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17. We have taken occasion from your said Proceedings, which we observed you finished with proper Caution, to give you our Sentiments, thus fully for your information, and future guiddance on a Subject of so interesting a Nature.

18. Most undoubtedly the Practice of Europeans furnishing the Country Powers with Men & Warlike Stores is greatly prejudicial to the Nabob and the other Indian Powers in Amity with us, and may in its consequences prove so to the Company: It is therefore incumbent on our said Allies, so far as regards themselves only to take such Measures as they shall think justifiable, preserving Pacific ones to any others, in which latter you are to interpose your good Offices, with the several Chiefs of the European Nations to obtain redress for any Injuries of this kind and to prevent the Repetition of them in future.

The reasons which induce me to agree to the Motion are.

1st ..... Because, I conceive that any hostile measures to compute Bazalet Jung to accede to the Terms proposed, without the consent of the Soubah, would justly expose this Government to the Imputation of a Breach of public faith.

2d ..... Because, I cannot think that any act of Bazalet Jung can warrant such proceeding, as it does not appear to me that he has in any Shape violated the Terms on which he holds the Circar of Guntoor — The Board on their

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1512 Records and in their Letters to Europe, to Bengal and Masulipatam have declared as much — His entertaining and keeping Foreigners in his Service and receiving supplies of Military Stores whatever he can get them cannot I conceive be construed a Breach of the Treaty especially when it is certain that exclusive of the Guntoor Circar, he has a much more considerable Country dependant on Adoni, to defend, on which the Company cannot pretend to any claims, & for the protection of which he is certainly at Liberty to entertain what Troops he pleases, provided they are not actually enmity to the Company or the Carnatic, And I think it is evident that the Europeans maintained by him are principally for that Service, while he holds the Circar of Guntoor, He can have nothing to apprehend for the safety thereof. it being bounded on the North by the Company's Circar, on the South by the Nabob's Country and on the West by his own — Whereas his Country of Adoni is open to the Attacks and depredations of the Marattas, Hyder ally, his Brother Nizam ally Cawn, and other Country Powers, and to the safety of which it therefore certainly behoves him to be the more attentive.

3d Because it was well known at the time the Treaty was concluded with Shah Soubah in 1768 that Bazalet Jung had many French & other Foreigners in his Service,

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1573 that he had been long before and was then entertaining all he could get, and that he received Supplies of Military Stores whenever he could procure them — Such a conduct was deemed improper or contrary to the Intent and meaning of the Treaty a Clause ought to have been inserted therein to prevent the same, and to compel them solely on the Company alone for protection.

4th Because, I cannot conceive that the Commanding Officer of the Europeans in his Service having entertained some of our Deserters can be deemed or construed a Breach of the Treaty of 1768. It did not appear to the Board in what Light at the time it happened, now upwards of two years ago — and it is well known that an application to Bazalet Jung on the Subject he ordered them to be dismissed his Service — The trifling Differences which have happened between his people and those of the Company, on the confines of our respective Districts, regarding Water Courses & the Liberty of Cutting Wood &c. and on which it has not been thought necessary to connect an Declaration with them cannot surely be deemed a violation of the Treaty sufficient Grounds to warrant our proceedings to Hostilities to deprive him of the Circar of Guntoor.

5th Because, exclusive of the imputation of a breach of Treaty, which as I have said before I conceive this Government would incur

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...ment by proceeding to Hostilities to compute
Bazalet Jung to a compliance with the requi:
...tions proposed without the concurrence of
the Soubah. Sapprehend that notwithstand:
what is alledged of the Soubahs Jealousy and
dislike towards his Brother, that his incli:
nation towards the Company is by no means
more favorable, that he would rejoice at their
being dispossessed of the circars, and that it
is not improbable that he might be induced
to support his Brother, which the present dis:
tracted State of the Maratta Government,
seems to leave him at Liberty of doing — And
altho I do not think that Hyder Ally will
want only or hastily enter into a quarrel
with us, yet it is impossible to say, what
he may not attempt, on seeing us engaged
in trouble, or what a tempting Offer of
Country from Bazalet Jung may not
induce him to undertake — and to what
length we may be led, having once drawn
the Sword — no one can tell — Nevertheless,
we will go thus far, and no farther — To
carry on a long and expensive War, I am afraid
our finances are by no means equal, especially
when it is considered that the collection of our
Northern Revenues, our principal Resources,
would probably be lost in the beginning;
our Investment must immediately cease,
& the Company of course be disappointed of
returning Cargoes to assist them in fulfilling
their

