem themselves fortunate if they could with any Degree of propriety appoint those

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Those Officers who are most in Seniority, and who, they are convinced, are intitled to every indulgence that can be shewn them.

But while the Orders of the Court of Directors are positively against the filling up of any Vacancies, but those which are caused by Death, Dismission, or actual Resignation of the Service, the Board cannot conceive, how they can break through such positive Directions, and fill up the Vacancies of those Gentlemen, who have permission to return to Europe on family Affairs, or for the Benefit of their health and who consequently, tho' not on the Spot, keep compleat the Establishment of Field Officers.

The Hardship of allowing Officers to return to Europe on Leave, and of others being obliged to do their Duty in their absence, has been represented particularly to the Court of Directors, and the Board are in hopes of receiving Orders relative thereto by some of the Ships of the Season, when this Subject may be again taken into Consideration.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. Bonjour, Commanding at Pondamalee.

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

Honble Sir &c.s

The very extraordinary Paragraph inserted

Letter from Col. Bonjour in defence

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

Honble Sir &c.s

I have very extraordinary Pains
incurred

Letter from Lt. Col. Bonjour in defence

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*of his Conduct in Consequence of a Report in the News Papers.*

inserted in the news Papers in the Month of May 1774, regarding our Expeditions Commanded by Generall Joseph Smith, in the Maratta war & Bayord Countries, are of such a Nature, that they do not only affect the Reputation of some Individuals, but also point at the private & public Character of all the Honble Companys Servants, such circumstances being Things so particularly marked out as the Chief Instruments employed to commit the most Execrable Actions and who observing that Malicious people cease to make it their Study to propose the worst of Nations of horror against Indecent Practices, being the most concerned in this affair, but ill acquainted with the Circumstances by which I was actuated, I request Honble Sir & Sirs you will receive a Narrative of the Facts, and as the Evidence necessary to prove or reject them are all in India. I also request you will order such enquiry upon the matter as may Most the whole in such manner as to remove the very disagreable opinion, such scandalous opinions may have insuted among People who only guide of things from the reports they receive. Sir Robert Fletcher since his return to India has assured me, that he had no part in what has been mentioned regarding me, that he had no part in what has been said mentioned regarding me, so far from it, he declared his having often mentioned my Services in a favorable light to our Directors. Therefore

Hon.d

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The representations arising from these Letters, as to the appearance and Dress of Men Women & Children, must be very pleasing to the Curious, but the Account of the Slaughter of the Inhabitants of Narawar in the East Indies, by a Detachment from the Army Commanded by General Joseph Smith, but under the immediate direction of Colonel Bonjour, several of the Proprietors present thought too much for the Ears of Ladies, and the strongest marks of Horror, pity and Amazement were visible in the countenances of those who heard the Shocking Narration, The Story related by Sir Robt. Fletcher was in substance as follows— General Smith having marched at the head of the British troops, in conjunction with one of the Nabobs, against a Rajah of that Country, the latter sent a Message with certain offers, or conditions, which were accepted of by the former. The Messenger accordingly returned to the Rajah, and informed him of the success of his Embassy; relying on this assurance the Rajah called in his advanced posts, and thought, of hostilities were laid aside and looked upon himself in the most perfect Security, in the meantime Colonel Bonjour advanced with his

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his Detachment and surprized the Suraud
and his Army, who were consequently surpri:
:prized, and put every one of them to the Sword
without Distinction, except the unhappy
Princesses, Daughters of the Rajah, who were pres:
:served only to gratify the Brutal Lust of the
Inhuman Butcher and Ravisher the Nabob,
he added the Officers concerned in this Bloody
Business, had extorted a precarious promise from
the Nabob's Son, that if they should happen
to be successful in this undertaking, he was to give
them a large sum of 50,000 Pagodas worth about
twenty four thousand Pounds, but being after:
:wards unwilling to comply with this agreement,
for the said Hyde gave him one of which he had
given a Bond, the General being applied to
in Equity, confirmed the agreement and decided
in favor of the Officers.

British Chronicle Monday May 23.d 1774.

East India House Intelligence

The Plunder of Surjee, the Murder of the Rajah,
&c. the Imprisonment of the Daughters, the
Defilements, by violence committed on their
Bodies by the Nabob (who afterwards confined
with the rest of his Women in the Harem, or
Seraglio) the infraction of the Treaty so strictly
expressly provided against the pillaging of
Surjee, the stipulation with the Nabob, and
non performance of the articles on which that
stipulation was founded; all these and various
other particulars admitted through Mr Hastings
in

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and General Smith's own Letter would Justify, Mr. Mathews said, the Marshal answered, Sirs you are not Men of Conduct, who from this Sir Head of Command and Chief, should receive at if not Abet, measures so repugnant to the Faith of Treaty, so debasing to Military Honour, so abhorrent to the rights of Nature, and opposite to the fundamental Dictates of Humanity."

In order to convey an Idea, divested of all doubt, regarding the falsehood of those Assertions, permit me Honble Sir and Sirs to represent first, the Grounds upon which I did attack Callaveil, the place where the Rajah of the Little Maravar was killed, for I think it necessary to report all the circumstances, which might have given cause to this extraordinary Surprize, and my Success, because it is only by them, that I can vindicate my Conduct in proving the very probability of succeeding on the like occasion, for which also I have annexed a Sketch of the Country, and plan of the place, in order that matters may be seen in the most clear manner.

It is well known that when our expedition against the Maravar Country was determined, I did command at Madura, when an Order was sent to me Dated the 11th of May 1772, and Form and take under my Command a Detachment from that Garrison, in order to assist the operations of General Smith, who was to march from Dindigul, & proceed by the Sea side towards Ramnadpur.

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Ramnadpatam, the Capital of the great Ma-
ravar nation, which place he had determined for a rendez-
vous, and is situated about Eighty Miles East
of Madura, in consequence of the above order,
having determined to open a communication
from Madura to Ramnadpatam, by doing
which the Rajah of the Little Maravar, upon
whose Country I was to act, was kept in awe,
and so prevented to assist the Enemy, or make
our Army against him, having obtained
information of the Force and Nature of the
Country of the Little Maravar, knowing that
the last two Forts which it was necessary I should
take, one Trigaverdie situated about fifteen
miles East of Madura, they other Palamcoy, about
forty miles South East also of Madura both
of such strength as might require heavy artillery
to reduce them, but my Garrison not allowing
me to take into the Field such a number of
Troops, as would be necessary to secure a heavy
Train thro a woody Country, defended by about
twenty thousand People, which I was told
was the number of Men this little Maravar
could collect, and who tho not very dan-
gerous from the inferiority of their Arms
and Discipline, have at times given proof
of their address, by taking advantage of
Cross Roads, and attacking Baggage & Stores,
without being in the power of the Troops
to protect them, when in narrow passages
the line of march was much extended,

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under these consideration I determined to march without these impediments, but put my depend-
ance upon two pieces which I ordered secretly
to be prepared and on the 22d May quitted
Madura, with ten Companies of our Sepoys,
five of the Nabobs, with a few of his irregular
Horse and such a number of his Artillery
Men, Europeans and Topaces, as were necessary
to work the two field pieces, and five small Mortars,
under which fire enforced by some Rockets,
the night of the 25th I had a post and fixed
at the Gate of Tripuvanum, and succeeded
without other Loss, than one European killed,
two wounded, and twelve Sepoys killed and
wounded, the effect of this post having been
such, that it not only totally destroyed the first
Gate, but also struck open the second, which
was in a direct Line, not at a great distance
from the other, by which the People in the
Fort were so terrify'd, that many jumped
over the Walls, and the others took refuge in
two Pagodas, where they surrender'd themselves
prisoners the next morning. This so much
surprized the whole Country, that having
immediately sent a peremptory Summons
to the Killadare of Palamcory, that Fort was
delivered without being obliged to go there
with any detachment, and having in con-
junction with the Nabobs Manager given
reason to the Country People to expect good
treatment, the whole of the South of Madura

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Have promised obedience.

On the 11th of June Captain Mathews having joined my Detachment with a Regiment of Horse and two Companies of light Infantry, with four field Pieces of Artillery, I determined to watch closely the motions of the Rajah, in order to take advantage of every favorable Circumstance, therefore on the 12th I gave orders to March towards Tallicoil, to where he had retired with all his Force, but the Nabob's Manager representing to me, that he had received instructions not to interfere to the N.ward of the River, I differed moving, fearing it should prove contrary to his negociation, and remained till I had heard from General Smith, who after having taken Rammedpatam, came with the army under his command near Shevegunga, where I joined him the 20th of the above Month; the Nabob there with him was negociating with an Ambassador the Rajah had sent to our Camp, but on the 22d the General communicated to me that there was no appearance of an agreement taking place, on which account he was determined to march the next morning towards Tallicoil, I was to form a Detachment to act under my Command on the North side, with which after the fall of Tallicoil, he intended I should march towards Tinjanore, I requested the General to favor me with an Order in writing, which he

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he said he would do from his next Camp, being his intention that my Detachment should remain on the Spot till I should hear from him, on the 23d I received the following Letter.

To Lieut. Col. Bonjour.

Sir — As the presence of your Detachment of the Northward of Calicoil may in some degree facilitate our Operations on this side, it's my desire that on receipt of this, you proceed towards Pangu: -nary, a Village situated near to one of the princi: -pal passes that leads to Tripatore you would when there use such means as you think necessary to draw the attention of the Enemy to that point, and take every advantage that may occur, as I could not sufficiently strengthen your Party to attack the Fort of Tripatore, you may either summons the Garrison to sur: -render or not, but if from your Intelligence you think it probable they will give it up, you may try and perhaps save us some trouble hereafter. Vackeel came from Tondiman this morning to see Mr Swinton with the Nabob, we shall see by coming what he with is with it, and I'll advise you accordingly; as Captain Mathew's Corps was during our last Campaign, kept as much as possible together I hope you will indulge him so far now, at least as much as the Nature of the Service can admit of. I send your Arears, and will constantly advise you of what may happen in this quarter, wishing you success, I am Sir your very Obedient Servant /Signed/ Joseph Smith 23d June 1772 Camp Thermour."

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The Direction of this Letter being more Inquisitional than positive by being Directed to use means as I might think necessary to draw the Attention of the Enemy, and to take every advantage that might occur, I considered Callicoile as the first object upon which I was to turn my thoughts, knowing this to be the intention of General Smith by my observations with him the day before, if not being in my power to undertake with appearance of success the reduction of the Fort of Istapore, which has two Stone Walls surrounded by a Ditch, and which would have carried me too far from the Chief object of preping closely the Rajahs, and reducing his Power, nothing [illegible] would have had great effect towards the Defence of the above Fort, which otherwise would necessarily fall therefore I resolved to undertake an Attack against Callicoile in case no Terms were settled, but this place being surrounded by Wood of about 50 Miles in Circumference, through which are only very Narrow Roads or paths well Barricaded, my success depended as much on a surprize as upon the Diversion caused on one side by the Army under General Smith, and the good behaviour of my Troops, for these reasons I determined my Measures, & marched from Shevegunga the same day about 2 O Clock in the afternoon, with the Evening I encamped near Shelavarum, about 12 Miles Distance, where in order to cover my intentions, I took publickly observations on

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The different points of the Compass, and chiefly in-
quired upon the position and Roads leading to
the Fort of Trepatore, having received no other in-
formation that day from General Smith, the 24th
at 4 o Clock in the morning I marched from
Sholaveram, and encamped near Pagnery about
14 Miles distance, where I took the same observa-
tions as at Sholaveram, and sent people for to
Reconnoitre the Roads, and to procure intelligence
from Trepatore. There I remained the whole
day, without receiving any information from
General Smith. This two days having passed
without further instructions, I concluded the
negociation had proved fruitless, but in the
evening I again read his Letter and consider-
ing that he could not mean that I should
remain inactive, by desiring me to march,
immediately from Shevagunga, fearing that
he might make an Attack on his side, which
it was very material for me to oppose besides being
apprehensive that by giving the Enemy longer time
they might cut Abattis upon their Roads and
Letter fortify their Barrier, which would not
not only retard our Operations, but also give
the Enemy such an advantage, as to make
us suffer greatly, therefore fully convinced
that it was the Generals intention, and
proposed with the Idea that if I could
go through their Wood, and appear in Arms
at the Gate of their place the remembrance
of the just and would produce such an effect
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light, in order that the Enemy might not receive timely intelligence of our approach, but by the fault of my Guide, who carried us a Wrong Road, it was near 7 o Clock when we arrived at the Edge of the Wood, where we found a small party of the Enemy, at the post marked D. in the Sketch of the Country who made no resistance, but were immediately towards Pallicool, upon which I lost no time, but left at this post a Company of Sepoys, with the Artillery & Cavalry, in order to cover our Rear and fire obliquely into the Woods, for to insure no fear in the Enemy when we should attack their Barrier, the Roads being so narrow, and the Woods so thick, I could not have Flanking Parties, and Captain Mathews having spoke some words in favor of his Marksmen, who I had intended for the purpose, I ordered them all in front, and gave the command of the party which was placed in front of the Lascars or Working People to their Officer, Lieutenant O'Nealy, to whom I gave the following Order. To march Slowly, and at times to send in the rear of his party to see if I was close to it, in order that he should not attack without being supported, to take the weight of the Barrier, as a signal for him I was upon, and as I Back'd it, not to give the Enemy time to observe him, and after having forced the Barrier, to pursue the People & in it towards the Fort, without stopping till he was at the Gate whereby the enemy

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incumbrances found in our Road through the Wood we did not arrive till about one o Clock, but my order having been executed we attacked with so little opposition, that the People who ran away from the Barrier, had not time to Shut with the Gate of the Fort, and those on the Wall being terrified by our sudden appear: ance out of the Wood, which I enforced by the beating of all the Drums, this Gate was forced without great difficulty and the Detachment entred the place as it was ranged in a confused manner, the people then in it, with all running from the North to the South when those who could not go out of the Gate, either threw themselves over the Wall, or were killed by our people who followed them, and who, the greatest part not understanding the Language of our European Officers, and dismayed by their Success, could not be restrained for, before I proceeded further than the Gate, I found it difficult to obtain a sufficient number as Guards on the front attack when I ordered that nothing should be permitted to enter or go out, Soon after, having arrived at the South Gate, I saw there the Rajah, with one of his favorites, and some of his attendants killed, this affecting Spectacle, greatly diminished the pleasure arising from our Success, but the matter was done, I could only make enquiry how it happened, and was told on one side that some of our People behaved very ill, because the

people

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people that were killed, had made a signal for
Quarter, on the other side that some of the Rajahs
Horse Men drew their Swords, which aggravated
the Sepoys so much, that they could not be kept
in'd by their Officer promissing, till the Enemy
were all killed, I could understand nothing from
their informations, but that it was an unfortu-
nate accident, such as often happens in the Law-
of War. Finding myself much fatigued, and
yet more affected by the Sight of the poor wo-
men, than the great heat of the day, which
thro' the extraordinary thickness of the Wood, was
almost insupportable, after having given orders
to establish some regularity in the place, I
went with my Staff Officers into the Rajahs
House, where we found a great deal of confusion,
several Boxes having been broke open by some
of our people, who on the like occasion, never
fail to take advantage of the opportunities
they have to plunder, not withstanding it did
not appear that any thing very considerable
had been carried away, I placed Centries on
the Apartments which had not been broke
open and desired some Officers to collect them,
all such Cloaths things as were not in the Apartments,
being myself so ill that I could not give any
further attention, but retired to my Palankeen,
from which I could scarcely relieve the most
day, when the Nabob and General Smith came
into the place, at which time I was told that
an Agreement had taken place the morning
of

of the Attacks and that General Smith had sent me a Letter by one of the Rajahs People in order to inform me of the Transaction, which Letter or other information I had not received, but I have been informed after, that this Agreement was only an Act of Tondray Pillah, the Prime Minister of the Rajah, who by expectation that our Camp might be obliged to retire, on account of the Scarcity of Water in the Environs, and endeavour to gain time, for the Rajah had not given his approbation on the contrary he used the Messenger very ill, who brought him the News of such an Agreement being proposed, which I really think to have been the case from several Circumstances.

It was then a Matter of consideration and Dispute whether the Booty found in Callicil Cow as the property of any Detachment only, or of the whole Army, some of my Officers thought they had a separate right to it, in consequence of a Letter published by your Honble Sir and Sirs regarding Captures by storm, particularly because they had not been allowed a share in the Capture of Rammadpatam, tho' they were equally acting for its reduction, many objections were opposed to their pretentions, but on my part, I left the determination of the matter to General Smith, who after the Nabob expressed his desire to put in[illegible]

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possession of this Body, agreed with them for
the Sum of 50000 Pagodas, which Sum was to
make my Detachment to share in equal pro-
portion with the Troops who took Possession of
and the Country to be divided amongst them as
Army or Company's Troops only. Now Sir and
Honble Sir & Sirs you will Examine what Colo.
-nel there is between the Accusation and the above
Narrative, and see if it can be imagined that in
consequence of the made agreement the Rajah
had time to draw, or could draw so soon his
advanced Post, in presence of a very superior Army,
particularly when he was given to understand by
the Letter sent to me, that he had some danger to
apprehend on the North side of his place, was not
this giving him rather a warning to fortify them-
on that part, and be the more on his guard, his
Army it is well known was not all in the Fort
of Callicoil, but the most part advanced in the
Road and Barrier, between the Army under
General Smith and this Fort, so they could not
be all put to the Sword without Distinction, &
there were no principles to prosecute, to gratify the
Lust of the Nabob, for I have not seen, nor have
I heard that any other Woman was in the place,
except the poor Favorite who was killed by the side
of the Rajah. In regard of extorting a previous
promise from the Nabob, this Seems to have
been wrote without thinking of the matter, how
can a previous promise be extorted where no bidin

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is to serve as a Guide. I have no reason to be ashamed in owning that the Nabob has given me to expect a present, but this was after I had left to Genl Smith the disposition of Affairs, and in consequence of the satisfaction he expressed on account of my Conduct. I never gave him the least hints of any such expectation, and far from entertaining on the occasion, I may assure you Honble Sir & Sirs that the greatest part of the Officers did prefer to keep the Booty for their own Account, than to agree to the Rabobs propositions, for the Number of Elephants and Horses with other effects, already to their knowledge did give them to expect much more in the appartments not open, and by what has been seen after, we have the greatest reason to think that his Highness the Nabob, did not lose any thing by the Bargain, finding himself Master, immediately in possession of the Fort of Trepatore, and the whole Country.

In regard of the expedition against Tanjore being then in Command, and having had the honor to command the Assault, I think it also necessary to clear the opinion that the Word might Garve, from the fine relation of the news Paper. The Assault of the place was ordered about 12 o Clock at noon, and under the fire of all our Batteries, in good by some Musquetry disposed for that purpose. Our Grenadiers mounted the Breach with very little Opposition, indeed to appear

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the people in the place, were not prepared to receive us, or had determined to make no further defence. Lieu.t Col. Vaughan, who commanded the Grenadiers, having proceeded towards the principal Fort, situated on the South West of the Large to which it is joined, not at a great distance from the place we entered, I ordered a party along the North side of the Rampart, with directions not to proceed further than the Gate, where, after having posted a Battalion of Spaniards on the Breach and two Cavalier on each Commanded it, I proceeded, and found there Monagre the Chief Military Officer of the Kings, with other people of distinction surrounded by our Spaniards, who were using them very ill, but they were soon secured from further insults by the construction of the Guard which I ordered for the Security of the Gate, after this, a party having proceeded on the East side along the Wall, I went towards the Palace, when I found some of our Troops under the command of Captain Murphy, who had marched in a straight direction from the Breach in my approach seeing an Inscription over the Top of the Gate of the Palace making some resistance by which I understood he was claiming protection I sent him word to come down and speak to me, when I asked him where was the King, to which he answered he was in his Palace with all his Troops. I then desired him to go present my Respects to the King, & mention to him that it was in his power to

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power to Establish peace with the Natives by ordering
his Troops to lay down their Arms, when I assured
him there would be no further Hostilities, their
European cloathing back to Mond. The King would
be glad to receive what I was to go to him along,
to which I answered that it was necessary for
me to have a Linguist, and that as Thor, but
Captain Murphy would attend me, upon which
I was desired to go on, and after having left my
Instructions with the Troops at the Gate, we
were carried to the King, who received us in a
polite manner, but so as to discover in him an
agitation intermixed with fear and hope, Still
him it was a great Satisfaction to me to be able
to secure him from further danger, and that
he could depend, if his Troops did not begin
further Trouble, there would be no more in
the place, to which by expressing some
uneasiness on account of his Ladies and his
own Destination, saying that he would
and I was determined to part with all his
people sooner than see himself exposed
to any shame, upon I calmed his apprehen-
sions by representing that I was certain
that both the Nabob and the Company had
a great regard for his family, and would
not.

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not allow him to suffer any indignity, on my
part also he might depend that I would pay
the strictest attention to this particular, & then
made a Motion to order, representing that any
precaution was necessary without, in order to prevent
further trouble in the place, but he would not
let us go, insisted we should sit a short time,
during which he presented us with some sweet
Cakes, but I soon regretted the necessity of
my going out, and proposed to leave with
him Captain Murphy, in order that he
might send him to me for protection if
necessary, he then took me in private and
expressed that he did the whole confidence
in me by requesting that I would recommend,
which I excused myself from, saying I was very
happy I had secured him from danger. I
then went out, and my first care was to send
Mr Wilson a Surgeon to attend Mr Savage, and
those who were with him, several of whom
were dangerously, with directions to give them
all the assistance in his power, after this by a
Note, I informed General Smith of the situa-
tion of affairs who soon after came into the
Fort with the Nabob when it was determined
the Thing should come out, and Every obedience
to the Nabob, to which the Thing made some
objections, saying he wished them to be
informed

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unfavourable disposition towards that unprovoked
and to be offered to them but the assurance of good
treatment, on which account I went again
to them with Major Fletcher and one of the Arabs
Officers, and after having repeated to them the
attentions he could expect from the Arabs and the
Arab and Company, had always entertained
towards his family, he did come out with the
and met the Arabs, who as well as General
Smith received him with the appearance of
the most favorable Disposition, since that
time I have never seen him. But have always
understood he had remained unmolested in
his Bank, and was left with his Palanquin
with all his family, from which circumstance
ported he does not chuse to answer. How then
did the Arabs and seven Italian Slaves possess with
the Said House? some plunder may have
been taken out of the Fort of Tanjore, but as
any General give the most strict orders against
it; those who are well acquainted with the
Nature of War, will always think that in
such a Case it can only be restrained to a certain
degree, on any part I can prosecuted that
nothing considerable was taken. The whole
Riches of the Place, except Elephants Horses,

Cattle

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Gentlemen & Masters Your welcome

Regular ones all Countries Dear Sir

proper Guard do serve you to

all that might have been take

from being carried out of the

Fort at Sales. The Water of the

Improvement of the Daughters

by wooden Conveniencies on Shore to

Nabob, &c &c &c all Unconfined

Warm the Imagination of you

Men, but what Intelligence

when they know that they are

good State of Health, or his Place

his Family, and so that on Working at

the Defilement of his Daughters

if they are told and Perfect that

according to the Circumstance of the Case

Collection of

that both Indostan and Pawia pro

are far Superior to Poor Indostan

in such distressful circumstances

inquired an Account of his generous Disp

Pity and Charity than any other

I have the Honor to remain with

Regard.

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Honble Sir

Your most

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Minute of the Board in commendation of Col. Bonjour.

The Board are commanded to observe that Colonel Bonjour, who has so deservedly acquired the great Esteem of a brave Officer, & Maintained Character of an honourable good Man, should be early heard, at the common and diligence of attendance. Her general Conduct is sufficient to secure such glowing Testimony, & the Board shall ever be happy, to give them their testimony of approbation to the for his conduct in the Mahratta Country, & during the time he has been in the Service. Order that a Copy of this Minute be given to Lieut Col. Bonjour.

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The President acquainted the Board that he had application made to him, by the Rev. Mr. Brown who is appointed Chaplain to this Establishment, for leave for his Brother to accompany him to this Establishment instead of going to Bengal, to which place, he was appointed a Cadet. Agreed to, provided the Gov. General & Council see no objection, to his remaining on the Establishment until the orders of the Court of Directors shall be known, and that he be entered and in order to act as Ensign from this day.

Brother J. S. Brown to act as Ensign

Mr. Fraser being recommended to the Board, to be admitted into the Military Service, it is agreed, that he receive a Commission as Ensign, Date of Ranks.

Fraser appointed Ensign.

W Munro

Commandg Lieut Col. Barrow
Genl. Mackay Henry Brooke

A Wilson
Archd. Palmer

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At a Consultation Present

Inesday 4th Augt

Alexr Wynch Esq. Governor President
Joseph Smith
Henry Brooke Junr. Johnson
J. M. Stone
Francis Fowke Geo. Mackay.
Mr Dawson & Mr Palmer indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

The President lays before the Board, the following Report of the Persian Translator.

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Agreeable to Directions I waited upon the Nabob yesterday from the Governor & Council this morning. owing to the Nabob not being well I was not admitted to see him till 5 o'clock this afternoon. I then delivered the Letter from this Government to the Nabob and the contents of the Letter intended to be sent from this Government to the Nizam: the Nabob said it would answer no end to have them only read to him in that manner, as he was not able to retain in his Memory immediately such a length of Argument so as to form a competent judgement of the Subject of it, he would be glad therefore if either Translations of them were sent him for perusal in English, or when he would peruse them in

Mr Chambers report of his conference with the Nabob on the Letter from this Govt to the Soubah.

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his opinion — Told the Nabob from the Gov
that as Bazalet Jung was not a principal in
Treaty, the Board thought it improper to ad
him on the Subject, and therefore propose
ing to the Nizam. The Nabob said that he
self being a principal in the Treaty, it was ne
cessary he should give his opinion and that he
should be consulted in the affair, that opinion
was that writing to the Nizam on this occasion
was exceedingly improper, that the Nizam
himself was no friend of the English and would
never second any friendly connexion between
them and Bazalet Jung, that Bazalet Jung
on the other hand would pay no regard to the
injunctions of the Nizam, and therefore he
was convinced would by no means consent to
either of the propositions intended to be made
to him. He thought that it was improper to
proceed in this manner without producing
a Phyrtaire. That he had offered his advice
which if the Board would attend to, it would
be well, if not, they would act as they thought
proper.

W^m Chambers

As the Board have now heard
what further objections the Nabob had to
urge, against his dispatching the Letter to
the

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The President ..... on the Subject of Lunkor.
As the President does not
see any Material objection:
nor mentioned, which can prevent
from dispatching the dispatch
of the Letter, a few days longer,
but against it's being sent,
until the Board shall
have heard further from
the Nabob, on the Contents
of the Letter from the Gov.
Genl. & Council.

to be dispatched until the Nabob has given their opinion thereon.

The Majority of the Board, being against the immediate Dispatch of the Letter to the Soubah, It is Resolved, that it be detained, until the Nabob shall have given them, his further Sentiments, which he proposes to do, on being furnished with Extracts of the Letter from the Gov. Genl. & Council, Bombay, as well as that to be sent to the Soubah, Both which is now Read & approved, as entered in C. C. No. 99.

Letter to the Nabob in consequence

Jonathan Jenkins
Geo: Mackay
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Archd. Pallas

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from the Nabob 1st Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 31st August as entered in
in support of his Co: Corr: No. 100 in further support of his former Opinion, of
Advice respecting the propriety of negociating first with Bazalet Jung, before any
Measures to be pursued Steps are taken with the Soubah,
with Bazalet Jung
from the Nabob 2d Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 2. Instt with two Deserters,
with 2 Deserters. taken by his People

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr Govr President

Monday George Stratton Joseph Smith
4th September George Dawson Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson John M. Stone
Archd Palmer Franc. Sourdan
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Recd Letter from Approved the Honble Company's
Ship Nottingham Capt Stoakes. Read General Letter by
her of date

Read Letter from the Nabob as mentiond
from the in the Diary dated 31st Ulto wherein he still continues to urge
taken into the propriety of Negociating immediately with Bazalet Jung
ration. and for that purpose proposes that an Envay shall be sent to
Bazalet Jung with Letters both from the President and from
himself. As the Board have now waited till they were
furnished with every Argument, which the Nabob, could suggest
in support to the Measures, proposed by them, to be carried
into execution, and as they do not see, any Political or just

opposed
ground

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*Letter to the Cawbah to be dispatched immediately, Mr. Johnson object*

Resolved, if the Letter already prepared to the Cawbah, shall be immediately dispatched or not. Agreed to, and Ordered accordingly by a Majority but Mr. Johnson, who will give his reasons at a future Consultation.

*further Resolutions thereon*

Ordered, that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be advised of the determination of the Board to Negociate immediately with the Cawbah, and that they be directed to cause Colonel Pearse to hold himself in readiness to March with the Troops, mentioned by General Smith in Consultation the 14th Ult., to be the Number which it may be found necessary to employ in getting possession of the Circar, should such a Measure be at length determined on. Ordered likewise that Captain Duncan likewise Commanding at Ongole to be directed to hold himself in readiness to March with his Battalion. Ordered likewise that a Letter be prepared to the Governor Council and Council, stating to them at large, the Reasons which induced the Board, to begin, by negociating with the Cawbah instead of pursuing those Measures to which they have their Sanction, in their Letter of the 5th of July

Read Letter from Captain Commanding at Chingleput.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqur.
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. Geo

Honble Sir and Sirs,

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from Capt. Mackarde
concerning the ne-
cessity of repairing
the Fort & Barracks

In consequence of some very necessary repairs wanting to be made in this Fort; I have made bold to represent the following to the Honble Board, Viz.t The Officers and Soldiers Barracks are in so bad a State that some Part of them will certainly fall, if they are not immediately repaired. The Bastion in the Center of the South face upon the head of the causeway is left unfinished, only being carried about 7 and ½ feet high, several Places in the West face of the Outer face broke, so that a Person may get upon down with little or no help, if done in time a very small expence will put the whole in Repair. I could wish the Mens Barracks were set about as soon as possible on Account of the approaching Rains. I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your most Obed.t Servant
Sam.l Mackarell Capt.n

Chinglepatt
Sep.r 8th 1775

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be directed, to send a proper Person to Chinglepat, to inspect, and report to him, the repairs, which shall be found absolutely requisite to be made in the Fort and Buildings of that Garrison, in Order, that the necessary directions may be issued accordingly

Order thereon

Read Letter from Capt. Dugood to the Secretary

Sir

from Capt. Dugood
laying for Copies of

Being much in want of Copies of the following Papers — I should be much Obliged to you for laying my request for obtaining them before the Honble Board

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Fort St. George
September 4th 1775.

Sir

Your very Obedient and
humble Servant.
J. Dugood

Granted.

1. A Copy of the Recommendation in my favour given by Col. Ross — previous to my first obtaining a Commission
2. Capt. Montrevor's to the same purpose,—
3. A Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Officers, or at least of the Honble Boards Letter to them and their Report

Mr Secretary Sullivan,

Ordered that Capt. Dugood, be furnished with Copies of the Papers he desires.

The President lays before the Board, the following Letter which he has received from Lt. Monteith.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esquire
Governor and President.
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir

from Lt. Monteith

I did myself the honor of informing you at the Cape — repre: Morris — that I had applied to every Captain of the Ships for a passage thither but could not obtain it — I have since learning the difficulty for India for a passage thither but could not obtain it — I have of getting a passage only now to add that Capt. Heather has likewise refused me, to the Coast. and that I will seize the first opportunity of returning to my Duty.

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Hond.le Sir

with the greatest Respect

Your very Obedient Servant

Basil Monteith

pe of Good Hope
th July 1775.

General Smith lays before the Board, the following Letter,
which he has received from Capt.n Mathews, Commanding
Officer in the Chicacole Circar.

To General Smith.

Sir.

I do my self the honor of acquainting you that
necesity has obliged me to stop Lieu.t Snelling who is by General
Orders appointed to Capt.n Powels Battallion and have directed
him, untile your pleasure is known, to do Duty in my
Battallion — As I am now to take the Field in the most
destructive of all Climates, in the height of the Monsoon —
and have only three Officers that are really fit for Duty:

If you have no Objections I should be glad to have
him appointed to my Battallion in the room of Lieutenant
Harper

I have lately acquainted the Chief and Council
of the Behaviour of Mr. Martin the Surgeon — He hath
shewn many instances of Licentiousness incompatible to
Subordination and his Duty — and I request that he may
be removed to some place where his Merit may be brought
to public view — for of the Gentlemen and others here, few are
inclined to apply to him for relief

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Behaviour

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I beg leave to represent to you that my Detachment have now not only to run all the risk of opposition from the Enemy, but of the Disorders incident to the Hilly Country, without any Person to give the least Assistance in the Chirurgical or Physical way, or any Medicine whatever — and that one of the Faculty will be ordered for our Preservation as soon as possible —

I am with the greatest Respect &c
Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Richd. Matthews

Chicacole
12th Aug.t 1775

Resolution thereon,

As Capt. Matthews informs General Smith, that he has represented the ill behaviour of Mr. Martin to the Bd. and Co. at Vizagapatam, It is Resolved, that no Notice shall be taken of that part of his Letter, untill we shall have been advised more particularly by those Gentlemen

General Smith delivers in the following Certificate for Charles Dawes Sumner, to partake of the Military Fund.

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith
Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Coromandel &c.

Certificate for Ch.s Dawes — admitted to the Military Fund.

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Company's Military Fund, for the relief of Officers and Soldiers — who by wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India, that they produce a Certificate thereof from their Commanding Of as one of the requisi

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I do hereby Certify that Charles Dawes, about twenty five Years of Age and born at Gillsborough in Northampton Shire Eng.d an Invalid Gunner on this Establishment has served the Honble Company five Years, and having last three of the Fingers of his left hand at the first Siege of Tanjore, in the Year 1771, is incapable of further Service in India, and obliged to return to England, depending on the Provision made by the said Fund.

Given under my hand at Fort S.t George this 29.th day of August 1775

Joseph Smith
B.r General

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

Approved, and the usual Certificate, for Charles Dawes, ordered to be made out.

The Secretary lays before the Board, recommendations for two Havildars to be appointed Jemedars in the 2.d Carnatic Battallion of Sepoys. Approved, and Commissions ordered to be granted accordingly.

General Smith recommends that Lt Marishale be appointed Adjutant of the 4.th Carnatic Battallion of Sepoys, in the room of L.t Patrick M.c Gie resigned, Approved and ordered accordingly.

Marishale
Adj.t 4.th C.
n of Sepoys.

Ordered, that Commissions be granted to Mr John Hynch, and Mr Thomas Fisher, constituting

r. John Hynch
o.s Fisher
esigns.

Them

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Have Inspection on this Establishment &c

[illegible]

Geo. Barron

Henry Brooke

[illegible]

Archd. Palmer

Jno. Hamilton

Geo: Mackay

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4th. Agreably to the Minutes of this Days Consultation, the following Letter was dispatched to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To John Whitehill Esqr.
Chief and the Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

From the particular attention, which we have repeatedly directed you, to pay to the Motions of Bazalet Jung and the Europeans in his Service, you must have been assured, that We looked upon their Establishment in the Guntoor Circar, as a Circumstance, not only fraught with evil in its immediate effect, but, one which might in times of trouble, or that the reversionary right might devolve to the Company, cause to Us, not only a difficulty in dispersing them, but, possibly an Alarm for the safety of our other Northern Circars; — And the Account you have given Us, of the large importations of Men and Stores, have thereby Us the necessity of taking it more seriously into our Consideration

Letter to Mazulipatam Colonel Flint to hold himself in readiness to March

The accompanying Letter to the Soubah, translate whereof is enclosed for your information, will acquaint you of the measures, which we at present, have thought it necessary to adopt, relative to the Guntoor Circar, and as they turn upon the point, which the Soubah, cannot we think, but look upon as a considering the Concern we have in it safety, we have hopes of his acquiescing, in the Manner we have requested, In the mean time you will give directions to Colonel Flint, Commanding in the Circars, to hold himself in readiness to March with the following Troops —

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Artillery Men ..... 60

2. Battallion of the 2. Brigade ..... 290

2.d Circar Battallion of Sepoys.

3. Companies of Sepoys from the Batt.n Stationed at Masulipatam two of whom to be Grenadiers and 2 Companies of Grenadiers of the 6.th Circar Battallion of Sepoys.

And as it will be necessary for Colonel Flint, to be acquainted of the nature of the Service, he may be employd on, you will in the most secret Manner acquaint him, that it may be in the taking possession of the Guntoor Circar.— And that he is for that purpose to inform you, of the quantity of Military Stores he may think it advisable to collect, in case such a Measure should be determined on But this to be attended with as little extraordinary expence as possible to the Company, And the Troops are not to be put on Batta; untill they are actually under Orders to March.

The President having laid before the a Letter from M.r Whitehill, wherein he mentions that Allyar Beg, the Brother of Fazel Beg Cawn is shortly expected at Masulipatam, We think it necessary to direct, that the Chief should sound him, with respect to the real intentions of the Soubah to the English, and if they should be found favorable and any thing of consequence can be gaind thro his Means, that the Chief should then, enter into a Negociation with him, relative to the Guntoor Circar.

We are well acquainted with the Influence, which Fazel Beg possesses over the Soubah's Councils and Government, and therefore are the more inclined to think, that something of Advantage to the Company

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may be obtained, thro' the Means of Mr. Boyer Dep. But, as a better Judgement can be formd on his arrival at Masulipatam, we shall for the present avoid entering into any more particular directions on this head, and only desire, that nothing may be concluded upon, untile we shall have been previously advised, on which you shall have received our Orders in Consequence.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

&c. Council.

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6th Dispatched the following Letter to Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

To Capt.n Alex.r Duncan

Commanding

at Ongole

Sir

To Capt. Duncan the 11th Batt.n of Sepoys to be held ready to march.

I have the Commands of the President and Council to Direct, that you do immediately on Receipt hereof, hold the 11th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys, in readiness to move at the shortest warning. Every precaution must be taken, that the Company are put to the least expence possible thereby, and no Batta is to be allowed, untill the Battallion is actually under Orders to March.

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

P. T. Sullivan Sec.

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The following Letter was this day wrote to Sir Edward Hughes, Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India.

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India

Sir

Sir Edward Hughes respecting transporting of Powder to the Northward.

As the Public Service requires that an immediate Supply of Gun Powder, should be transported to the Northward, we are to request, you will allow Us, to Ship on board one of his Majesty's Ships under your Command the quantity which we at present have in readiness, as well as some other Stores, which we are desirous of an Opportunity of sending to Masulipatam

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants, &c.

P. Wynch &c. Council

Came in the following Letter from Captain Duncan

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

In obedience to the Orders of the 15th Instt. I have

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Letter from Capt.

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Duncan giving particular Account of Condaveer Fort, and Gunboor in the Gunboor Circar &c.