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their Engagements in Europe — Moreover as this War would be wholly on the Company's Acc.t We could not expect that any part of the Expences would be borne by the Nabob — Nay should the Carnatic, in consequence of the Measures proposed, be invaded which I by no means think in my probable; might even not justly be accused of bringing Misery on the Nabob's Country and of involving him in Difficulties and Distress? The Season of the year, as the Crops will soon be cut, has been urged as an Argument for our taking immediate possession of the Guntoor Circar — May it not be expected that the same Argument may be an Inducement with any of the Country Powers and to enter and lay waste the Carnatic and Circars? And may we not in that case, sustain far greater Loss than any advantages to be obtained by the measure now proposed, can repay?

6th Because, from the Accounts lately received from Captain Duncan, I consider the Foreigners, in Bazalet Jung's Service, as a mere Banditti, without Discipline, Subordination or controul, and that while they are in that State, which I think will be so long as they continue in the Service of Bazalet Jung, the danger is to be apprehended from them, than if they were removed from him, since if he were to dismiss them,

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they would probably go off to Hyder ally,
whereby being kept in proper order and
Subjection, they might become very useful
to him, and in time very dangerous to us— at
any rate I am of opinion that their Removal
is not an object of such Importance as to justify
our undertaking it without the Soubahs concur-
rence; as the advantage to be expected therefrom,
are by no means to be put in Competition
with the difficulties and dangers to which we
may expose ourselves by such a Measure.

Mr. Brooke's Minute against the Motion.

The more I reflect on the consequences
which must attend the Intercourse between
the French and Bazalet Jung, the more
I am convinced of the necessity of putting
a Stop to that intercourse, For tho' the French
have not openly appeared in it I have not
a doubt but they are secretly and intimately
connected with him, and if ever Bazalet Jung
should arrive to the Musnud of Hydrabad,
in right of being the elder Brother, As tho'
the assistance of the French, by which he
means to obtain it, Bazalet Jung has
ever deemed a favourer of the French
interests and I believe it would not be
easy to point out a single instance
wherein he has shewn a friendly dis-
position to the English, and did not his
natural Attachment to the French pre-
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preponderate, against the real benefits which he has received from the English, in giving him a Revenue of 80,000 £ a year, it should seem that gratitude alone should have attached him to the Latter. If ever the French mean to figure again on this Coast, they must form an Alliance with some Country Power, that will be Hyder ally. tho' he is the most able to assist, yet is attended with many difficulties, because of the Carnatic lying between, thro' which the supplies of Men and Stores may be intercepted, this is not the case with Bazalet Jung, their intercourse with him is immediate and direct, thro' the Seaport of Mostapillee, and in Case of a War with the French, it seems more than probable, their first stroke would be in the Northern Circars to cut off by his Assistance our Revenues there, which amount to near 20 Lacks of Pagodas P Annum, and as the Nabob has told us in case of troubles in the Carnatic, he will not be able to supply us, our Finances then would be reduced indeed — It seems therefore of the greatest consequence that our Revenues from our Circars should be procurement and secure, and I think they cannot be deemed so while Men and Stores are supplied Bazalet Jung by the French, but as they have not openly appeared in this Intercourse, they cannot openly take