I have the honor to acquaint you that from the Most accurate informations, I have been able to procure, I cannot find, that Bazalet Jung has got any Quantity of Military Stores, of any denomination, in ale the Gunboor Circar. And they ale agree, that the whole of the late importations at Mootapilly, have been carried away by Bazalet Jung and Monsieur Lally, toward Adoni, except two Guns left at Condaveer. There are in that Fort, at present 17 Guns, in ale, and they are just now making preparations, for sending away some of these — Two of the are small Field Pieces and mounted, on old Carriages — One prelly large Gun I suppose from the Description at least a 12 Pounder 3 others are large 6 or 9 Pounder and one smaller — These five have no Carriages, but lie on the ground near the Killadar's house, in the Fort; and two of them, the large One and one of the next size to it, appear damaged, if not unserviceable. I had heard of a large Magazine there, with a Terras on Chunam Roof, which is called the Powder Godown a Person employ'd for that Purpose, after waiting some time, found an opportunity of looking into it and report that there is nothing but a Quantity of Charcoal in it and a small parcel of old Gun Powder.

Condaveer lies about 24 or 26 Cose from this Place and is 8 or 10 from Bezoara, it consists of a high, fortified hile, with a large Fort adjoining to it, one Side. This lower Fort is nearly a Square, or rather a Parallelogram it is of a considerable extent, contains a Number of Houses and is well inhabited. There are four large round Bastions, on each of the three Faces, (that is) ten in

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able, two of them being cornerones; besides which there are several
smale ones betwixt them. The Wall is built of large dark colour
Stone, with Chunam, and in general is from 12 to 15 foot high,
but the Bastions are higher; the Rampart goes all the way
round, and is of easy access in most places,— the Parapet is
prettly high, and has loop holes in it, for Musquetry— There
a Dry ditch round the three Faces, prettly broad, and in depth,
about the breigth of two Men, it is lined with Stone, but in several
places fallen in, Several places in the Walls too, are much out of
repair, or badly done up with dry Stone. Betwixt the Ditch and
the Wall there is a space of severe breadth, or a Faysse Bray with
a smale parapet— There is a considerable publick at a smale
Distance from the Fort, having a Street or Bazar leading from
it, quite up to the Gateway which resembles most others in this
Country, being a Building projecting from the Wall, with several
windings in it. There is only one large Gate with a Wicket in it.
In the opposite face, is another entry but of late has not been
used, and is built up with Wood. There is a guard of about 20
Sepoys or rather Sharnatt Peons, kept at the Gate, of these, the
Centrys, only have Matchlock Pieces, the rest have Swords and
some Pikes. at the Gate leading from the Under to the Upper
Fort, is another Guard of 10 or 12, armed in the same Manner as
the former. There is no Body at all resideing in the upper Fort, and
it is seldom visited by any one; Several Account Shops, say, that
some Old Musquets and a few other Arms are kept there, but no
Ammunition, The Guard at the Gate are prettly strict, in taking
notice

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notice of any Stranger coming there. Besides the two Guards I have Mentiond, the Killadars may have a few more Peons about him, but there are no other Troops of any Kind belonging to the Fort. They have no Granary in the Fort, nor can I find, from repeated enquiries, that there is any Grain laid up any where for the Use of it. A single Guard of Mr. Lally's Sepoys are there just now, on some occasional Business, There are often a few of Bazalet Jung's Sepoys, dispersed in different places of the Circar, for the purpose of levying Money and escorting it.

Gunloor a small common Mud Fort lies about six Cose from Condaveer, to the Eastward of it, There are neither Guns or Stores of any Kind there and it is represented, as a place of no Strength, or Consequence. Bazalet Jung's Manager (the Rajah Behander as he is called) usually resides at Gunloor, and has from sixty to one hundred Peons about him, some with Muskets, some with Pikes &c.

These are the only Places in all the Circar in the immediate Possession of Bazalet Jung, and there I have mentiond, the only Troops belonging to them. The French settled at Nairpilly have a few (12 or 14) Sepoys there, whether maintaind by themselves, or not, I am not certain.

I have Intelligence from Deraspar Country, that a Convoy of near 120 Bullocks loaded, escorted by a Small detachment of Sepoys, and seven or eight Europeans along with them, has been stopt there in their Road to Adoice, by some of the Cuddapa or Cummum People, on pretence of extracting Sunkum of them.

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The Convoy I am informed consist of several Bales of Cloathing, Balls, Swords, &c. some Liquors and some Tobacco, and a Number of Iron Shott, Cannon Balls, and Acct of three last, being carried from Condavier, where it is said they were made, and I should suppose there may be about five hundred of them — But of what weight I can't determine They have been detained at that place, above a Month, about sixty of the Cudapa Horse watching them — The Party have sent notice of their situation to Advice, but I have heard of nothing in consequence of it — I have very late Accounts, which mention Bagalot being to be at Advice, and Mons.r Lally is at Maddegere;

I am endeavouring, to the best of my power, to come at the knowledge of every thing else relating to the State of the Circar, and in particular hope soon to be able to transmit, an Account of the Different Possessions, of the four Zemindars, who hold the greatest part of it — of their Engagement Commissions &c.

I beg the Honble Board may be assured, of my utmost diligence and Attention in Obeying their Commands.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very Devoted and most

Obed.t humble Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Ongole

2. Sept.r 1775

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I.n Came in the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, an Answer to the Letter addressed to him Yesterday

Salisbury in Madras Roads

the 6.th Sept.r 1775

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Sir and Gentlemen

from S.r Edward Hughes — the Salisbury to transport the Gun Powder &c.

I have received your Letter of this date, representing to me that the publick Service requires that an immediate Supply of Gun-Powder should be transported to the N.ward, and requesting that I will allow you to Ship on Board one of his Majesty's Ships under my Command the Quantity which you have at present in readiness, as well as some other Stores which you are desirous of an Opportunity of sending to Masulipatam; I do in to acquaint you in answer thereto, that Capt.n Waters hath Orders to receive the said Powder and other Stores on board the Salisbury and proceed with the same to Masulipatam without loss of time.

I have the honor to be
Sir and Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

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

At a Consultation Present.
Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
Monday 11.th Sept.r — George Stratton
George Dawson Hen.y Brooke
Samuel Johnson John H. Mayne
Arch.d Palmer Franc.s Sourdain

George

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George Mackay.

General Smith Indisposed

Read the following Letter from the President

and Co. at Bombay

Sec.t Department

To the Worshle Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Governor &c. Council

at Fort St. George

Worshle Sir and Sirs

Letter from Bombay communicating the Sentiment of the Gov.r Gen.l and Co. on the Maratta Alliance

Accompanying is a Transcript of our Address from our Select Committee dated the 13th Inst.o &c.

On the 12th Instant we received a Letter from the Governor General and Co. of Bengal dated the 31st. May, entirely disapproving of the War we are engaged in, declaring our Treaty with Ragoonaut Row Peshwa invalid, ordering an immediate cessation of Arms, and declaring ourselves responsible for the Consequences of the War &c.

We conceive the Steps they have taken as well by declaring our Treaty annulled, as by acquainting the opposite Party, as they have done, of the Orders they have thought proper to send Us, may be attended with very material Detriment to the Affairs of the Company at their Presidency, and therefore we have made them a suitable representation on the Subject, and as those Gentlemen do not, from their Letter, appear to be well acquainted with the present Situation of our affairs, which wore a promising appearance

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on the receipt of that Letter; or with the State of Ragobah's Affairs, his just Pretensions to the dignity of Peshwa over the Maratta State, nor with the very indifferent situation to which the rebellious Ministerial Confederacy were reduced, We have therefore deemed it necessary to depute Mr. William Taylor, a Member of our Board, to represent to them the general Interest of the Company here, and the particular Advantages that will accrue to our Employers by pursueing the Plan we had adopted, but untill we can learn the event, we have been obliged to send Orders to our Army to cease all Hostilities the Confederacy in Consequence of a Letter from Governor Hastings, having done the like.

We make this Communication to your Honor &c. that you may put a Stop to any preparations you might have been making, for a compliance with the request contained in the Select Committee's Letter of the 13th Ult.o for a Reinforcement of Troops, which we accordingly request you will do, untile you may learn, from Mr. Taylor in Bengal that the Gov.r Gen.l and Council have consented to our pursueing our original Plan, in which case it is our earnest Request that you will comply with the Committee's abovementioned Letter.

Bombay Castle
23 Aug.st 1775

We are with Esteem,
Honble Sir and Gentlemen,
Your most Obed.t humble Servants
Wm Hornby
D. Draper
J. Mostyn

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B. Fletcher
Wm. Taylor
Wm. Ashburner
Andr.w Ramsait

Ordered, that a Copy of the aforegoing Letter be transmitted as soon as possible, to the Hon.ble Com.rs and Council, —

Read Letter from Lt. Col. James Commanding at Trichinopoly —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

from Col. James representing the currency of Base Coin in Trichinopoly,

I am truly sensible, that by my frequent applications to the Honble Board, I have given them no small trouble. But a consciousness of the necessity of those applications, together with a sense of my upright Intentions in doing so, I hope will justify my Conduct to the Honble Board, to whom I am under an Absolute necessity of representing a great and dangerous abuse, in Respect of base Coin, which has prevailed in this Garrison a good while. There is a bad coin of silver Fanams which has little intrinsic Value, and has been made some way Current, the Merchants, Shopkeepers, Butchers, Bakers &c. who know the baseness of the Coin, have raised the price of every Commodity which Soldiers, Sepoys and Lascars receive Pay every Day — Now our Soldiers and Sepoys have got a part of their Pay in these bad fanams, They desire of the Merchants &c. Commodities equal

equal to the Value which these fanams ought to have, and which the Madras fanams really have But the Merchant refuse to take these fanams at that rate — The consequence of ale this has been, daily differences and quarrels — At last the Merchant have shut their Shops — and a most disagreable stop has been put to ale Mercantile dealings. In order to appeare the minds of the two parties, I sent to the Nabob's Manager, — We called together ale the Shrafs, and Merchant and those People who deal in Money and laid the case before them. — They as usual with a View of exculpating themselves, throw the blame on others — The obvious question was proposed (Viz) how to get rid of that base Coin and it was agreed by the Nabobs Manager to publish by Tom Tom through the Fort, that for the future these bad fanams should be abolished, of course no Shop keeper should take them. But that moment arose another inconvenience. A Battalion of Sepoys stood ready to receive their Pay. As soon as they heard that those fanams should cease to be current they refused to accept of them. This obliged Capt. Davis who commands the 2. Battalion in the Absence of Capt. Colgrave, to represent thereon: venience of the Published Order. The result of ale was my Resolution to address the Honble Board on this Account and to let those fanams be current 'till their decision was know — Therefore humbly beg the Honble Board to let me know their determination in this affair, that the irregularity may dreaded consequences may be opportunely prevented — So sudden has been the change that in the Morning one has got 52 fanams for a Pagoda and before the end of the Day 55½ — Till I hear of the Honble Boards Resolutions I have exhorted the Merchant to let the Soldiers have the Necessary

Provisions

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Provisions at the Pra which has been customary to my knowledge from the Year 1762. I have taken the Liberty of marking some of those Persons for the Worthy Board's Inspection which I took from a List promiscuously.

I remain respectfully
Worthy Sirs and Sirs
Your Dutiful and very Obedient
Servant
Edw. Jones

Trichinopoly
4th Sept. 1775.

The President desired to represent to the Nabob,

to be represented to the Nabob. — the hardships which the Poor labor under, by means of the Currency of bad Pannams in the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and to request, that he will give Orders for the suppressing them.

The Secretary lays before the Board, a Letter from Mr. John Hussey at the East India House, to Capt. Maskew of the Nottingham, directing him to receive on board his Ship, together with his necessaries Mr. Wm. Johnson, whom he declares to be appointed a Cadet on this Establishment, But as one such name is mentioned in any of the Letters, which have been this Year, received from the Court of Directors, the Board cannot comply with the request made to them by Mr. Johnson, of granting him a Commission, They therefore however, that he be given out in Order to Act as Ensign from the 3d. Inst. which will convey to him his Rank, whose his Appointment is regularly notified from home.

the Capt. of St. John shall be appointed to act as Ens.n

It is

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Lt. Schroderus dies
Ens. Hope promoted,
Mr. Thompson
appoint. Ensign.

The President reports the Death of Lt. Hamilton Johnstone
Ordered that Ens.n Rob.t Hope, be promoted to Lt. to fill up the Vacancy,
and that Mr. Walter Thompson, be appointed an Ensign on this
Establishment.

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13.th Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to the Governor General and Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &c.c &c.
of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l and C.o on the State of Affairs with respect to B. Sing advising of the Letter addressed to the Soubah and forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Gov.r Gen.l

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5.th July, conveying to Us, your Sentiments respecting the French Troops on the Sumboor Circar, and of the measures which appear to you most expedient, for dispossessing them of that footing which they have acquired, and for rendering the monies :mary right of the Country, to the Company, as unclogged with difficulties as possible. And to the which, we have paid the most particular attention. As your Honor &c.c however, have not expressly desired us to adopt those Measures, which you recommend, but, only give us your Sanction for undertaking them, supposing we should think them advisable, considering the general posture of Affairs in the Carnatic, so we have maturely weighed every Argument, which could be advanced in support of them, and we hope that the result of our deliberations, will meet with your Concurrence. And we could not conceive ourselves, agreeably to the Spirit and tenor of the Treaty of 1768. authorized to negociate with Bazalut Jung as Soubah-Which in reality, he can be considered in no other light than that of a dependant upon the Soubah, professing a Country at his pleasure, or at the will of the English, who on the instigation of

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of Certain Conditions specified in the Treaty, on his part, have an absolute right to take possession of it immediately. Bazalet Jung, it cannot be supposed, would part with a Country, which yields such ample Revenues, and which is so commodiously situated, as not only to render him of consequence on the Sea Coast, but, likewise of consideration, in his interior Dominions of Adoni, which unless supplied with military Succours, by the Port of Mootapilla, would be in a much less defensive state than it really is. Negociation, could it be carried on with propriety, which we do not think it can, would never effectuate the Necessary purposes with Bazalet Jung, and therefore we are convinced as well from the Reasons which we have advanced, as from the Jealousy subsisting between him and his Brother, that nothing less than forcible Measures, would ever enduce him, to part with the Guntoor Circar, which he must look upon as a Possession of too Material consequence, to let it be wrested from him namely. And further on Adverting to the Treaty of 1768. we could not but be of Opinion, that if we were to apply directly to Bazalet Jung, we should by such a Step, give the Soubah the most alarming Jealousy, which for every Political Consideration we should avoid. For Us likewise, to offer to protect the Guntoor Circar for Bazalet Jung, in so short a time, after He declined sending the Soubah the Aid which he had applied for, would be to convince him to a certainty, that he never was to rely upon the Faith of the English, while an adherence to their Engage: :ment, could in the least, affect their own Convenience, or the general System of their affairs, Whereas in a Negociation with

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13.th Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to the Governor General and Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &c.c &c.
of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l and &c. on the State of Affairs with respect to B. Jung advising of the Letter addressed to the Soubah and forwarding a letter from the Nabob to the Gov.r Gen.l

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5.th July, conveying to Us, your Sentiments respecting the French Troops on the Sumboor Circar, and of the measures which appear to your most exalted, for dispossessing them of that footing which they have acquired, and for rendering the Nawab many right of the Country, to the Company, as unclogged with difficulties as possible. And to the whole, we have paid the most particular attention. As your Honor &c.c however, have not expressly desired us to adopt those Measures, which you recommend, but, only give us your Sanction for undertaking them, supposing we should think them advisable, considering the general posture of Affairs in the Carnatic, so we have maturely weighed every Argument, which could be advanced in support of them, and we hope that the result of our deliberations will meet with your Concurrence. And we could not perceive ourselves, agreeably to the Spirit and Tenor of the Treaty of 1768. authorized to negociate with Bazalet Jung as principle. Which in reality, he can be considered in no other light than that of a dependant upon the Soubah, professing a Country at his pleasure, or at the will of the English, who on the instigation of

of Certain Conditions specified in the Treaty, on his part, have an absolute right to take possession of it immediately. Bazalet Jung it cannot be supposed, would part with a Country, which yields such ample Revenues, and which is so commodiously situated, as not only to render him of consequence on the Sea Coast, but, likewise of consideration, in his interior Dominions of Adoni, which unless supplied with military Succours, by the Port of Mootapilla, would be in a much less defensive state than it really is. Negociation, could it be carried on with propriety, which we do not think it can, would never effectuate the Necessary purposes with Bazalet Jung, and therefore we are convinced as well from the Reasons which we have advanced, as from the Jealousy subsisting between him and his Brother, that nothing less than forcible Measures, would ever induce him, to part with the Guntoor Circar, which he must look upon as a Possession of too Material consequence, to let it be wrested from him tamely. And further on Adverting to the Treaty of 1768, we could not but be of Opinion, that if we were to apply directly to Bazalet Jung, we should by such a Step, give the Soubah the most alarming Jealousy which for every Political Consideration we should avoid. For Us likewise, to offer to protect the Guntoor Circar for Bazalet Jung, in so short a time, after He declined sending the Soubah the Aid which he had applied for, would be to convince him to a certainty, that he never was to rely upon the Faith of the English, while an adherence to their Engage: :ment, could in the least, affect their own Convenience, or the general System of their affairs, Whereas in a Negociation with

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him as a principal we might easily convince him of the impropriety
are and of the inexpediency of the other, — the difference between
detaching a small Body of Troops at a unfavorable Season of the
Year, into distant Provinces, and that of raising and placing a
Body of Troops in a Country which in so short a time, is to react
to the for wer. In short after the most mature deliberation, on
the necessity of preventing the French from gaining an Establish-
ment in the Sumboor Circar, as well as on the Measures, which
we have the sanction of your Honor & Co. to adopt, we could not but
be of opinion that the writing to Bajahet Sing, or the entering
upon any kind of Negociation with him without the concurrence
of the Soubah, would be to raise up more difficulties, towards the
accomplishment of our ends, than would be found an easy
Matter for Us to overcome. — And we therefore resolved to
commence a Negociation with the Soubah by Letter, Copy of
which comes inclosed, for your information. And in the mean
time have directed, that the Troops in the Circars dependant upon
Masulipatam be held in readiness to March, in case we should
find it expedient to carry our Measures into execution, by a
Military force. Having in this manner, and for the reasons
we have given, determined to apply immediately to the Soubah, we
deemed it of consequence that the Nabob should be previously
acquainted of the line which we meant to take, and that he should
be requested, to give Us freely his Sentiments thereon, in order, that
nothing of moment, which in its most distant consequences, could
affect the tranquility of the Carnatic, should be undertaken without
his knowledge and Opinion; Accordingly we received a Letter from

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the Nabob, Copy whereof is inclosed, wherein he States to Us freely the Objections, which he has, to a Letter being sent to the Soubah, whom he declares to be no wellwisher of the English. But as those Objections, and the Argument which he brings in support of them do not appear to Us, in the Alarming light in which they are represented, we have adhered to Our first determination, and in consequence We have dispatched the Letter to the Soubah, Previous however to the dispatch of the Letter, the Nabob was made acquainted with the Substance of your Honor &c. Letter of the 5th July and of that which we had prepared for the Soubah, and he accordingly addressed Us another Letter on the Subject, Copy whereof is inclosed.

In our last Letter, under date the 26th Ulto. we acquainted your Honor &c. of our having informed the Nabob of the deputation, which you deemed it expedient to send to the Maratta Government at Poonah and of the Powers and Instructions, which you had given to Lt. Col. Upton, to conclude a Treaty of Peace, with that State, as well as of our earnest desire to communicate to your Honor &c. any thing relative to the safety, or prosperity of the Carnatic, which he might think, could be Obtained, thro' your means and the Negociation of Col. Upton, In consequence of which We have received a Letter from the Nabob, together with a Letter addressed to the Gov.r Gen.l and the draft of a Sunnud which he is desirous, should be obtained for him, from the Maratta Government, ale of which wait on you enclosed. In the Nabob in the Letter addressed to the Governor General expressly declares his inclination, that a perpetual Treaty of peace and Amity, should be concluded between him and the Maratta Government, we shall here take occasion only to observe that

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the including the Carnatic in the Treaty of Peace and friendship with the Marattas may be of advantage both to the Nabob and the Company. The Marattas have repeatedly made Forcible demands upon the Nabob for the Cheuat of the Carnatic, but never upon Us for the Companys Possessions and we would therefore beg leave to recommend to your Honor &c. the obtaining a renunciation of the Cheuts, both for the one and the other, — Not that we think it will prevent the Marattas from demanding and enforcing their Demands, if the state of their affairs will admit of it, but it will be a plea for Us and the Nabob to refuse acquiescence in such demands; and will be the only Method of depriving them of every plausible pretext for plundering and Ruining of the Countries when their necessities require it or their Power encourages them, with the hope of addition of Empire —

Having lately received from the Nabob draught of the Treaty proposed by him to be entered into with Hyder Ally Cawn, together with some Papers which have passed on that Subject, we now have the honor of transmitting to you Copies of those received But as there is evidently an essential difference between the Articles now proposed to be entered into and those which were communicated to Us some time ago by the Nabob, We take occasion to forward to you accompanying Copies of those Articles for your information —

Having received application from the Reverend Mr. Browne, one of our Chaplains, for permission for his Brother, Mr. George Lackville Browne, a Cadet for your Establishment to remain here on the Military Line, we have accordingly complied with

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his request provided your Honor &c. have no Objection, and shall acquaint the Court of Directors, of our having done so, in our next General Dispatches.

By the Sea-Horse Frigate, that arrived Yesterday from the Malabar Coast, we have received a Letter from the President and Council of Bombay, Copy of which, wait on you enclosed.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed. and most humble Servant
A. Wynch &c. Council

Fort St. George
13th Sept. 1775

In Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq. Gov. President
Friday 15th Sept. 1775
Joseph Smith — George Dawson
Henry Brooke — Sam. Johnson
John H. Stone — Jno. Palmer
Franc. Sourdan — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Capt. Duncan commanding at Ongole

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.
President and Governor &c.
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

from Capt. Duncan
Reason to expect a second Mild. Cy

Last night had the honor to receive the Orders of the 6th to hold the Battalion of Sepoys under my Command in readiness

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Importation at Mootapillee,

readiness to move on the shortest notice; which shall be most punctually complied with.

I beg leave at the same time to mention to you the extreme Difficulty, of procuring, any Number of Bullocks or Coolies, in this part of the Country, I have always experienced it to be the case, since I have had the Command here, when any Detachment have been sent from this. N° Bullocks can be got, voluntarily, at the stated Price, allowed by the Company, and just now, the Seed time not being over, will make it the more difficult. As I wish much to avoid every thing that can either be misrepresented or appear as a hardship done to the of the Country on Order from the Nabob, sent for the necessary purposes, if time will admit of it, would be very agreable to me, and probably of use to the Service. In the Order to hold the Battalion in readiness I imagine is included the Batt.n Guns with Ammunition &c. And I beg to know if the two Artillery Men belonging to the Garrison, may accompany them. Else should the nature of the Service appear to require it, if the Company of Colleries, doing Duty here or Part of it, may be employd.

I do not know, if it has been usual, for Colleries to have any Batta, but I must observe that in case of their going on Service, the smallness of their Pay, would make some allowance to them, rather necessary.

Since I had the honor to address you of the 2. the Intelligence I have had from Nairpilly and Mootapilly gives me great reason to suspect, that another Importation, is expected there soon.

The French Padre usually reside there has been gone for some time (as I am informed) to Pondicherry for these purposes.

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A small Vessel arrived at Moolapilly two days ago, from which several Europeans landed and came to Monr. Arnot at Nairpilly they soon returned on board again; Monr. Arnot accompanied them to the Beach, from whence he brought back with him, two European Women and some little Baggage, which had been landed from the Vessel. My Information says that this Vessel is ordered to lye off at some distance, but not to leave the Coast and also adds that another larger Vessele with Stores &c is expected to follow her. From some Orders and Regulations given to the Bazar People at Nairpilly, it is conjectured that some of Monr. Lally's Troops will be there soone. Several Camel Harcarrahs have lately been passing to and from thence. I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your very faithful and Devoted

humble Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Ongole
10th Sept.r 1775

Resolution thereon

As the situation of Ongole is such as to allow the Party at Wantelpollam to be speedily reinforced or assisted, in case of Necessity, It is Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to the Officer Commanding there, directing him, to send regular and particular information to Capt. Duncan, of every Occurrence, which may come to his knowledge, relative to the disposition of the French Party in the Service of Bazalet Jung and of whatever importations of Men and Military Stores, may be made at Moolapillee for their Reinforcement; and likewise that Orders be sent to Capt. Duncan, directing him to afford, either on application from the Officer at Wantelpollam, or that it shall appear to him necessary, such Assistance as shall be required, for carrying the Orders

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of the Board into execution — Resolved likewise, that a Letter be sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, directing them to support the Party stationed at Manelapollam in case of necessity with such Part of the Troops from the Circars as the Nature of the Service may require —

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam with Papers enclosed —

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs —

Letter from Vizagapatam enclosing Letters from Capt. Matthews and Mr. Martin, on the Subject of their Dispute —

We transmit to your Honor &c. herewith an Extract of a Letter from Captain Matthews dated the 7th Ulto. and of one from Mr. Martin the Surgeon of Chicacole dated the 1st Inst. We should have sent the former at the time we received it had we not been in expectation that Mr. Martin would have made an Apology to Captain Matthews for his improper Behaviour he having been advised so to do by Mr. Stratton —

It hath ever been customary for Mr. Martin to apply to the Chief or Chief and Council for Medicines as your Honor &c. will perceive by the enclosed Copy of his last application in consequence of which he had Liberty to purchase what might be necessary and was paid two hundred and sixty Rupees on Acct. for that Account, since that time he hath not applied to us for a further supply which he ought to have done had he been so very bare as he represented himself to be; what Country Medicines are expended, he is Monthly paid for, —

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Vizagapatam
5.th Sept.r 1775

We are
Honble Sirs and Sirs
with the greatest Respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
P. Perring
N. Williams
J.s Cranford

Extract of a Letter from Captain Rich.d Mathews
Dated Chicacole 7.th Aug.t 1775

Upon a Rumour of the Battallions going to the field,
Mr. Martin reported himself sick It is true that he has lately been
dangerously ill of Disorders incident to the Hilly Country and
is I believe, as well as many others apprehensive of a return of the
same dreadful complaints; but he doth not seem so bad as to
occasion his remaining at Chicacole, when his assistance will
unavoidably be much wanted with the Troops. He has asserted
that he could not go, I requested by my Serjeant Major that he
would put up a few such Medicines as he thought might be
necessary, and give them to a Serjeant that is lately come from
Ellore, who is considered as a piece of a Doctor having acted as an
under assistant some time At first Mr. Martin said he would
put up some Medicines, but shortly after he sent me a note importing
that he would not send any, except I signed a Bill for a few Hun
hundred Rupees for some Medicines that he says he purchased
at Bimlapatam This was a very unbecoming Note to send the
Serjeant

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Serjeant Major to him to know his meaning, and whether he had not any Medicines belonging to the Company — He answered he had not and would not send any without I signed the Note The Serjt. Major was again sent, and the reply, the same as before — This Behaviour is an humiance, flute of disregard to the Orders, disrespectfull to me and disobedient — which Obliged me to send him an Arrest And Sirjeant that you write represent his Behaviour to the Govr. and Council &c.

It is a reflexion on the Honble Company, that a Surgeon, at such a place as this, should not have any public Medicines, where there are so many sad occasions for their use — I hear that Mr. Martin was some time ago paid for Medicines that he purchased at Vizagapatam. If his Bills are paid without my knowledge, I am kept ignorant whether the Medicines are his own or not When it may be requisite to elucidate Mr. Martin's Character I shall be able to convince the Honble Board that he is fitter for a Station in a General Hospital than to have the immediate care of restoration of Health —

In the first place be pleased to order up a supply of some Medicines, that Mr. Pringle may think necessary — with Salves &c. — and in the next as you must be sensible that Troops upon actual Service cannot or ought not to be without a Surgeon, that you write expressly for one without loss of time that may perform his Duty with Zeal and humanity &c.

I have Extract
Wm. Crawford Sec.

(Copy)

Chicacole 28th Jan. 1775

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George Stratton Esq.
Chief at Vizagapatam

Sir

The little Box of Medicines you sent Months ago, allowed me to purchase, is now expended except a very little which I have sent to Mr. Mathews's Camp. Therefore I think it proper and dutiful to inform you of it, to prevent the ile disposition of my enemies who always are extremely attentive of putting my reputation in the wrong Way.

I have been informed by one of my Correspondent, that I should have another Box of Medicines, may it please your goodness to Order me to buy it: or whether you would rather chuse ale the sick should be sent to Vizagapatam — because it would be very imprudent and uncharitable in me, to expose the lives of the Men, or my own reputation.

I have the honor to be sincerely
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant
J. Martin

A true Copy
H. Crawford Secry

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Martin, Surgeon at Chicacole to the Chief and Co. of Vizagapatam dated 1st September 1775

As I am desirous that my Conduct for which Captain Mathews put me under an Arrest should be brought to public Tryal, I beg leave to take the Liberty of requesting that you will be pleased as soon as possible, to apply to the Governor and Council, as I wish this affair to be brought to a speedy conclusion.

A true

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Present

W.m Crawford Esq.r

Resolution thereon

As the Board are not sufficiently well informed of the nature of the Dispute between Capt.n Mathews and M.r Martin, it is Resolved, that the Chief and C.l at Vizagapatam be directed to take M.r Martin immediately out of Arrest and enquire in the most particular manner, into that part of his Conduct, which induced Capt.n Mathews to order him into Confinement, and on the result of their enquiry, they will inform the Board therewith, in order that they may be enabled to form their opinion on the Conduct and behaviour of those Gentlemen

Mess.rs Dawson. Palmer, and Mackay condemn Capt.n Mathews's conduct

M.r Dawson, M.r Palmer, M.r Mackay desire it may be noted as their opinion, that Capt.n Mathews has acted wrong, in putting M.r Martin under an Arrest, especially as he was not in the Field, and that he should be informed, of the Board's disapprobation in doing so

Read Letter from Lt.t Jeffreys

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Gov.r &c.a Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Lt.t Jeffreys representing his case and requesting a Lieut.cy Brevet and admission on the Mad.s Fund

I beg leave to be allowed the indulgence to acquaint you, that I left England early in 1762 a Volunteer in his Majesty's 79.th Reg.t had the misfortune to be taken prisoner on the passage by a French Squadron & was stripped of every thing I had, and after suffering four Months confinement, was with a number of other

Prisoners

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Prisoners, sent away on my Parole to Bengal.

Shortly after my arrival in that Kingdom, a War commenced with Meer Cossam, when I took the Field a Volunteer in his Majesty's 84th Reg.t the fate of War soon caused promotion and I was honor'd with the first vacant Commission.

I was present with the Army on every occasion to the reduction of the City of Patna, at which place I had the misfortune to be Shot thro' the Lungs and almost bled to death. — The severity of my Wound, caused the Surgeons, not to listen to my remaining in Bengal, / Should otherwise have been now near a Majority on that Establishment / and made them recommend my immediate Departure for Europe.

On my passage and for four Years after my Arrival in England, I labord under a most deplorable State of health, and in search of a cure. I spent my little patrimony, which made me find it convenient to return to this Country, with the Lieutenant appointed from home.

Since my arrival, I have had extreme bad health — have struggled with it to the utmost but find myself now unfit for every kind of Duty, as I am never a day well and oft times confind to my Appartment. With all these Complaints infermities — and disadvantages, the want of a comfortable support in Europe, has obliged me to continue in the Country.

There is however a means by which I might be enabled to return, and this means Gentlemen rests with you: Would you do me the honor to give me a Captains Brevet, and recommend me for that Bounty you would make me both easy and happy in

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point of finances, to the end of my days. — Frequent instances of this kind I am well assured have been done at Bengal, and me in particular I perfectly well remember of a Lieutenant Haffenghose situation somewhat similar with my own, obliged him to quit Bengal, When his circumstances were by no means in a state for so heavy an undertaking. — On making however his case known to the Board, — they with the utmost humanity, took it into consideration; and tho' he was much lower down the list of Lieutenant than I was on this Establishment, gave him a Captain's Brevet, — recommended him for that Bounty which he soon told to this day, with a grateful Heart enjoys. —

I am told you have come to a Resolution not to issue any more Brevets, — therefore have not presumed to make any personal application to any Member of your Honble Board — But at a Board of such important consequence as yours, — the most general and strict — Rule I conceive to suppose, must admit of some exceptions.

If the particular situation of the individual, — and the impossibility of an exception in his favor interfering with a public Measure can authorize an exception, — it is I hope I have to say and with all possible deference to your authority, on the present occasion —

Humanity, — a particular attention to good service, — and indulgence to the unfortunate; — have ever characterized the act you sit — I therefore hope therefore, as my misfortunes are but too heavy and have been brought wholly upon me, in the discharge of my Duty, in your service, that you will have the goodness to take them into consideration, and to comply with my request.

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With all respect and attachment, I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your very faithful and

very Obedient Servant

L. Jeffreys

Fort St. George
Sep.r 12.th 1775.

L. 2d Lepoy Battalion

The Board are sensible, that the infirmities under which L.t Jeffreys hath labord have arisen from the Wounds he has received in the Service, and they wish it were in their Power, to comply with his request,— But as the Orders of the Court of Directors are positive, against granting Brevit, and as the giving to L.t Jeffreys one, would be a precedent of a bad nature, they cannot do more for him than recommend him to be a partaker of the Military Fund, according to his present Rank in the Army. Whereupon General Smith delivers in the following Certificate for L.t Jeffreys, to be admitted on the Military Fund.

By Brigadier General Joseph Smith Commanding Officer of the Honble Company's Troops on the Coast of Coromandel.

Certificate from Gen.l Smith to L.t Jeffreys

Whereas it is order'd by the Regulations for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or otherwise, are rendered incapable of further Service in India, that they produce a Certificate from their Commanding Officer, as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

I do hereby Certify that Samuel Jeffreys born at Birmingham in the County of Warwick in England, and about twenty

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Twenty eight Years of age — is a Lieutenant on this Establishment and that he has served the Honble Company upwards of four Years the greater part of which time, he has labord under violent & spitting of Blood, and various other Complaints, that he is now become consumptive, and an Invalid, incapable of further Service in India, and therefore is recommended as entitled to the Provisions before mentioned —

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

Given under my hand at Bishop near Hallowes in the East India the 2 of Octr 1773 —

Joseph Smith

Ma. General

Admitted to share in the Military Fund.

Approved, and the usual Certificate Ordered to be made out.

Read Letter from Col. Joseph Commanding at Trichinapoly —

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs —

from Col. Joseph complaining of the Base Coin —

Herewith I have the honor to send you the Genl Monthly returns of the Troops under my Command for August, also those of the Hospital which I hope will be received in due time and found correct.

I am much concerned being Obliged to repeat to the Honble Board, that the Base Coin still circulates, the exchange is very

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six fanams for a Pagoda, and only twelve Cash to a fanam, this occasions much murmuring the Troops, to whom I have done my best endeavours to pacify promising them every Satisfaction from the Honble Board's reply to my Letter of the 4th Instant, which I hope to receive tomorrow.

I am Honble Sir and Sirs

Your respectfull and very Obd.

humble Servant

Edw. Saunders

Trichinopoly
10th Sept. 1775.

the President acquaints the Board of his Conversation with the Nabob on the Subject of Base Coin.

The President acquainted the Board, that in a Conversation with the Nabob, he informed him particularly of the Letters from Colonel Sanders, and of the evil consequences, that would naturally attend, the Currency of Base Coinage in the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and that the Nabob promised him in reply, that Orders should be sent off to his Managers, directing them to suppress the bad Fanams, The President further acquaint the Board, that the Nabob, at the same time he promised that the Base Coinage, should be suppressed, expressed his disapprobation of the Currency of Madras Fanams in his Country, and desired that no other kind should pass in Trichinopoly than the Gopauly or Gold Fanams, with the People, had been long accustomed to, and the Currency of which in future, would prevent any kind of discontent, and ill humour, amongst the Shroffs and Soldiery. And that the Nabob likewise told him, he would take care that there was not at any time a Scarcity of small coinage.

Mr.

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Minute of Mr. Johnson on the Guntoor Business disapproves of writing to the Soubah

Mr. Johnson desires that the following Minute may be entered, which containes his Sentiments, on the Resolution of the Board, relative to the Measures proposed to be taken with respect to the Guntoor Circar

On considering the Guntoor Business with the most deliberate attention, I cannot approve of the Measure of our intended address to the Soubah, I am afraid it is neither well timed, nor concerted, or such as is most likely to produce the intended good. The Principal Object with the Supreme Council appears to me to be, not so much the security of the reversion of the Circar; as the expulsion of the French Troops, and the immediate possession of the Seaport of Mootapilla, by which they might hereafter introduce such Military Succours to the adjacent Country Powers, as might endanger our other Circars. The query in this case then becomes What seems the most effectual means to this end? Why I should imagine our Letter to the Soubah, will only give the alarm without inducing him to favor our Views or acknowledge our Conduct to be an infraction of the Treaty. It is my opinion that before we wrote to either the Soubah or Bazalut Jung we, should consider well, and not only take our resolution, but have every thing prepared for their non-compliance with our Views

I have said the Measure is ill timed because I think we should wait the hourly expected arrival of the last Orders of the Season, and of a new Governor — and I consider it ill concerted as it appears to me very impolitical that the Nabob is not made a Party in it. In any matter that has relation to the French, I would think it good Policy to make him a Principal. And in an

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Affair that may end in War with the Neighbouring Country Powers, would it not be equally so to have his Highness a Party, both to defray the greatest part of the expence, and support the with his Cavalry? When the Superior Government recommend so strongly employing his Troops, if possible, on this Service, Imagine these were their Objects.

The Arguments used against considering Bazalet Jung but as a Dependant of the Soubah; and the reasons offered against negociating with him directly; are, I suspect more Specious than solid in Politicks with the Country Powers. Bazalet Jung possesses the District, and has the French in his Service. The Danger of applying to the Soubah, before we act with his Brother, is that the Latter will get intelligence and take the alarm; and either by negociating with neighbouring Powers, or other Arrangement, of security, endeavour to defeat our Purpose. Hyder Ally is near him, and by his encroachment upon Cuddapah, and the very great preparations he is making near that Quarter, he seems bent on extending his Possessions to the Crixna Shaw. If Bazalet Jung throws himself under Hyder's Protection, our negociations with the Soubah will I fear be of little end.

In a Word I consider this Business as very interesting; and I am afraid an Address to the Soubah will appear to the Supreme Council rather a sort of compliance with their Intentions on the Terms of their Letter than any effectual Step to the attainment of the grand Object.

The following Gentlemen being well recommended, it

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is ordered that they be appointed Ensigns on this Establishment

Mr.

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Mr. Thomas Brisbane, Mr. Mathew Wale, and Mr. Da Pepper

the Officers on Capt. Dugod's Court Martial, to receive the Allowances made on Col. Wood's

General Smith representing the inconveniences which those Officers feel who have been called down here, at a great Expence, to sit at the General Court Martial now in Orders in Garrison, It is Resolved, that they be made the same allowance, that was given those Officers who attended at the Trial of Col. Wood in 1768 and 1769.

Wynch
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer

Francis Fowke
Geo: Mackay

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15.th Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letters were this day dispatched.

To Ens.n Thomas Walcott

Commanding at Monteapollam

Sir

To Ensign Walcott

You will have received Instructions from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam, relative to the Service on which you are employ'd, We shall here, only direct that you send regular and particular information to Capt.n Duncan, Commanding at Ongole, of every Occurrence, which may come to your knowledge, relative to the disposition of the French Party in the Service of Bazalet Jung, and of whatever Importations of Men and Military Stores, may be made at Mootapilla, for their Reinforcement, in order that an application from you, or that it shall appear to him necessary, he do afford you such assistance, for their detention, as shall appear to him most expedient.

instructions

Mootapilla

on

Fort S.t George
15.th Sep.r 1775

We are
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
P. Wynch and C.s

To Capt.n Alexander Duncan
Commanding
at Ongole

Sir

To Capt. Duncan
orders to support
Ens: Walcott.

The President has communicated to Us, your Letter of

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of the 10th Instant, and in Consequence of the information which it contains, we have thought it necessary, to order the Officer, commanding the two Companies of Sepoys stationed at Manelpollam to inform You regularly and particularly of every occurrence, which may come to his knowledge, relative to the disposition of the French Party in the Service of Rajah Sing, and of whatever Importations of Men and Military Stores, may be made at Mootapillie, for their Reinforcement. And as the Officer has been directed, to stop any Military Succours, which may be imported, and there to detain them, until he shall receive further Orders for their Disposal, We are to direct that on application from him, or if it shall appear to you necessary, you march with the whole or such part of your Battalion, as may be requisite to support him, in carrying Orders into Execution.

Enclosed is a Letter under a flying Seal, for the Officer Commanding at Manelpollam, which after perusing, You will immediately and carefully dispatch.

It is necessary we acquaint you that the utmost Secrecy should be observed in this Matter.

As you desire to know, if the Battalion Lascars and Artillery men, are to be employd, We are to acquaint you, that We leave that entirely, at your own Discretion, as the nature of the Service may require.

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

S. Wynch &c.a

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To John Whitehill Esqr.

Chief and the Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

to Masulipatam to support Lieut.n Wilcott.

Accompanying you will receive Copies of two Letters, which we have this day, dispatched one to Capt.n Duncan Commanding at Ongole, and the other to the Officer Commanding the two Companies at Vanlepollam. But as it is possible, that a further assistance, may be required, to carry our Orders into Execution, We direct, that when it shall appear to you necessary, you do reinforce the Party at Vanlepollam in such Manner, as the Nature of the Service may require.

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We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
A. Lynch &c.

16.th Came in the following Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

To the Honble. Alexander Lynch Esq.n
President and Governor &c.
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

from Capt.n Duncan reporting Instructions.

I received a Letter by an Express Messenger, from Lieut.n Wilcott, commanding a Detachment of Sepoys from Masulipatam, at Vanlepollam, Informing me that he was there upon a Secret Service — that he was apprehensive the

Force

force he had with him was not sufficient for the execution of his Orders, requiering the Assistance of four Companies of Sepoys, with two Guns, Artillery Men &c. That perhaps it might be some days, before there was occasion for them, but desiering they might be in readiness. He also mentions, that he imagines, I must have Instructions, to assist him &c.

My Answer was, that having no Instructions of any kind for that purpose, and not being acquainted with the Nature of the Service they were to go upon, I could not think myself warranted, upon his bare Requisition, to send such a Detachment from this &c.

My Zeal for the Service, makes me extremely uneasy least any intended Project may miscarry, which might have been carried into execution, by Assistance from hence: But situated as I am more especially under the late Orders of the Board I could not conceive myself at Liberty, to comply with the above Request; and I flatter myself my Conduct on the occasion will not be disapproved of. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Hon.ble Sir

Your very devoted and most

Obedient Servant

Wm. Duncan

Onore
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P. S. I have no further Intelligence from Mootapilla, but a confirmation of what I wrote you in my last — The convoy which I formerly mentioned, to have been stopped at Dupear,

&c

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has been joind by some of Bazalet Sungs Troops, and proceded towards Adoni.

Alex.r Duncan

Came in Letter from the Nabob as entrd in Co: Corr: 107 dated this day, enclosing an Arydasht to him from M.r Lawlor of Pondicherry.

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President.

Monday 18th Sept.r

George Dawson Henry Brooke
Samuel Johnson J. M. Mons
Arch.d Palmer, Franc.s Sourdon
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letters from the Nabob dated the 2d and 12th Instant, enclosing Copies of Intelligence from the Soubahs Camp, as entrd in Co: Corr: N.o 103, 104, 105.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 1st Inst. as entrd in Co: Corr: N.o 101 accompanying seven thousand Pagodas, for the Hist of the Pondamallee District due the 1st Ultimo and 1st Inst.

Read Letter from the Soubah as entered in Co: Corr: N.o 104, acknowledging the receipt of the Presidents Letter dated 13th June last.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 15th Instant as entrd in Co: Corr: N.o 106 requesting permisson for M.r Chambers to proceed to Poonah, as his Agent, in Consequence

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In Conjunction with Shaista Row. Resolved, that a Letter be immediately wrote to the Governor General and Council, inclosing to them Copies of the Nabobs Letter, and that they at the same time be informed, that the Board, concur in Opinion with the Nabob, that it may be of advantage to his affairs to send Mr. Chambers to Poonah in the Manner he proposes. A Letter likewise, to be wrote to the Nabob, acquainting him of our having done so.

Read Letter from Mr. Gahagan

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
Of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter from Mr. Gahagan

I have had the honor to receive a Letter from your Secretary dated the 21st April in Answer to that I had the honor to address to you of the 9th

I am given to understand that My application shall be taken into Consideration When a Vacancy shall happen in the Line of Surgeons; which still leaves me in suspence and implies a doubt of the justness of my Claim.

As this is the Case I hope you will pardon this second address, which is meant to point out the particular Hardships of my situation; which I should imagine entirely proceeds from the Manner of my coming first into this Service as mentioned in my former address.

Yet as I have seen instances of Men having risen,

by

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by that just graduation of Rank, which assures preferment, unless the most glaring instances of want of abilities, capacity, and attention could be pronounced against them.

And having hitherto had the happiness to procure recommendations from the different Commanding Officers under whom I served; which I believe the Honble Board have been already made acquainted with, and shall not trespass on your time at present, with a recapitulation of the particulars; Do therefore flatter myself I stand totally acquitted, of laboreing under any of the abovementioned circumstances.

I must further beg leave to observe that on the Manawar Expedition, I had the sole charge of the Sick of L.t Col. Pongeurs Detachment, and acquitted myself therein so much to the Satisfaction of my Commanding Officer, as to be strongly recommended by him to Mr. Dupré, our late Governor, and General Smith. This I should imagine is a sufficient proof that my not rising according to my standing, does not proceed from any Misconduct in the course of my Practice; and I humbly conceive that a person once admitted to act in the line of Surgeons, and upon a Service where now but a person of capacity, can discharge the Duty therein required, may with some degree of propriety lay in a claim for that promotion, which he is in a great measure assured of, from the particular trust reposed in him; Especially when he is conscious of his Abilities being equal to those of others who have been deemed worthy of promotion; And his Character in other respects Unexceptionable.

Sir

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It is my Misfortune to labour under a particular disadvantage at present, in not having it in my Power to appeal to the opinion of the Senior Surgeon of this Establishment, never having had the honor of acting under him; Consequently he can be no Judge of my Capacity - But from Circumstances already mentioned, I presume that upon an Examination into the general tenor of my Conduct, I may be found at least as capable as some of those who have been happy enough to obtain a Recommendation from that Gentleman.

I shall trouble your honors no further at this time, but flattering myself, when you consider the disagreable Situation, a State of suspence must Naturally subject me to, You will condescend to Indulge me with that Promotion, which (Hope) a Service of Eight Years and upwards, entitles me to solicit for -

I have the honor to be, with the utmost Respect

Fruchinopoly
Sept.r 12th 1775 -

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Terence Sahagan

Mr Sahagan has already been given to understand, that his pretensions shall be taken into Consideration, when a Vacancy happens in the Line of Surgeons.

Read Letter from Lt Jeffreys

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St George

Gentlemen,

Permit

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Letter from Lieutenant Jeffreys

Permit me once more to trespass on your time and attention by requesting the favor of the usual Indulgence of six Months pay on quitting the Country recommended by the Bounty.

I must further ask you permission to leave the Coast on the Ship Fortune, bound for Fort Marlbro', and to proceed from thence for Europe,

With particular request, and attachment I have the honor to be.

Gentlemen

Your very faithful and much obliged humble Servant

L. Jeffreys

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17th Sept. 1775

The Board cannot comply with L. Jeffreys's request of being made an Advance of six Months pay as he has resigned the Service, Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint him, that he has permission to proceed to Fort Marlbro', on his way to Europe

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To the Wonble. Alexander Lynch Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
Of Fort St. George

Wonble Sir and Sirs

We have your Commands of the 4th Inst.

Letter from Mazulipatam
Intelligence from Motapillee

and have in consequence forwarded your Letter to the Subah, and desired

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desired Col. Flint to hold himself in readiness to March with the Troops you have been pleased to direct.

Ensign Walcott, the Officer who commands the two Companies of Sepoys your Honor &c. Ordered to be Stationed at Ponta-gallam, has informed Us of the Arrival of the Vessels from Pondicherry in the Road of Manapilla on the 7.th Inst.t which had landed four Europeans, some Arrack, and a quantity of Basket, supposed to contain Liquors and other refreshments: that after staying a few days she disappeared: He learned further that the Vessels was expected to arrive again in a short time in order to land more Guns and some chest of small Arms which are on board, and to escort which and the other things a party of Sepoys is expected from the Country. — Should these Guns and Small Arms be landed, Ensign Walcott will doubtless, in compliance with the directions he has received, take the most effectual means in his power to prevent their being carried into the Country — But it is possible that his party may be insufficient for that purpose, We have desired him in such case and such only, to represent the same to the Commanding Officer at Angola and apply to him for the necessary aid, which we hope will meet with your Honor &c.a approbation, former the departure of the Vessel, We are however much inclined to think that the intelligence is not to be depended on.

Accompanying this, We took the Liberty to send a Copy of our Orders to Ensign Walcott and of the several Letters We have received from him —

We are very respectfully

Your

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Your most Obed.t humble Servants,
John Whitehill
Alex.r Davidson
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges

To Ensign Tho.s Halcott
Commanding the Detachment in the Vizagapatam District

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 11th Instant

The Number of foreign Europeans and the quantity of Military Stores which were some time ago landed at Mootapelle having made it necessary to take Measures for preventing the further introduction of either into the Country, we have thought it proper to order another Company of Sepoys to reinforce the party now under your Command, and as soon as they shall have joind you, we desire you will be pleased to proceed with the Detachment to the Village of Yentapollam.

As from your Station at this Village you will have an Opportunity of getting information of any Vessels which may arrive in the road of Mutapillie before any Stores or Men can be landed from them, we expect you will be particularly carefull to take advantage of this opportunity, and immediately after you shall receive information of the appearance of any Vessels, we desire you will employ proper people to observe and give you an Account of what may be landed from them and that you will take

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the most effectual means in your power to prevent either Stores or Men from passing into the Country, immediately advising the President and Co. and the of what Men and Stores may be landed and in case of your party being insufficient to prevent them from passing into the Country, that in such case, and such only you do immediately represent the same to the Officer Commanding at Congole, and apply to him for the necessary aid.

As it is of Material Consequence that the Service You are now ordered on should be kept secret, we desire you will take especial care, that it be not divulged to any person, but in case of absolute necessity, and the better to prevent suspicion, we would recommend it to You, to cause it to be reported that you are sent to protect the Inhabitants of Pondapallam in their rights

Madrafspatam
26th Aug. 1775

We are Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

To John Whitehill Esqr
Chief &c. Council
of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I was this Morning informed by a Man who I employ'd for that purpose of the arrival of a Ship at Mutchilliper, and immediately applied to the Head Man of this Place, for some People, whose fidelity might be depended upon, they having Families and Possessions in the Village, he brought me three last

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them to Mudapillee, with instructions to enquire secretly, whence the Ship came, what her Lading was, whether she had Europeans on Board &c. charging them as they regarded themselves and Families on no account to divulge that they were sent by me. At the same time I sent two Sepoys disguised to get intelligence at the Baza at Nadapillee. One of the People is returned from Mudapillee leaving the others to watch, and informs me that the Ship is a two Mast Vessel from Pondicherry, that she landed four Europeans and some Casks of Arrack, and then stood out again to Sea, where she remains in sight, he is acquainted with one of the People who assisted in getting the Arrack on shore, who told him that Mons.r Hornean would go on board to Night, that she has got ten Guns on Board, and a Detachment of Sepoys is expected at Mudapilla, when they will be landed and sent up the Country, but does not hear of any Sepoy Arms. If the Report of a Detachment of Sepoys coming is true, I shall be immediately acquainted with their Arrival, and will apply to Capt.n Duncan if I think them too Strong for me

The Sepoys are just returned from Nadapilla and inform me that the four Europeans are in a Choultry just out of the Village, where they have been ale.d Day. I believe there is scarce a Doubt of their intending to go to Bazalet Jung, for if they were Seamen they would be wanting on Board whilst the Ship is unlading (instead of living in a Choultry four Miles distance from the Port.) and if Officers of the Ship Imagine Mon.r Hornean would take them to his own House. I have

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employed four Sepoys disguised to watch them, give me immediate Intelligence if they move up the Country — Soon not far from them, and can overtake them before they get any great distance, I would not hesitate to seize them, but am afraid they would pretend to belong to the Ships whereas if Shake them going up the Country, they can have no pretence of that kind, another reason for my delaying it is because I would avoid giving Hermans an Alarm, which might put him on his guard, so that he would have the Guns if such there, landed secretly, and get them up the Country before I could get Intelligence of it.

Be assured Gentlemen that no deligence shall be wanting on my part, to give the best intelligence, of which I shall inform you tomorrow.

I remain Gentlemen &c.

(Signed) Thomas Walcott

Camp at
Yanikpollam
Sept. 19th 1775

To John Whitehill Esq.
Chief & Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

The People which I employed to observe at Mutrapilla last Night bring me information of the Ships coming very near the Shore, during the night. She landed 120 Cooley load of things, on Trunks and Basket, which were carried to Hermans Warehouse, Imagine they were for his private Trade, as he sells Liquors and Articles of that kind, as soon as the above goods were landed. She stood again out to Sea, and now remains as when I wrote Yesterday.

landed.

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The Europeans remaind ale Night in the Choultry, which strengthens my opinion of their not belonging to the Ships. I heard that they had a Slave Boy with them, and sent my Dubash to a Swamy House opposite the Choultry desiring him to endeavour to learn from the Boy (if he found an opportunity of speaking to him) what they were and whether the Ships had Arms or Guns on Board. The Boy informed him that he did not know whether they were Armed, but that they pulled at the Ropes on the Passage, he further informed him that there were nine Guns on board, which were to be landed at Mutapillee, when some Sepoys arrived there from the Country. The People employed at Mutapillee, inform me that the head Man there, is getting Straw, Pole and firewood, ready for a Detachment. I have sent a Sepoy up the Country to meet the Detachment coming down; and give me information of their strength. I have not yet wrote to the Board at Madras. We should not trouble them. Till I have a confirmation of Guns being landed, or that these Men do not belong to the Ships; a Sepoy just come in says that they are still in the Country.

I am Gentlemen &c.

(Signed) Thomas Walcott.

Camp at Pantapollam 8th Sep. 1775.

To John Whitehill Esq.r

Chief &c. Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

The People employed at Mutapillee, informed me that the Ships came near the Shore last Night, and landed thirty Cooly load of Things in small Trunks, and Baskets which were carried to Mons.r Normans House, after which she stood out to

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sea again, and remains just within Sight of the Port. They tell me that the Trunks were most of them heavy, some of them taking three and others four Coolys to carry them, tho' they were very small — A Sepoy employ'd on that Service, informs me that one of the Lascars belonging to the Ships, in an old acquaintance of his, that he was asked to eat Rice with him, and the Lascar informed him in the course of conversation, that he believed the Ships would stay some time there, as they waited for some Sepoys coming down from the Country, where they should land some Guns and other things, the Sepoy enquired what Guns, he told him some great Guns, and some Firelocks in Chests — The four Europeans still remain in the Choultry, which I mentioned before, they did not go down to the Ships in the night, to assist in unloading her, which almost convinces me that they do not belong to her — I am told that the Detachment expected, is to come from Darapur, a Place about three or ten Days march up the Country, as I have sent Sepoys up to meet them, I hope to get Intelligence of their Strength time enough to acquaint Capt. Duncan for Him should he require it, I imagine their Detachment will be much stronger than this which I have the honor to command, as they had five Guns, and some Horse landed a few Months ago, the escort for which consisted of three hundred Sepoys, and a Troop of European Cavalry commanded by Mons.r Tally himself —

I am

Gentlemen &c.

(Signed) Thomas Wallace

Camp at
Pantapollam
9.th Sept.r 1775

P.S.

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P.S. as the Detachment coming down may partly consist of Europeans, I should be glad if you will please to inform me whether or not I should take their prisoners if any partly be sufficiently strong.

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Chief & Council of Masulipatam -

Gentlemen,

I received intelligence this Morning that the Ships at Mutapillee went away in the Night and were not to appear in sight of the Port again, Vile the Detachment arrives which is expected from Doopar, she did not land any thing last Night.

The four Europeans Male remain in the Choultry at Nadapillee, some of the Lascars belonging to the Ships are left on shore.

'Tis reported at Mootapillee, that the Detachment which is expected there, vile consist of a thousand Sepoys, three hundred Horse, and a Troop of European Cavalry. I wrote to Capt.n Duncan this Morning requesting that he would order four Companies of his Battalion with two Guns and Artillery Men to be in readiness to march at the shortest notice, I do not suppose that the Detachment from Doopar will be so Strong as reported, I am quite in an uncertainty about their Number, as the Sepoys which I sent to meet them are not returned in case they should not prove so many, I shall write to Capt.n Duncan, to have the Detachment from his Battalion proportioned to the Numbers we are to oppose, The reason of my requesting him to have his Guns &c.a in readiness is because I think its very probable that they may send Mr. Crafton

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to Have the Guns which they are to receive in that case, if they receive, we Should put a Signal a very few different Signals: Also we have Artillery also. They are building Barracks for Sepoys at Madapollam, which I am told is to be commanded by a Mons.r La Fere; I do not yet hear what Number are to be stationed there. But I am assured they are not to be quartered there, in consequence of this Detachment removing there, as the Houses for Mons.r La Fere has been building for these three Months.

While I have received no Orders to put myself under the Command of any Body, yet should the Officer Detached from Cargola, be Senior in Commission to me, Make it so, as it is your intention that he should Command and shall give up the Command to him accordingly unless I receive Orders from you to desire Capt.n Duncan not to be Second to Senior Officer. The Detachment is not expected to arrive at Madapollam these six Days.

I am Gentlemen &c.

(Signed) Thomas Walcott

Camp at Pantapollam 10.th Sept.r 1775

To Ensign Tho.s Walcott

Commanding the Detachment at Pantapollam.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 10.th Inst. about there were to be a Design as you are informed, of landing three Guns, and some Chiefs of small Arms, it appears to us very

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improbable that a Number of Troops in any degree adequate to what has been represented to You, should be sent to escort them, and indeed from the Departure of the Vessel we are inclined to think that the report is in a great Measure groundless, should however not we have sent well however we doubt shortly bring you intelligence to be depended on.

It was never our Intention that you should make an application of any Kind to the Commanding Officer of Cogole, except in case of absolute necessity, that is to say, of a Force Superior to your Detachment being actually assembled at Mootapillee with a Design to escort Europeans or Military Stores, actually landed, and We desire you will be pleased to act in exact conformity to these our intentions.

For your Conduct towards the four Europeans who you inform Us have remained some Days in a Choultry near Mootapillee. We refer you to Our instructions of the 26.th Ult.o and We desire you will advise the President and Council as well as us, of any further Steps you may take in the Service entrusted to your charge.

We are Sir

Your most Obd.t Servants

Masulipatam
12.th September.

Enclosed
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Orders have already been given to Capt.n Duncan to afford Ensign Halcott, any assistance which may be required in the execution of his Orders.

Resolved, that Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Debastro and Mr. Boswell, be appointed Ensigns.

Ordered

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Recruit Ft. Nottingham for Bengal embarked on the Hillsborough and Godfrey.

Mr. Halliburton appointed Chief Persian Translator.

Ordered that the Recruits which have arrived on the Nottingham for Bengal be embarked for that Place on board the Hillsborough and Godfrey.

Mr. David Halliburton, appointed the Persian Translator.

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18th Conformable to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter was this Day dispatched to the Governor General and Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Govr. General and Council
of Fort William

Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter to Govr. General &c. respecting the Nabob's Application for Mr. Chambers

Accompanying we have the honor to transmit you, Copy of a Letter which We have just received from the Nabob

From the proficiency which Mr. Chambers hath made both in the Maratta and Persian Language, we think that the Nabob sending him to Poonah, may be productive of good consequence to his Affairs, and We therefore have acquainted him, that we have in consequence of his request, informed you, of our having no Objection to his sending Mr. Chambers to Poonah, provided such a Measure, should be agreable to your Honor &c.

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
In Council

Fort St. George
18th Sept. 1775

Dispatched the following Letter to Lt. Col. James Commanding at Trichinopoly

To Lieut. Colonel James
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

Lam commanded by the President and Co. to furnish you with

Col. James
respecting the Base
C. R.

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with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the Nabob, together with Copy of a Letter from Annaer Ul Omrah to him on the Subject of the Specie, Current in the Garrison of Trichinopoly. And further I have it in charge, to inform you, that you are to make particular enquiry, into the quantity and quality of the Canada coinage, and report the result of your Enquiry as soon as possible to the Board, in order that if there should not appear a sufficiency of it, for the general use of the Garrison that a supply should be sent to you for that purpose. And as the Soldiers and Sepoys are represented as having been guilty of Oppressions and ill treatment to the Merchants and Bazaars, you are to enquire particularly into the nature of the complaint and punish those with severity, who shall be found to have acted in so irregular a manner.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

R. T. Sullivan &c.

Fort S.t George
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to the Nabob.

Wrote Letter to the Nabob as ordered in Gen.l Cons.n 9.th inst. enquiring him, of his application for Mr.r Chambers, being transmitted to the Gov.r Gen.l &c.a

20.th Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter, was this day despatched to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

To Mr.r Peter Perring

and the Council

at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

I am

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to Vizagapatam on the Dispute between Captain Mathews and Mr. Martin

I am commanded by the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th Instant accompanying Copy of a Letter from Capt. Mathews, Extract of a Letter from Mr. Martin to Mr. Stratton, and extract of a Letter from Mr. Martin to your Board dated 4th Inst.

It appears from the Paper which have been before the Board, that Mr. Martin has been put under an Arrest by Captain Mathews, for certain Behaviour, which he looked upon as inconsistent with Military Rule, I am directed to acquaint you, that you are immediately on receipt hereof, to cause Mr. Martin to be released from his Arrest, and Order down to Vizagapatam, when you wile make the most particular enquiry into that part of Mr. Martins conduct, which hath induced Captain Mathews to order him into Arrest. And you wile on the result of your Enquiry, furnish the Pres.t and Council with the same for their Information.

Enclosed I return you by order of the Board, and Letter and representation from Mr. Martin, which have been laid before them in an irregular Manner and you wile therefore be pleased to acquaint him, that he is to transmit any thing which he may wish to lay before them, in future thro you.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t Servant

R. J. Sullivan &c.a

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At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Governor President,

Friday 22 Sept.r

Joseph Smith

George Dawson Henry Brooke

Sam.l Johnson J. M. Monro

Arch.d Palmer Franc.s Saurdare

George Mackay

M.r Stratton Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Ensign Halcott Commanding at Vandyspallam.

To the Honble. Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President and the Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Ensign Halcott stationed at Vandyspallam

I am stationed at this Place with two Companies of Sepoys, and have Orders from the Chief and Council at Massulipatam to prevent any Foreign Europeans, or Military Stores which may be landed at Masulipatam, from Passage into the Country and in case of the Party under my Command, being insufficient to prevent their passing into the Country I am immediately to represent it to the Officer Commanding at Ongole, and actively to have for the necessary Aid.

A two Masted Vessel arrived off Masulipatam in the Night of the 20th Instant, and on the 21st employed proper People to watch her, and bring me Word what her Lading consisted of

I therefore wrote to Capt. Duncan, requesting (as the good of the Service deemed to require it) that he would four Companies of Sepoys, and two Guns, to be in readiness, to March and join me at the shortest Notice, imagining that he had received Instructions to assist me. Capt. Duncan informed me that it was quite inconsistant with his orders to send any Detachment from Ongole, without your express directions. My intention was, if the Report proved false, with respect to their Numbers, to inform Capt. Duncan that I had no occasion for assistance from him, or for such a Number of Sepoys only, as prudence might suggest to me, to be sufficient.

The Chief and Council of Masulipatam have since signified to me, that it was not their intention that I should make application of any kind, to the Officer Commanding Ongole, unless I had certain Intelligence, that there was a force superior to mine assembled at Mootapillee, with intent to escort Europeans or Military Stores actually Landed.

I should have waited till the Stores &c were Landed and Detachment arrived before I applied to Capt. Duncan, but for the information I received that they would be sent up the Country immediately on being Landed, and in that case, unless the Detachment at Ongole was in readiness to March directly on my giving them intelligence, in all probability their assistance would come too late. — As a very small Detachment take some Hours in preparing for a March, I feard the Escort would be got too far up the Country, before they would be able to join me, unless they were before warned, and in readiness —

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of and whether the said Europeans, or those on Board the People so employ'd brought me word that she came from Pondicherry, and did that Day land four Europeans, who immediately walked up to Nadapillee, (about four Miles from Nadapillee where they have remained in a Chaultry ever since, those People watching them, and if they attempted to go up the Country, shall immediately seize them &c.

The Ships constantly kept off a considerable distance at Sea during the Day time, and on the night of the seventh and eight Inst. landed a considerable quantity of things, viz. Spade Irons, Axes and Basket, which were carried to the House of Mons.r Warniere at Nadapillee (Warniere is one of the Managers of Mons.r Lally's Sagliere) during the time of the landing these goods she always came close in shore, but stood out to Sea again before Day light. A Peon that I employed, to disguise to watch the Ships, informed Some the night that he had made acquaintance of his amongst the Lascars, belonging to her, and amongst other discourse, the Lascar informed him that he did not believe the Ships would go away very soon; as they waited for a Detachment of Sepoys from the Country, and when they arrived, they should land some Guns. The Sepoy enquired what Guns he answer'd him nine Grand Guns, and some Firelocks in Chests. On the night of the ninth the Ships disappeared, and have not since been seen from Madapillee, on the tenth I was informed that the Detachment expected, would consist of a Thousand Sepoys, three Hundred Horse, and a Corps of European Cavalry, and that as soon as the above Guns were landed they would be remov'd up the Country

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The same Person who got me the intelligence from the Lascar, informed me on the twelfth, that a Boat was sent off to the Ships (which lay but just out of sight) with a Letter the Evening before, and returned early that Morning with an Answer; He informs me to Day that a Catamaran was sent off at 5. Clock Yesterday afternoon, and returned with an Answer in about eight Hours. This he is positive in, as he says that he saw the Man put the Letter in his Turband, and asked him when he was going with it, he told him to a French Ships which lay out of sight, he waited 'till the Catamaran returned and saw the Man take the Answer out of his Turband, and carry it to Mon.r Morneau's.—

I do not hear when the Detachment will arrive, but it is expected at Mootapillee in a few Days, and Straw, fire Wood and Pots are prepaid for it.—

I am this Day informed that Mons.r Morneau has three Guns in his House, which were landed, better than two Months ago; but I cannot depend upon this Intelligence, I have set People to make further enquiry about them. I should have acquainted you sooner of this, but was desirous of first knowing the Strength of the Detachment expected, and what Stores &c.a were to be landed. I shall not fail frequently to inform you of every thing relative to the Service entrusted to my Charge, and am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient and Devoted

humble Servant

Thomas Hallcott

Head

Camp at
Ventapollam
14.th 9.ber 1775

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Read likewise Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Governor &c.
Fort St. George

Honble Sir

Letter from Captain Duncan communicating Intelligence from Mootapillee.

My informations from Mootapillee, positively assert, that two Ships, with two Masts each, are in the Offing of that place but dont keep in sight — that they come from Pondicherry, and have 100 Europeans (Soldiers or Recruits) on board of each of them, with some Guns and other Military Stores. That Orders for their Departure sailing &c. are expected in six or seven days hence, that being the time in which answers, from Bazalet Jung, and Mr. Lally to Letters sent from Monsieur Bussi, may arrive. How far the whole of this information may be depended on, I cant say, it comes from a Domestick of Mr. Arnolds, and has much the appearance (to me) of being authentic.

Since I wrote you last, seven Europeans have landed at Mootapillee, three of whom live with Mons.r Bussi, are well dressed, and have the appearance of Officers, or Gentlemen, the other four live in a Choultry by themselves.

I have Account from Adoni, which say, that Mons.r Lally has moved from Madgeri, and joined Bazalet Jung, and that they were both in the Field on the other side of Adoni, about twelve Cose to the Westward of it.

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I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

Your very Obedient and most

humble Servant

Alex.r Duncan

As the whole intention of the Board, in directing two Companies of Sepoys to be Stationed at Vanlapollam, was to prevent the passing of Succours of Men and Military Stores into the Country of Bayalet Sung, It is Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to Ensign Walcott, ordering him to permit any Europeans who may have landed at the Port of Mootapillee to reimbark, or to reship any Stores, which they may have collected there, should they think proper so to do, on his attempting to stop them, agreably to his Orders.

General Smith recommends that a Draft of 100 Europeans Rank and file, together with their Officers, be made from the Londas small Battallion, to reinforce Capt.n Duncan at Ongole, when they will be in readiness to act, should it be necessary, on the Guntoor Circar. General Smith likewise Recommends, that twelve Artillery Men be ordered from Ellore to join Capt.n Duncan, under the Charge of a Serjeant. Approved of, and Orders to be immediately issued accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Duncan

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

For

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From Captain Duncan

For several Days past we have had very heavy rains here; This day in particular the Monsoon have all the appearance of being set in good earnest, tho' it is uncommonly early for it in this part of the Country. All the small Rivers are out, and the Roads already almost impassable for Carriages. I have taken the Liberty to inform you of these particulars least possibly they may have some connection with intended movement from hence

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen

Your very Obed.t and most Obed.t Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Bengal
16th Sept.r 1775

Mr. Stone's Minute

Objections against stopping Men or Stores imported by Bazalet Jung

Mr. Shore desires that the following Minute may be entered

When I acquiesced in the measure for stopping and detaining any Military Stores or Men that might be landed for the Service of Bazalet Jung, I was not aware to apprehend that we should meet with any the least opposition, but judged that it might be effected without proceeding to Extremities, and my Motive for not opposing the resolution for ordering the two Companies of Sepoys sent on that Service to be reinforced if necessary proceeded from my Expectation that such a reinforcement would effectually prevent even an Attempt to oppose the Execution of our Designs, But as it appears to me by the Advices both from Captain Duncan and Lt.n Wilcocks, that there is great reason to apprehend not only an opposition, but that the force mentioned by them to be raised from Adoni as an Escort is such as to make it appear probable that

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that our Intentions are discovered and may render the Success of the undertaking at least doubtful I beg Leave to submit it to the Consideration of the Board whether it be expedient or prudent to persist in the resolution at all Event of Seizing any Stores or Men that may be Landed at Mootapilly. For my own part after the most serious consideration, I cannot but think it more advisable to defer taking any measures, untile we see the Success of our Negociation with Nizam Ally Cawn — The reasons for such my opinion are —

Because I apprehend that our persisting in the resolution for seizing and detaining any Stores or Men wile greatly alarm Bazalet Jung, and induce him to provide more effectually for the safety of the Masulapatnam Circar —

Because it is uncertain in what light the Soubah may consider such an Attempt; and in case of our failure it might be a motive with him for refusing his acquiescence to the Proposals made him —

Because a failure in the attempt may be attended with very disagreable consequences — We should probably think it proper in that Case to employ a more considerable force, and I think We ought not to run the risque of weakening ourselves by Expeditions from which no very material advantage can be gained; but should reserve our Troops for more important Services —

Because the advantage to be gained by seizing and detaining any Military Stores or Men which can be Landed at Mootapilly before the setting in of the Monsoon is in my

opinion

opinion by no means equivalent to the risque we run by persisting in the Execution of the resolution we have taken.

Because the Servant sent Us by Capt. Duncan of the number of Men said to be on board the two Vessels (about 200) seem to confirm the suspicion which has been suggested that Bazalet Jung is privately if not avowedly assisted by the French Government at Pondicherry; and as I know not that they are in any shape prohibited from affording him any assistance, I apprehend any attempt to stop such assistance might involve Us at least in very disagreable altercations and in which case, I apprehend we should find it difficult to justify ourselves — But were suppposing the French Government, at Pondicherry are not concerned in the assistance afforded to Bazalet Jung; I know not upon what grounds we can venture to seize French Subject without Danger of making it a national Affair.

For ale these reasons I think that Letters should be immediately wrote to Capt. Duncan and the Officer Commanding the two Companies of Sepoys at Vandeyallaur countermanding the Orders before given, and directing them in case any Men or other have been seized that they be immediately released.

I have not thought it necessary to enter into a Discussion of the Justifiableness of our commencing Hostilities against Bazalet Jung — on which however much I think may be said.

As the Board have already given their Reasons at large, for directing ale Increase of Men and Military Stores, to be kept which may be landed at Mootapillee, and as the same necessity

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Minute in consequence.

while exists, that those directions should be carried into execution, they cannot see any just cause, which should make them countermand their Orders. The Report of two Vessels being off Mootapillie, with 100 Europeans each on board as a reinforcement to Bazalet Jung, is most probably without foundation, and therefore, as it does not seem that there is a greater appearance of matters being carried to Extremity now, than there was at the commencement of their deliberations on this head, and as the Governor General and Council, positively recommend that Measures may be immediately taken to dispossess the French from their Establishment, It is Resolved, that the line already adopted, be pursued, and that the Orders given, continue in full force.

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Ordered that the Chief and Council of Cuddalore be wrote, directing them to send the European Troops of Cavalry, under the Command of Captain Jones, to the Presidency, with all convenient expedition.

to

Wynch
Geo. Dalton
Henry Brooke

Archd. Palmer

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22. This day dispatched the following Letters, conformably to the Minutes of last Consultation

To Captain Durrant,

Commanding at Ongole

Sir,

To Captain Durrant

Sir the accompanying Letter for Foreign Wales at Pantapollam, you will be careful to dispatch after [illegible] soon as possible

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22. Sep.r 1775

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
S. Wynch &c. council

To Lns. Tho.s Walcott

Commanding at Pantapollam

Sir.

To Lns.r Walcott directing that the Men of Stores intercepted may be reimbarked

We have received your Letter of the [illegible] & to our sole intention, in directing that two Companies to be stationd at Pantapollam, was to forward the [illegible] Succours of Men and Military Stores into the Country & during, We direct, that you permit any Europeans who may Landed at the Port of Mootapilla to reimbark or to rem Stores which they may have collected there, should they & proper so to do, on your attempting to stop them, agreeable your Orders

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22. Sep.r 1775

We are
Sir
Your most Obd.t Servant,
S. Wynch &c.

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To John Whitehill Esqr.

Chief and the Council

at Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

Herewith We transmit you, Copy of a Letter,

Masulipatam

which We have this day, dispatched to Ensign Walcott Commanding

at Vantepollam.

As we deem it necessary that Captain Duncan

Commanding at Ongole, should be reinforced with a few more

Artillery Men, we direct that You order him twelve from the

Garrison of Ellore, under the Command of a Sergeant of that Corps.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends

&c.

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&c.

Came in Letter from the Committee of Accounts.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the

Report of Comm.

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following Out Garrisons Viz.

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from February to April

Super

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Superintendant of the Nabobs Account with the Company

his Cash Account, from February to April

and have nothing to remark.

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1st Sept. 1775

We are

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Geo.e Dawson

Franc.s Sourdaine

George Maubray

Andw Majendie

John Rombert

23. Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief and Co.n at Cuddalore

To Rich.d Latham Esq.r

Chief and the Council

at Cuddalore &c.

Gentlemen,

To Cuddalore
European Troops
order'd to Madras

I am commanded by the President and Council

to acquaint you, that you are immediately on receipt hereof, to

issue directions to Capt. Sawyer, to repair with all convenient

expedition, to this Place, with the European Troops of Cavalry

and his Command,

Fort St. George
23d Sept.r 1775

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

R. J. Sullivan Sec.y

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At a Consultation Present

Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Governor President

Jas. Smith

Monday

25th Sept.r

Geo.e Dawson Henry Brooke

Sam.l Johnson John M. Mone

Arch.d Palmer Fra.s Sourdan

George Mackay

Mr. Stratton indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Lt. Richard Scott.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Having received advice from home of such

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a Nature as requires my immediate personal attendance. This situation I am induced to request the permission of the Honble Board to proceed on the first Ships to Europe. To these concerns tho' of great moment to me may perhaps not detain me long. I flatter myself the Honble Board will mention me in their general Letter that I may return again with my Rank to the Service.

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your obedient humble Servant

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Richd. Scott.

Granted

Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Lt. Scott, that he has the permission of the Board to proceed to Europe on family Affairs.

&c

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It will be much more convenient and at the
same a more expeditious Method of sending the reinforcement of
Europeans to Angola, to embark them on board some Ships for
Pandarly than to allow them to March over Land. It is agreed that
the following Letter be wrote to Sir Edward Hughes, requesting the
loan of one of his Majesty's Ships for that purpose.

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India

Sir,

To Sr E. Hughes for a Ship to convey the Europeans to Angola.

Having occasion to send as expeditiously as possible, 111 Europeans Military, including Officers, to be landed at Pandarly near Angola, We are to request, you will be pleased to permit one of his Majesty's Ships, under your Command, to convey them to that Place.

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
A. Wynch &c.

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Sept. 25th 1775.