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encouraged at our entering it. This then seems the most favorable juncture to take vigorous Measures, for should we wait, until they publickly declare their intentions, We could not then take any Step in this business without endangering a Rupture between the two nations. With respect to the Question whether Bazalet Jung has broke the Treaty or not, I must acknowledge that when it was mentioned on our Minutes, that he had not, I gave my assent thereto with great reluctance, and I may with truth say that I did not object to it, rather than, that I concurred in that opinion. And if we at this time take a Review of the whole tenor of Bazalet Jungs conduct, his Attachment to the French in preference to the English, his encouraging our People to desert, his granting a Jaguer in the Guntoor Circar to a French Officer, whom the Company have a Reversionary Right to it, his employing another Officer in the Management of his affairs at Mootapilly who has taken upon him to alter the ancient Watercourses, Land Marks and usages of the Country, and furnished Corporally the People of the Company's Villages, I cannot think that Bazalet Jung, who enjoys the Guntoor Circar by Treaty, on Sufferance and good behaviour, can be said to merit much regard from the English, on the contrary I think this Government had a right to call him to an Account by the Spirit of that Treaty in

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1819 in shewing first instance of his receiving our
Orders, and that his Conduct ever since
has been an aggravation of that fault —
I am therefore of opinion it would be wright
in this Government, to take an active part
in this business, having first obtained the
concurrence of the Governor General and
Council thereto, and in case satisfaction is
not obtained, then to take prosecution of the
Gunboat Circar, and thereby break off this direct
intercourse with the French, even tho' we
should after prosecution give him the whole
of the Revenues, which are in my opinion
but a secondary consideration, in comparison
of the consequences which may attend the con-
nections between Bazalet Jung and the French.

The Nizam it may be imagined would
not chuse to give his public concurrence to this
measure, to save appearances to the World, tho'
secretly he may wish it should take place, for
it is well known that Jealousies have for a
long time subsisted between the two Brothers:
and as self preservation is the great Law of
nature, the more the Nizam can reduce the
offensive power of the other, the less will be his
own apprehensions, and nothing can contribute
more to this end, than cutting off the means
of assistance which the French may afford.
In what then can rest with the Nizam, but the
fear that his Brother may become burthensome
to him, but if this can be provided for by

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praying Bazalet Sung the Revenues of the Circars, the Nizam will not probably object but on the contrary will think himself benefited by the measure, and this may lead to further occasions of mutual benefit between the Company and him, for as his Country is the natural Barrier to the Northern Circars, the Marattas cannot easily disturb our possessions there, while he continues to favour us — The relinquishing also of the Pitchcash of five Lacks of Rupees, might probably be obtained, if assistance was sent him, in case his Country was invaded.

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Mr Dawson's Minute ag.t the Motion.

So far from considering the French, as they are termed in Bazalet Sung's Service, an establishment from the French Govern.t I have always understood them to be principally the natives of every European Settlement in India, and on the whole are undisciplined rabble, who like many others in the Service of the Country Powers, cannot find subsistance elsewhere. They may be regarded merely as adventurers not of sufficient consequence to be employed to promote any views of Government, and in fact objects almost unworthy our consideration. It is well known that Foreign Ships import Military Stores from Europe on account of Individuals, and those Stores are disposed of to the several Country Powers. What Military

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tapatlee. I have reason to believe from the In-
telligence received from Captain Duncan
were not intended for the defence of the Tanjore
Circar, but conveyed as usual thro it, and
for the defence of Bazalet Jungs prospects
in the Adoni Country, which are extensive
and surrounded with powerful Chiefs,
among whom it is good policy in him to
appear as respectable as possible. The Troops
Bazalet Jung lately marched into the
Tanjore Circar was from Adoni, the concur-
rence of the alarm he have received from a
detachment of ours being stationed on the
borders of his Country, and not with any
design than to defend that Country from
any Hostilities We may commit.

I is from experience sufficiently proved
that in the present System of the Com-
pany's affairs, their first and grand Object
should be the defence of that very great
extent of Territories they are now in pos-
session of, and not the acquisition of new
ones, May I presume myself of opinion,
that the Company do not learn with too
much avidity of Territory at the hazard of
interrupting the present Tranquillity
of the Country, And incurring an expensive
War. I on no account would submit
to any thing which would carry with

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1st 2d Europeans in Bazalet Jungi Service, as they are allowed (by the Intelligence we have received) to be undisciplined and in want of pay — and I will remember at the time that Captain Thomas Fletcher commanded at Angolo, this Party were so dissatisfied with their Situation that he gave it as his opinion that if he was allowed to march with his Battalion into the Tondeor Circar every Man (then commanded by Boss Infant) would come over to him — about that time the Board determined on seizing a quantity Stores landed at Masulipatam for Bazalet Jung's Service but on mature deliberation they resolved to deliver them up — The Company approved of the measure as appears by their Genral Letter dated 25th March 1768. Par: 15. 16. 17. & 18 to which I refer —

Having been for these three years absent from Madras it took me up some time to refer to the Records respecting what had passed — respecting the Tondeor Circar and while I was now Perusing the foregoing, Mr Sloné Minute on the Subject was sent for my perusal, which makes it unnecessary for me to add further for I approve of the reasons assigned by him in the support of my opinion.