Read the following Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Angola

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.
President and Governor &c.
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

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From Capt. Duncan giving an Account of the Force of the Zemendars in the Morturazanegur Country

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I expected before now to have laid before you a much more accurate State of the Morturazanegur Circar; than I find myself yet able to do It is extremely difficult to search truth and distinctness out of the People I am Obliged to employ for that purpose. I wide not however, any longer delay giving you such further Information, as have been able to procure.

Four Zemendars, possess almost the whole Circar. Of these Vasiti Ramma, may be said to be the most considerable, both on account of the Extent of his Country and of the good Order of his Finances. He resides at Chintapilly, a Fort upon the Banks of the Kistna, near to one of the Passes over that River; it lies about 20 Coss above Bizzara and is about 44 Coss from Ongole. It is a small Mud Fort, has been lately rebuilt, or thoroughly repaired has four Bastions, and one high Cavalier, and he has four or five Guns in it. I don't find that he has got any Quantity of Arms or Ammunition any where. He has in his Service 200 Moor Horse, Arabs well armed, and has also a number of Peons generally about him; There is no other Fort in all his Country, that I can learn, deserves in the least to be taken notice of.

Mahomed Gundeloor, Zemindar of Innicondah is the next in point of extent of Country. He is bordered on the Out side of the Circar by the Polavaud, Duspar, and part of Bungur Naig's Country. Innicondah is about 24 Coss from Ongole and is represented, as a Place of considerable Strength. The Wall is very high and steep. The summit of it, is surrounded by a Stone Wall, with Chunam in some places comprehends a considerable space, has several Bastions, or Batteries, and four Guns mounted on them, there is only one Tower or

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Sort of Guard Room in it. It is supplied with water, from
with in itself only a part of the Year. The access to it, is by a
Winding Path or Zig Zag Road, leading up the face of the Hill,
from a smaller Fort, situate close to the bottom of it, on the
east Side — This fort, has a very high, thick Wall of Stone,
with a Broad Rampart, and a Parapetade round. it has eight
Bastions, There are four Guns in it at present not Mounted.
also a number of Jingall Pieces — It is occupied by the
Zemindar and his Family, only adjoining to this is a large
and Populous Pettah surrounded with a Mud Wall, in most
places crumbled with Stone a good way up on the out side.
It has three Gate ways; but no Rampart, and there is no
Ditch either to this or the other Fort. Some Powder and Ball
and some Stone Shott are kept in the smaller Fort, but very
what Small quantity of either. Upon Hyder Ally
Sing's approach, lately, which If any it was suspected that his
intentions were not very friendly; Sunderow made preparation
to stand upon his Defence, and had got together 3,000 fighting
Men half of them, having Musquets of one sort or other, the
rest with the Arms usually carried in the Country. Those
Musquets, almost all Matchlocks, I understand do not belong
to Sunderow, but to his People themselves, He not having a
Gun Twenty Firelocks, in his fort. He is also possessed of two
other Fort, both of them in tolerable repair. That of Gumpundah
about five Cos from Darricondah, to the North and West, stands on
Plain Ground, is a common Mud Fort, faced with Stone, has
four Corner Bastions — No Rampart or Ditch and no Gun
there

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there has a considerable Pettah Round it —

The other is Bellumcondah, lies farther to the Northward, is larger and of more Strength, than the last Mention, stands on a rising Ground has a Stone Wall of considerable height and thickness — No Guns in it at present, two formerly there, were lately removed to Innicondah — A few Guns are kept in both these Forts —

(3) Manaki Row Sangena, is the third Zemindar His Country on one Side, is contiguous to the Nizampatam district, his residence is at Reaupilly not above two Cose distant from the Kistnah, and six from Nizampatam, it is a Mud Fort, and he has got four small Guns Mounted on Carriages there is a small Magazine in the Fort, with an inconsiderable Quantity of old Powder and some other Ammunition in it. He keeps about 20 or 30 Sepoys and about 150 Horse about him — Raolshure another Fort a little to the South of Reaupilly, is also of Mud, has four large, and several smaller Bastions, There is a House or small Fort, with high Walls within it — a Brother of Sangies dwells there, who has about the same number of Horse &c as at Reaupilly. A third Fort called Pelere, is described as of no consequence, Sangina has been known on occasion of differences with his neighbours, to raise a Number of what they call fighting Men, and render himself formidable to the other Zemindars. His Family is much older than any of them, and has been settled in this Country, as Some Old, for several Centuries past, they once possessed Condaveer and all the Countries dependant on it, now in the possession of Rameera, and Nicolamah together with the Nizampatam District, comprehending in all 584 Villages — But about Sixty or Seventy Years ago, it was dismembered and

has

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have since been occupied nearly as it remains at present.

(3) Manoury Vincalé Vissalamah is the Circar, lying chiefly behind the Ongole Country, and Guntoor and Condavere. Chilca Gurrisporo, is her usual place of abode, it lies about 20 Cose from Ongole and 8 or 10 from Guntoor. She has a very ordinary Mud Fort there, and two or three Female Guns; there are also, two other Female Mud Forts, in other Parts of her Country, but of no consideration. Nor has she in much the least warlike, of any of the Zemindars.—

She has two Villages down near the Sea — One of them, Ippatlow, 3 Cose South of Ponnapatlow; — the other, Ching Gangaro, — is near to Moolapillee; Both of these frequent both of them places for the Exportation of Grain &c. &c.

The three Villages of Nairpilly Rauer, and [illegible] within little more than a Cose of one another, were formerly Ramona Pasupuleve; and given by Orders of Bazalet Jung [illegible] Jaghire, to Mon.r Lally, they are taken from Ramona at [illegible] of 3,000 Pag.s p.r Annum. but I am told, above twice as much, made of them, independant of the Manufactures carried on. Whether Mon.r Arnot has them in lease from Mon.r Lally, or if they are Partners in every thing, is not known.—

The Killadare of Condavere, has fourteen Villages near to it, independant of the Zemindare, appropriated to him, for the Use and Expence of himself and the Fort.—

I am not certain if my manner of writing answers the intelligence wanted, If it is expected, I should be more particular in any; any further endeavours shall be exerted to the utmost, upon the smallest hint given me.— I have the honor to be

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with the greatest Respect.

Worthy Sir

Your very devoted and most

Obd.t Servant

Wm.r Duncan

Angole
26.th Sept.r 1775

P.S. In a few days expect to transmit You a particular Account of the Revenues of the Circar, as paid by the different Zemindars to Bazalet Jung.

Read Letter from Ensign Walcott, Commanding at Vanlepollam

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and the Council

of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

I was Yesterday favord with your Letter of the 15.th from Ensign Walcott at Vanlepollam

Sent and immediately wrote to Capt.n Duncan, acquainting him of every occurrence relative to the Seamen.

The information which I received of Mons.r Normans having three Guns in his House, is indeed true, but there was a Mistake with respect to the time of their being landed. Norman has had them ever since his coming to Naddapuddee; they were fresh tarrd about two Months ago, and put out to dry in the Sun, which occasiond People to think they were just landed. He trades much and I conjecture that they belong to some Ship which he may own, or have a share in, What makes me think this, is that several Detachment with Stores &c. have been sent up the Country, and these Guns were never removed. The four European

which

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which I mentioned in my Letter of the 14.th Inst.t Still remain in the Choultry at Naddapillee; They have been Lately joined by Six of Monr.r Lally's Soldiers from the Country, who all live in the same Choultry.

The Detachment of Sepoys so long expected at Moolapillee, is now at Sevenda, a Place about twenty Coss from this; they have been there some Days, have no European Officer with them, he said the Commandant is gone up the Country to receive Instructions from Bazalet Jung. This Detachment only consists of between two and three hundred Sepoys. But a Man which I sent up the Country for Intelligence returned Yesterday, and informs me he reported that a Detachment from Bazalet Jung's Army are coming down to Moolapillee.

I am much afraid that our intentions have been discovered by the French thro' the Folly of one of the Marcarrahs, We informed on the 18.th Inst.t that the Head Man of Moolapillee, was turned out of his Place by Lally; and had given him information of two Guns being buried under a Tamarind Tree, and that he had offered to bring me information of every European or Sepoy that should be landed there in future. I asked him how the Man came to know that I wanted such Information, or that he was one of the Company's Marcarrahs, he then began to equivocate, from which I conclude that the Man suspected him; and told him a very plausible Story, to impose him, which he believed, and as I suppose (though he denies it) told him about he was ordered to enquire after; or how could the Man have hit upon giving me information of the two things I most wanted

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wanted to know. 'tis improbable (if he had any design with) that a Man should make me such an Offer unasked, or without reward when he must know that he'd be hanged if discovered. As to the Guns which he said were buried I believe it was a Trick, either intended to pump him further, or see what Steps I would take in it.

I am informed that the Ships is still at Sea off Mootapillie, several Letters have passed between Mons.r Norman and some Body on Board, and on Sunday and Monday Mornings last several small Trunks were landed from her, She was not with in sight of the Port. — A few Days ago two Ships from the Southward came up with her, and then stood back again to the Southward, 'Tis reported at Mootapilly, that Soldiers are expected there shortly from Pondicherry —

Within these few Days they are very suspicious of us, and are cautious in examining every Stranger who goes there, as to their business and Place of abode. I believe this has been in consequence of the Warrant credulity, — I am with respect,

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient and

devoted humble Servant

Tho.s Wallcott

Camp at Pondicherry Sept.r 21. 1775

Read Letter from Capt.n Duncan —

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a

Of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

Yesterday

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from Captain Duncan.

Yesterday Evening, I had the Honor to receive the Commands of the Honble Board, accompanyd by a Letter for the Commanding Officer at Carstephollam, which was immediately forwarded.

I hope I shall be able to follow the Instructions therein given me, in a Satisfactory Manner. No Pains, no exertion in my Power shall be wanting.

My Caution induced me, some days ago to acquaint you of the heavy rains, which had fallen here; Since that, the Weather has altered and I hope no Impediment, from the badness of the Roads, will occur to any thing that may be found requisite.

My Advices of this day, from Moolapillee say that every thing remains there, in the same situation as mentioned in my Letter of the 15th. No Answers are yet from Tanni. And Mr. Arnat seems determined not to land any thing till he has instructions from thence or People ready to receive them. The Ships have not since appeard in sight, but there has been very bad Communication between them and the Shore.

From another Quarter, I just now am informed, that Application has been made from him, this the Manager (Rajah Ettundar at Tanjore) to some of the Zemindars for assistance to be furnished by them, on this Occasion — but that the application had been coolly received.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir

your most devoted and most humble Servant

Alexr Duncan

Ongole
20th Sepr 1775

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As it may be found necessary for Captain Duncan, to move from the Garrison of Ongole with the Troops under his Command, agreably to his former Instructions, It is Resolved, that he be informed, that he is immediately on so doing, to put himself under the Orders of the Chief and Co. at Masulipatam; And in the mean time, that he is regularly to correspond with them, and acquaint them particularly, of every thing which may come to his knowledge relative to the Motions of Bazalet Jung, and of the Foreign Party in his Service.

Read Letter from Lt. Col. James Commanding at Trichinopoly.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

Took the Liberty of addressing the Honble Board, on the 6th Inst. in respect of the abuse which had prevailed for some time in the Money Affair. — From the time of my writing, things grew very serious; Indeed the Shroffs had promised to exchange the Pagodas for 57½ Viz. I got an answer from the Honble Board. But they broke their promise by lowering the Value of the fanams every Day and by that obliged the Merchants to raise the Price of the Commodities, may at last they refused to take any of those base fanams, and consequently a fatal stop was put to buying and selling. The complaints rose high from every quarter — The strict orders issued by me for to keep every one in a peaceable

Letter from Lt. James on the Subject of base Coinage.

pracable disposition were so far from producing a proper
Effect, that it even increased the Clamour; some Europeans
began to break open the Shops and carry away the Rice, for fear
of giving too much trouble to the Honble Board, I mentioned this
affair in a Letter to the General and from that time waited
impatiently for an Answer, I first consulted the Nabob's Managers
who advised to call in those Fanams, which if 70 for a Pagoda,
would amount to 1000 Pagodas; I promised to advance the
thousand Pagodas if he would be responsible for my Reimbursement,
which he declined — I then had a Meeting of the Paymaster, Col.
Harper and Principal Officers, who advised me not to call in the
Fanams which were in the Merchs hands but to consult only the
Ease of the Soldiers, and consequently to call in those Fanams
which they had — reckoning 65 for a Pagoda. — The Merchs
were acquainted with this Measure, they looked
Breach of my Promise, and complained of it, by the Linguahans
they sent in their names, Still the Colonel that I could stick to
my Promise though it was not without risquing my Money, but
insisted upon taking the Fanams at the Value, which they had first
upon them the last day (Viz) 76 for a Pag.a The Merchs finding
themselves disappointed in their hope of gaining by this exchange,
professed their protestation choosing rather to smell Powder than
have Fanams, against which I had nothing to say. Now nothing
but an absolute necessity obliged me to call in that base Coin which
was in the hands of the Europeans and Topazes, amounting to three
hundred Pagodas I hope the Honble Board will take into consider-
:tion my disinterested View in stopping the irregularities, and

Order

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Order the Paymaster here to reimburse me &c

I am with the greatest Respect &c

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient and

very humble Servant

Edw. Sanes

Triplicane

16th Sept. 1775

To be reimbursed 300 Pag. on that Account

Agreed, as it appears that Col. Sanes was forced by necessity, to purchase Bad Jamanee to the Amount of three hundred Pagodas, that in Consideration of it being done, for the good of the Service he be reimbursed the Amount.

Read Letter from Captain Macbarel Commanding at Chinglepatt.

Chinglepatt Sept. 26th 1775.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.

President and Governor &c Council.

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I beg leave to represent to the Honble Board the State of the Invalid and Pensioned Sepoys &c

from Captain Macbarel, the Distressed State of some Invalid Sepoys

Many of them have been here upwards of three Months and being seperated from their Families on the Pension Pay only, they think their Situation rather hard, some of them are in my opinion miserable Objects through Age, Wounds and other infirmities, of which I have (with the opinion of the Surgeon) Picked out one Jamadar, five Hawaldars two Naiks and twenty two Sepoys unfit for any Service whatsoever, the remainder are I think all fit for Garrison Duty. &c

I

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I should be very glad the Honble Board would favour me with Instructions
to be sent me respecting them Sirs
Honble Sir and Sirs
with great Respect,
Your most Obed.t Servant
Jno. Macpherson

from the Nabob
with Intelligence
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Read Letter from the Nabob dated 16th Sept.r
as entered in Co: Corr: No. 110, accompanying Papers of Intelligence
from the Camp of the Nabob Nizam Ad Dowlah.
from the Nabob
proposing a Letter
from the President
to Hyder Ally.
Read Letter from the Nabob dated 11th Inst.t as
entered in Co: Corr: No. 111 enclosing Copy of a Letter from Morari
Row to his Vackeel here Purt Row, together with the Draft of the
Letter, which he proposes shall be wrote by the President to Hyder
Ally Cawn.
The Board do not perceive any necessity, there is,
for writing immediately to Hyder Ally Cawn, as the answer
recommended by the Nabob. Hyder's intentions do not appear
Minute thereon
less friendly towards Morarirow now, than they have hitherto
been, and therefore the writing to him at this time, would be
premature, and could not be productive of any good Consequences
whatsoever, to Morarirow Affairs, If Hyder should openly declare
himself hostile towards him, there will be the time, to consider
of the Letter, necessary to be written to him, from this Government
from the Nabob
Read Letter from the Nabob dated 22d Sept.r as
entered in Co: Corr: No. 112 — recommending that the Currency of
Fopaul Fanams at Trichinopoly, should be still continued.
Read

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Read Letter from the Nabob dated 24th Sept.r entered in Co: Corr: No. 113,— Complaining of the Officer Commanding at Vellum, for preventing his Naib in that Garrison, from disposing of the Old Grain which is lodged there, Resolved, that the President do acquaint the Nabob, that if the Grain laid up in Store, in the Fort of Vellum, be for the present Consumption, and Use of the Garrison, it ought not to be delivered out, untill a fresh supply is gathered in to replace it.— But, on the contrary if it should not be for the Use of the Garrison, that the Officer Commanding should receive immediate Orders, not to give any further hindrance, to the disposal of it.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter, which he has received from Mr. Munro, Paymaster at Chingleput

To M.r Rich, Sec.r Sullivan

Military Secretary

Sir,

from Mr. Munro referring his dispute with Capt. Mackenzie to the Board

It is with much concern I address you on a subject for information, and the determination of the Board, which may appear under a different influence, than the avowed one, or admit any other than the intended construction, but the repeated refusal of Capt. Mackenzie, to the refunding of an improper charge, and to which he in a manner forced my Brannimy, obliges me to the Step, and with Hope be a sufficient apology for this trouble to the Board.

Indisposition preventing my attendance to the Payment

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Payment of the Battalion at Conjeveram in July, I was under the necessity of deputing any Servant to that Service, but understanding Captain Mackenzie meant to make a Charge of Batta &c. during his absence at Madras, which is not only contrary to, but particularly prohibited by Page 42 of the Regulations, I directed him on no Acct to pay it, and which he objected to, like Captain Mackenzie insisted on it, or his returning to Chingleput without paying any part of the Battalion. — Thus reduced rather than hazard the consequences of any further contention, and the Return, he discharged it, tho' not without the greatest reluctance, and observing it to be contrary to my directions — I have repeatedly tho' unsuccessfully represented the impropriety of the allowance and requested its reimbursement from Capt. Mackenzie, I therefore as that Gentleman has deserved the Reference, You will be pleased Sir to receive the Orders of the Board on this subject, as without them, I cannot reconcile the bringing it to Acct —

I am

Madras
23. Sept. 1775 —

Sir.

Your most Obedient humble Servant

R. B. Munro

Payt. of Chingleput —

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Capt. Mackenzie, that the Board highly disapprove of his Conduct, in compelling Mr. Munro's Servant, to pay him Batta, during the time he was last on leave at Madras, and that it is their pleasure, that he do immediately refused the sum he so received, to Mr. Munro

Capt. Mackenzie
Censure

refund

Read Letter from the Govr. in Cl. and Council together with

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with Copy of a Letter from the Gov.r General to the Nabob

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Council.

of Fort S.t George

Gentlemen,

Letter from Bengal inclosing Copy of a Letter to the Nabob, on the Subject of an Embassy to Poonah.

The Nabob of Arcot having addressed a Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l which was transmitted to Us by Sir Edward Hughes, respecting the Interest which he bears in the present Negociation for a Treaty of Peace with the Maratta State; We think it necessary for your information, to furnish you with a Copy of our Reply to the Nabob, referring to it also for the Substance of his Letter abovementioned. Out of Compliment to Sir Edward Hughes, we have thought proper to return the Original Answer thro' him.

Fort William
16.th Aug.t 1775

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

## Copy of a Letter from the Gov.r General to the Nabob of Arcot, dated 25.th August 1775.

Copy of a Letter to the Nabob.

I have received the Letter with which Your Excellency honored me through the Channel of Sir Edward Hughes, acquainting me that the Ministers of Poonah had repeatedly insinuated to

Your

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your Excellent Person that the Steps lately taken by the Settlement of Bombay were in direct Contradiction to the Declarations you had long made to them concerning your own Friendship and that of the English, and that they wished you should take upon your self the Part of a Mediator to accomodate their Differences which would be productive to the Security of the Carnatic, You further acquaint me that you have learned that the Board have sent you Copies of the Proceedings of the Presidency of Bombay, and have sent a Person of confidence thither to Negociate a Treaty of Peace with the Marattas in which you are desirous of being included and urged that the Person thus deputed may take the Route of Madras and visit you that you might explain your Sentiments to him with Respect to the Security of the Carnatic and send a Person with him on your behalf to cooperate in his Negociations.

I now have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that the Person chosen by the Board for this Deputation is Col. Upton and that he took his Departure from hence about a Months ago in his way to Poonah by the Road of Wallahabad Cudpee. When the Board first took the Determination to send a Minister to Poonah, they acquainted the President and Co.ncil of Fort St. George of it, not doubting but they would communicate it to your Excellency, and that you would deliberate upon what might be necessary for you to propose for your Interests, jointly with those of the Company in the proposed Treaty, We did not judge it proper to instruct our Minister to take any Steps on your Behalf knowing that there were Treaties subsisting already between you and the Marattas, to the nature of which we were Strangers and therefore

wherefore

uncertain whether any proposals which might come from their Government would coincide with those Treaties or your particular Views.—

But on receipt of Your Excellency's Letter Orders were sent to Our Minister at Poonah a Duplicate of which I now transmit as you desire to be delivered to him the positive Instructions of the Board to make the Maratta Chiefs acquainted with the Relation which has long subsisted between Your Excellency and the Company, and insist on a seperate Article in the Treaty to this Effect.—

That the Nabob Wallah Jah Bihadeer has been during the Course of many Years united to the Company by the strongest Ties of Friendship and Alliance, and as the Company have ever consider'd his Enemies as their Enemies and his Friends as their Friends it shall be agreed that the Maratta Chiefs also shall regard him as their Friend and his Enemies as their Enemies.—

We have also directed him to consult with your Vackeel on every thing regarding your Interest but as our principal View in the present Negociation is to restore Peace to the Presidency at Bombay, We wish not to involve that Object in any extraneous Matter and therefore that whatever regards the Carnatic be also confined merely to its Peace and Tranquility.—

If however your Excellency should have any particulars to propose relative to these Objects We beg you to communicate them to us together with a Copy of all Treaties which may now be subsisting between You and the Maratta State, that Orders may be issued to Col. Upton in Consequence; And further as the interest of the Presidency

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Presidency of Fort St. George are so closely connected with yours I request that whatever Proposals you may think fit to transmit to me you will be pleased to deliver a Copy to the President and Council there that this Board may have the advantage of treating at the same time their sentiments upon them.

As we understand that the Names of the principal Maratta Chiefs will be necessary to be affixed to the proposed Treaty to give it a due Sanction, and as you have had the Opportunity of a long Intercourse with that People to obtain a knowledge of those on whom the administration of the State depends I request that you will be pleased to transmit to me an exact List of their Names, it not being in my Power to procure that information here with sufficient Exactness,

I am Sir
Your Most Obed.t Humble
Serv.t
J. Carnac

The Board in the many Letters they had occasion to write to the Gov.r General and Council, on the Subject of their connection with the Nabob, have repeatedly pointed out to them the want of a Confidential Communication on their part, and the Consequences that may naturally be expected from such a System, while a great degree of Responsibility is vested in their Government, for the Defence and prosperity of the Carnatic; And they therefore cannot but express their Concern at this time, that the Nabob should shew so great a want of confidence in them, as not only to write to the Gov.r General particularly on the Subject of a Maratta Alliance, without acquainting them

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them he had done so, but pointedly to throw upon them, Public Slight, by making Sir Edward Hughes, the Channel of his Communication, while they were on the Spot, at all times ready, to convey to the Gov.r General and Council, his Sentiments as well as their own, on any Alliance, which he might think it Political for him to enter into. Ordered that a Letter be prepared in Answer to the aforegoing from the Governor General and Council c

Wynch

Geo. Darrow

Henry Brooke

Alving

Archd. Talbot

Francis Fowke

Gell. Mackay

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25.th came in the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes

Coromdey in Madras Road
the 25.th Sept.r 1775

Sir and Gentlemen,

Letter from Sir Edward Hughes. the Sea Horse ordered to convey the Europeans to Angole.

I greatly to your request, by your Letter of this days date, that I will permit one of his Majestys Ships under my Command to convey 111 Europeans Militia including Officers, to be landed at Tondarby near Angole as Expeditiously as possible. I am to acquaint you, that I have ordered the Captain of his Majestys Ship the Sea Horse to perform that Service, and as it is necessary that Ships should join me again, as soon as possible, in order to proceed to Bombay before the 15.th of the next Month, I am to desire you will provide a Pilot for the Place where the Troops are to be landed, and that you will please to give such directions, that not a Moment may be lost in Disembarking them here as in their Disembarkation at the Place appointed.

I have the Honor to be
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

To Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor
& Council of Fort S.t George.

Dispatched the following Letter to Capt.n Duncan, Commanding at Angola!

To Captain Duncan
Commanding at Angola

Sir

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Letter to Captain Duncan, advising him of the Europeans being embarked for Angole.

Sir

The President has laid before the your Letter of the 20.th Instant.

Having thought it expedient, to send a reinforcement of Europeans to Angole, We have accordingly embarked, on one of his Majestys Ships for Pandaly, 111 Rank and file and Officers included, under the Command of Capt.n Edmonds, who has directions to proceed and joine you, with the utmost expedition. You will in the meantime, be carefull, that proper Accomodations are provided for this Reinforcement, and that you have Boats, in readiness to reland the Men and Stores.

As it may be found necessary for you to move from the Garrison of Angole, a greably to your former Instructions, We direct that you immediately on so doing, put yourself under the Order of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam: In the mean time you are regularly to correspond with them, and acquaint them particularly of every thing which may come to your knowledge, relative to the Motions of Bazalet Jung, and of the Foreign Party in his Service.

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We are
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servants
J. Wynch & Council

26.th The following Letter was this day wrote by Order of the Board to Capt.n Edmonds.

To Captain Edmonds.

Sir

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Letter to Captain Edmonds, ordering him to embark with the Europeans for Angole.

Sirs

I am commanded by the President and Council to acquaint you, that they have appointed you, to Command a Detachement of Troops, which are now under Orders to embark on board his Majesty's Ships the Vestal, for Pandaty — Where on your Arrival, you will follow such Orders, as you shall receive from Captain Duncan, Commanding at Angole.

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Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
P. L. Sullivan Sec.y

— Dispatched Letter to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam —

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Chief and the Council
at Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

Letter to Masulipatam, with Copy of Letter to Captain Duncan.

Accompanying you with a Copy of a Letter, which we have this day dispatched to Captain Duncan, Commanding at Angole.

Fort S.t George
26.th Sept.r 1775.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate friends
&c. Fort St George and &c.

— The following Letter was this day dispatched to L.t Col. Lawrence Commanding at Trichinopoly.

To L.t Colonel Lawrence
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

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Sir

Letter to Ct. James respecting the base Coinage.

We have received your Letter of the 16.th Instant & as we have already represented to the Nabob, the ill consequences to be apprehended from the Currency of base Coinage, in the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and have received in Answer for him, that Orders have been given to his Managers, for the immediate Suppression of it, We shall here only express our Approbation, at the Steps you have taken, to prevent any Disturbances on that Account. And as it appears that you were forced by necessity, to purchase bad Fanams to the Amount of three hundred Pagodas. We have in Consideration of its being done, for the good of the Service, Ordered the Paymaster to reimburse you, the sute account &c

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

J. Wynch V.C.

Fort St. George
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This day the following Letter was dispatched to Mr. Wynch Paymaster at Trichinopoly &c

To Mr. William Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Sir,

Letter to Mr. Wilm. Wynch. to reimburse Ct. James the Sum of 300 Hundred Pags

I am commanded by the President and Council to acquaint you, that you are on application from Lt. Col. James, to reimburse him, the Sum of three hundred Pagodas, expended by him, in the purchase of bad fanams in the Garrison of

Trichinopoly

have already been begun upon, agreeably to the directions of Captain Mathews, and as the Rajah promises to keep them at all times in repair, at his own Expence, It is agreed, that the Troops be permitted to remain in them, as he desires.

Read Letter from Captain Francis Reid, of the Godfrey.

Ship Godfrey Madras Road.
29th Sept. 1795

Honble Sirs.

Letter from Captain Reid of the Godfrey the Surgeons Mate and a Midshipman desert

I beg leave to acquaint you that on my getting on board my Ship this Evening found that Robert Burrowes Midshipman and William Ruddiman Surgeons Mate is down away from the Ship I must beg that your Honors as we shall be much distressed on the Surgeons Mates Acct at Bengal you'll Order him to be looked for and sent to us by the first Vessel or any other opportunity that offers and shall be glad to pay any expences that may accrue and if not found to send him home and you'll much oblige,

Your Honors,
Most Obedient humble Servt
Francis Reid

Ordered, that immediate search be made for those

to be secured and sent to Bengal or Europe

Men, who have deserted from the Godfrey, and that they be sent to Bengal or Europe by the first conveyance.

Read Letter from Col. Innes

Commanding at Trichinopoly

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Govr &c. Council.

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of Fort S.t George,

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Gol: James on the Subject of base Coin Current in Pricht nopoly.

I have received the Honble Board's favor of the 18.th Instant with the enclosed Copies from the Nabob, and from Ameer Ul Omrah to his Father.

The Honble Board desireth me to enquire into the Quantity and Quality of the small Coinage and to report the result of the enquiry, promising in case there should be a want of it to supply the Garrison with it,

In answer I acquaint the Honble Board that from my Arrival here, I have not seen any single Madras coin; that base Coin went under its Name; first good and bad Fanams were given by the Shroffs, and then by and by, the good totally disappeared, whether there is any good Madras Coin here is very doubtful, Mr. Lynch our Paymaster being absent, I have made the necessary enquiry of his Head Dubash, who assures me none is in the Garrison. that his Master wrote Mr. Sourdan for a Lack of Fanams for the next Months Payment, but they are not yet arrived; which obliges the Shroffs to lower the Exchange of the Sepaly Fanams, tho they all promised to remain quiet 'till Mr. Lynch's People heard from Madras, but they declare themselves Loosers by my endeavouring to keep them to their Word 28 3/4 to a Pagoda, and again promises 28 1/2 for five Days; from my knowledge of the sudden rise and fall of these Sepaly Fanams, I am afraid their be coming Current will be attended with disputes in the Bazar, tho' the Honble Board may depend on my utmost endeavours to preserve good

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Order in my Garrison. — As to the European Soldiers and Topp.s they got their Pay, at least a part of it, in that Base Coin. What could they do! They could give the Bazar People no better Money than they were paid in. — It is likewise very easy to think that they could not change them cheaper, than they got them at the Pay Day; However Sooner Ul Comrah, has listened to a false representation from his People, for Soon with truth assure the Honble Board these bad Fanams were at last changed for six Doodoes — The report of the oppressions, which the Nabobs People have made is groundless, except in one Instance; One Shop has been opened by force and Rice taken out of it but not without the Payment of the due Price, this my Brother Officers could Vouch for me, if required. —

That the Soldiers should be the Coiners, is truly improbable, if not altogether impossible; and as the Nabob credits every report made him by his People, we may with equal propriety pay attention to Stories told us by the same Cast therefore I beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board, that Without particular enquiry I have been informed by many People, that those bad Fanams were Coined by a Moor Man living near Arcot, how true this is I will not pretend to say.

If I flattered myself that I had settled the Affair to everyone's Satisfaction, but by Sooner Ul Comrah's Letter I find that the Nabobs People can declare the highest approbation when on the Spot, and bitterly complain when absent; Every Gentleman here thought I had indulged the Nabobs People more than they had a right to expect. —

By the Honble Board's Letter to me I perceive that they

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they had not received my last Letter on that subject, which will clear up some of the complaints made by Sonar Wallahs &c.

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

Your very Obedient and most devoted humble Servants

Edward James

Trichinopoly 27.th Sept.r 1775.

The President desired to speak again to the Nabob, and explain to him fully, the inconveniences which must necessarily result, should Toppauly or Gold Fanams, be made the exclusive Currency of small Coinage, at Trichinopoly. The President likewise to urge to him, the Utility of supplying that Garrison with a Quantity of Madras Fanams, and to request his concurrence, to a Lack of Fanams being sent from hence, for that purpose, Ordered that the Superintendant do collect together, a Lack of fanams, to be sent to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly.

Minute thereon

The Superintendant to collect a Lack of Fanams for the Paymaster of Trichinopoly.

Read Letters from Ensign Halcott Commanding at Vaniyambaddy, as entered hereafter

To the Hon.ble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and the Council

of Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs,

I Hircarrah just arrived from the Gunleor Circar informs me that four Europeans left M.r Lally's camp, and passed through Tinnicouda, five days ago. They are going to Pondicherry. The Hircarrah did not see them himself, but was informed of it by the Village People. — I think it very probable,

from Ensign Halcott desires to know whether he shall intercept four Europeans on their way from Lally to Pondicherry

probable, that they might have got Letters, it Might be of Material consequence, if they could be intercepted. I shall therefore send an express Sepoy with this that you may receive intelligence of it as soon as possible. If they should not have Letters they must I think have some Verbal Message, and their being prevented to deliver it, may be of consequence. The People of the Guntoor Circar are very much alarmed, and it is currently reported amongst them that the Company are going to War with Bazalet Jung. I have heard nothing Material relative to the Ships lately. 'Tis now reported that there are more than one Ship on the Coast with design to land Military Stores &c. but as they have not been within sight of the Fort, I am in no respect certain. An Officer, a Surgeon, and six Europeans Artillery, entered the Circar of Guntoor by the Road of Ellore, some days ago and are expected at Nadapillee, I imagine they with those in the Chowltry which will make eighteen Europeans, and suppose they are intended to Man the Guns, which may be landed. My Orders only express that I am to detain the Recruits, coming by way of Nadapillee.

I think with submission if I could take eight or ten of his Veterans, it would be a good Stroke, but this I shall not attempt, without further instructions.

I remain Worthy Sir and Sirs

With the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient and most

humble Servant

Geo. Stratton

Camp at
Yerdapellum
Sept. 25. 1775.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I yesterday received your Letter of the 22. Instt.

from Ensign Walcott advises of having Kept four Men on their Way to Lally's Camp.

The four Europeans which I mentioned before, with one lately arrived at Nadapillee, set out on their March to join Mr. Lally's Troops, at five Yesterday afternoon. I immediately sent some Sepoys after them who brought them to Camp; they still remain here. I was misinformed with respect to their being Europeans, two of them are Mestees and two others are Soldiers Sons, born at Pondicherry. They are ale however pretty white, and would have been incorporated in Lally's European Corps. The other Man is a native of France, and would have been a very useful Person to Bagalat Sing being an Armourer. Told them agreable to your Orders, that I did not want to detain them, if they chose to return to the Ships, and go back to Pondicherry. This they ale very gladly agreed to. I spoke to Mr. Morneau about them to Day, he says that they are People who wanted bread, and requested him to send them to Camp, and he gave them leave to go. If he is now much alarmed, and on his Guard, as he possibly can be; I made no scruple of telling him, that I had information of another being on the Coast, with intent to land Europeans, he allows that there is another Ship on the Coast, but denies her having Europeans on Board. Capt. Duncan had information of some Firelocks being landed in the Night of the 20th Inst. and put into Morneaus House, I have

People

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People watching the house of Capt.n Duncans intelligence is true (which I am dubious of) they cannot be removed again without my knowledge: What I had reported to me of a Detachment assembling at Amicanda, was without foundation. The Mercarrabs lately come from thence, assure me there are no more troops there, than are usually stationed there, I'm now reported that a large Detachment is coming down from Adeni. but I will not credit it till I receive more certain Intelligence of it.

I am

Camp at
Ayenlapollam
27th Sept.r 1775

Worthe Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Thomas Wallcott

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Cogate,

To the Worthe. Alexander Upjohn Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a
of Fort S.t George

Worthe Sir,

I take the liberty herewith to send you an Extract from the list of Stores, in this Garrison, containing such Articles as it occurs to me, them may be demand for, as they are under orders to be in readiness for Service, and specifying what of each are now in Store; in order that whatever deficiencies may be observed, may be supplied according to the Nature of the expected Service; If there is any thing improper, in my troubling you with this,

from Captain Duncan with a list of Stores

I beg

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I beg you will have the goodness to excuse it, Sam with the greatest Respect

Hon.ble Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servant.
Alex.r Duncan

Angole
2.d Sep.r 1775

Ordered, that the Extract from the List of Stores at Angole, be referred to the committee of Stores, and complied with, as far as may be deemed expedient

Referred to the Com.e

The President acquainted the Board, that on speaking to the Nabob, on the Subject of the Grain in the Fort of Vellum, which the Commandant had prevented his Naib from disposing of, he had informed him, that the Grain was old, and unfit to be kept longer in Store, — that he had in consequence ordered it to be sold, but, to be replaced by New, and that he would always be attentive, that there was three Months Supply of Grain in Store in Vellum. Resolved, that in Consequence a Letter be wrote to the Commandant at Vellum, directing him, to let the Grain pass without any kind of hindrance, at the same time, that he is to take care, that a sufficient Stock for three Months, is kept in Store for the use of the Garrison

The President communicates his Conversation with the Nabob respecting Grain in Vellum.

Minute — Directions for the Commandant.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 30.th Sep.r to accompanying a Note for P.s 100,000. on Account of the Trichinopoly &c.a Districts, Entered in Bo: Corr: N.o 114

Read Letter from the Soubah, as entered in Bo: Corr: N.o 115 confirming the Sunnud, given by the late Nuzeem Ud Doulah to Nanna Dewy, for the 2, Vists of the Shapely part 1184

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Lt: Harper dec.
Ensign Waught pro-
moted.

The President reports the Death of Lt. Edmond Harper
the 21st Ultimo: Ordered, that Ensign George Waught be appointed
Lieutenant in his Room.

Read Letter from the Govr. Gen. and Council

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Govr. &c. Council
Of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

from Govr. General and Council forbidding Compliance with the requisition from Bombay for Troops

Understanding, from a Letter which We have received from the President and Co. of Bombay dated 13th July that they have applied to you for a Reinforcement of 300 Europeans and two Complete Battalions of Sepoys to join their Army now in Quarters with Ragobah. We think it necessary to desire that you will no comply with their application, as We have judged it expedient to Order that Presidency to withdraw their Army from the Service of Ragobah, to their own Garrisons, and confine their Views and Operations to the safety of the Company's Possessions, including Salsette, trusting that a decent and honorable Peace will be effected with the Ministerial Party by Col. Upton on his Arrival at Poonah.

Fort William
7th Sept. 1775.

We are, Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Geo. Monson
Rich. Barwell
P. Francis

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Minute thereon.

In our Letter to the Gov.r General and Council we acquainted them of our having refused compliance with the application made to us by the Presidency of Bombay, for a Reinforcement of 300 Europeans and two complete Battalions of Sepoys, and of our Reasons for having done so.

General Smith lays before the Board the following Memorials from the Officers of the Sepoy Battalions, stationed at Amboor and Conjeveram &c.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r
Governor, President and Council
of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Memorial from the officers of Amboor respecting their Quarters.

We take the liberty of acquainting You that when the Battalion arrived here, we found the Quarters in very indifferent order, and some of them not tenable — They were mostly Old Malabar houses, and the Weather being very wet for a Month or two after our arrival, we were under the necessity of repairing or rebuilding to render them habitable — This has put us to an expence, which (at Amboor) is considerably felt. — We therefore beg leave Gentlemen to lay this under consideration and have enclosed an Estimate of the Sums expended, begging your indulgence in ordering us to be reimbursed — We remain Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t and very humble Servants
H. Champneys 1.st Lt.
John Watkins 2.d
Jos.h Roberts 2.d
J. Bowden Ensign 10 Batt
J. Hatter Ens.n 10. Batt Corp.l

Amboor
Aug.t 22.d 1775

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Captain Bruce

Sir,

The necessary repairs we have been at on the Quarters in this Garrison, have induced Us, to Make out the inclosed Estimate of the Expences attending them, and which we beg you'll transmit to General Smith, that he may lay it before the Honble Board

Being on the Spot, you must have observed the condition of the Quarters, and their reat want of repairs, We therefore shall be much Obliged to you if you'll mention that circumstance to the General, or any thing else you may think proper to mention to our Memorials being attended to — We are

Sir,

Your most Obedt and humble Servts

Wm Champneys Jr

for the Lieutenants of the

10th Battalion

Sunboor

August 22. 1775

Estimate of the Expences in repairing the Quarters at Sunboor

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|---|---|
| Wm Champneys Jr | 65 |
| John Hadkins | 50 |
| Jos: Roberts | 20 |
| J. Bowden | 50 |
| J. Walker | 20 |

Aug.t 22. 1775.

To Captain Alexander Mackenzie Commanding

Sir,

We do take this opportunity of troubling you with

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Representation of the Officers at Conjeveram respecting their Quarters.

with a Letter, concerning of the Expences we have been at in repairing our Quarter which we you are fully acquainted with a Letter, concerning of the Expences we have been at in repairing our Quarter which we found in what condition we found them in, on our arrival at this place, And we hope by this our Application to you, you will be so good as to lay it before the General, by so doing you will greatly oblige &c

Your Most Obed.t humble Servants,

Jn.o Frith L.t
John Clarke L.t
Rich.d Wilkinson Lieu.t
John Mackenzie Do.

Minute. Compliance with their request an improper Precedent.

The Officers at Imboor and Conjeveram, having without any previous representation, repaired their Quarters, is in express opposition, to the general Usage of the Service, they must of course bear the burthen of the Expence themselves. Had their Quarters been in absolute want of repair, they should have applied to their respective Commandant, and on application from them to the Board, Orders would have been given for the repairs being made;— but to admit of the charge now, after they have disbursed a Sum of Money, without permission, would be to give a precedent for further Demands of the like nature in future.

Mr. Geo.e Andrew Ram being recommended by the President, as a Person well qualified to proceed on the Survey of the Rajahmundry Circar, he is accordingly appointed thereto, under the directions of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

Mr. Ram appointed to Survey the Rajahmundry's Circar.

Read Letter from the Soubah as entered in Co: Corr: No. 16, desiring that the Chief at Masulipatam, may be informed, that the Sum.t as for Kists, which used formerly to

From the Soubah respecting the Signature of Sunkars in future

pass

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Mr. Mackay as Justice of the Peace acquaints the Board of an Assault committed by Lt. Marmion who has fled to Trichinopoly

To be sent down to Madras.

Passes under the Seal of Runnun Dd Dowlah, are now to be issued under the Seal of the Naib Dewan, but signed by the Dowlah himself. — Ordered that a Copy of the aforegoing Letter from the Dowlah, be forwarded to the Chief at Masulipatam. —

Mr. Mackay acquaints the Board, that information having been laid before him, as one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of an Assault made by Lt. Hamilton Marmion on the Body of a Black Servant, who is now confined by his Wounds, he in consequence issued a Warrant to the Sheriff, for the Apprehending of the said Lt. Marmion, but on search being made for him it was found, he had returned to Trichinopoly, to join his Corps. He therefore moves, that an Order be sent to the Commandant at Trichinopoly, directing him to send down Mr. Marmion as soon as possible, in order that he may Answer to the Charge exhibited against him, Approved and ordered accordingly —

W. Lynch

Geo. Barrow
Henry Brooke

S. Hall

Archd. Palmer
Thomas Davidson
Geo. Mackay

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2.d Wrote Letter to the Nabob as ordered in Cor: Corr: N.o 1 acknowledging the receipt of Money and Bills.

3.d Conformably to the Orders of last Consultation, the following Letter was this day dispatched to L.t Col. James, Commanding at Trichinopoly

To Lieu.t Colonel James

Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Sir,

I am commanded by the President and Council to acquaint you, that you are immediately on receipt thereof, to send Lieu.t Hamilton Marmion, to the Presidency, in Order that he may answer, for an Outrage committed on the Body of a Black Servant, who is now confind to the Hospital, from the Wounds he has received

to Col: James ordering Lt: Marmeon to Madras.

I am Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R.d J. Sullivan Sec.y

Fort S.t George
Oct.r 3. 1775.

At a Consultation Present.

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President

George Stratton Joseph Smith

George Dawson Hen.y Brooke

Samuel Johnson John M. Mens

Arch.d Palmer Franc.s Saunders

George Mackay,

Wednesday 4.th October.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from the Gov.r General and Council

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Council as entered hereafter.

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 26th
from the Govr. General and Council
the Mediation of the Nizam in the pro-
posed Treaty with
the Mahrattas
unnecessary.

August by the Intervoyze also that of the 12th Augt. with your Proceedings which We shall take into Consideration as soon as possible.

We do not conceive it necessary to employ the Mediation of the Nizam in effecting the proposed Treaty with the Maralla Government, and We think it is not likely he would willingly engage in it without some View to his own Advantage, and as it is not our Intention to solicit a reconciliation with the Maralla State but to prosecute it to them as we are Sure Justice due from this Government. ... We are being a Duty enjoyed us by the Instructions of the Court of Directors for the preservation of Peace throughout India, We judge it unnecessary to enter into any Negociation for this end either with the Nizam or any other Power, and Depend on our own Influence for effecting it ...

We think however that it would be highly proper for you to direct the Chief at Masulipatam to inform the Nizam's Minister, Sazel Beg, should he visit that Place that we entertain the above Sentiments ... That We have already declared our entire disapprobation of the War in which the Bombay Presidency have engaged the Conspiracy against the Maralla Government

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Government at Poonah, And that We have sent the Orders to discontinue it. We may also inform the Minister of our Deputation of Colonel Upton to Poonah to settle the terms of a Treaty of Peace with the ruling Power there.

We think that it would be improper to Communicate to him any more than these Circumstances. We are

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servants

Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Geo: Monson
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis.

Fort William
7th of Sept.r 1775.

Read Letter from Col. James Cuppage,

Commissary General.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and the Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter from Coll.o Cuppage proposing to join the Circar Troops now held in Readiness to march.

I am informed that the Troops in the Circars were ordered to be in Readiness to take the Field. From the Minutes of Consultation of the 25th April 1774, I apprehend that the Honble Board, will please to order me to repair to the Northward to fulfill the Duties of any Office of Commissary General, The fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and Ninth Articles of my Instructions, contained in those Minutes of the 25th of April induce me to think

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think that when an Army is assembled in the Field, the numberless Extraordinary and contingent Expences, that daily occur must render, the business of the Commissary's Department, too critical and intricate, to be entrusted to the Management, of any of the Junior Servants, to elucidate the justness of my opinion, I wish take the liberty of reciting the several Articles or Paragraphs, which I have alluded to, respecting my Duty at Camp &c.

Article 5th That in Camp the Commissary General, or his Deputy, is as often as may be convenient, in the presence of the Commanding Officer to muster the Cavalry, Artillery, Military Depoys, Lascars, Coolies of all Denominations, Bullocks carriage and Draft, Drivers, and to audite all Bills for Pagoda, Batta, General Hospital, or Extraordinary Charges, and in fine for all the Expences which may be incurred in the Army. He is to inspect into the Provisions under the charge of the Victualling Agent, and to certify to the Agent the Number of Men for which Provisions are to be issued, the following Days. He is to examine the draft and Carriage Bullocks, and to see that they be properly attended by Drivers and Hackrees, and he is to dismiss all such as may be unfit for the Service, attending to the possibility of replacing them; for on a long march or on severe Service, the Bullocks notwithstanding the greatest care, will be considerably reduced, and rendered less capable of Service.

Article 6th He is Monthly to transmit to the Governor of Fort St. George, the Rolls of the Musters, which shall have been made in that Month evening the Casualties

Article

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Article 7.th We is to examine the Demands of the Surgeons, Quarter Masters &c.a for Doolies, Lascars, Artificers, Coolies, Bullocks &c.a and if they be proper to certify them in which case the Paymasters, will supply the Surgeons with Doolies, and the several Corps with Artificers, Lascars and Coolies &c.a and the Agent will furnish Bullocks — The Commissary may at pleasure cause ale such Lascars and Coolies &c.a to be assembled for Muster, that none be employ'd, except on the Companys Business —

Article 8.th " Whenever he may judge it proper to audite a Charge not allowed by the Military Regulations, he is to give his Reasons to the Board for auditing such a Charge" —

Article 9.th " He is not to audite any Commissions after the expiration of three Months, without good Reasons assigned, and the Permission of the Board being first Obtained" —

When the Worthe Board, have been pleased to annex, such a Variety of Important Duties, to my Office, and all of which must occur, even with a small Body of Troops, I flatter myself, they will not think any Person so proper to act in my Department as myself, It is impossible for me to hold myself responsible for the Conduct and Abilities of my Assistants, who are not appointed or even recommended by me, nor can I audite any Extra or Contingent Bill drawn in Camp, unless I am upon the Spot, to judge of the reasonableness and propriety of such a charge being made —

I have the honor to be
Worthe Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
James Capper
Com.y Gen.l

Fort S.t George
3.d Oct.r 1775

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Minute thereon as yet unnecessary

The Troops in the Circars, being at present directed, only to hold themselves in readiness to March, the Board cannot conceive any immediate necessity there is, for appointing a Commissary; When they are actually under Orders to take the Field, such an Appointment may be necessary, and then the Board will judge of the expediency of sending one. Should the Force, be of sufficient importance, Colonel Kapper will of course be ordered to join it as Commissary General.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he has received from Mr. Whitehill, Chief at Masulipatam.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Governor
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Whitehill representing the desire of the Soubah to improve his connection with the Company.

Since forwarding your Letter to the Soubah upon the Subject of the Guntoor Circar, I have received such assurances of the disposition of his Court to improve this Connection with the Company, that I think it my duty to submit to you, whether it would not be more eligible to negociate for that Circar by deputing some Person properly authorized to treat upon the Subject, than to rest it upon a Letter, which I cannot but be apprehensive produces vague or general answer and probably lead to a deputation when the season of the Year may be too far advanced for our taking an active part, if it

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it should them be necessary, Whereas by now adopting that Measure the business might soon be brought to a conclusion, and such pointed and timely representations be made as might effectually counteract the influence of Bazalet Jungs party at the Durbar; which no doubt will be exerted to prevent a measure from taking place the Consequences of which would so materially affect his Interest, his Consequence and his Power. — The many Overtures which have at different times been made to me, give me the fullest assurance that a Deputation would be well received by the Soubah; and I have some reason to think, it might at this Conjuncture be made particularly favorable to the Company, by the Assistance which it might be made to give to Col. Upton's Negociation at Poonah, the Soubah having had of late great influence upon the Maratta Affairs.

I am with Respect
Worthy Sir
Your most Obedient & Humble Servant
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
24th Septr 1775

At the Board knowing the general principle of
Minute thereon. Politics, And that we are from Necessity, or to carry some favorite Point, the truth is seldom or ever communicated by Letter, readily concur with the Chief at Masulipatam, in the Opinion, that the Soubah's reply to the propositions lately sent to him, about the Guntoor Circar, may be indefinite and unsatisfactory. But as they have reason shortly to expect Answer both from him, and from the Gov.r Gen.l & Co. on the same Subject, they think it expedient to defer until then,

then, coming to any new Resolution. At which time, if it should appear, that the Soubah intended no negative or general Terms, on a Matter, which has been seriously recommended to his Consideration; or that he should express an inclination, that a Personal Negociation should be set on foot; and that the same, should meet with the approbation of the Gentlemen at Bengal, and that the Board should think it for the benefit of the Company's Affairs, they mean to depute some Person to him, properly authorized to treat on those points already submitted to his attention. And here the Board take occasion to observe, that considering the general posture of Affairs on this Side of India, it is their firm opinion, that many great and good consequences, would result to the Company by a closer and firmer connection with the Soubah. The Soubahs Dominions are a Natural Barrier, to the Company's Northern Territories, and there is no doubt, but if supported by the countenance and protection of the English, he would be in a great degree enabled, under their direction, to secure the tranquility of those Parts.

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W. Hornby
Geo. Bralton
Geo. Barwell
Henry Brooke

Archd. Acs Palmer

Francis Fowke
Geo. Vansittart

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Fort St. George 9th October 1775

At a Consultation Present

Monday 9th Oct.r

Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
George Stratton Joseph Smith
George Dawson Henry Brooke
John M. Stone
Arch.d Palmer Franc.s Sourdan
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letters.

Letter from Col: Bom: :jour for permission to return to Europe.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Being recommended by the Doctors to try the sea Air, and a Cold Climate, for the recovering of my Health, which of late has been much impaird, and having received repeated Letters from my Friends in Europe, advising me that my presence was absolutely necessary to settle some Family affairs; on these Accounts I am to request your Honors Leave of absence and permission to proceed to Europe on the Ship Colebrooke, and that you will set forth my Case to the Honble Court of Directors, so that there be no impedi: :ment to my Returning to India with my Rank.

I have the honor of laying before you the Certificate of the Doctor with regard to the State of my Health; and General Smith may inform you of the Letters received from my Friends.

I have the honor to be with a sincere respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most humble and most Obd.t Servant

P. Bonjour

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These

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These are to Certify that Lt. Col. Benjour from long and constant
Service and from Bilious to which have arisen from the fatigues
of Duty, has contracted an Asthmatic complaint of the Nervous
Kind which impairs his Constitution and renders a Voyage and Mild
Climate necessary to his recovery.

Gilb. Bayley.

Fort St. George
8th Oct. 1775.

To the Worshl. Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Governor.
&c. Fort St. George

Worshl Sir and Sirs,

from Mr. Hornby for permission to return to Europe.

I find myself under the necessity of acquainting
your Honor &c. that from the bad state of Health, I am no longer
capable of discharging the duties of my profession, and as it is
absolutely necessary (for my recovery) that I should return to
England I request your permission to proceed thither on the Colo:
: brooke now under dispatch.

I have had the honor of serving the Company
twenty eight Years, during which time, I flatter myself I have
discharged my Duty to the Satisfaction of my Superiors, Therefore
request your Honor &c. will mention me to the Worshl Court of
Directors in such Manner as my Conduct and services may deserve.

I have the honor to be with Respect
Worshl Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Joseph Hornby

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To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President, Council &c.

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Mr. Readhead. As it was with the permission of the Honble Board that I resigned in Sept.r 1774, I think it incumbent upon me to inform them that I intend taking my Passage as one of General Smiths Family on board the Ship Colebrooke for England. I am

with the most perfect Respect

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

J. Readhead

Madras 8th Oct.r 1775.

Fort St. George 9th Oct.r 1775.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and the Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

from Ensign Beaver resigning the Service. My immediate presence in England being requisite to settle some affairs of Moment to myself; do therefore request the permission of the Honble Board, to resign the Service, that I may proceed thither on board the Ship Colebrooke. I am Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Devoted and Obedient humble Servant

Robt. Beaver

Orders thereon. Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Lt. Col. Bonjour and Mr. Winchley, that they have the permission of the Board to

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to return to Europe, for the benefit of their Health. Ordered likewise that the Secretary do acquaint Lieut. Bonner that his resignation is accepted of.

Lt. James Lee appointed Adjutant to the 8th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys in the room of Lt. Rich. Scott resigned. The final draft of Genl. Letter from Calebrook read and approved, Ordered to be copied fair.

Lt. Lee appointed Adjutant of Sepoys.

per

W. Meadows
Geo. Barlow
Henry Brooke
Archd. Palmer
Thomas Dowdeswell
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor President

George Stratton — Joseph Smith

George Dawson — Henry Brooke

John M. Stone — Jas. Palmer

Franc. Sourdan — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Mr. Gahagan

Saturday 14th Octr. 1775.

from Mr. Gahagan accusing Mr. Pasley of prejudice, and desiring leave to return to Europe.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Having been informed by Your Secretary that my Promotion to the List of Surgions is impeded by the interposition of Mr. Pasley, and others before whom, the Secretary likewise informs me, I am to passe an Examination —

In consequence of this permit me Honble Sir and Sirs to make one Observation —

I consider it a peculiar hardship (after my length of service, and good Character I have supported) thus, to be singled out to passe an Examination before the Person, who from Pique wishes me not to succeed. I presume to say so Honble Sir and Sirs, be cause he can know nothing of my Abilities, and has hetherto Opposed me; Judging not so much of the Man as the manner of his Admittance into the Service, which he has hetherto advanced (as I believe he does now) to be a sufficient Bar to my Promotion, And the better to support this; I am informed he purposes examining me in my Profession of Physic and Surgery — Now. I could have no Objection to such a Procedure was there a Precedent for

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to return to Europe, for the benefit of their Health. Ordered likewise that the Secretary do acquaint Evs.r Brooke that his resignation is accepted of.

Lt. James Lee appointed Adjutant to the 8th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys in the room of Lt. Rich.d Scott resigned. The final draft of Gen.l Letter from Calcutta read and approved, Ordered to be copied fair.

Lt. Gee appointed Adjutant of Sepoys.

per

Wm Fraser
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Chas Stuart
Archd Palmer
Jonathan Sumner
Geo: Mackay

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Fort St. George 14th October 1775

At a Consultation Present

Alexander Wynch Esqr. Governor President

George Stratton — Hugh Smith

George Dawson — Henry Brooke

John M. Stone — Jno. Palmer

Franc. Sourdain — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from Mr. Gahagan

Saturday 14th Octr. 1775.

from Mr. Gahagan accusing Mr. Pasley of prejudice, and desiring leave to return to Europe

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Having been informed by your Secretary that my Promotion to the List of Surgeons is impeded by the interposition of Mr. Pasley, and others before whom, the Secretary likewise informs me, I am to passe an Examination —

In consequence of this permit me Honble Sir and Sirs to make one Observation —

I consider it a peculiar hardship (after my length of service, and good Character I have supported) thus, to be singled out to passe an Examination before the Person, who from Pique wishes me not to succeed. I presume to say so Honble Sir and Sirs, be cause he can know nothing of my Abilities, and has hitherto Opposed me; Judging not so much of the Man as the manner of his Admittance into the Service, which he has hitherto advanced (as I believe he does now) to be a Sufficient Bar to my Promotion, And the better to support this; I am informed he purposes examining me in my Profession of Physic and Surgery — Now. I could have no Objection to such a Procedure was there a Precedent for it

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it, be cause Sure, conscious to myself that I merit as much (at least) as some who have been admitted as Surgeons with Mr. Pasley's Concurrence — Be that as it may, I could have wished to be Judged by an Impartial Person, for it is an incontestible truth that a Man resolved to expose and pursue, might in the Labyrinths of a Physical and Anatomical Examination, not only confuse and embarrass but actually exhort Imprecations, that might condemn the Person under Examination; Where at the same time, He might merit the Application of an Ingenious and qualified Practitioner —

These Considerations premised I humbly beg leave to Submit to the decision of the Honble Board — I beg leave to observe that I have frequently been intrusted with the charge of an Hospital containing near three hundred sick and always acquitted myself with some Credit I have like had the sole charge of the sick of a considerable Detachment, when in the face of an Enemy, which are circumstances that Mr. Pasley (who seems actuated from Motives of Zeal for the Service on the present Occasion) should have originally forwarded had he judged me incapable However as this, as well as every other Service I have been upon, acquitted myself to the Satisfaction of every Person under my Care, which has already been Certified by my Commanding Officers, and as a further Proof of my Conduct and Judicious Treatment of my Patients, I could wish that an Examination of the Invalides now in Madras Barracks was ordered, particularly those who have been Wounded, and I am confident many Objects would appear ready Witnesses of what I have above asserted —

Re

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As it seems resolved that I am to be made a Precedent in the cause of real examination, I take the liberty to solicit your leave to proceed to England, and request you will mention me in such a Manner in Your General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors, as may procure me their leave to come out with my proper standing provided I shall satisfy them, of my having passed a regular Examination at Surgeon's Hall or by any other Board of Examiners they may be pleased to appoint. I have the honor to be with the utmost respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Madras
Oct.r 12.th 1775

Your most Obed.t Servant.

Terence Sahagan

Minute thereon.

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint M.r Sahagan, if he imagines M.r Pasley to be prejudiced against him, that Messrs. Anderson, Boswell and Davies, shall be nominated to examine him in Surgery and Physic, But if he should not chuse to undergo an Examination, that he has the permission of the Board to return to Europe. Resolved likewise that all Surgeon's Assistant in future, be properly examined before they are admitted on the line of Surgeons.

General Letter D.r Colebrooke read and signed.

General Smith resigns the Command of the Army

General Smith having now signed the Dispatches to the Honble the Court of Directors & Ships Colebrooke, begs permission of the Board, to resign the Command of the Army, and his Seat in Council and in the Select Committee, Agreed to, and in consequence of the Order of the Court of Director & Ships Salisbury under date 23. Dec.r 1774 Colonel Sir Robert Fletcher, is appointed Brigadier General, and Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Establishment, and takes his seat at the Board accordingly.

Sir Robt. Fletcher appointed Brigadier General, and Commander in Chief.

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Mr. Lewin appointed Secretary. Mr. Sydenham appointed Aid du Camp to the Commander in Chief.

accordingly, Sir Robert Fletcher recommended, Mr. Tho.s Lewin to be appointed his Secretary, and Lieut.t William Sydenham his Aid du Camp. Approved of, and to be given out in Orders accordingly.

A Postscript Ordered to the General Letter.

Ordered that a Postscript be added to the General Letter, to acquaint the Court of Directors of the resignation of Gen.l Smith and appointment of Sir Robert Fletcher to the Chief Command of their Forces on this Establishment.

Read Letter from General Smith.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

from General Smith recommending Capt.n Murphy to the Command of the Chicacole Battalion when Vacant.

My Aid Decamp Capt.n Murphy not only served me highly to my satisfaction in that Station, but has likewise every claim to my recommendation; as a good Officer of a long standing in the Army, I then take the Liberty to make a request in his favor.

Had the late Vacancies been filled up the command of the Chicacole Battalion would have become vacant by the promotion of Capt.n Mathews to a Majority. In that Command I purpose Recommending Capt.n Murphy. The Honble Board will please favor my proposed recommendation when the Vacancy happens which will be laying me under a particular Obligation, Sirs

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Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Joseph Smith

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At the Board have every desire, to oblige General Smith, and to serve his late Aid de Camp Capt.t Murphy, it is Resolved, to appoint Capt.t Murphy to the Command of the Chicacole Battallion, when it shall become Vacant either by the Resignation or removal of Captain Mathews.

Granted when Vacant.

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke.

Archdale Palmer
James Graeme
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 18th Oct.r — Alexander Wynch Esq.r Lt. r President
George Stratton Robert Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
John. H. Stone Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Lourdan George. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read Letter from Captain Edmonds.

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

Letter from Capt.n Edmonds.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Inclosed I have the honor to send you a return of the Detachment, Stores &c. under my command. I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

E. Edmonds.

Pondicherry 30th Sept.r 1775

Read Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

I have the honor herewith to send you Returns of the

from Capt.n Duncan

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the Troops and Stores, belonging to this Garrison for the Month of Sept.r The Detachment from the 1.st Battallion of the 2.d Brigade under Captain Edmonds, arrived here last Night; A Return of which I have sent seperate, as they could not properly be included in the strength of this Garrison, till this day, I am with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very devoted and most Obd.t Ser.t

Alex.r Duncan

Ongole
1.st Oct.r 1775

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Co: Corr.e N.o 116 inclosing a Bill for 2000 Pag.s on Account of the Kist, of the Pondamalle District,

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam Military Department

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Gov.r &c.a Council

of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs

On Tuesday the 26.th Ultimo very early in the Morning, Maun Sing found means to escape from his Guards, by digging a Hole through the Wall of the House in which he was confin'd, Immediately on receiving this Intelligence, the Chief sent three Havildars Guards different ways in search of him, and Wrote Letters to the several Rajahs, informing them that Maun Sing had made his Escape, and directing them to use their utmost endeavours to secure him, letting them that if they harboured or protected him, they would be considered as Enemies to the Company, and be treated accordingly

from the Chief and Council of Ganjam Maun Sing escapes from his Guard is pursued resists and is Killed.

accordingly. On the following Evening the Chief received Intimation from the Calliecoate Rajah that Maun Sing had arrived in the Calliecoate Country the Morning before and halted between 9 and 10 o'Clock at a Mangoe Tope not far from his (the Rajahs) Place of Residence — that on being informed thereof he sent 20 or 30 Peons to seize him — The Peons accordingly found Maun Sing in the Mangoe Tope and told him they had Orders to carry him to the Rajah — That Maun Sing immediately began to make Resistance, and wounded one, or two of the Rajahs People with Arrows, upon which one of the Peons discharged a Matchlock Piece at Maun Sing and killed him on the Spot, after which his Body was carried to the Rajah and buried.

We have since heard that a very short Time after Maun Sing was killed, his Youngest Brother Sadoo who resides in the Jungles, arrived at the Mangoe Tope with 100, or 150 Peons from which Circumstance We are led to conclude that a Plan must have been previously Concerted between them and from the Character of Maun Sing, and his known Enmity to his Brother the Rajah We think it might have been their Intention to murder him and get Possession of the Zemindary — We cannot therefore but regard the Event as fortunate for the Company and rejoice that they are rid of so dangerous an Enemy —

We are with respect

To Hon.ble Sir and Sirs.

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Charles Smith

Rob.t Saunders

Sanjaro

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Thos. Dunday
Robt. Hughes
T. Middleton

Read Letter from Captain Duncan.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.
President and Governor &c.
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

from Capt.n Duncan applis for Stores.

Accompanying my Letter of the 27th Ult.o I had the Honor to lay before you, a List of such Stores as I suppposed might be deficient in this Garrison. Since which Capt.n Edmonds Detachment has arrived, without, bringing any adequate Compliment of Stores, of any kind, along with them. This has induced me to make out the Indent, which I now send you, and which I humbly submit to your Consideration — All the Articles, I am certain are necessary, and most of them, indispensibly requisite in case of our taking the Field.—

No Intelligence worthy of troubling you with has come to my knowledge, since my last. Lieut. Halcott has informed you of his Detention of the four Men at Pantylathorn, thinking that some thing might have occurred; in consequence of that event, I made a Visit over there, on purpose to concert matters with him, and found him exceedingly attentive indeed, to the Duty he is upon — Some more Vessels, are certainly just now upon the Coast, but nothing of any consequence, been yet landed from them. Latest Accounts from the Adoni Country say, that Bazalet Jung

accompanyed

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accompanied by Mr. Lally, in which before the Forts of Billeri,
and that Cochrane proceeded much in his Camp, both amongst
the Europeans and Black Troops, shewn the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect &c.

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I have the
Honble Sir
Your very devoted and most
Obedient Servant.
Alex.r Duncan

P. S. Beg leave to observe, that no Letters have been sent with
Capt. Edmonds Detachment and that it will not be in my Power
to safely have out of those belonging to their Garrisons
Be there no prospect of an Opportunity
offering, to send the Military Stores, which Capt. Duncan
has indented for, by sea to the N.ward, It is Resolved, that he
be directed to send the List, to the Chief and Council at
Masulipatam, who are to supply him, as they may be called,
with conveniency to themselves &c.

Read Letter from Lieu.t Wallcott, commanding
at Cuddalore &c.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and the Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

When I first spoke to Monsieur Hermas,
about the People which I stopt from going up the Country, he
seemed very willing to grant them a Passage back to Pondicherry, in

from Ensign Wallcott
Monsieur Hermeux
disclaims all Connecti:
on with the five
Men who had been

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in a Ship which he told me would sail in a few Days. I wrote to him on that Head, three days ago. And he returned me for answer, that he knew of no Ships going to Pondicherry; but there was a Paddy Boat ready to sail, and if the Lyrans chose to take them, they might go in her; if they would pay for their passage. The People have no Money, and as I had no Instructions to pay for the Passage of any People which I might stop. I immediately wrote to the Board of Masulipatam; to know what I am to do with them. Mr. Monneau at the same time sent me word, that he had no Authority over the People, nor any thing to do with them, therefore I did not care what became of them. I think it strange that Mr. Monneau should send a Guard of Sepoys to escort People to Europe, that he had nothing to do with, and am certain notwithstanding his seeming indifference, that he was much concerned at their being stopt.

Four Ships have come to the Port of Mootapillie, within these few Days, three of them are gone away again, they landed nothing material, a little Liquor and some things in Trunks, which I am informed was Cloathing. I am well informed, that they had Stores on Board, but were afraid to land them; The only things which had the appearance of Stores, were some Chests about the size of 2 Corn Chests. And a few Bags, which from their lightness, I am inclined to think is Powder, they cannot get these or any other Stores up the Country without my knowledge. but I look upon it to be very easy for them, to get Europeans up the Country, notwithstanding the sharpest look out of the Detachment here, as they may land them

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there in Moorsuly Boats, any where along the Coast between Chinny Tanjore, and Negapatam; for true in this case they must land on the Company's Territory, but an hour or two good walking, will bring them into Bazalet Taung, and if they land in the beginning of an Evening, they may be in the Fort of Gundoor before Day break, every thing of the Nature of Stores, being heavy Carriage. I think it impossible they could land, and get them up the Country before I should get information of it. I do not mention their getting up the Country, now, as a thing which I have had information of their intending, only mention it as a scheme very practicable, although they attempted it, in spite of the most vigilant look out of the Party here. I am

Camp at Pondapollam Octr 4th 1775

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Thomas Wallett

Read Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, together with the Answer, both of which were entered in the Diary

Salisbury in Madras Road the 6th Day of Octr 1775

from Sir Edward Hughes intimating his Departure for Bombay, desiring to know how he can be of Service to the Company.

Sir and Gentlemen,

I beg leave to acquaint you that I shall quit this Place on the 15th instant, with the Ships of his Majesty's Squadron under my Command, to proceed to Bombay to Dock and refit; and if on the Passage to that Place, or during the time of my stay on the Coast of Malabar, you will be pleased to point out to me, how I may be any way made Instrumental to the Welfare, or Interest of the Company,

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Company, or to the security, or benefit, of the Trade; I shall at all times, be happy in the Execution of Your Orders, being with great regard

Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and very

humble Servant

Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes's answer.

Alexander Wynch Esqr. President and Governor

&c. Council of Fort St. George

To Sir Edw. Hughes

Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships

in India

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 6th Instant, acquainting Us, of your Resolution to quit this Road for Bombay, by the 15th of the present Month, with his Majesty's Squadron under your Command, and requesting Us, to point out to you, how you can be Instrumental to the Welfare, or Interest of the Company, or to the Security or benefit of the Trade, either on your Passage, or during your Stay on the Malabar Coast, as you will at all times be happy in executing what can tend to their benefit or Advantage

We return you our best thanks, for this fresh instance of attention, to the Interests of the Company, as well as for the readiness with which you have ever complied, with the requests

We

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We have been induced to make to you.

We know not at present of any Matter wherewith to trouble you, but should there be occasion for requiring your Assistance, We shall not fail to communicate Our Wishes to you by the first favorable Opportunity.

We sincerely wish you a prosperous Voyage, and have the honor to subscribe Ourselves with great regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

A. Wynch &c.

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10th of Oct. 1775.

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered on Cons.

Corrs. S , dated 9th Instant.

Read Letter from Lt. Shyrme, with Surgeons Certificate,

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

from Lt. Shyrme requesting permission to make a Voyage for his Health.

The accompanying Certificate from the Company's Principal Surgeon has satisfactorily proved the necessity I am under of making a Voyage for the recovery of my health. I propose therefore with the permission of the Honble Board to take my Passage for Bombay by the first opportunity. I am,

Honble Sir and Sirs

your most Obedient humble Servant

Francis Shyrme Lieutenant Bom

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These are to certify that Lieu.t Skyrme from a Fever of long standing and Liver complaints has had his constitution so much weaken'd and impair'd that a Voyage is recommended to re-establish him.

Madras 10.th Oct.r 1773.

Gilbert Pasley, Surgeon

Read Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross, Chief Engineer

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Col: Ross the Bungloes at the Mount Completed.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that Mr. Plumer the Contractor for building the Bungloes for the Artillery at the Mount, has informed me, they are completed,

I have the honor to be with Respect,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed.t humble Servant,
Patrick Ross.t Chief Eng.r

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To be delivered over to Major Horne.

Ordered, that the Bungalows at the Mount, be delivered over to Major Horne, Commanding the Artillery Station'd there.

Read Letter from Lt. Col. Ross, with Capt. Mawbe's Report, of the state of the Fort and Buildings at Chinglepatt.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

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Honble Sir and Sirs,

from Col: Ross with Captn Maule's report of the State of the Buildings at Chingle: put.

Fort St. George
4th Octr 1775

I agreable to your Orders of the 6th Inst. lay before you Capt. Maule's report of the State of the Fort and Buildings at Chingleput. I am with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lt Col. and Chief Engineer

## State of the Fort of Chingleput

### Inner Fort

Capt. Maule's report

In general is in good Repair, the Curtain upon the North Curtain has some Earth thrown upon it, which might be used to great advantage in making good the North Rampart of the Outer Fort, and should be moved from where it now is, as it makes an easy descent from the Rampart to the Parapet, on Account of which the Commandant is obliged to post a Centinel there during the night.

### Outer Fort.

Throughout is in very bad repair, the Parapets in general destroyed, and the Rampart (to which there is no inner Revetment) is so much worn away, that it is impossible for a Gun carriage to pass — The Curtain to the Northward is yet unfinished and the Circular Bastion on that Face, which projects upon the causeway, is so deficient in height that it may be escaladed with great Ease.

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The whole of the outer Fort is so ruinous & decay, that it will require a considerable expence to put it into any Degree of Order.

Barracks, Buildings &c.

The Roofs, and Floors of the Verandas of the Officers, and Soldiers Quarters, are so bad that if they are not immediately repaired the ensuing Monsoon must bring the former down. The Palmeras are destroyed by the white Ants. Every possible means have been taken to keep them from falling untill this time, by Props &c. but they are so rotten that I think it does not admit a doubt of their being washed down by the approaching Raine — The Soldiers are from the badness of the Floors very incommodiously lodged, — this renders their situation, so very uncomfortable, that they should be immediately repaired. —

The Hospital (a ruinous Choultry) is in a very bad State; admits much Water; A proper Building for this purpose is greatly wanted here —

The Quarters of the Commandant, and Paymaster want repair, particularly the Eastern Veranda of the Latter, which cannot long stand in the state it now is.

Geo. Maule,
Sub. Dir. and Dep. of Eng.rs

Chinglepeut
30. Sept. 1775.

The Buildings to be repaired before the Monsoon.

As it appears from the aforegoing Report, that the Barracks, Buildings and Hospital at Chinglepeut are absolutely in want of Repair, it is Resolved, that Orders be given to the Chief Engineer to repair them if practicable, before the

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The Expence of repairing the Fort to be estimated.

the selling in of the Mansoon. But as he has not given in an Estimate of the Expence, nor of that which would be incurred, by repairing the Sommer and Butler Forts, It is ordered that the Secretary do call upon him, for an Estimate, to be laid before the Board, as soon as possible.

from the Nabob relating to his People quarrelling with the Dutch at Pulicat.

Read Letters from the Nabob dated 8th and 10th Instant; as entered in Cor: Corr: No. 721 and No. 723 containing an Account of a Quarrel between some of his People and the Dutch at Pulicat, wherein there were some Lives lost on both Sides. Of the Dutch Governors Letter to him, and of his reply in Consequence. As the Nabob has already wrote to Pulicat, and has taken the Care, he thinks that with his own Honor and Interest. It is unnecessary for the Board to take the matter into Consideration. Pulicat not being included in the Jaghire, and the Dutch not having represented it, to this Government &c.

Read the following Letter, signed by Major Fitzgerald and other Officers &c.

## To Brigadier General Smith,

Commander in Chief of the Troops upon the Coast &c.

Sir,

Letter Signed by Majors and Eleven Captains respecting their promotion.

Having understood that the late Military Regulations of the Honble the Court of Directors, are considered an Bar to our Promotion, and that the Vacancies left on the Establishment by the Departure of Lieut. Colonels Braithwaite and Bellingham, for Europe are not now to be filled up, we take the Liberty of representing

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representing through you to the Honble Board the very uncom:
mon and cruel Predicament to which we are thus Subjected. — To
the Orders of this Government, and of the Honble Company we bear
the highest Respect. It is from your Testimony of our chearfull
Obedience upon Service to your Commands, that we wish to have
our Zeal for that Service and our Sense of its Duties ascertain'd,
If it should therefore appear that in the mode or Content of our
present representation we have assumed any unusual freedom,
we repose ourselves upon the Candour of our Superiors; we trust that
they will consider the long course of our Services during which we
ever attended with the most implicit and silent obedience to the
Arrangements of Authority; We further trust that when they
consider that the Injury which we now feel and represent, affects
those very Sentiments of Honor, which qualify us for their Service,
they will listen with the most favorable indulgence to our
Complaint —

It is well known that Lieu.t Colonel Brathwaite has
publickly declared that unless he was appointed to succeed to
the Command, he would not return to this Establishment. It
is equally well known that L.t Col. Billingham has no intention
of returning, should it be disapproved (and the supposition is
more than probable if all promotion is to be kept at stand till
advices arrive from Europe) that many more Field Officers
will follow the example of L.t Colonels Brathwaite and
Billingham, the Conclusion is evident. The Establishment
may remain without a Field Officer, but the Commander in
Chief to carry on either the Detail or actual Business of the Service

To

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To you Sir, who so eminently possess the Sensibility of the established Rights of a Soldier, and who know what we must suffer from a regulation that proves at least a temporary Suspension of our Rank and of the Honor and just Reward of our Services, we need not expatiate upon the Severity our Situation. The Honble Board we are conscious have one wish but to the prosperity of the Government with which they are charged. We therefore leave it to you Sir to explain and enforce, how far that Prosperity may in Times of necessary Service be affected by an Arrangement, which at once is contrary to former Military Orders, and which must in important Charges in leading the public force. We have very attentively perused the 48th Article of the Honble Company's late Regulations, and as far as we are capable of forming a Judgement we conceive the restraint of that Article to relate only to the special Point of granting a Field Officer's Commission. The Article so far from extending restraint to the Rank of the Officer succeeding to a Vacancy in our humble Opinion directs the contrary, it says that "in case of a Vacancy the Officers next in Rank shall respectively the same provisionally till the pleasure of the Court be known." That is shall fill the Rank of such Vacancy which may be conferred by General Order or Warrant without special Commission. For the Article construed in any other manner would indicate an Injustice and Irregularity no Ways corresponding with the known happy System of the Honble Company. They would exact of Troops a Duty often inconsistent with their Station, and to which that Station

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Station might sometimes prove inadequate.