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The Company being advised that we should wait the answer to the Letter sent to the Southward before we took any further Steps regarding that

President's Minute against the Motion

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15-25 the Guntoor Circar, Also the Govr Gnl & Co
in his by their Letter of the 23d ultº so far
approve of what we have done, as to tell us
they shall not give us any further instructions
until they know his answer — And as nothing
has occurred since to induce us to alter our
former Resolution — For I consider Bagahs
Jungi. sending the Troops into the Guntoor
Circar, and calling upon the Zemindars for
assistance and in advance of their Peri-
odical Sundries as things that we had to expect — I
therefore give my vote against the Question —
and having no doubt within myself that
if at any future time it should be judged
by the Board advisable to take possession of
that Circar from the assurances that were
given me as I passed thro' it, that the Zemind:
are will be ready enough to put themselves
under the Company's Government.

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Carried in the Negative. Carried in the Negative by all Present, ex-
cepting Sir Robert Fletcher, who will record
in his Reasons to the Secretary, and requests
they may be entered on this Days Consultation.

Sir Robt. Fletcher's Minute in support of his Motion. The Letter from the Govr Gnl & Co
of Bengal under date the 23d ultimo,
which was received and read at the Board
yesterday, ought not in my opinion to have
prevented our adopting immediately the
Measure recommended in their Letter

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of the 1st of July,

First — Because, the Gov.r General and Council
Letter of the 23d ultimo, appears to me to be
nothing more than an unavoidable acquies-
cence in the Letter this Board had written to the Soubah
on the 18th of August, without containing any
thing that can be construed as an approbation
of the Board, having declined to follow the
Idea recommended by the Gov.r General and
Council not, I think, consistently
with the dignity of this Presidency, and the
regard that is due to the Soubah on Force in
their Letter of the 23d ultimo, what they recom-
mended in their Letter of the 5th of July, Be-
cause in doing so, they would have superseded
the act of this Board, and endangered the present
Harmony which subsists between us, and the
Soubah.

Secondly — Because, Bazalet Jung's present prepara-
tions for War, and his correspondence with the
French give me apprehensions, that if much
more time be allowed him, he will form
connections with that nation dangerous to
our Circars, every delay may add to the evil,
till our future suspicion of the Guntoor
Circar shall daily become more known,
precarious, Circumstances being so altered
since the date of the Gov.r General & Council's
first Letter, as to render what appeared to be
expedient then absolutely necessary now.

Mr. Joudan's motion

Mr. Joudan moves, that a Letter
to

Motion for an address to the Gov.r Gen.l & Council requesting them:

Resolved to the Gov.r General & Council acting for the necessity of obliging Bagadet Sung, immediately to comply, with what they have required in their Letter of the 5th July, in relation to the Propositions sent to the Sonbah, in case he has concurred or not—

Mr Macleay ..... For the Motion
Mr Sowdon ..... For the Motion
Mr Palmer ..... Against the Motion
Mr Stone ..... Against the Motion
Mr Brooke ..... For the Motion
Mr Dawson ..... Against the Motion
Sir Robert Fletcher ..... For the Motion
Mr Stratton ..... Against the Motion
The President ..... Against the Motion

carried against the Motion.

The Majority against the Motion.

The Majority of the Board, deeming

The Gov.r Gen.l & Council to be furnished with a Copy of this days proceedings:

it difficult to frame a Letter to the Gov.r General and Council agreeably to the different opinions, which have appeared, in the course of this debate, it is agreed, that a Copy of this days proceedings, as far as relates to the Subject in question, be transmitted to the Gov.r General and Council for their opinions.