It is our humble Opinion that it is only in cases when the Government here do not think the Officers next in Station worthy of filling Vacancies, that the Ranks which they should possess to fill those Vacancies should be suspended provisionally, &c.

This opinion galling beyond Expression to Officers conscious of any merit compels us to this joint address. But we hope that thro your representation, and as the Honble Company could never seriously move to adopt a System replete with numberless Embarrasments and painfully apprehensive to those who have the honor of serving them in the most critical situations. So the Honble Board will be pleased, if they think us deserving, to grant us our regular Ranks either by Warrant or General Order till the pleasure of the Honble Company is known.

We have the honor to be with the utmost Respect,

Sir,

Your most faithfull and
Devoted Servants
S.t Fitz Gerald
Will.m Baillie
George Browne
Hen.y Marsh
Will.m Cook

Minute thereon:

The Board have repeatedly given their Sentiments on this Subject, — It has been referr'd to the Consideration of the Court of Directors, and untill their Orders are received nothing further can be done in it.

Read

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Read the following Letter from Capt. Duncan,
Commanding at Onglore

To the Honble. Alexander Wedderburne Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

from Capt. Duncan Bazalet Jung and the Country alarmed at our proceeding, the Zemindars disaffected to Bazalet Jung

Within these few Days past several small Vessels have come to Madapollam and been seen off of that place; some of them have disappeard again, but whether they have left the Coast altogether, or not, is uncertain; For some time past these Vessels, which have always kept out of sight in the Bay have, it is currently reported by the People there a boute, that these Vessels contain Stores, and come from Pondicherry, But any thing under that Denomination, that may as yet have been landed from them, must I am convinced be very trifling — A French Padre, who has been at Pondicherry for some time, is certainly expected back to Nairpilly very soon, it is said, he comes by Sea, and brings along with him a considerable quantity of Stores, and other things, Men &c are mentioned, for the use of Bazalet Jung, and Mess. Law &c. left behind, that this Padre has been an active Agent in all this Business, and I have reason to believe that a large sum of Money (not less than 50,000 Pag.s) have gone out of the Country with these few Months to Pondicherry; it is conjectured to this Man, and for these Purposes —

The whole Behaviour of the French People at Nairpilly and

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and their extreme caution in landing any thing and in preventing People looking into their Transactions, seems to indicate strongly their suspicions of being disposed in sending supplies, or succours up the Country. How they will determine to proceed, I am at a loss to conjecture, as Vessels Imagine will not choose to continue much longer on the Coast at this Season of the Year. — To bring on shore any considerable Quantities, in a secret, hidden manner, is scarce to be done, and much less to convey them away, having Ensign Halcott, with his Detachment on the spot, keeping a sharp look out. — But to prevent a possibility of such a thing happening and for the more effectually carrying into execution, the Spirit of your Instructions; I have been in some doubt, if it might not be adviseable, to insist upon searching such places in the possession of the French, as any Stores &c. may be suspected to be concealed in; and this the more especially, as both Mr. Halcott, and I have been told of some Guns, (2, 3 or 4) brought thither formerly, and still remaining there. — At the same time I do not think myself at Liberty to take such a Step or to advise Mr. Halcott to it, without more explicit Orders to that purpose —

The Accounts of some Preparations, for taking the Field, at Illore, and this Place, has spread it self over the Country circar, and occasions a good deal of speculation there. Some days ago at Condaver, a report was brought to the Killadare there, that the Angole Troops were got, with in a few Cose of that Place. Their Peons or Sepoys were immediately got together, and Ammu:

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Ammunition delivered out to such of them as had fire Arms — and some Guns were got upon the Bandoree. Amongst this Circumstance, only to shew what imprssions have been made on the peoples minds. It has been reported at different times, that a Body of Bazalet Jung's Troops might soon be expected in the Circar; it is added that a Mons.r Montrace one of Lally's Officers was getting together a Body of 2000 Men, for that purpose —

I have taken every precaution that appeared to me necessary, for being informed of any Motions of Bazalet Jung or Mons.r Lally towards this Country. The last Accounts I have from Adoni, say they were then before the Fort of Pullari, several days March on the other side of Adoni. It has also been reported that Bazalet Jung has wrote Letters to the Zemindars of the Circar desiring they wd, in case of necessity, or of Hostilities being commenced against them, repair to Condaveer, with their families and most valuable effects, and that he engages to come to their Assistance and protect them —

I have some notion, that it would not be disagreable to some, if not all, of these Zemindars to have the Company, in place of Bazalet Jung for their Master. Did I think myself at Liberty to encourage any thing on that Subject, I believe from some very distant hints I have had that they would be glad to enter upon it, with me — The Vicinity of this Country, to their Zemindarries occasions a little Communication on different trifling matters, relating to the Inhabitants — I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect —

Hon.ble

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Ongole
6.th Oct.r 1775

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your very faithfull and most
Obedient Servant
Wm.r Duncan

As the Board have very reason to imagine, both
from the Vigilance of Captain Duncan, and the attention of
Minute thereon. Foreign Malcott, that no number of Men or quantity of Military
Stores, can be imported at Mootapillee, or other Places in the
Guntoor Circar, without their knowledge, It does not appear a
Matter of any Consequence, whether or not, the Foreign Party in
the Service of Bazalet Jung, may have secreted a few Stores
and Guns, as is represented. The Search if it were allowed, would
only serve to spread the alarm, which has already been given,
and probably would turn out very undeserving of attention. At
present Matters are not in that situation, to authorize Capt.
Duncan to declare more to the People of the Guntoor Circar, than
that the Company at all times pay great regard and attention, to the
Interests of their Zemindars, and to the Inhabitants of their Circar
in general.

Read Letter from Mr. Mallot Surgeon's
Assistant.

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Mr. Wynchley having now resigned my Service,
from Mr. Mallot re: by which there becomes a Vacancy in the List of Surgeons, and
questing to be appoint: as I have stood so long at the head of the Assistants (with Certificates
ed Surgeon. from

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from Surgeon's Mate, qualifying me for a Surgeon) permit me
Humble Sir and Sirs, to solicit your attention for my fulling it;
which will confer such an Obligation, as shall never cease to
remember. I am with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obd.t humble Servant.

Will.m Mallet

St. Thomas's Mount.

Oct.r 16.th 1775

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at

Masulipatam —

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have received your commands of the

15th 22d and 25th Ultimo —

from Mazulipatam requesting Instructions respecting the Men stopped by Ensign Walcott and concerning repairs at Motapillee.

Ensign Walcott we

you of his having detained two

Merchants) and four other Eu

Sailors and were going to join

have represented to Us that the

Opportunity shortly offering

by Sea, We request to be fav

ding them — We have d

to give the private Men

If the Honble not have informed
Gentlemen (who say they are
Mess.rs Lally's party the be
there is no probability of an
them to return to Pondichery
with your instructions regar.
Mr Walcott in the mean time
allowance as he informs
We

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We they have not any means of subsistance.

We received some Days since from Colonel Flint a Letter representing the necessity of making some repairs at Condapilly — We in consequence ordered Capt. Michele thither to survey and report to Us the State and condition of the Fort and Guard Rooms — His report and estimate together with a Copy of Colonel Flints Letter, We herewith transmit, and request to be favored with your Orders —

Colonel Flint has applied to Us for leave to appoint an Aid de camp and Secretary — We have replied that We should acquaint your Honor &c. of his application —

We are very respectfully &c.

Masulipatam
10th Octr 1775.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble servants
John Whitehill
Alexr Davidson
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges.

To John Whitehill Esqr.
Chief &c. Council —
Gentlemen,

Lieut Walker Commanding Condapillee informs me of one of the Sides of the Gate Way being fallen down and the other Side (which is the place where the Main Guard lodges) is so much bent with the Rains, that the Sepoys dare not venture to lay down under it at night. The Outer Gate is so old and crazy that

it

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recommend to your Honor &c. the authorizing Us to comply with his Request by permitting him to build such an House as the Paymasters at the other Cantonments are allowed in doing which We shall enjoin him to observe the strictest Economy.

We have directed the Engineer to employ People to remove the high Ground to the North West of the Fort, and immediately to begin facing the Berm of the North East Bastion with a Revetment of Brick and Chunam, as it appears by his Letter that the Cracks in that Bastion are increasing for want of it; but We request to be favor'd with your Orders on that part of the Engineer's Letter in which he recommends the finishing of the Ramparts with their proper Width.

We are with Respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Charles Smith

R. Mawsell

Rob.t Hughes

T. Middleton

Fort St. George
26th Sept.r 1775

To Charles Smith Esq.r
Chief &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The

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from Mr. Baileau.

The manner in which I am at present situated, and the excessive inconvenience I experience for want of a proper Place to live in lays me under the necessity of making this early application for your Permission to build a House here, such as has been allowed to the other Paymasters, at the different Cantonments. At present I am obliged to transact my Business under a Shed, which is little better than a common Stabling. I am therefore led to hope you will consider the necessity of furnishing me as soon as you conveniently can with your Orders on this Subject. I am very respectfully.

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

John P. Baileau

Asha
20.th Sep.br 1775
A true Copy
P. Huddlestony
Sec.

To Charles Smith Esq.r
Chief &c.a Council

of Ganjam

Gentlemen

from Lt. Theobald.

I do understand from Lt. Col Ross that it is the Intention of the Honble Board that no time be lost in finishing the necessary works of the Fortification &c.a of Ganjam, and as the present season will not permit any thing material to be begun in Masonry, I do recommend that People be immediately employ'd upon removing part of that high ground to the North West of the Fort called Worreah Ganjam in order to fill the large Tank

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Tank to the East of the North Gate Way and to form the Glacis thereabout.

I find there are Cracks in the North East Bastion Side increasing and owing to the late Rains. The Ramparts in several different Parts are daily falling down — As I think the Situation of the interior Buildings will not prevent the Ramparts being widend according to Colonel Ross's advice. I would therefore further recommend that they be finished with their present width with an interior Wall of Brick and Chunam and that the Berm of the North East Bastion be faced with a Revetment of the same kind.

I am with Respect
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble
Servant,
John Theobald

Ganjam
22.d Sep.r 1775
A true Copy
V Hudleston Sec.y

Ordered, that the Chief and Council at Ganjam be directed to send in an Estimate of the Expence, which may be incurred in building a Tank for the Garrison, as without it, the Board cannot come to any determination.

The Letter from Lt. Theobald, to be referred to the Chief Engineer for his opinion.

Mr. Buchanan, appointed Surgeon to the Hospital at Trichinopoly, in the room of Mr. Hinchley, returned to Europe.

Read Letter from the Rebel as entered in Co.r

Mr. Buchanan appointed Surgeon to Trichinopoly in the Room of Mr. Hinchley

Minute thereon

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*from the Nabob complaining of a Tappal Boy being ill Treated at Madura by Lt. Macleod, and of an Officer at Naikpettla.*

Corr: NC complaining of Ill treatment, which one of his Tappal Boys, has met with from Lt. M.c Leod at Madura, and of the behaviour, of an Officer at Naikpettla, in insisting upon taking two Horses belonging to the Circar. Ordered, that Copies of the aforegoing Complaints be sent to the Officers commanding at Vellore and Madura, with directions, that the most particular enquiries be made, into the causes of them. And in the mean time, the President is desired to acquaint the Nabob, that if the Officers complained of, shall be found guilty, they shall meet with the severest displeasure of the Board.

*The Complaints to be transmitted to Vellore and Madura for enquiry.*

A Wynch
Geo.g Stratton
Wm Fletcher
Geo. Darrow
Henry Brooke
Alex.r Wynch
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo.r Mackay

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19th Dispatched this day the following Letters.

To Captain Duncan

Commanding at Ongole

Sir.

We have received your Letters under date the 4th and 6th Instant.

To Capt.n Duncan with Instructions.

Having every reason to imagine, both from your Vigilance and the attention to Foreign Affairs, that on quantity of Military Succour, can be imported at Masulapatam, or other places, without your knowledge, We do not deem it a Matter of any Moment, whether or not, the Foreign Party in the Service of Bazalut Jung, may have secreted a few Stores and Guns. The Search, if we were to allow it, would only serve to spread the alarm, which our Measures already have given, and probably would turn out very undeserving of our Attention.

We think it highly probable, that the Zamindars in the Guntoor Circar, would be better pleased, at the Company's having the Management of that Country, than Bazalut Jung should still continue in possession of it. But under that Matter, is near taking Place, We think it unnecessary to authorize you to give them any hints whatsoever, other than those of the Company's regard and attention, to the Interests of their Zamindars, and the Inhabitants of their Circars in general.

The Chief and Council at Masulipatam

having

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having acquainted Us, that there was no probability of an opportunity offering, for returning those Men to Pondicherry, whom Ensign Malcott had stopped at Moolapillee, wi have directed that they be ordered to Masulipatam, where the Chief and Co. will dispose of them in such a manner, as that they shall not have it in their power to get into the Guntoor Circar.

Weare Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

P Wynch &c. &c.

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To Charles Smith Esqr.

Chief and the Council at Ganjam

Gentlemen,

To Ganjam respecting the Paymasters House at Aska and the Fortifications.

We have received your Letter of the 26th Ulto., accompanying Copies of two Letters which you have received from Mr. John Peter Boileau, Paymaster in the Ishapore District, Lt. John Theobald Engineer.

Weare led to believe from the representation you make, of the inconvenience the Paymaster at Aska labor under, that a House is wanted at that Place for his Residence and the transaction of his Business; — But as you have not acquainted Us, of the expence, which may be incurred thereby, We shall defer coming to any Resolution, untill we are fully informed on that head.

We approve of your having directed the Engineer at Ganjam, to remove the high Ground from the North West of the Fort, and immediately to begin, facing the Berm of the North East Bastion, with a Revetment of Bricks and Chunam, as the bracks,

encreasing

encreasing in the Bastion, rendered those precautions necessary.
With respect to the propriety of finishing the Ramparts, according
to their present width that was referred to the consideration
of the Chief Engineer.

We have likewise received your Letter of the 3.
Instant, acquainting us of the Death of Mauw Sing, after his
Escape from Confinement, and flight into the Calliconda Country

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Where

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate friends
&c. Council

To John Whitehill Esqr.
Chief and the Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

For Masulipatam
directions regarding
the Men stopped
by Mr. Walcott

We have received your Letter of the 10th Instant,
together with the inclosed Copies of Letters from Ensign Walcott
and Capt. Mitchell and the Estimate of the Expence of Repairs
wanted at Condapelle.

We approve of your having directed Ensign Walcott
to give the private Men, whom he had stopped at Moulapilly,
the Usual Allowance, as they were otherwise without any
means of Subsistance. But, as we do not intend that the Company
should continue at any expence on their Account, and are apprehensive
the improbability, of any opportunity offering whereby they
might return to Pondicherry, We direct that you Order them to
Masulipatam, where on their Arrival, you will acquaint them that

whereby.

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that they have liberty to go where they please, provided it be not to Bazalet Jung, or into our Circars. This will require care to prevent, and therefore we desire your attention to it. As for those who have the appearance of Gentlemen, and call themselves Merchants, you will direct, that they have free Liberty to go with their Goods, where, and how they shall think proper. Our View being to hinder Bazalet Jung, from receiving Military Assistance, and not to prevent Merchants from carrying on their Commerce.

On considering the propriety of making repairs at Condapillee, in the Manner recommended by Capt. Mitchele, We cannot perceive any immediate necessity, for making a new Gate, and repairing the Breaches which he represents to be in the Fort. You will therefore defer making those repairs, until our further Orders. But as it is of consequence, that the Men doing Duty at that Place, should be Sheltered from the inclemency of the Weather, We direct that the Guard Rooms be new Terrased, and cover'd in as soon as possible.

We have attended to the application made to you by Colonel Flint for permission to appoint an Aid du Camp and Secretary but as We do not see any reason for making those Appointments, We cannot comply with his Request, We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

A. Wynch &c.

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Came in Letters from the Nabob dated 18th and 19th Inst. as entered in Gr. Corr: No. 124 and No. 125, with three Deserters, seized by the People of the Circar in their flight

20th

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20th This day the following Letters were dispatched conformably to the Minutes of Consultation

To Captain Duncan

Commanding at Onore

Sir,

To Capt. Duncan regarding Military Stores

Tho' there being no prospect of an Opportunity offering, to send the Military Stores which you have written for, by Sea to the N. ward, Save directed by the President and Co. to acquaint you, it is their pleasure, that you send a Copy of the Indent to the Chief and Co. at Masulipatam who are then desired to provide, & Compleat the same as far as they may be enabled, with convenience to themselves. I am

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Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan &c.

To Lieut. Col. Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir,

To Col. Ross on the repairs at Chingleput, and Fortification at Carangoly

In consequence of Capt. Mauleis Report, of the repairs wanting in the Barracks Buildings and Hospital at Chingleput, Save commanded by the President and Co. to acquaint you, it is their pleasure that those repairs be made if practicable, before the setting in of the Monsoon, But as you have omitted before the Board an Estimate of the Expence of those Repairs, if

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of those wanting in the Inner and outer Forts, I am directed to inform you, that you are to prepare one, for their information as soon as possible.

The accompanying Extract of a Letter from Lt. Theobald Engineer at Tanjam to the Chief and Co. at that Settlement, I am ordered to furnish you with, and at the same time, to desire you will give your Sentiments and opinion, as to the propriety of having the Ramparts finished with their present width, in the Manner he Recommends.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan Sec.y

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To Captain Mackarell
Commanding at Chingleput.

Sir,

I am commanded by the President and Co. to acquaint you, they have thought it expedient that the Repairs wanting in the Barracks Buildings and Hospital at Chingleput be immediately begun upon, and finished if practicable before the setting in of the Monsoon. An Engineer will be ordered to Chingleput for this purpose.

To Capt.n Mackarel
respecting the
repairs at Chingleput.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
R. J. Sullivan Sec.y

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To

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To Mr. Robert Duncan. Munroe
Paymaster at Chinglepuut

Sir,

To Mr. Munroe
on the same
Subject.

I have the commands of the President and Co. to acquaint you, that Orders have been given to the Chief Engineer, to cause the necessary repairs, awarding in the Barracks, Buildings and Hospital at Chinglepuut, to be begun upon immediately, and finished if practicable before the setting in of the Monsoon, You will accordingly afford him, every assistance which may be required, Sam.

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Sir,
Your most Obd. Servant.
R. J. Sullivan Sec.

To John Whitehill Esqr.
Chief and the C. at Masulipatam
Gentlemen

To Masulipatam
Capt. Duncan
to be furnished
w. Mil. Stores

Captain Duncan, Commanding at Bengal, having intended for certain Military Stores, which by reason of the lateness of the Season, he cannot now be dispatched from hence, I am commanded by the President and Co. to acquaint you, that directions have this day been given to him, to send you a Copy of the Indent, which you will be pleased to comply with from your Stores, as far as you may be enabled with convenience to your selves, I am

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Gentlemen
Your

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Your most humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan Secry

20th Came in Letter from Ensign Walcott.

# To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President, and the Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Ens.n Walcott

Intelligence of Merchandize landed at Madapollam

Bellari possessed for some Years and still held by

The French at Nadapillee were very busily employed Yesterday, in carrying a large quantity of Trunks, Casks, Bales &c. to the Number of four hundred body Loads, in order to be shipped at Madapollee. I am informed by one of my Mercaras, that amongst other Things, there were twelve Pigs of Lead, and twelve large Bars of Iron. I do not know what the other things were, but suppose very thing in the Casks, to be Military Stores, as I know of no Merchandize, the produce of this Circar, that is usual to put into Casks.

So large a quantity of Things, could not have been landed, and carried to Nadapillee, since my arrival here, without my knowledge I suppose them to have been sometime in Mr. Hormeans House. The Army having been employed, beyond Adoni, a considerable time; is perhaps the reason of their not having been sent up the Country before.

Two Men, who have the appearance of Gentlemen some time ago requested, that I would permit them to pass to the Camp at Bellari, with Merchandize, assuring me, that they were

Merchants

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Merchants. Inrolld to Masulipatam, to know if I was to permit them to trade; and recidd for answer that I had done right in stopping them. Others told them of this three days ago they asked me to permit their Merchandize to trade. I told them that I should stop no account stop Merchandize, provided I was assured of its being such: They told me, that they had nothing else, than Wale, Cotton, Liquors &c. tho' I told them in general terms, that I should not stop Merchandize, yet as Wale and Cloth, come under the Article of Military Stores; and must be designed for the Europeans in Tully's Service; I shall detain them till I have instructions concerning them, unless they chuse to reship them, or have already done it. Tis impossible for me to guess what such a Number of Trunks contain, perhaps they have thought fit, to reship, the Wale and Cloth, with the other things.

I suppose great part of the things, especially the Bales, to be goods manufactured at Madapollam: I think they are called Cha Goods.

Even my saying, I should stop nothing, provided I was assured of its being Merchandize: Imagine they took the hint to reship the Stores. As I had your Orders to prevent them to Reship any thing, which they might have landed; I have not molested them.

'Tis currently reported in the Bazar, that Bazalet Jung, has quitted the siege of Bellary; and is returning into the Country circar.

Mr. Bussoux a Frenchman, who has been in Bazalet Jung

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Jungo Service, as a Surgeon, has been several times with me, to interpret for the Merchants; he speaks good English and tells me, that Bellari is held by six thousand disaffected Sepoys, who mutinied some Years ago, for want of their pay: they seized the Fort of Bellari, situated on a Rock, elected a Chief, and have held it ever since. He says that Hyder Ally, or one of his Generals, besieged it better than a Year ago, but was beat off with the loss of two Thousand Men. I did not understand from him, whether it formerly belonged to Hyder Ally or Bazalet Jung.

I am,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant
Thomas Walcott

Fort St. George
October 15th 1775

At a Consultation Present
Alexander Wynch Esqr Gov.r President
George Stratton P. Fletcher
George Dawson W.m Brooke
John M. Mone Rich.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan George Mackay

Monday
23. October.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read draft of a Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l and Council
approved, and ordered to be copied fair.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &c Council
of Fort William
Honble

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Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter Gov.r Gen.l and Council respecting the Disposition of the Nizam towards the English and advising that under certain Circumstances a person be deputed to him.

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 7.th Instant, signifying your desire that the application made to Us, by the Governor and Council of Bombay, for a Reinforcement of 300 Europeans and two Compleat Battalions of Sepoys should not be complied with — Our Letter of the 26.th Aug.t will have informed You of our having refused Compliance, with the request of that Presidency, and of our having immediately communicated the same to them, by an express Pattamar —

By our former Advices, You will be particularly informed, of the time, We have deemed it most eligible to take, with respect to the Guntoor Circar, and of the Letter, which We in Consequence have addressed to Nizam Ally Cawn —

Since writing of the above Letter, to the Soubah, Our President has received a Letter from Mr. Whitehill, Chief at Masulipatam wherein he informs him, that since the forwarding of the Letter to the Soubah, he has received such assurances of the Disposition of the Soubah's Court, to improve its Connexion with the Company that he is fully convinced a Deputation would be well received by that Prince, and that more good consequences would result from a personal Negociation, than from any other, that could be set on foot —

d. As we have been Reason shortly to expect, to be favored with Answers, both from You and the Soubah, on the same Subject, We have thought it expedient, to defer coming

to any new resolution —

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If the Soubah writes in Vague or general terms, on a Matter which has been so strenously recommended to his Consideration, or that he should express a Desire, for a personal Negociation, We mean to depute some Person to him properly authorized to treat on those Points, already submitted to his Attention; if it shall then appear for the Advantage of the Company's Affairs, We have the honor to be with Esteem

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Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
A. Wynch & Council

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.
President and the Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

1430 Letter from Lewis Walcott communicates a particular acct. of the Europeans in B. S. Service and of his Country by means of Mr. Desseaux.

In my Letter of the 15th Instant, I mentioned having received some information, from Mr. Desseaux; relative to the Fort of Bellari. He now tells me that Bayalet Jung has quitted the seige, and that the Army, never had any hopes of taking it by force. Bayalet Jung, had engaged one of the principal Men, treacherously to deliver it up to him; how the disappointment happened, Desseaux has not heard. He tells me that he was designed for an Engineer, till sixteen Years of Age, he then quitted that Profession, and learned Surgery. He was some time employed as a Surgeon by Bayalet Jung; but afterwards when Bayalet Jung learned that he understood Engineering; he was sent

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dant to repair several of his Fortifications, He expressed a
desire of coming into the Company's Service, either as an
Assistant Surgeon, or an Engineer; and says that he has
Certificates from France of his being properly qualified for
either. By telling him that 'tis no difficult matter, to get
into the Company's Service, and promising that I would mention
him to the Board, I have gained his entire confidence, and he
informs me that Lally has about four hundred Europeans, one
hundred of these, are Portuguize, who have deserted from the
Regiments at Goa; and came over land across the Maratta
Country; 'tis five Months since he left the Army, but he is
informed, that since the Camp has been at Bellarimaury more
of the Portuguize have joined it by the same Route, These Europeans
are divided as follows. A Troop of Cavalry ... 100 Men
A Company of Artillery ... 50
A Grenadier Company ... 100
Two Infantry Companies ... 150 or what:
ever Men are left, after the Cavalry, Artillery, and Grenadier
Companies, are completed. Their Officers are a Lt. Colonel:
who is called La boss, but it is not his true Name. A Major,
five Captains, and five Lieutenants; besides these Lally has
a Battalion of five hundred Topaas. Ten hundred Topaas
Matrosses and two Battalions of Lipoys, each a thousand strong.
The Topaas and Lipoys Battalions are each commanded by a
Lieutenant; and have a Serjeant to each Company; he learns
that since he left the Camp, Mr. Lally is forming a Corps of
Black Cavalry, but does not their Numbers

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He says that thirteen Europeans, came up from Pondicherry in a Paddy Boat, to Moolapillee, a bout ten days ago; with intent to join the Camp, but Mr. Horneau sent them word that they would not be permitted to pass up the Country; and they returnd back again, without landing.

The Europeans in Lally's Service are a dissipated set, without Discipline, and at present without Regimental Cloths; The Topaz and Sepoys, are well armed; but ill Disciplined and without Cloathe. The only Troops that Bazalet Jung has, are five thousand Horse, these are armed after the Manner of the Country; but he is allied, with several Nabobs, and Rajahs, who are obliged to furnish him Troops where called upon. Mamawa Cawn the Carnoul Nabob is one of them, and a Maratta Chief, has offerd him, twenty thousand Horse, whenever he wants them.

Between this place and Adoni, is the pass of Porto, which he says is so Strong by Nature, that twenty Men may, prevent an Army from going through it, 'tis impassable for Guns; Adoni is the capital Town, in Bazalet Jungs Country. The Fort is situated on a high, pointed Rock, it is a very large Fortification, with five Ramparts, one above the other; and he says, would take thirty Thousand Men, to defend it properly; it has no Bastions, but round Towers after the Eastern manner. Bazalet Jung's Country is extremely barren, and he says he with great difficulty, that he subsists his Army, as Forage is extremely scarce.

Shangee, is the only Fort belonging to Lally, situated

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in this Sagliere, a part of the Canarra Country; It is a square Fort, built of Mud and Stone, has a deep ditch & has a Glacis, or a work of that kind on the outside between the Ditch and Fort. It is fortified after the Moorish Manner, has eight round Towers; and is nine Cos from Adoni. He has offered me a Pass of this Place — common is a good Pass for Guns, he says it lies in or near the Cuddapah Country; he knows of neither Pass, fit for Guns, to the Southward of this Place, is unac: quainted with the Country to the Northward —

Requiring intelligence of this kind, was no part of my instructions; I should not have done it, but was recommended by Mr Sullivan (who past this Place in his way to Mandjipatam) to send all such Intelligence, as I might get from good Authority, to the Board. I make no doubt but I shall be able to learn a great deal more from him, if he is given to expect to reap some benefit from it, if he is going to enter into the Company's Service. I am

Honble Sir and Sirs

With the greatest respect

Your most Obed.t humble Servant.

Thomas Malcolm

Camp at Cuntapollam 18 Oct. 1795 c.

Kimmedy.

The President reports Guzzepatdar's Desire of serving to Madras

The President acquaints the Board, that a Packet belonging to Guzzepatdar, late Zemindar of Kimmedy, has with in these few days, waited upon him, and informed him, that Guzzepatdar his Master, had left the Mundesaul Country, and was arrived on this side the River Kristna

That

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That his desire was to come to Madras, provided a Cowle would be granted to him, for the safety of his Person. — And that he had desired Application should be made to the President for that purpose.

*A Cowle for the safety of his Person granted.*

As the Board have had many proofs of the willingness of Ingapundoo's disposition, and are induced to believe, that less trouble may be apprehended from him here, than to the Northward, It is therefore resolved to comply with his request, and grant him a Cowle for the safety of his Person, Least this Indulgence to Ingapundoo, should cause an Alarm in the mind of his Brother, or raise Suspicion in the Inhabitants of Vizanagrum, that the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam, be directed, in the most public Manner to declare the reason of the Board, for suffering Ingapundoo to residen the Presidency, to be principally, because he cannot here disturb Juggannaudoo, in the Managment of the Country and that they have not the most distant intention of make any alteration in that Zemindary.

*Mr. Terence Jahagan desires to be examined by a Committee of Surgeons.*

The Secretary acquaints the Board, that Mr. Terence Jahagan, who declined returning to Europe, on being told, he would be admitted on the line of Surgeons, could he pass an examination, is now solicitous, that the Board would appoint a Committee for that purpose. On reference to the many Letters which Mr. Jahagan has delivered in, the Majority of the Board are of Opinion, that it will be more impartial, to Nominate Mr. Anderson, one of the Senior, and any two full Surgeons on the Spot, than to appoint Mr. Pauley, the other Senior Surgeon, whom Mr. Jahagan looks upon, as greatly prejudiced in his disfavor.

Ord

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The Board however in justice to Mr Pasley, cannot forego the opportunity of declaring in the warmest Manner their approbation of his Conduct.

Mr Pasley's General good Character, is sufficient to prove, that the unwilling hint, in the Committee, for examining Mr Gahagan, has arisen, from Mr Gahagan's apprehensions of his partiality and not from any doubt which the Board can have of his being prejudiced: Ordered that a Copy of this Minute be given to Mr Pasley

a Committee appointed accordingly

Mr Braddyll, Mr Anderson and Mr Davies appointed a Committee to examine Mr Gahagan, and to report to the Board their opinion, as to his knowledge and ability, in Physick, Anatomy and Surgery

Mr Croker to be examined for Surgeons Assistant.

The President acquainted the Board, that Mr Pasley has recommended to him, a young Gentleman of the name of Croker to be admitted into the Service as Surgeons Assistant. Ordered, that Mr Croker be examined by the Senior Surgeons on the Spot, and that they report accordingly.

Croker.

Resolutions regarding the Examination of Surgeons

The Board have frequently had under consideration, the real necessity there is, for caution and attention, in the appointment of Surgeons. The Many Hospitals on the Establishment, and the great number of Patients, which are constantly in them, render it a matter of serious consequence, that those to whom they are intrusted, should be men of professional Ability; and to this end, the Board, do not a better rule to adopt, than that of Examination. Resolved, therefore that all Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants, be in future examined by

know.

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Surgeons and Surgeon's Assistant

by the Senior Surgeons at the Presidency before they are admitted into the Service, and that the Reports of the Senior Surgeons be delivered in writing. And further it is Resolved, that no Hospital hereafter, shall be entrusted to the care of a Surgeon, who shall not be found qualified to take charge of one, on Examination of the Senior Surgeons.

The European Troops ordered back to Trichinopolore.

As heavy Rains may shortly be expected, and there is no immediate Service, for the European Troops of Cavalry, it is Resolved, that they be ordered back again to Trichinopolore, with all convenient expedition.

Circular Letter

Ordered, that a Circular Letter be wrote to the Paymasters, directing them to send in regular lists of Casualties in the Invalid and Pensioned Lists, agreably to the Military Regulations. And that they as soon as possible Muster all the Invalids and Pensioners whom they Pay, and see that they are Objects, to whom the Certificates were first granted. The Paymasters must likewise prepare and send in to the Secretary, a List of the Certificates that may be presented to them, together with the number of each, and the particulars contained in them, as prescribed in the printed forms.

James Dowdeswell
Geo: Stratton
Geo: Mackay
W. Fletcher
Cha. Darrell
Henry Brooke
A. Wynch
Archdale Palmer

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25th Came in the following Letter from Capt.n Duncan, commanding at Ongole, and Ensign Walcott Commanding at Vanteapollam —

## To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

from Capt.n Duncan with proceedings of a General Court Martial on two Men of Capt.n Edmonds Detachment

I am sorry to acquaint you that the Behaviour of several of the Men belonging to Capt.n Edmonds Detachment, has been exceedingly licentious and irregular, since they joined this Garrison. Every method has been taken, to restrain them in proper bounds, and all the Officers have exerted themselves, to the utmost for that purpose, but two of them at last proceeded to such lengths, as made me judge it, absolutely necessary, to order a General Court Martial to sit upon them. The proceedings of which I have now the honor to transmit you. Tho' I have found no difficulty in my own Mind of approving of both the Sentences, yet before I take upon me, to order, their being carried into execution or made public, I beg to be favored, with the directions of the Honble Board in relation to them.

I take this opportunity, of also mentioning to you, that there are a few other Men belonging to the Detachment, who, by what I can learn from their Officers, are of exceeding bad Characters, and very unfit to be employed where opportunity of desertion or any inducements to it may occur, Could they easily be exchanged, and sent to, where such a thing could

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could be more securely guarded against, than their present destination admits of; and persuaded, it might be for the good of the Service — I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Honble Sir

Your very devoted and most Obedient Servant.

Alex.r Duncan

Angolo
21. Oct.r 1775

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Mr. Horneau sent me word yesterday that he was going to send the things, which he mentioned before, up the Country; and desired that I would send, and have them examined. I went up to his House. There is eight Bales of Scarlet Cloth, and two large Trunks of Hats; which I believe contain upwards of two hundred. I asked Mr. Deffosses, if that Cloth was not sufficient to Cloth all Mr. Lally's Troops; he said no, but there is enough to Cloath all his Europeans; and told me that Mr. Lally got no Cloth last Year; which is the reason of their not being Regimentally Cloathed, at present; and added that, that Cloth, was rather too good for the Soldiers, but not fine enough for the Officers. Where I told them that I would not let it pass without Orders; they said that it was for Bazalet Jung; desiring to look at it, and be convinced, that it was too good for the Men. I am very certain that it was intended for

from Ensign Hal:
:cott desiring Instruct:
:ons whether to pass
Merchandize consist:
:ing of Cloth and
Hats in consequence
of a false Alarm
Manauee Cawn
undertakes to burn
Mazulipatam Bt:
:tah.

for the Europeans; as Dessaus told me that it was done
Days ago: and observed Yesterday, that it was too good for the
Men, but not good enough for Officers. Perhaps Mr. Lally
could get me other. They said that the Villa to were intended
for Officers, and could be looked on, as Merchandise only. I think
it remarkable that they should send, between two and three
hundred Whale at one time, to so few Officers, The Number of
them, as sufficient, for all the European Artillery and Infantry.
The Troopers and Grenadiers, wear Caps. I have not removed
these things, out of Mr. Hermanis House; but shall not permit
them to pass, till I have instructions to do so.

Mr. Dessaus tells me that there is great confusion,
in the European Camp, occasioned by disputes, between the Major;
(whose Name is Monbrun) and Mr. Lally. The quarrels grew
to such a height, that the Major at last requested leave to resign,
and return to Pondicherry. This was granted, but when he had
got a small distance from the Camp, on his way to Montafilliè;
a large party of the Soldiers went to Mr. Lally, in a mutinous
Manner, and demanded their discharge. He immediately, that
a party was formed against him; sent a Detachment after
after the Major, and brought him back a Prisoner; he is now
in close Confinement; and is said by Mr. Lally, withholding a
Correspondence with the English; and desiroing to draw off the
Men, to their Service. The Major it seems, has many Friends,
amongst both Officers and Soldiers; them Mr. Lally has.
Bayadet being in jealous of Lallys Power, and the supposed that
it will hurt him very much; if not remove him from the

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With respect to the Officers, which it was said, were sent from Pondicherry, he says it is a mistake, there were three Gentlemen went up to the Camp at that time; two of them were Merchants, and the other had been a Captain at Mauritius, but resigned the Service; he is still a Volunteer. As the Officers with Mr. Lally, will not suffer themselves to be superseded. The other Gentlemen returned to Pondicherry, after they had disposed of their Goods.

Mr. Desfeaux tells me, that when Mr. Lally came down to Mootapillee, to escort the Guns and Stores, then landed; he brought with him a Battalion of Sepoys, another of Topasses and all his European Cavalry, with his Field Pieces; and was determined to fight the English, if opposed, or molested by them. We had concerted measures with Bazalet Jung in case the Guns &c. were stopt, advised him to declare War immediately but never to come to an Engagement with the English; told him the best method he could pursue, would be to burn and destroy the whole Country from Masulipatam to Madras; and assured him that the Soubah would protect him.

Whilst he was down at Mootapillee, a rumour was spread in Camp, which then lay at Doopar, of his being cut off, and all his party made Prisoners by the English. The Chiefs and Commanders of Cavalry, immediately assembled at Bazalet Jung's Tent, and requested that he would send them down to burn the Pettah of Masulipatam. Manawa Cawn, the Canoul Nabob (commanded his own Troops, who were acting with Bazalet

Jung)

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Swing) offered to do it, with four thousand Horse. This, Dispatches
assured me, he knows to be fact; as he was at that time, in
the Camp. Sam.

Camp at
Ponlapollam
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Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed. humble Servant
Thomas Wilcox

27th. Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Dr Perring and
the Council at Vizagapatam.

To Mr. Peter Perring.
and the Council at Vizagapatam.
Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam
Guzzepatdoo to receive
a Cowle for his Safety
Juggannadoo to be
informed of the Reas-
ons for so doing

Guzzepatdoo, who is arrived on this side the River
Veriatna, has applied to Us, for leave to reside at Madras.
Having had many proofs of the readiness of this Man's
disposition, and believing that his trouble may be approached
from hence, than to the Northward, We have thought
it advisable, to comply with his request, and a Cowle is to
be granted him accordingly. Lest this indulgence to
Guzzepatdoo, should cause an alarm in the Mind of his
Brother, or raise Suspicion, in the Inhabitants of Vizagapatam
We direct that you in the most public manner declare our
reason, for suffering Guzzepatdoo to reside at the Presidency,
to be principally, because he cannot have disturbing powers
in the Management of the Country. For we have not the
most distant Intention to make any Alteration in that
Zemindary. We are

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

S.r Wynch &c.a Council.

29.th Came in the following Letters from Ensign Halcott, commanding at Vandepollam and Lieu.t Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

To the Worsh.le Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and the Council

of Fort S.t George

Worsh.le Sir and Sirs

from Ensign Halcott Bazalet Jung's Forces remain before Bellari.

Mr. Diffeaux informs me, that what he told me relative to Bazalet Jung's leaving quitted the siege of Bellari, he learned from the reports of some People, who came down from Adoni, but two Sepoys who came lately from the Camp, informe him, that the Army is still at Bellari, The Man who had engaged to betray the Fort, was discovered, and put to Death, Bazalet Jung at that time gave up all hopes of taking the Place, and either moved ground, or had given Orders to that purpose (which occasioned the Report of his being on his march back to Adoni) when he received intelligence, that Provisions were very scarce in the Fort, he then came to a Resolution to endeavor to starve the Garrison, and has stationed his Troops in such a manner, as to prevent any provisions from being carried in, The same Sepoys that told Mr. Diffeaux this, told a very different Story, to the People which I employed to make enquiries of them. i: e: that the Army was one Days

march

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march on this side of Adone, where they left it, Perhaps they had Orders to stay &c.

A detachment of Sepoys arrived at Doopar from the Army, five Days ago; they give it out that they are shortly to be followed by a large Detachment. Their Detachment consists of two European Officers, two Serjeants, and four private Europeans, with about an hundred and fifty Sepoys and a few Topasis. They say that they are going to Condaveer. Mr. Dessenac tells me that he believes the four Europeans, and Topasis to be Artillery Men, and supposes that they are come into the Gundoor Circar, to collect the Rents. He tells me that Bazalut Jung, has a large Magazine of Stores, and provisions, with Guns for Field Service, in Condaveer; from which circumstance I am inclined to think, that they are intended as a Garrison to that Place: as the Gundoor People are much alarmed at the preparations making by the Company. —

This day received information, that about eight or Days ago, four Europeans landed near Sergepallam, in the night; and immediately struck off for Gundoor, through the Woods of Bourpallah: there is nothing improbable in this, yet I do not credit it: as the same Man informs me, that there are six Ships now on the Coast, with between two and three hundred Europeans on Board; He says that they have been waiting off at the same Days; and that an Officer, and four Men, are dead since they left Pondicherry, The improbability of this, makes me doubt his veracity with respect to the four Men which he

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he says went to Gunloor. The Man who gives this Intelligence
is a Lascar, and says that he belongs to one of the Ships; I have
not seen him myself, but he told this to one of my Mercaras, I
do not believe it, but have ordered enquiry to be made about it. I am,

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Thomas Walcott.

Camp at
Pendapollam
25th Oct. 1775

To the Hon'ble. Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Last night had Intelligence brought me, that two
companies consisting of eighty Sepoys each, commanded by one
European Officer and two Serjeants, with four other Europeans and
some Sepoys, along with them, had arrived at Doopar two days
before. They belong to Mr. Lally's Corps and had made every
quick March from Arcot; Had two Stand of Colours with them
and are well armed and accoutred. They were said to be going
for Coondaveer, and after a short stay at Doopar, took that Road;
leaving it at the same time with my informer — They gave out,
that they were soon to be followed by a more considerable force.

from Capt.n Duncan
a Detachment of
Sepoys from Mr.
Lally's Corps on
their March to
Condaveer.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs,

Your most devoted and most Obedient

Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Ongole
24th Oct.r 1775

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 30.th October — Alexander Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President
George Strahan — Rob.t Fletcher
George Dawson — W.m Brooke
— Arch.d Palmer
Fra.s Sourdine — George Mackay

M.r Stone indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

The President acquaints the Board, that M.r Boswell has requested leave, to decline being of the Committee appointed for the Examination of M.r Gahagan, as his attendance is constantly required with the Nabob. Agreed to, and the Secretary ordered to acquaint M.rs Anderson and Davis, that they are to proceed on the Examination as before directed.

M.r Boswell declines the Examination of M.r Gahagan, M.r Anderson & Davis to perform that Duty

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer accompanying Capt.n Mantle's Report and Estimate of the Expence of Repairs wanting at Chinglepett.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor &.c Council
of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs

from Ed. Pope with estimate of Repairs at Chinglepett and respecting the Fortifications at Ganjam

I have with inclose you Captain Mantle's Estimate of the Expence of the Repairs of the Buildings at Chinglepett, which I have given directions to begin immediately, and have ordered such materials as are to go from hence, to be dispatched with

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with all expedition, I understand from Capt. Mackenzie that about 30,000 Wall Bricks may now be procured there, and that Flat and Pantoles can soon be got ready, in which I have requested his Assistance. Mr. Turin has engaged to immediately furnish what Chunam may be wanted, so that no time shall be lost in getting them performed — The repairs of the Fortification being very considerable it will require a further time to prepare the Estimates. —

As Sangain is only intended for security against a Country Enemy, and as the situation of the Interior Buildings will not permit the Rampart of the Curtains being thickned so much as I could wish, I would recommend that they may be widened only so far as can be done without prejudice to the Interior Buildings, and that they be revetted in a permanent manner with Masonry, I have the honor to be with respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t and most Hble Servant

Patrick Ross. Lt Col.

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To Lieu.t Colonel Ross.
Chief Engineer.

Sir,

from Capt.n Maule with estimate of Repairs.

Inclosed is a rough Estimate of the Expence of repairing the Officers and Soldiers Barracks at Chinglepatt, Amounting to Pag.s 1343 ... The Palmeiras and Reapers become expensive from their being supplied from hence, but as none fit for the purpose can be procured in that part of

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of the Country, this is unavoidable —

The Hospital will admit of no other Repair than the Making it water tight by patches of Terrasing &c. The Expence of which with the Repair of the Commandants and Paymasters quarters can be but little — Those are the Repairs most immediately necessary. Those of the Fort will require further time to form an Estimate of —

I am Sir

Your very Obedient and

most humble Servant

Geo.e Maule

Sub Director and Engr. Engineer

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Rough Estimate of the Expence of Repairing the Officers and Soldiers Quarters at Chinglepatt —

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| Palmiras | 208.. .. — |
| Beepers | 128.. .. — |
| Nails | 48.. .. — |
| Pantiles | 140.. .. — |
| Flat tiles | 60.. .. — |
| Chunam | 64.. .. — |
| Sand | 24.. .. — |
| Cooley for Bricklayers and Carpenters &c. | 108.. .. — |
| Paving 102 Squares @ 4 Pag.s P.r Square | 408.. .. — |
| Expence of carrying Palmyra, Beepers &c. | 165.. .. — |
| Pag.s | 1353.. .. — |

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Geo.e Maule

Sub Director and Chf. Engineer

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Ordered, that a Copy of the Estimate be sent to the Paymaster at Chinglepatt, with directions to prepare, and lay before the Board, an Acct particulars of the real Cost of the Repairs, when they are completed. A Copy of the last Paragraph of the Chief Engineers Letter, to be sent to the Council at Fort St. David.

Orders thereon.

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Cor: Corr: N° 126 dated 26th Instant, inclosing Copy of a Letter from Abdul Wahab Cawn (Nasseerut Jung) Behauder. The Board admit of the propriety of sealing all Passports, that may be given to Europeans, as without it, the Nabobs Managers may be imposed upon, and Deserters have it in their Power to get clear off. Resolved therefore in future, that all Passports, be sealed with the Governors Persian Seal. The President to inform the Nabob of this Resolution, and to desire he will publish it to his Aumils for their Guidance.

from the Nabob respecting Passports.

All Passports in future to be Sealed.

Read Copy of a Letter from Rajah Berbur Behauder to the Nabob, complaining of the Officer Commanding at Amboor, as entered in Co: Co: N° 127 Ordered, that Capt. Bruce be furnished with a Copy of the Letter, and ordered to answer, to the Charges which it contains against him. And further, that he acquaint the Board of the Number of Sheep, which may be daily wanted, for the Consumption of Amboor.

from Rajah Berbur complaining of Capt.n Bruce.

Capt.n Bruce to reply thereto.

Read Letter from Major Fitzgerald, Commanding at Vellore, together with a Letter to him from Capt. Bruce, and one from Rajah Berbur Behauder to the latter, as entered hereafter.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council.

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Horible Sir and Sirs,

Agreable to your Orders of the 20th. Instant, Concerning a Complaint lodged against the Officer for insisting on taking ten Horses, at Nathpullee, I have made all the Enquiry I am able at present, and now inclose, A Letter from Capt. Bruce, and one from Rajah Beerbur Behauder for Your better information. I am

With the greatest Respect.

Horible Sirs and Sirs

Your most Obedient and most

humble Servant

J. Fitz Gerald

Amboor 23. Oct. 1775

From Major Fitz-gerald in the reply to the Nabobs complaint respecting ten Horses enclosing Letters from Captain Bruce and Rajah Beerbur

Vellore

the 24th. Oct. 1775

To Major Fitz Gerald

Sir,

Having been for some time past much in Want of a Horse, I thought a better opportunity could not offer to provide myself with one, than to embrace that of sending by some of my People that Requested Leave, as is annually the Custom of praying their devotion at the Pagoda of Trichy. — that Rajah Beerbur Bahauder, had the intire Management of of the Business there, I wrote a few lines to him, acquainting him with my having sent by a Person going to Trichy Money to purchase a Horse, and hoped he would not prevent him, he behaved very obliging on the occasion, as he immediately ordered a Person to attend him, to prevent his being molested by any body: on the purchase

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purchase of whatever Horse he chose, as is particularly mentiond in the Rajahs Answer, which I request you will forward for the perusal of the Board, as I now inclose it to you for that purpose. Mr. Watkins went to buy a Horse for himself, but finding none to be had, Returned immediately. I know of no Party that went with: out those I before mentioned, who went Religious Motives with their Families, might be called a party, tho' they went seperately without either Sepoy Jackets, Arms, or Accoutrements, as to the demand of ten Horses, the Rajahs Answer sufficiently contradicts, I remain &c

Sir.

Your obed.t humble Servant.

Tho.s Bruce.

From Rajah Berbur Bahauder.

To Capt.n Bruce dated 29th Sept.r 1775 After the usual Compliments.

"I have received your agreable Letter which acquaint me that you have sent Mahommed a Subedar to buy a Horse, and that you should be obliged to me for an Order to the Servants of the Circar not to impede him. — the above Letter has given me great pleasure and satisfaction. The Sault Horses are brought to Naulapuddeh, which is in the District of Chittor; I have therefore agreable to your request sent a Warcarrah along with your Soubedar to acquaint the Circar People that they are not to prevent or hinder him in purchasing the Horse you want — I shall always be extremely glad to receive your agreable Letters &c

What &c.

Ordered

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Nabob be furnished with Copies of the foregoing, and that a Letter be written to him, acquainting him, of what has already been done, in consequence of the Complaints, and of the Resolution of the Board, to punish any Servant of the Company, with Severity, who shall be found guilty of oppression or ill treatment to the Inhabitants of this Country.

The Presidents report of the Reduction of a Polygar by the Nabobs Troops.

The President acquainted the Board, he is informed, that Capt.n Bruce, Commanding a Regiment of Cavalry, in the Nabob's Service, was a short time ago, ordered to reduce a neighbouring Polygar to the Southward. That in the attempt to get possession of the Fort, he had been repulsed with the loss of a European Officer or two, and several of his Men; that he had succeeded at length by Storming, and was now in possession of it.

The Commanding Officers at Madura and Palamcotah to be written to thereon.

The Board are surprized, that the Officers Commanding at Madura and Palamcotah, have not communicated to them, this Piece of Intelligence. Ordered therefore, that they be wrote to, requiring their reasons, for withholding the information, and directing them, to give in future, immediate Advice, of any New Occurrence, which may be to their knowledge worthy the attention of the Board.

Sir Robt Fletchers motion that Messrs Whitford & Brice be struck of the List and that no Foreign Cornet or Lt. Thereafter be Commissioned untill they Served four Months as Cadet.

General Sir Robert Fletcher moves, that Mr. Thomas Morg.n Whitford, and Mr. George Brice, who were appointed Ensigns on this Establishment in the Years 1770 & 1771, but have not yet been heard of, be struck off the List, and reported to the Court of Directors; and General Fletcher further moves, that it is the opinion of the Board that no Foreign Cornet,

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Cornet, or L.t Fireworker, be Commissioned in the Service, before he shall have served at least four Months as a Cadet, and go through the Duties of a private Sentinel, to the satisfaction of the Officer Commanding the Corps in which he may be ordered to serve, and be then reported to the Board, by the General of the Army, as a Person qualified to bear a Commission.

Resolved unanimously in the Affirmative.

Messr.s Brooke, Sourdan, and Mackay lay before and recommend to the Board, a Plan for a bound Hedge, to be planted from the Redoubt at S.t Thome, along the Borders of the S.t Thome River, to Morsis Choultry, at the Corner of the Long Tank. From Morsis Choultry, thro' the Long Tank, round the Village of Chittapett, the Octagon and Hospery, and from thence, to be continued to the Sea, at about a Mile distant, from the Northern Wall of the Black Town. The Expence, by Public Subscription, and the request the Board will permit them, to enclose as much ground, as may be wanted for that purpose.

A Plan for a bound Hedge laid before the Board.

to be

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Wynch
Geo. Stratton
A.D. Fletcher
Geo. Barron
Henry Brooke
[illegible]
Archd.le Palmer
Fowrin Sourdan
Gu.s Mackay

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Oct.r 31st Wrote Letter to the Nabob as entered in Cor: Corr.: N.o 128
acknowledging the receipt of two thousand Pagodas.

Nov.r 2. Came in Letter from L.t Lloyd, as entered hereafter.

To the Worshle the President
and Council
of Fort S.t George

Worshle Sir and Sirs,

from Lt. Lloyd with an account of his Reception at Canton by Mr. Phipps chief Supercargo.

Inclosed have the honor of transmitting to you an Account of some occurrences which have happened since my departure from the Presidency — My indisposition obliges me to proceed further, the Climate of this place not answering my expectations, a Cold one being the only change I could expect, and what Doctor Pooley recommended would make a change in my Constitution; it being a disorder entirely of the Nervous kind, this Season has been remarkable hot, more so on my first arrival than I have ever found on the Coast.

I have taken a passage in the Earl of Bucborough Capt.n Riddle, which is the first Ship that sails for England from this place.

I hope Worshle Sir and Sirs you will not look on this Step I am now taking as premature, for could I without endangering my health, return to Madras, or wait a Season here it would be entirely retrograde to my Inclination to attempt such a Step without your immediate permission

&c

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Inmost humbly beg of the Honble Board, that should
I be obliged, to proceed further than the Cape, they will in
the Letters of this next Season make such a favorable report of
my Conduct &c. to the Honble Court of Directors as may induce
them to let me return to the Presidency with my proper Rank,
in case my health will permit.

As Sprewsume General Smith, will be before this
arrives, on his Voyage to England, have not addressed him-

Sam.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed. humble Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd.

Canton in China
12th Novr 1774

On Mr Pitts Arrival and arrive at Canton we immediately
waited on Mr Phipps, Chief of the Honble Company's Supercargoes
being introduced by the Capt. of the Ship we came in; Mr Phipps
received me in a polite Manner, but did not offer me any Accomodations,
On enquiry we found no Room of any kind was to be hired or got
in the whole place, we then applyed to Mr Phipps who gave
for answer, there was not a Room in either of the Company's
Factories but what was occupied; and declared on his Honor if
the most intimate Friend of his was to come to Canton, he
could not give him a Room, except he gave one of his own, and he
had but two, that it was with the greatest surprize she saw
any Gentlemen come from the Coast, after what had been repre-
sented. That last Season they had represented. That last Season
they had wrote to the Presidency of Madras, informing them of
the inconveniencies Gentlemen must labor under that came

to

to this place, and that if any more did after this come they must not expect Accommodations of any kind, that the Gentlemen of Madras had used him ill in sending Us, they were in no manner under the Direction of any of the Presidencys; we replied, we were sorry we had not been acquainted with it, but as we were now in the greatest distress for a place to put ourselves and Effects in, begg'd, he would assist us, it was in vain we expostulated with him on that head; He indeed offered us the Table which we accepted and returned him Thanks for so kind an Offer. We were during this time informed by Gentlemen of the Factory that several Rooms were vacant, myself and Mr. Park, saw three or four with a large Veranda without anybody, besides a large Hall with a few Chests of Tea in it, which the Coolies of the Factories slept in, here was in this distress for upwards of a week. Sent to Mr. Phipps for leave to put our Effects and selves under the Piazza of their Factory, which he absolutely refused, a Gentleman seeing our Distress gave us a Room for Tea in a Factory belonging to a Chinese Merchant, whom he rented it off. During this time we constantly attended Mr. Phipps and the Supercargoes Table and continued so to do, until the 24th. of October last, when Mr. Phipps in discourse with another of the Supercargoes at Table, concerning the Table, in the most haughty manner that can be conceived (we both being present) spoke to this effect and in these very words ——— Gentlemen when you come to Canton you to this Table, as tho' they were entitled to it, but I must tell them they are deceived, they have no right to it or to expect

expect it where I, continued Mr. Phipps, was on the Coast I might have run about long enough before I should have got a dinner, had I not been particularly recommended —

Several sarcasms of this nature were thrown out. — Mr. Tutt and I determined on this to quit the Table, accordingly waited on Mr. Phipps that same Evening, and told him his declaration at his Table we looked on as Ungenerous and ungentleel that he might have taken a more private method to have informed Us, We repeated what he had said at Dinner, that we had no right to the Table, but if we chose to come to it, we might, or let it alone, we told him we scorned so mean an Action. — We asked him if he had seen any Behaviour on our parts since we had been at his Table arrive, he replyd he had not — and further, that we certainly should on our Departure have returned him Thanks for his civility in offering the Table, as we never looked on it as a right, but that now he had cancelled all obligations. — and that for my part I could not look on his Behaviour that Day any other than as a public Affront, that he was now Chief of the Honble Company's Supercargoes, but that if I should have the pleasure of seeing him in England he would then be Mr. Phipps and I, Mr. Lloyd, —

Gentlemen of the Honble Board what has made me so prolix in this is, as well for the good of the Service I have the honor to be in as well as in Justice to L.t Col.o Fra.s Wm. Tutt and self.

Cornet Sun departed this Life the 17th of last October. — I believe Mr. Harrison one of the Supercargoes here, will be accountable for his effects —

Sun

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I am well informed, diverse of our Deserters, who deserted at different times to Pondicherry came in one of their Ships from that place this Season, and are now in their Fleet, and that very Season, they are, more or less on board, I am with the greatest respect to the Worshipful Board

Gentlemen

Your most humble Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd

3. Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 1st Instant as enclosed in Con Corrs. No. 129 enclosing a Bill for 35,000 Pagodas

4. Came in the following Letter from Capt. Godfrey, Commanding at Pellaure.

from Capt. Godfrey the complaints of the Nabob's Managers respecting the Sale of Grain without Foundation

Worshipful Sir and Sirs

I received a Letter from Mr. Sullivan your Secretary dated 27th Ult. informing me that I should immediately acquaint the Nabob's Manager at Pellaure, that he has your permission to dispose of the Grain. In reply thereto, ever since I have been here, the Nabob's Manager has been disposing of this Grain, and I know of no Restraint he has had to dispose of what quantity he could of it. I shall be glad to know if there has been any Complaint to You of this being prevented. If there has, it has been without foundation, for they have been selling it ever since I have been in this Garrison

There is Grain and Stores in this Garrison (fire wood excepted) sufficient to serve 2,000 Men near two Years if it was good; But a part of the Grain has been laying in the Godowns

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About two Years ago I indented for Pouches for my Battallion, and have repeated it since I have been here, but have received none as yet. Be pleased to order me to be supplied for I have none fit for Service.

Twelve Months ago I recommended some men for Promotion in my Battalion to Col. Laing, he approved of them, and sent their Names to the Board, I have wrote your Secretary repeatedly about their Commissions, but have received no Answer.

Herewith send you the Returns of the Troops in this Garrison under my Command for the Month of October, and have the honor to be with much Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Rob.t Godfrey.

Vellore
4th Nov.r 1775

This day was likewise received the following Letters from Capt.n Duncan Commanding at Ongole

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

In my Letter of the 24th I had the honor to inform you, that a Detachment of Sepoys &c.a from Adoni had passed by Doopar towards the Gunloor Circar — I now have Intelligence

from Capt. Duncan
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Gentlemen

Your most humble Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd

3d Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 1st Instant as noted in Cor Corrs. No. 129 enclosing a Bill for 3,500 Pagodas

4th Came in the following Letter from Capt. Godfrey, Commanding at Pillaur.

from Capt. Godfrey
The complaints of the Nabobs Manager respecting the Sale of Grain without Foundation

Worlds Sir and Sirs

I received a Letter from Mr. Sullivan your Secretary dated 27th Ult. informing me that I should immediately acquaint the Nabobs Manager at Pillaur, that he has your permission to dispose of the Grain. In reply thereto, ever since I have been here, the Nabobs Manager has been disposing of this Grain, and I know of no Restraint he has been under to dispose of what quantity he could of it. I shall be glad to know if there has been any Complaint to You of this being prevented. If there has, it has been without foundation, for they have been selling it ever since I have been in this Garrison

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Rob.t Godfrey.

Vellore
1st Nov.r 1775

This day, was likewise received the following Letter from Capt.n Duncan Commanding at Ongole —

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President and Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

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of their Arrival at Condaveer on the 26th Ulto and that on
the 28th they were received into that Fort, and had the Command
of it delivered over to them by the Killadare, after Instructions
received from the Rajah Bahaudre, at Gunteor, to that purpose,
that immediately on their taking possession of the Fort Guards
were placed at the Gates &c and Centrys on all the Bastions.
It is said, that all the Families who at present live within the
Fort, have orders to remove and to build Houses for themselves
on a spot of ground allotted to them, outside of the Fort, and that
they are about taking every other precaution for putting it in a
State of defence. I am also informed, that Letters have been sent
from Bazalet Jung, to the four Zemindars of the Circar, requiring
them immediately to get ready, each of them, one thousand Men (
Sibendies or Peons) and send them to the Rajah Bahaudre, for
the protection of Condaveer; that every Zemindar is to pay his
own People, which will be allowed, in deduction from their Rents.
Bazalet Jung also assures them, that Monr. Lally will very soon
be with them, to oppose any attempt that can be made upon them
from the English. — Two large old Guns, which have long lay
neglected, on the Fort of Gunteor, they are now preparing to
transport to Condaveer — I am told that the Detachment, which
have taken possession of Condaveer have not got, above two or three
Rounds of Ball Cartridges with them, but that they say they expect
to be supplied with Ammunition of all sorts from Masulipatam.

I have advices from Bellari and Adoni, by Dewan who
left the former of those Places, the 16th Inst. at Night, that

Monr.

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Mons.r Lally was still lying before that Fort, but it was said with little hopes of taking it; and it was reported would soon raise the siege. Three hundred Horse, left his Camps, and marched to Adoni, in Company with my Messengers; who gave out they were immediately to proceed for the Guntoor Circar — Bazalet Jung himself was at Adoni — I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very devoted and most Obedient Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Angole
21st Oct.r 1775

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

Honble Sir,

From Captain Duncan with List of Stores for Angole

By a Letter from the Deputy Military Storekeeper, I am informed of the dispatch of certain Stores, for the Use of this Garrison. From the List, which he has sent me of them, I observe that my Indent is far from being fully complied with; and in particular, that some of the Articles, which I had the honor formerly to mention to you as being the most necessary are not included. At the Bottom of the List, is a N.B. that the Battalion was supplied with new Bulgar Pouches, Arms, and accoutrements in Dec.r 1773 I can only aver that all possible care has been taken of these Accoutrements; but such the badness of their Quality that notwithstanding a supply of 200 Pouches Rec.d in April last, yet for many Months past, two or three Companies have almost constantly

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constantly been employed in repairing them. And not a Field
Day in the Battallion, but a number of the Pouches (empty)
fall to pieces, that is seperate from the Belts — Upon a march
with Ball Ammunation in them; what must be the case?

I beg you'll excuse my troubling you with this representation,
as I should think myself very deficient in my Duty, were I to
omit making it. Along with this I take the Liberty to transmit
you, a List of such Stores, as still appear to me necessary and which
are not included in the abovementioned List of what are already
dispatched, humbly submitting the same to your consideration.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect &c.

Hon.ble Sir,

Your very devoted and most Obd.t Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Angola
30.th Oct.r 1775.

List of Military Stores wanted at Angola and not
included in a List of what is already dispatched for that
Garrison &c.

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| Flints, Field, Musket | | 4000 | The 2000 mentioned to be sent don't make above one spare flint a man to the Gar.n |
| Pouches | | | |
| Cross Belts for Bayonets | } each | 1000 | |
| Bayonet Scabbards | | | |
| Lock Cases | | | |
| Drum Cords | } each | 30 | |
| d.o Hoops | | | |
| d.o Braces | | 100 | |
| Flesh Hoops | | 10 | |
| 3 Pd.r Tubes filled | | 500 | Have already in Store enough sufficient Length, for use of the 3 Pd.rs here. |
| Rope for Lashings | | 6 | |
| Rope for Tents | | 70 | |
| Private Tents | | 2 | The 2 sent are what the Batt.n & other Troops in Garrison want them |

Angola 30.th Oct.r 1775

Alex.r Duncan Capt.

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Captain Duncan has been already Ordered to apply to Masulipatam, from hence he is to be supplied, with such Stores as he may be in want of.

5th Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 1st Inst as entered in Corr: No. 130. accompanying Pag. 3500, on Acct of the Rioters of the Pondamallee District

At a Consultation Present

Alexr Wynch Esqr Govr President

Geo. Stratton Robt Fletcher

Monday 6th Nov. Geo. Dawson Hy Brooke

John M. Stone Archd Palmer

Frans Sourdan Geo. Mackay.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read Letter from L. Macleod.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr

President and the Council

of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From L. Donald macleod – with an examination of the Nabobs Topal Peon

I received this Morning a Letter from your Secretary desiring me immediately to make the strictest enquiry in the causes of a complaint made against me to the Nabob, and to report the result to the Honble Board.

Accordingly on the receipt of these Commands, I assembled 3 of the Gentlemen in Garrison, the Killadare and some other Black People of consequence for the said purpose.

Accompanying

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Accompanying this is a Malabar translation of the Copy of the Complaint which Mr. Sullivan sent me; occasionally made for the Complainant: and subjoined to it are questions with their answers — which I hope will satisfy you that I have done nothing unwarrantable. I looked upon this Tapaul Man as the Servant of the public — It was his neglect of duty that made him first known to me. — At 12 o'Clock I always sorted the Letters and saw them given to the different Garrison. I discovered one Day that the Tapals were sometimes detained an hour in the Fort, after I dispatched them — and at the same time found that it was owing to this Man that I was complained of to me — I sent for him and ordered him to attend for the future at 12 o'Clock, in order to dispatch the Tapals regularly: — This he soon repeatedly neglected — and finding that he regarded not my words, I made a Boy give him Six or 10 Lashes which had the desired effect.

The fellow could not be persuaded on to write this answer to any questions as was intended — he however contradicts the whole of his Letter to the Nabob excepting that I flogged him —

Whether I have done wrong — or how great an injury I have been offended are by this complaint, I pray, Honble Gentlemen, are the best Judges —

I know that you look upon your Officers to be Men of honor and Spirit — and Zealous for your Service and you surely will not allow them to be thus fruitlessly belyed, without making examples of their false accusers. — What I fear is that you

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you will look on this affair as unworthy of any further notice: I shall wait your commands. And if the Nabob does not order the Tappal Peon to be punished for troubling him and you with such false complaints; I shall not expect your displeasure for giving him a drubbing. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

Don. Macleod

Madura
25th Octr 1775

The above Translation of the Complaint made by a Tappal Man, against Lt. Macleod, being read by the said Peon in presence of Mr. Duffin Surgeon, Lieut. Crosby and Mackenzie, Abdul Killadar and others — Lt. Macleod proposed the following Questions, the Answers to which the Peon makes as below

Quest. 1st Did you write such a Letter as the above to the Nabob?

The Peon absolutely refuses making Answer to this Question, saying, that he must first have the Liberty of the Head Man at Madras.

Quest. 2d Did I order you to attend at any other hour than 12 o'Clock?

Answer. You desired me to come at no other hour, and at my refusing to attend at that time you beat me.

Quest. 3d How many Lashes did my Boy give you

Answer

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Answer, Sworn or Looked.

Quest: 4th Did your Serrestine upon?

Answer. You Did not, but Threatened me if I Did not Salute.

Quest: 5th Did Lower stop or hinder for one Minute the dispatching of any Letters of his Highness the Nabob or any other Person?

Answer, You Did not.

The foregoing affair has been examined into in Our Presence

Wm Duffin. Mich. Croftye

Lach: M.c Kennon

Minute thereon to be removed to the European

As Lieutenant Macleod, must have known, that the Jaspeal Peon of the Nabob, was not under his orders, it was highly improper, to punish him, in the manner he confesses he did. If the Jaspeal Peon, was remiss in his Duty, or behaved ill, Complaint should have been made, to the Nabobs Manager, He of himself had no authority to punish. The Board therefore deem Lt. Macleod's Conduct highly reprehensible, and direct that he be removed from the Battallion of Sepoys stationed at Madura, to the European Battallion at Vellore.

Read Letter from the Council at Fort St George

with Papers Marked ABC.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esqr.

President and Governor &c. &c.

Of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

W.

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Letter from Vizagapatam, with the Examination into the disputes between Capt. Mathews and Mr. Martin —

We are duely honored with your Commands through Mr. Secretary Sulivan dated the 20th Ult.o and conformable thereto, caused Mr. Martin to be released from his Arrest, and Ordered here, that we might make the most particular enquiry into that part of his Conduct which induced Capt. Mathews to put him in Arrest. We have now the honor to transmit you our Examination, together with Copies of a Letter We addressed Captain Mathews in consequence, and his reply. —

We have acquainted Mr. Martin that his address to your Honor &c. accompanying his representation, was irregular, and that in future he is to transmit any thing he may have to lay before you, through Us.

Mr. Martin being in want of Medecines, we have permitted him to purchase a Chest for 327 Rupees, and have Ordered him to join the Troops at their Cantonments. —

We are, with Respect —

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Vizagapatam
28th Oct.r 1775

P. Perring
H. Williams
W.m Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Examination of Mr. John. Martin Surgeon, relative to his Conduct for which Capt.n Mathews put him under Arrest —

The reasons urged by Capt.n Mathews for putting Mr. Martin under an Arrest contained in his Letter to the Chief

and

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and Council dated the 7.th August having been read to him, Mr.
Martin gives the following Answers thereto — Viz.t

That Capt.n Matthews sent Serj.t Major Walker,
and Serjeant Sourdan with Orders for him to deliver Medicines
to the latter for the use of the Camp: That he told the two
Serjeants to acquaint Captain Matthews he had no Medicines
belonging to the Company, and that Capt.n Matthews knew it,
as well as himself. The Serjeant Major went to Capt.n Matthews
with this answer, leaving Serjeant Sourdan with him, and
some time after returned with Capt.n Matthews Orders to him
to send some Medicines immediately, as he well knew he
had some; to which Mr. Martin replied, it was true he had,
but that they were not his own, he having lately purchased
them from the Dutch at Paramipatam and had not yet paid
for them; and sent the Dutch Bill to Capt.n Matthews, requesting
he would sign it, in which case he would send him Medicines;
but if he would not sign the Bill, he could not send him any, as
he could not put the owner of them to the risque of suffering
by it — That the Serjeant Major came a third time to him
acquainting him he was just under an Arrest, bringing him
a Note from Captain Matthews confirming it —

Mr. Martin solemnly declares that he never wrote
the Note Capt.n Matthews affects to have received from him,
nor days, if there be any such, it is in Capt.n Matthews's
power to produce it — He also declares that he never promised
to send the Medicines at first as Capt.n Matthews says he did —

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Mr. Martin being asked, whether in case he had sent Capt. Mathews Medecines, they would have been all Europe Medecines, or some Europe and some Country, whether he had [illegible] other Articles that would have been of some Assistance? — makes answer that it was not then in his power at so short a Notice to get any Country Medecines and that he had no Salves &c. by him —

Mr. Martin is also asked, how as a Surgeon he could remain totally without Medicines, and not apply to the Chief and Co. for a supply as he had here to fore done? — He answers, that during his residence for six Years at Chicacole he had repeatedly applied for Europe Medecines but was never furnished with any; — That it was true he three times obtained the Consent of the Chief and Co. to purchase Medecines, and was paid for the last Chest in February: That being taken ill some time since he went to Bimlipatam for the recovery of his Health, and there purchased a Quantity of Medecines, which he

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be intended to apologize to the Chief and Co.s to be fined for, as what he had brought before and was fined for in February last was entirely unfounded — Of this he acquainted Capt.n Matthews on his return from Bimlipatam, three or four days before he was put under Arrest; who then told him that he ought not to be fined for any more Medicines unless he signed the Bills, and that he had wrote to the Board for an Order for that purpose — That this declaration of Captain Matthews induced him to alter his design of applying to the Chief and Co.s and where he was ordered by them to print upto seven Medicines for camp, he thought that a good opportunity to send him the Bill for the Dutch Medicines to sign, as he could not supply them with any of it, unless he was to be paid for it, as he had not any left of the quantity purchased and paid for before. —

Mr. Marden was then asked whether Capt.n Matthews, a few hours after putting him in Arrest, did not write to him a Note, and to consider himself as under the restraint of an Arrest, he answered that Capt.n Matthews did write him a Note to that purport; but he thought that although Capt.n Matthews might have a right to put him in Arrest, yet, that he could not be released from it, but by a Court Martial; which was the reason he did not accept of the enlargement Capt.n Matthews offered him —

Vizagapatam 28.th October 1775

A. Crawford Sec.y

To Captain Richard Matthews.

Commanding

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Commanding at Sittengarum

Sir,

1st Para. On our asking Mr. Martin the reason why he altered his Method of applying for Medecines, by presenting to you a Bill for a Chest instead of applying to the Chief &c. as he had always done before — and where by the Regulations it was his Duty to give his Indent to the Paymaster; he acquainted Us that three or four days before his dispute with you happened, you told him you had written to the Governor &c. for an Order that all Bills for Medecines were to be signed by you, and that was the Reason he desired you to sign the Bill for the Dutch Medecines thinking he could not otherwise get any —

2 Para. Mr. Martin says to that his first answer to you by the Serjeant Major, was not, that he would send you Medicines, but only his Compliments and that it was well; as he did not care to acquaint you by the Serjeant with his Reasons for not being able to send you any Medecines, but he thinks, though not certain, that he wrote you a Note telling you why he could not

3 Para. We have directed Mr. Martin to join you with the utmost expedition on Account of your People being so sickly and have Consented to his buying the Dutch Medicines which he says are very good and Amount to 327 Rupees —

We have to request your Answer to these Questions of Mr. Martin's that we may transmit the same to the Honble Board with the enquiry. We are

Sir

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Vizagapatam
5.th Oct.r 1775

Sirs.

Yours most Obedient humble Servants
Peter Perring &.c.

Alexr Cosby
H.y Crawford Jun.r

To Peter Perring Esq.r
and Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen.

In Para

In answer to your Letter of the 5.th of Oct.r I must inform
you respect to the first Paragraph inform You, That a few days
before the Detachment marched from Chicacole Mr. Martin
refused to give a Sergeant who was capable of Duty, but a little
indisposed a Dose of Physick, insisting upon an Hospital Ticket
I sent the Orderly Corpl to him, that he might peruse the Gen.l
Orders relative to People who had Slight complaints, but he re-
fus'd regarded them, as to say that they in no shape affected
or were binding to him; and shortly after came to my Quarters
to dispute with me on the Subject. I could not convince him of
his Error but he said as he was charitably disposed he would
issue Medicines gratis. It was during this altercation that
I told him of hearing that he had been paid for Medicines, He
said he had not, but when I mentioned from whom I heard it,
He said that before he went to Say[illegible] he had purchased some,
but had received more lately from Vizagapatam which were not
paid for. — I supposed that as he had frequently complained of
not having Medicines at the very time that I heard from them

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he had lately been paid for some, I could not know when he had Medicines, or had not, and that in order to be certain, it would be proper that I should countersign all his Charges of which I would acquaint the Board, meaning the Chief and Co. of Vizagapatam I did not tell him that I had wrote to the Govr and Co. my knowledge of the mode of application teaches me better. If I had addressed any other than the Chief and Co. it should be the Military Commander in Chief &c.

2. Para. I am Confident that the Serjeant Major told me that Mr. Martin would put up some Medicines. He kept Serjt. Jourdan with him on purpose to receive them. His Chit was sent about an hour afterwards which implied that if I forwarded to any of his Medicines I must first sign the accompanying Bill — The Messages that followed, acquainted you of in my Letter of the 7th of August —

Had I known that he had not any of the Companies Medicines I should not have inserted on his sending any. The fact is, that I thought he had public Medicines, Especially those the produce of this Country and Salves &c. The Public Vouchers will shew how often I have signed his Bills wherein Country Medecines is charged for, which when I thought them right, I concluded to be part of the Commanding Officers Duty —

Beg of you Gentlemen not to suppose that I would have proceeded to such lengths in the way of Complaint for a first fault. He had previous to this given me many occasions to complain of his Unruly and Contumacious behaviour, which came strong

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to my remembrance when he took such an Unwarrantable
method to force me to sign his Demande instead of praying
such an attention to the Necessities of the Service as it was his
particular Duty to do by his profession. No Man professed
of the feelings of Humanity could have withheld, at such a
time, almost every possibility of relief, supposing that Shad
exceeded the bounds of Strict Justice.—

A few hours after Shad ordered him in Arrest,
considering that his Service would be wanted, as we were going
to a Country so fatal to Strangers, I wrote to him, to desire that
he would not consider himself under the restraint of an Arrest,
and that I would acquaint the Board of what had passed. He
made me an Ambiguous reply, and I am sorry to say, that
Notwithstanding he heard of our distress absolutely kept in
Chicacole untill your Order came for his release.—

To conclude, the cause of ordering him in Arrest proceeded
from his former behaviour aggravated by the manner he took to
compel me to sign (what he did not present to me before) his
Bill; and reflecting on the Consequence of proceeding on such
hazardous Service without such Helps and Assistances as what the
Worlle Corp.s are pleased to allow every one in their Service.—
The fatality attending our late Marches and Countermarches
among the Mountains may be known from the Casualties of
August, September and the present Month, which are round
and known to every one in the Circar. I am &c.

Gentlemen

your

Corresp.
12.th Oct.r 1775
Wm Brereton Secry
Wm Crawford Secry

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Your most Obedient humble Servant
Rich.d Matthews

M.r Martin to be removed to Acka

Be it appeare from the examination and Papers now before the Board, that little Cordiality can be expected between Capt.t Matthews and M.r Martin, it is agreed, that M.r Martin be removed to the Troops stationed at Acka, as soon as another Surgeon can be sent in his Room to Chicacole &c.