Resolved, that a Letter be wrote to the Nabob, with the Substance of the Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l and Council of the 23d ulto, as far as relates to the Treaty, proposed by him to be entered into with Hyder Ally Cawn.

The President against this Board,

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that part of
Hyder's Army
was on it's way
to Sura.

That since their last meeting, Veraya Pundt the Vackeel of Hyder Ally, had informed him, that Part of his Master's Army, had left Seringapatam and were on their way to Sura, that he did not know for a certainty, whether Hyder Ally himself was with them, or that his Son Tippoo commanded. In consequence of this Intelligence, that he, (the President) waited on the Nabob, to learn from him, if he had any advice of it— That the Nabob, acquainted him, he had heard report, to that effect, but not knowing whether they were to be depended on, he had not communicated them to him. That some Intelligence was however then coming in, which he would immediately send.

Read Letter from the Committee of accounts.

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.re
President & Gov.r &c.a Council

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Report from the
Committee of Stores

We have examined the accounts of the following out Garrisons.

Vellore	From May to July
Amboor	do.
Trichinopoly	do.
Vellum	do.
Madura	do.
Pallum Co.ta	do.
Ongole	do.

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1577 Also the Superintendant of
the Nabobs Accounts with
the Company, his last Acct. &c.
and have nothing to Remark on them, but on
the Military Paymasters Accounts of the Presidency.
We have the following.

Par: 1st In February the Dr:
given Military Paymaster
grace a Bombardier for 31.
Days in Garrison as Waiter for
the Practice of the Artillery
at the Mount 186 Fanams
which appears to us unusual

Par: 2d The Charges for Oil
at Persian ales appears to
us very high. There are
Charges for Mats, Pots & Pans
which are Vouched by Indents of the Officers, but
there seems to be no Check,
for these Indents. We
submit Therefore to your
Consideration whether
it would not be proper
to determine the quota
to every hundred Men
as allowed for the Indents.

3. The Military Pay:
master in February paid
full Batta to Capt. Lewis
for

Major Brown to know:
how the number of Lamps
necessary for the Garrison
& the quota of Mats, Pots &
Pans required for one hun:
dred Men for a Month, &
report the same in
writing to the Board.

In future when any
Officers are ordered from
one Garrison to another
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for 12 days, to Lieut. Howe
for 6; Ens.r Stafford & Francis
for 6, for being on a Court
Martial, as Batta is not
allowed at Poonamalee,
it appears to us that Officers
ought to have had Batta
for going & returning but
none while there.

4.th The Military Paymr.
also charges 33 Pag.s for
House Rent paid the Town
Major for sick Officers.
As there are Barracks
which may serve, we sub-
mit it to your Consideration
whether this ought not to
be continued.

Cuddalore

5.th In July there is
a Charge of Cooly hire for
bringing tools & Implements
from Madras for the use
of the Troops — As many ar-
:ticles may for the Troops, ex-
:clusive of Arms & Ammuni-
:tion is included in Capt.
Forrys Contract, We think
this Charge to the Company
improper.

on a Court Martial Batta
is to be allowed, to Officers
the Garrison during
the continuance of the
Court martial. They are
to have the same allowance,
as are made on Col. Wood's
Tryal &c.

The President ac-
:quaints the Board, that
one of the Houses is dis-
:charged. The other to be
given up, at the end of
the Month.

Referred to Cuddalore

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We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo.e Dawson
Fran.s Sourdan
Geo.e Moubray
And.w Majendie

Read Letter from Captain Breed, Comm.r
attending at Anjengo, with Papers enclosed as
entered hereafter.

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

I could not but be exceeding
sorry from Capt. Brow
with Papers
suggesting the
Falsehood of
the Amuldars
Complaint to
the Nabob.