Read Letter and Report from the Committee of Stores &c.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President and Governor &.c Council
of Fort S.t George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Letter and Report from the Comm.ee of Stores, respecting Old Gun Carriages &.c

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you Our Minutes of the 26.th Ult.o together with a Report of a Survey of Old Gun Carriages — We are with Respect.

Honble Sir and Sirs

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Your very devoted humble Servants
Rob.t Fletcher
George Dawson
Patrick Boss
Mathew Horne

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Ft. St. George — Brigr. Genl. Sir Robt. Fletcher
Octr. 26th 1775 — George Dawsons Esqr. and Lt. Colo. Ross
— Major Horne

Orders of the Board thereon.

Para. 1st — The Committee having met this Morning at the Contractors yard in the Black Town examined the following Gun Carriages &c.

6 Pdr. Field Carrs. with Limbers and Boxes Compleat ..... 12
3 Pdr. ... Do. ... 9o. ..... 8

which being approved of, are directed to be rec. into the Ordnance Journal.

Para. 2. — A Report of a Survey of all the Old Gun Carriages is laid before the Committee — Several of which it appears may be kept on the Establishment for the defence of the Garrison, after receiving some trifling repairs — Others will serve, for saluting and for Mounting Guns on the Works, in time of Peace, and many are unfit for any purpose.

Approved and ordered accordingly

Agreed that the report be transmitted to the Board, and that it be recommended that the Engineer be directed to get

necessary

necessary Repairs made to such
Carriages as are to be kept for use;
and that such as are totally unfit for
may be broken up, and that the
Old Iron be delivered as usual to the
Civil Storekeeper

Para. 3d Beside the Carriages particularized in the report, there are a number of Iron Carriages, of which some are good, and may serve if occasion require, on the Sea Line, in its present state: Agreed to recommend that such be kept, but not considered as part of the Establishment. — Approved

Para. 4th The Committee observe that there are a number of Old Carriages which have been formerly condemned but which are still on the Companys Bastions lying unnecessary Lumber, about the Streets — to the Detriment of the Iron Work, about them, which might be turned to some Account, the Board having never give any Orders concerning them, Agreed that it be recommended that such be broken up with those now condemned. — Approved, and ordered accordingly.

Para. 5th The Committee are of opinion that — Approved, and ordered accordingly,

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| | | that the Guns should be lackered once a Year to preserve them from the Weather, and the Trail Carriages exposed on the Works, should be cleand and painted occasionally. Agreed to recommend to the Board, that it be always done after the rainy Season. | Orders of the Board thereon |
| Para. | 6th | The want of sufficient Room in the Arsenal for all the Carriages and Military Stores and the Confusion and delay that would be occasioned, in time of Service, by getting them ready and fitted to their Guns &c being particularly represented by the Commanding Officer of Artillery and it being suggested that the Allotment of a Bomb Proof, or what may be found necessary under each work for arranging and keeping in constant Order the Several Carriages and Stores belonging thereto, would obviate these Inconveniences Agreed that it be recommended to the Board. | to consist of a Bomb Proof in each Bastion, to be a Stable for the Carriages in the manner recommended by the Committee, as may be found sufficient for that purpose. |
| Para. | 7th | There being no Mortar Beds for Service, and the Contractors not having yet been furnished with proper models by which to make them nor the Irons | Approved |

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Terms which the Committee would be willing to allow them — Those which were some time ago made up by the Company, and which seemed to fail on Tryal at the Mount, are directed to be taken to pieces, and the Engineer and the Commanding Officer of Artillery are directed to give their opinion of the cause of such failure, and to report what they imagine may be the best of a Mortar Bed of each Nature.

Para. 8th By the Orders of the Board under date 6th of Feby 1775. Armourers for trifling Repairs are directed to be allowed the Battallions according to the regulations, which not appearing to make any Provision of the kind in the Allowances for the Field which are three Armourers, and which being found sufficient for that service. — The Committee are of opinion that two should be allotted for the Purpose now under Consideration, and that to avoid additional Expence to the Company thereby. The Number of Armourers in the

The Consideration of this matter deferred till another Consultation.

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the Garrisons be limited in proportion

— Agreed that it be submitted to

the President and Council.

Read Letter from Capt.n Bruce, commanding

at Sumbar, as entered hereafter.

Sumbar 3. Nov.r 1775.

To the Honble. Alexander Wynch Esq.r

President and Council &c.a &c.a

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Capt.n Bruce with an Address from the Officers respecting their Quarters.

Accompanying I have the honor of sending you an Address from the Officers of my Battalion, in Consequence of the present situation of their Quarters, and the repairs necessary to be made to them, and can assure you, as having particularly examined them myself, that they stand much in need of what they mention'd Prior to which take the liberty to lay before you the Estimate they have given in for that purpose, I am Honble Sir and Sirs with the greatest Respect &c.a

Your most Obliged and

most humble Servant

Thomas Bruce

To Captain Thos.s Bruce

Sir,

The condition the Quarters of this Garrison are in, renders repairs to each absolutely necessary as none of them are weather proof, and in every respect in the most ruinous state.

We therefore request you will lay this representation before

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Before the Worshipfull Board whom we hope will be so indulgent as to consider it, and have enclosed your Estimate of the Expence attending such Repairs, which we likewise beg may be laid before them. — We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient and
humble Servants
Wm Champneys.
John Hawkins
Jos. Roberts.
J. Bonden
Wm Flint
J. Walter.

Inboor
1st Nov.r 1775

Estimate of the Expences in repairing the Quarters at Inboor 1st Nov.r 1775.

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| Wm Champneys | Pag.s 60.— |
| John Watkins | 40.— |
| Jos.h Roberts | 18.— |
| J. Bonden | 42.— |
| Wm Flint | 30.— |
| J. Walter | 19.— |
| Pag.s | 229 |

Read Letter from Capt.n Mackenzie, Commanding at Carnicobar, with Papers accompanying.

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To Rich.d Sulivan Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Letter from Capt.
Mackenzie respecting
his Officers Quarters
at Conjeveram

I accompanied is a Remonstrance from the Officers of my Battalion in respect to their Quarters, as it is not warded according to your Letter of the 27th I beg you will be pleased to give me your approval, or disapproval of it, and there I will make a just Calculation of the Expence the Officers has been at, I do assure you Sir, the Officers made a proper application to me soon after our arrival at the Cantonments, to apply to get the Quarters repaird, as the houses allotted were in a shocking Condition.

In consequence of a former Order that all applications to the Board from the Officers should go through the General, I therefore sent the Remonstrance to him thro' the Adjutant General, not getting any answer to our Remonstrance I orate to that purpose five different times without success, while Lt. Col. Cosby was Adjutant General, not were to advise me to apply to the Board, He therefore was afraid of doubly offending by its not going thro' the proper channel, which we hope will be a sufficient apology for our Mistake, and that the Board will please to take it into Consideration. I am Dear Sir

Conjeveram Cantonments
30th Octr 1775.

Your most Obed.t humble Servant
A. Mackenzie

To Captain Alex.r M.c Kenzie
Commanding Conjeveram

Sir,

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We take the Liberty of addressing you in order to lay before you the Situation of our Quarters which are in a very miserable State and as the Monsoon is now approaching we request you will make known our Case to the Honble the Gov.r and Council, and request they will assist us with an Allowance to repair them —

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obed.t humble Servant

W.m D. Harding L.t
John North L.t
John Clarke L.t
John Patridge Ens.n
John Mackenzie Ens.n

Conjeveram
30.th Oct.r 1775

Estimate of the Sums Necessary to Repair the Officers Quarters at Conjeveram —

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| Pag.a | 130.— |
| Capt.n Mackenzie's | 70.— |
| Lieu.t Harding's | 70.— |
| Lieu.t North's | 30.— |
| Lieu.t Clarke's | 15.— |
| Ens.n Wilkinson's | 15.— |
| Ens.n Patridge | 15.— |
| Ens.n Mackenzie's | 40.— |
| Lieu.t Trail's | |
| Total Pagodas 385.— | |

A. Mackenzie
Capt.n 6.th Battalion

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Repairs ordered

As it appears from the aforegoing Letters that the Officers at Nonboor and Conjeveram, are much distressed for Quarters, it is Resolved, that Orders be sent to the Paymasters of those Places, to make the Repairs, in the Manner recommended.

General Fletcher lays before the Board the following Letters which he has received from Major Horne Commanding the Artillery stationed at St. Thomas's Mount.

To Brigadr. General Sir Robert Fletcher.

Commander in Chief of the Forces.

Sir

Letter from Major Horne the Artillery Barracks too small for the Number of Men

The Barracks at the Mount having been finished the Men have been ordered in them; But find there is barly room for two Companies where their Cotts are put as close to each other as they possibly can be; but I apprehend by adding a Varanda of about two or twelve feet wide along the inside of the Barracks and one of the cross Walls room may be found to accomodate the whole of the Men now stationed there; or if that is not approved the addition of 100 feet added to the Present Barrack would answer that purpose; As neither of those additions can be attended with any great Expence; request you lay this Report before the Honble President and Co. who I hope will be pleased to Order either one of these or some other addition to be added to answer the intended purpose.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your

St. Thomas's Mount
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Your most Obd. humble Servant
Mathew Horne

To Brigr General Sir Robt Fletcher
Commander in Chief of the Forces.

Sir,

As the season of the Year approaches for commencing our Mortar practice it will be necessary to have another Ten Inch Mortar Bed made and another Eight Inch; in the room of those damaged during the Mortar practice last season, As those two Beds, are now taken to pieces; the cause of their failure appears and may in the two Inow wish to have made use be avoided, and with such improvements as I think I could easily have made would them be proper Masters to have the Compliment of Mortar Beds Wanted to compleat the Establishment made by; I have the honor to be with Respect

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Mathew Horne

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Minute on the foregoing Letters,

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer be directed, to form Calculates of the Expence of each addition recommended to be made to the Artillery Barracks at the Mount, and Report in writing to the Board, his opinion of that, which will best Answer the end proposed. Ordered, likewise, that a ten Inch and an Eight Inch Mortar Bed be made up as soon as possible

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The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President lays before the Board the following Letters.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esqr

President and Governor

&c Fort St George

Honble Sir,

from Mr Whitehill B. I. orders the Zumindars of Guntoor to assemble their Troops – their Disaffection to B. I. & Mr Hare commanded to take possession of the Circar.

I have this day received Intelligence of the Arrival of a Party of Troops at the Fort of Condaveer from Bazalet Jung's Army; and information that the Zumindars of the Guntoor Circar are all ordered to assemble without delay at Condaveer and there to wait the Arrival of Bazalet Jung.

As these Accounts have been sent to me by a Zumindar of that Circar, and as he has applied to me for instructions whether to obey the summons which he has received, and whether to pay a considerable Sum of Money, in advance of the new Years Jumma: Sunday, which has been required from him, as well as the other Zumindars by Bazalet Jung: I think it my Duty to request your speedy Instructions upon this occasion.

The Zumindar who has applied to me, is of consideration in the Guntoor Circar, and I have great reason to think, that whatever line he may take, will be followed by the others more especially as Vasareddy Narna not the principal amongst them with respect to extent of Country, has a considerable District in the Mustaphanagur Circar, and as another of the Zumindars will

will be very much influenced in his Conduct by a Vaucar here to whom he is nearly allied, and who is attached to the Company

It has been suggested to me by a Person often employed from the Soubahs Court, that the Soubah would be well pleased to hear the Company had taken possession of the Guntoor Circar, as that would give him the Argument with his Brother of acting under necessity; — and I submit to you, whether the orders which have been sent to the Zemindars by Bazalet Jung, and the arrival of the Troops at Condavir, do not furnish sufficient ground for such a Measure, and whether it would not be thoroughly justified, by your continuing, when in possession, to offer the same Terms to the Southern which have already been proposed to him, more especially as the payment of the October Kist, which has been this day made upon his receipt, must be a proof to him of the Company's favorable Disposition towards him —

While the Circar has no other protection than from the few Troops now with it, and the affection of the Zemindars to Bazalet Jung there can be no doubt, but the Party at Ongole would take possession of it with scarcely the appearance of opposition; and the near approach of the Harvest which will be gathered in the course of next month, would make this particularly advantageous to the Company, whereas if it is deferred any time, a part of the Revenue

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Revenue will be necessarily be collected, as has been usual in advance, probably the taking prospect are rendered difficult, and an Alarm begins to have Leaning as of the Mussulmans. your Honor, whose Countries be opposite to that of Tondoor and the Collections of our Revenues from them be thereby rendered precarious.

I am with great Respect.

Masulipatam
2.d November 1775.

Honble Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
John Whitehill

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt. Duncan the People of Bet. Lovi, accomodate matters with B. L. on Nov.r 2. reach from the Nizam arrives at Adoni.

I have Intelligence, by Peons in Thirteen days from Bellari, & eleven from Adoni, that the Cossigd in Bellari have accomodated matters with Bazet Jung, on condition of paying 60,000 Rupees — of which 40000 has been actually received, and that the Camp with Mons.r Lally &c. still were since there, waiting the remaining 20000, which it was expected would be Gratified in two days, when Mons.r Lally was to proceed for Adoni.

These Peons say, that a Havenrah from the Nizam arrived at Adoni, some days before they left it, and that it was current

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currently reported there, he had brought but Inst:
Instructions for Bazulet Jung, to prepare himself
immediately for moving the Carnatic, and
that the Nawab Hurcarah was charged with
orders from the Nizam to the Nabobs of Cudapah,
and Curnool, to Swannore & Moraharow of
Gantti, To get all their Forces in readiness to
join Bazulet Jung, and to enter the Car:
natic with him, That the arrival of this
Hurcarah had occasioned an uncommon
Stir and Bustle at Adonie, and that a number
of Mr Sprengers Inhabitants had been dispatched to different
places in consequence of it. I have the Honor
to be with the greatest Respect — Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted & most Obed: Servt
Alexr Duncan

Ongole 4th Novr
1775.
Consideration
Deferred

Resolved, That the consideration of this
Matter be deferred until next Consultation,
when the Board, will have more fully consi:
dered and weighed the reasons, for & against it. —
In the mean time a Letter as entered in the
subsequent Diary is now wrote, approved &
ordered to be Dispatched to Mr Whitehill.

Thomas
Tomm Jordan
Geo. Stratton
Gea: Mackay
Robt Palk
Gio. Darrell
Henry Brooke
Lt Wm
Archdale Palmer

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9.th Agreably to the Minutes of last Consultation
the following Letter was dispatched to Mr. Whitehill
Chief at Masulipatanam.

To John Whitehill Esquire
Chief of Masulipatanam
Sir.

To Mr. Whitehill

Our President has laid before us,
your Letter addressed to him, of the 2.d Instant,
as the above you furnish'd us with relation to
the Zemindars of the Guntoor Circar, and the
measures you recommend in consequence are
of great importance, We have thought it ad-
visable to defer coming to an immediate reso-
lution, When we have further deliberated on
the Matter, you shall be furnished with our
directions. In the meanwhile, you will
continue to transmit us, the best information
you can procure. We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends
A. Wynch &.c Council

Fort S. George
8.th Nov.r 1775.

10.th Came in the following Letter from Lieut.n
Hales R. Commanding at Vandyrollam.

To the Honble Alexander Wynch Esq.r
President & the Council
of Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have received the Letter,
which you caused to be wrote me, relative
to

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From Lns. Hales & Coolies employed repairing the works of Condavir which is Garrisoned by Sepoys under an European Offic. B. Porah a Foundary.

to the Hall, and Cloth which I stopped. Dispatched Mr. Harris that he might send them up the Country wherever he pleased — I have received information of Maniawa Cawn, Nabob of Cannoul, being encamped with all his Cavalry (which usually amounts to two thousand) behind the Gaut, near the Pass of Acco. The Sepoys who arrived in the Gunboat Circar several days ago, with two Officers, are now in the Fort of Condavier, their number is increased to three hundred, they being joined by upwards of a hundred, who were before in the Circar distributed in small Guards, at the different Villages. The command of the Fort is now given up to one of the Officers, and about two hundred Coolies, are employed in repairing the Works. Received Intelligence that two hundred Mahratta Horse and three hundred Sepoys, under a black Commandant, arrived at a River, called Gunda Cannon, about four days march from Sricondah, six days ago, they give out that they are going to Condavier.

It is now reported that Bazalet Jung has concluded a Peace with the people of Bellari. They have agreed to give up four Strong holds to him, & to pay a Sum of Money.

Mr. Dessou tells me that Mr. Lally has erected a Foundary at Shauge, one of the Europeans which he entertained, at the time of his taking up the Guns &c. some Months ago, is by Trade a Founder, & has undertaken the

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the management of it. He had sent two Hawitzs
before Mr. Dessoun left the Camp and had
received several Brass Guns (which were made
of Bazalet Stones, in order to cast them. He
had also cast a large Quantity of Shot. Mr. Lally
is supplied with Stone, from some Mines in the
Carnatic Country.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant.
Hen.y Dalrymple.

Camp at Vinkapatam
Nov.r 3.d 1775.

11th Camp. Letter from Lieut. Donald Macleod,
Commanding at Madura.

To Richd. I. Sulivan Esq.r
Military Secretary
Sir

Lt. Macleod com:manding at Madura informs for:getting to inform the Board of a disturbance a:mong the Rabob's Polygars.

I have your Letter of the 1st. inst.
of this Month, requiring my reasons for not
communicating to Honble the President &
Council, that a Detachment of the Rabob's Troops
had taken the Field against a neighbouring
Polygar — and ordering me to give him
immediately intelligence of any new occurrence
which may come to my knowledge — and
which it may be necessary for the Honble
Board to be acquainted with.

I am very unfortunate in not
having informed the Honble the President &
Council when I understood, that the said
Detachment

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Detachment had gone against some Polygars—
and the more so as I cannot pretend to give
the Hon.ble Board any particular reason for
such neglect— for it is known to them that
there is no commotion among the Polygars,
bordering on this Part of the Country— I shall
take care that it will not be necessary to post
one in mine of this part of any duty in future.

Since Captain Davey left this Place
I had People constantly watching the motions
of our neighbours— particularly Hydrós Affairs
in the Dindigulk District— but I did not discover
any thing worthy the attention of the Honble
Board.— I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Don.d Macleod

Madura
6.th Nov.r 1775.

At a Consultation Present

Monday
13.th Nov.r

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Governor President
Jos.e Straton R. Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson Henry Brooke
J. M. Stone Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sowdan Geo. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

Sir Robert Fletcher acquaints the Board that as he has a Motion to propose upon the Subject Matter of the last Consultation, he desires that a Letter may

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may be read from Mr. Brooke 14 March 1773.
when he was Chief of Manulipatam.

Letter from Mr. Brooke 14 March 1773.
read accordingly.

Genl. Fletcher then addressed himself to the Board as follows viz.

Sir Rd. Fletcher's Minute on the Conduct of B.J. & his Motion for taking immediate Possession of the Guntoor Circar.

Since our last Meeting, I have read with Attention the several Papers which relate to the Guntoor Circar, and I have maturely considered what the Conduct of Bazalet Jung has been since our Treaties of 1766 & 1768 with his Brother the Soubah — By the 5th Article of the Treaty of the Treaty of 1766. Bazalet Jung, his Agents, and Dependents are bound under Forfeiture of his Rights of Possession, not to cause any Disturbance to the prejudice of the Company — Bazalet Jung may say he has not broken the 5th Article, because he has not yet caused any actual Disturbance; but it is my opinion, that he has for years past been acting in Direct Contradiction to the Spirit of the 5th Article by receiving numbers of our Europeans into his Service, and by the encouragement he has constantly given them to Desert either to himself or his French Party

By the second Article of the Treaty of 1768, it is expressly by the agreement of the contracting parties that Bazalet Jung had, provided to that early period, broken the 5th Article of the Treaty of 1766. The Parties declare therefore, that the Company had then a).

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a just Claim to take possession of the Sunderr
Circar, but in consideration of our friendship
for the Soubah, and our Desire not to distress his
affairs, by obliging him to provide Bazadet Jung
with another Jaghire, we overlook his bad
conduct and consent to continue him in possess:
sion of the Circar, upon the Terms of the Treaty
of 1766, with the additional Claim inserted
in the 2.d Article of the Treaty of 1768, that
he shall livd in Harmony with the English, &
that he shall give no protection or assistance,
to any of our Enemies — Such are the Terms
of both Treaties, and such has been the notori:
:ous and repeated conduct of Bazalet Jung,
both subsequent and previous to the Treaty
of 1768, that I think he has acted in open
Violation of both, and in a manner the slow
and progressive, yet in his Situation, the
most Direct, and the most probable, in the end,
to do a real prejudice to the Company. I
know that Mr. Du Pré and your hops
Mr. Wynch received frequent informations
(although they may not be entered on the
Records) from the Chiefs of Masulipatam,
& Officers commanding to the Northward
of the great prejudice we have repeatedly sus:
:tained, in consequence of the encouragement
given by Bazalet Jung, his Agents, & Depen:
:dants, to the Desertion of our Europeans —
Such then has been the conduct of Bazat
Jung,

Sorry, and take this publick opportunity of declaring it to be the most effectual way of acting the Spirit of both Treaties to our prejudice, May the very Words of the Treaty of 1763 are grossly infringed. For I believe it will be admitted that our own Deserters are not only Enemies, but Enemies of the worst sort — If Buzalet Sangi conduct therefore, can be reconciled to the clear, and obvious Sense of the Treaty of 1763. It must be done by those who have better Logical Abilities than I can pretend to, and unless some Member of the Board can prove to me that I do not understand the meaning of the Treaty, or that I am misinformed with respect to Buzalet Sangi's conduct, I shall under my protest against Delaying any longer to take Measures for our Security —

The Governor General and Council tho' they do not appear to know any thing of the circumstances, I have mentioned, as an infringement of the Treaty; yet they are clearly of opinion that no time is to be lost in removing the French from the Fauxbourgs Cirears, be cause it is manifest to them and it is to me, that the number of French & Canadians & Stores now in the Fauxbourgs Cirears, are now in consequence of a concluded Scheme to secure to them the possession of that Province, and to put them in a condition to attack our Cirears on the first favorable Opportunity, as I will

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so as to enable them to carry on their Intrigues
with those Country Powers so lately subdued:
Said the greatest Jealousy of the English, upon
this opinion alone, they recommend to you,
to form a body of troops, if possible in conjunction
with the Nabob, and march them immediately
to the Frontiers of the Territory of Bazalet Jung
and there insist on the immediate Discharge of
the French party. — But had they known the
frequent cases which Hyder Bazalet Jung
has given us to complain of as a Breach of Treaty,
it is my opinion they would have recommended
to you to dispossess him immediately of the
Circar — It is not to be supposed that the Governor
General and Council, did not advert to the Treaty,
when they wrote their Letter to this Presidency
of the 5th July, because in your Letter of the
13th June, wherein you apply to them you
clearly explain the Terms of the 2d Article of
the Treaty of 1768. and they in their answer,
expressly tell you, that after weighing maturely
the Subject of your Letter, they came to the Re-
solution they have recommended — Instead of
Instead of following their recommendation, you
wrote to the Soubah, on the 18th of August,
to Desire his interposition with his Brother —
The Soubah has not answered your Letter, &
if he had answered it, it is more than probable,
that the answer would have been vague, &
inconclusive, for the Soubah, cannot, without
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wounding his own honour and the Eyes of all the Princes of India greatly sacrifice the Interest of his Elder Brother, to those of the English, however much his dislike to his Brother may lead him to wish, that we should pursue the wrong measure recommend without making him a proper reply; and in a political light Likewise I think the Soubah will take no part, from an appre: hension, that such a conduct in him, might induce his Brother to throw himself into the Arms of Hyder Ally, who for the Kingdom of Arcot, and the assistance he would receive in annexing Carnoul and Cudapah to his Dominions, as well as from his enmity to the Soubah would be glad to assert an elder Brother's Right to the Musnud, over which he might place him without much difficulty, leaving us to take quiet profes: sion of the Sunnaar Circar, & annexing us perhaps from our Peishcush Burdon ——

We have information that the Zemindars of the Sunnaar Circar, are ordered to assemble immed: diately at Condaveer, & a part of Bazalet Jungs Army being actually arrived at that Fort — In advance of the new years Summabundy being required — Of Bazalet Jungs great preparations for War; and of a Boundary being erected by the French for casting Cannon, & Shot — For all these Reasons then, joined to the Consideration that the Governor & Council, came to their Resolutions, without

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without seeing those Instances of Bazalet Jungs Conduct, which I deem a Violation of the Treaty, I now moved the Board, "That the Recommendation of the Gov.r General & Council of Bengal, given in their Letter to us of the 5th July, be immediately put in execution"

Whereupon Letter from the Governor General and Council as entered hereafter is read.

To The Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.re
President &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

Gentlemen

From the Gov.r Gen.l & Co. they propose waiting for the Nizams Answer before they proceed further Instructions — Disapproving of the proposed Negociation with Hyder Nabob and of confiding in this Power.

We have received your Letter of the 13th & 30th ultimo, as we observe that you have addressed Nizam Ally Cawn, through your President, on the terms we had suggested for obtaining the removal of the European out of the Guntoor Circar, and procuring the recession of that District to the Company, we shall wait to hear the result of that Letter, before we send you any further Instructions on this head.

We have considered the Terms of the Treaty proposed to be entered into between the Nabob & Hyder ally Cawn, & as no progress seems yet to have been made in this negociation, we must observe that we are not aware of any advantage, that could be derived from such a Treaty, either to the Nabob

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Nabob or the Company, indeed so far as we can judge of the consequences, we conceive that they would be circumvergient, & contrary to the Hon:
Directions of the Court of Directors, for altho' the direct object of the Treaty, is peace it would inevitably draw us into Hostilities and distant operations in supporting Hyder ally Lawn.

It shall always be our Study as far as can depend on us, to preserve the utmost confidence between your Presidency and the Nabob, whose Interests we regard, as inseparably united with the Company's in the Carnatic; For this reason however we seek concerned, at the time & through which he thought proper to make his application to us, to be included in the definitive Treaty of Peace, with the Mahrattas, — conformably to this Sentiment we requested him to convey any further proposals, which he might have to make to us, through the Channel of your Board, that we might be furnished with your Hon: Sentiments, at the same time respecting the advantages also to be obtained for the Company on that side of India, and you may rest assured, that we shall observe this Conduct, towards the Nabob, on all similar Occasions — We cannot help lamenting that such an apparent want of Cordiality, has lately taken place between him & you, to which alone We can attribute the mode of Communication

communication, which he has made use of, and we recommend to you with the strongest Sense, to endeavour as much as possible, to cultivate his friendship and confidence, and to remove every obstacle in your power to the prosecution of them.

We have no objection to your retaining Mr. George Sackville Browne, to be a Cadet, on your Establishment as you desired.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
P. Clavering
Geo. Monson
Richd. Barwell
P. Francis.

Fort William
the 23d October 1775.

Debate on Sir R.d Fletcher's Motion.

Sir Robert Fletcher's Motion put to the Vote Viz.t "That the recommendation of "the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.a of Bengal, given in their "Letter to the Board the 5th of July, be immediately put in execution."

Mr. Mackay's Minute against the Motion.

Since I have seen the Letter just now received from the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.a of Bengal of the 23d of last Month, wherein they tell us, that they will give us further Instructions, when they have the result of the Letter wrote to the Board of the 18th of August. I think We cannot consi-

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commenced Hostilities against Bazalet Jung
& We are received those further Instructions and
therefore are that account only Spread any Mega:
sive on General Sir Robert Fletchers Motion,
I cannot heartily determined to vote in favor
of it and as my reasons for that opinion are
contained in the following Minute, I beg leave
to enter it on the Records.

Because on the most mature deliberation on what has already passed with regard to the Guntoor circar, & to Bazalet Jung. I think the honor and Interest of the Company materially concerned, that we should bring the Business to a Speedy Conclusion as proposed.

The preparations now making by Bazalet Jung for opposing our Designs, the large Sums of Money he has Expended in advance from the Zemindars in the Guntoor Circar, the time of securing the Crops in that Circar being so near at hand, and our not having received yet any answer from the Nizam, tho' he has been wrote to, so long ago as the 18th. of August, are likewise cogent reasons with me to by we should not lose any more time, and I confess that I was with I had recommended to defer taking possession of the Circar, after we had received the Gov.r Gen.l & Cos. Letter of the 5th July. The Hon.ble Gen.l Council have not given us positive Directions, but left it to our own discretion, as they might see I have

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whether the general posture of affairs, in the Carnatic would admit of our undertaking such an expedition. Yet an opinion so clearly expressed by them, on a matter of so much consequence to the Interests of the Company and after they had every information on the Subject, which we could give them, ought to be regarding us, as if they had sent us the most positive Orders and we think any opinion under us equally responsible for the consequences, unless we can make it appear, & I think we cannot, that the Situation of the Company's affairs under this Encroachment under the undertaking impossible or highly improper.

We have told the Court of Directors the Govr. Council and Council, that Bazalut Jung had not infringed the terms of the Treaty of 1768. & in no way for myself that I concurred in that opinion, without having sufficiently weighed all the circumstances, for considering the Company's Revenuenary Right to the Sunnud Circar, and the conditions on which they have suffered him to enjoy it during his life. Viz! that he would do nothing to their prejudice &c. it naturally follows, that Bazalut Jung ought to have regarded the Company as his best friends, and have desired their assistance only for the protection of his Country, & whenever he apprehended any danger,

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:inclined to observing so wicked a Conduct and
which appears to me to have been the true
Spirit and meaning of the Treaty; he has
Formed connections, with their Princes the French,
by giving Monsr. Lally an Jaghire in
that very District which belongs to the Company
and by receiving continual supplies of Men &
Military Stores from Pondichery, besides I believe
it will appear from our Records, that Bazalet
Jung has often since the year 1768, entertained
several of our Deserters in that Party com-
:manded by Monsr. Lally, which has been the
cause of all our apprehensions.
I am very sensible that we ought to be withheld
:by caution, however engage the Company
without sufficient cause in Military operations
that may involve them in troubles with any
of the Country Powers. If the information
we have just received from the Chief of Ma-
:dapatam, is to be depended on, and I think
it may, we have reason to believe that the
Soubah would be well pleased, we took
possession of the Sunda Coast, as it would
be an advantage to him hereafter, tho it
may not be convenient for him at present
to give his public Sanction for our acting
against his Brother and his not having
yet returned an answer to the President's
Letter to tell him that he approved or dis-
:approved of the measures we intended to

take

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take, as to my self a confirmation of this Fly-
Ally has always shewn a disposition to live on
terms of friendship with the Company, so
that there is very little probability of their uproving
Bazalet Jung's cause against them. Sam'l
Thurston of opinion, as I think we cannot have
fail of success, and as we have the Sanction
of the Gov.r Gen.l & Council, that we should
give immediate Orders for carrying their in-
tention into Execution.

Mr. Saunders Minute against the Motion.

" The Possession of the Circar is of the utmost importance to the Com-
pany, as it regards the Security of their North-
ern Countries, by the exclusion of the French &
all other Foreigners from territorial connexions
with the Country Powers on this Coast — The
Nabob is possessed of the whole Country from
Cape Comorin to the Kistna — & the Company
of all the Northern Coast, between the Carnatick
Country and the Kistnah excepting the Village
of Mootapillee &c.a belonging to the Guntoor
Circar — The French think can have no
Chance of interrupting our Tranquillity
than by connexions with Bazalet Jung
and this they seem attentive to, for altho'
it does not suit them to act openly, they
have endeavoured to form an Interest
at Adonie, and seem to have succeeded —
For Bazalet Jung has for a long time
been

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have encouraging the French and have now collected a considerable Number of them — The French certainly do not appear in this — yet there can be no doubt, but that the Party at Tanjore is secretly encouraged from Pondichery and that they mean to urge the first favourable opportunity of interfering with Us in India and while they can without danger convey Stores and Men to that Party they will continue it, until it may perhaps become dangerous to the Tranquility and security of the Company's Elements in the Decan — The Nawaub Bazalet has shewn to the Meeting of the Gun: Poor Country to the Southward, little Inclination to pay him Rs. 9 Lacs a year for it — The continual encouragement given to the British Troops to desert, & their Reception into his Service — convey no favorable Ideas of the friendship of Bazalet Jung towards the English — nor considering his Sentiments of our connection with that Power, of whose he is extremely jealous, is it likely he should alter them, of course being joined to the French, by his Jealousy of the English, we are to apprehend that he will be induced by any favorable appearance to join in acting against Us, which may perhaps make a Junction may be Dangerous — Self preservation is the first Law of Nature and seems to point out the proper[illegible] measures of Tanjore, as

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a future security for our other Possessions.
The Circar appertains to the Company,
has been conditionally left with Bazalet
Jung, and if it cannot be proved that the
additions have already been broken, yet
it is evident that Foreigners and Natives
in his Service have seduced our Soldiers
from us, that he has collected his Foreign
and Native troops — that he has ordered
all his Zemindars to attend with their
Sibbendy — that he is fortifying Condavere
avidedly with a view to dispute the Circar
with us and having once shewn this Doubt
and Suspicion of us we shall be justified
for endeavouring to prevent the Prince from
injuring us, when his attempts against
us may be of Importance — for he has
it in his Power to enter from Guntoor
into our Circars at pleasure and he may
at one Season of the year overrun the
Country and destroy the Crops of a great
Part of them — If we delay to seize the
Circar, alarmed as he may just himself
under the protection of the French and as
the Treaty of Paris does not prohibit such
Protection and connection, if we delay —
we may perhaps never gain Possession
of it.

The Board has received our
Letter on the Subject and has after having
obtained

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Obtained the Letter returned see Answer — The Chief of Wandeyadam writes as usual that he has information that the Soubah will not be displeased at our taking the Circars — This is an encouragement, so far as the Intelligence is to be depended on, and the Soubahs silence seems to confirm it.

The Measures taken indicate our Intention to enforce the Demands — to delay may convey Ideas to the disadvantage of the Nation — In many cases it is better to act at any rate than not to act at all.

The advantages to be escaped from the acquisition are self evident — but it has also its dangers for B. Jung destroyed by our Measures, may be urged Northerly into the Circars with his Cavalry and he may destroy and lay waste the greater part of the Ellore Circar notwithstanding all we can do, and the loss the Company may sustain by such Depredation and the expences we shall Incur may be more than equal to the Value of the Country if acquired.

But it appears reasonable to think that if Bazalet Jung the Govt. remain determined to have the Circars, yet willing to make him compensation, as he can't expect to cope with the Company he will be satisfied with an annual Rent.

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It may be said that we wrote to Bengal we should take no further Step until we should hear from them — but appearances have since changed and such Delay might be productive of Danger.

For all these Reasons I should have voted for the Motion but for the Letter which has come in from the Govr & Gen.l and Council of Bengal and which renders a further Delay proper and necessary.

Mr. Paterson's Minute ag.st the motion.

I am against the Motion, Because we have already upon mature Deliberation adopted Measures which no new occurrence has rendered any Deviation necessary — Namely, that the Soubah has been told our Apprehensions from Bazalet Jungs late Conduct which seems to be very wide from that quiet and peaceable manner he by Treaty was to have the Zemindary of the Guntoor Circar to which the Company have a Reversionary right. Because the Supreme Council have been wrote to on the Subject. Therefore both their answer would therefore be necessary, before any Step is taken, and Because the Court of Directors have been advised of our Resolutions to proceed no further and should know the result of our Proceedings to the Soubah.

Mr. Stone's Motion against the motion.

I am against the Motion — But before

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before I assign my reasons. I beg leave to pre-
mise that on my Arrival in Council
I also on the 22d September I proposed that
the Troops, which had been stationed for
the purpose of intercepting Men & Military
Stores landed at Mootapilly in the Gunloor
Circar and sixteen did for the Service of Ba-
zalet Jungs should be withdrawn — In
this I was actuated by any apprehensions
of the dangerous consequences to be expected
from a Perseverance in the measure which
had been adopted, and known upon various
of the unjustifiable Conduct thereof — By the
advices now received from the Chief at
Masulipatam and Captain Duncan it
appears that Bazalet Jung has in conse-
quence of that Measure taken the alarm,
and as I foretold is endeavouring by every
means in his Power to provide for the Security
of the Gunloor Circar, and to repel force by
force, at the time I delivered in my above
mentioned Minute I was convinced that
the Court of Directors, in consequence of their
advices to this Government had been explicit
on the Subject of Seizing Military Stores
intended for the Service of the Country
Powers; but I could not immediately refer
to the particular passage — I however
made it my business to search for the Advice
and which I found under date the 25th
March

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1509 March 1768. Par.a 15, 16, 17, & 18 I am apprehended some guilt applicable to the present Case and I thought it my Duty to lay them before the Board at the ensueing Consultation. The Court of Directors appear to me to express themselves therein very fully and clearly in the requisite: mode of seizing Arms and Military Stores intended for the Service of any of the Country Powers, and: of such Powers are actually at War with them or their allies — However to ease the trouble of a reference, and that the Company's Orders may here appear in their own Words, I beg leave to quote them, as follows.

Extract from the Company's General Letter
Dated 25th March 1768.

Par: 15. Having perused your proceedings
in the several Consultations referred to in the
Margin, relating to the Practices of some European
16th 18th 23d 25th & 27th June 1766. in supplying the Country Powers in amity
with the Company's Allies with Warlike Stores,
14th July. and having taken advice thereon, We are of
1st Aug. opinion, that it may be of very dangerous
8th 17th 18th 20th & 25th Oct.r consequence, if we should send Orders for
stopping and confiscating War like Stores
answering this Description and the Vessels
carrying them, for if they are justly brought
of Reclamation We think the Aid which the
Company can consistently with the Terms
of Amity, this Nation is bound to hold with
other European Powers, afford to their Subjects
Allies will not justify such Seizure and Confis-
cation

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confiscation.

16.th The Charters granted to the last
India Company have no Tendency to enable the
Company to enter into offensive Wars, and great
circumspection is necessary in the Alliances they
enter into with the Indian Powers, lest the assist-
ance they afford under such Treaties should give
just Cause of Umbrage and Resentment to Euro-
pean Powers, and kindle the Sparks of a new War
in Europe. We never thought that an Offensive and
Defensive Alliance with an Indian Prince, against
all the World, was warranted by the Company's
Charters, or the Laws of Nations, in Cases of Attacks
The Indian Company have a Right not only to
repulse Invaders but to obtain Satisfaction for
Injuries they may have sustained, & in such Cases
as We cannot suppose that actual War exists,
either or without a formal Declaration of it — &
then the supplying the Enemy with Stores or other
things necessary towards the carrying on such
War, is a Breach of good Faith and Amity, and
we think the Company would be well warrant-
ed in seizing Stores thus intended to be supplied,
so likewise in Wars commenced against the
Company by Indian Powers We have no
Doubt but that the like means would be justi-
fiable; but, where the Company can consider
themselves only as Allies, We cannot think
that attacking and seizing the property of
Europeans is either Legal or Prudent.

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