I am Surprized at the Receipt of a Letter from Mr.
Sullivan, accompanying complaints against
me to His Highness the Nabob from the Amuldar
of this Place, in consequence of Irregularities
committed at this Garrison, and tho conscious
of never having given cause for such Complaints,
cannot but feel myself exceedingly hurt at
the Malevalence and Falsehood contained
in them: For there is not an Officer in
the Service, who is more desirous of avoiding
giving his Highness's Servants the least
cause of complaining, nor one, who has
made it more his Study since his arrival
in the Country, as I am very sensible

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It is my duty to keep them in ignorance, & from
guilty, and so make them perfectly satisfied with
their Situation, and convince them that the
Company's Servants are their friends, & not as
this Man has advanced, to keep them in
continual fear and apprehension, thereby
nothing can be more false, to prove which
I shall be particular in answering every article
he has advanced against me, whereby You
perately, and find myself exceedingly happy
in being able to assure you, that in the two
Letters, wrote to His Highness on the occasion,
there is not one Single Word of truth, except
that I did take 20 Sheep, for the use of the
Garrison, but not as he would willingly by,
persuaded his Highness wantonly and without
the least necessity, nor at the time he mentions—
When I first came to this Garrison I requested
of the Amuldar a few Sheep, but could
me o there was no order from his Highness
to furnish me with any, I was therefore under
the necessity of writing to him that no order
might be sent to his Servants here, to supply
the Garrison with a few, in the mean time
wrote to the Renter of the Sand Gen District
Persons, to serve us, till His Highness's order
arrived, and tho' there were thousands
feeding about this place, never attempted
to steal one, After the Amuldar had received
directions to furnish Sheep for the use of

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1533 The Company's Sheep (Servants) have now been supplyed tho' not regularly with a Sheep a day; but he Demanded for them the extravagant Price of a Pagoda per Sheep (three), but being told he could not expect so much, he desired to be paid at the rate Officers at Vellour paid for them, to which I immediately agreed, and told him to send in his accounts constantly at the end of every Month and they should be punctually cleared off, but in a Day or two, he sent new Word, he could not Let us have them, at that price, My answer was, I could not grant him to give more than they Did at Vellore, a neighbouring Garrison, & on the same Footing and desired he would come to a Reso: lution as soon as possible as I was convinced the Shepherds must want the Money for their Sheep, and that they could not afford to be kept so long without it, & not oblige me to trouble his Highness a second time, as I should be under the necessity of writing to him to settle the Price, to which he at last consented; but my apprehension respecting the Shepherds were for from being groundless, for finding their Sheep constantly taken from them, & not paid, in return, they drove their Herds out of the Country, and we were thereby entirely without Sheep. Sent to the Annedar that as the Sheep were gone beg'd to know what method he would take to supply the Gar:

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1534 Garrison, but got no Satisfactory answer, I then sent to the Hillodars requesting he would send for the Annaldar, and consult with him that some way might be fallen on to prevent any being under the disagreable necessity of sending out for them. The Hillodars did send for them, but they came to no Resolution about the Matter. Just about this time the Annal: dar had Disputes with the head Man of several of the neighbouring Villages; the consequence of which was, that they left their habitations and went to reside in the Gingee Country, he followed them in order to bring them back, to accomplish which, he was under the necessity of remaining there a considerable time in his absence. I applied to his people, but was always answered the Annaldar had left no directions to get any. When regarded the Hillidar would write to him, but no Satisfactory answer was obtained, as no Sheep was to be had. I then sent out Men to look 20, for which I immediately paid the usual price; on his Return I again sent to him desiring some Method might be adopted to prevent, the repitition of a thing so very disagreable to me, He accordingly allowed himself to be prevailed on, by the Hillidar to take with the Shepherds, who have since returned and I am now supplyed with Mutton

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1535 Nothing but of a very bad kind tho' Negroes and
of fine Shape within sight of the Fort— With
respect to his insinuation of my pressing Pal:
Canteen boys into my Service to Instil Arrack,
I flatter myself I can prove equally as false,
as the rest of the Charge of this place was in the
Service of most of the commanding Officers
of this Garrison, and was intended for about
a Month after my arrival; but finding
him very far from being an honest Man,
I dismist him, after which, I detected several
of his people Clandestinely selling Arrack in the
Bettahs, much to the prejudice of my Sergeants
and Drummers, who were often Drunk, and
I never could before find out the Reason; but
on the interception of the Annaldar, who I
have great Reason to believe supported him
in it, they were always released, at last I
detected this head fellow, and it was a Duty
incumbent on me to stop a practice so very
pernicious. I sent some people to him
house to look for the things made use of
in distilling Arrack, and prevent their
selling more and not as the Annaldar
says, I appressed people into my Service that
would rejoice at coming into it, on being
asked, and whom I Dismissed at proper
:ods for that purpose, which were as often
rejected—

He next says, I take Cows from the Villages,

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his Highness is kind enough to allow the Officer, Commanding here ten Cows per Week a piece and whenever any of them run dry, I apply for a Cow from his people, who take the Cow to the Village it belongs to, & brings back another; which me the Officer whenever I want Fowls, or other things that my people may have nothing to do in the Villages —

I am next accused of demanding Sheep, big with young, but every body will believe that such Sheep are not fit for me. —

What he means by saying I wanted Sheep fed in houses, I cannot comprehend, as I never heard it was practised in this Country nor did such a thought ever occur to me. —

He further says, the people of the Country are disturbed and in fear, but if at all it must be of his making, as I declare I never allow my people to go into the Villages, nor do I allow a European to go out of the Fort but to exercise, nor have I ever heard of any disturbances, as this Country bears the face of greater plenty than I have seen in the Carnatic —

and that in him I was right to take some Sheep he asked me the reason why I did so, & that I answered I would always do so, I declare upon my honor he never asked that Question, nor did I ever

give

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1537 give such an answer, for he was then at Gor:
:zdam.r —

Now Honble Sir & Sirs, having assured you
that my taking 20 Slaves was not at the
time I mention'd, nor was it only, and with:
:out cause, as he alledges, but from necessity,
the consequence of his neglect & inattention
to his Highness's Order — That I never prest
Palanchean boys into my Service, on the con:
:trary, that I discharged the head one from
it: That I detected them several times Clan:
:destinely selling Arrack in the Pettah, to the
prejudice of my People, that my sending
Sepoys to the head Manis house, was to prevent
such improper practices and not to oblige
them to come into my Service which they would
have been happy to have had, without that
I never sent for a Cow myself from any of the
Villages, that his highness's Servants get them
exchanged for me. — That I observe the same
practice in other Respects, that I never take
any thing from any of the Villages — That the
Country people are not disturbed, on the con:
:trary, that they are in Peace and Tranquility —
I take the Liberty to refer you to the Pettah Peons
Answers to those questions which I flatter
myself will corroborate every thing I have
mentioned, and should I not in my answers
to any of the Arnee Accusations sufficiently
sufficiently explicit I will if you please to direct

Mr.

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Mr Sullivan to mention them to me, however particular. I cannot conclude Honble Sir & Sirs without assuring you it has ever been my constant Study to avoid those things as much as possible, and am exceedingly thankful to you, for giving me an opportunity to convince this Man, and that I am beyond expression happy that it is to be laid before you, who never Condemn unheard, or Censure without just Grounds, who judge with reason and decide with Candour;

I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obliged and
most obedient Servant
Jno Bruce

N. B. I have often been and shall not be sufficient for the Officers and to supply both them and the Sepoys will require Ten Ships Weekly.

To Madrs Sail Commandant of the 10th Batn of Sepoys.

I desire you will answer the following Questions which are to be laid before the Honble the Govr & Council in answer to some Complaints made to his Highness the Nabob by the Arnudar.

Jno Bruce.

What Sudan Moyn ud Dien Commandt of the 10th Battalion has now to have he declares to be truths.

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Quest. 1539 Did I not repeatedly send you to the Hilladar
to request of him to prevail on the Annaldar to
settle his Account for the first two Months of my
being here that the Shepherds might be paid.

Ans.r Two Months after the arrival of the 10th B.n
at Amboor Capt. Bruce ordered me several
times to go to the Hilladar and tell him to order
the Annaldar to receive the price of the Sheep. I
accordingly went to the Hilladar and delivered
the message he answered that he would give
Orders to the Annil to receive the price of the Sheep.

Quest. 2.d When Stock of the Sheep for the use of the
Garrison, was it before or after the Shepherds
had drove their Sheep away.—

Ans.r — The Shepherds took away their Flocks &
left Amboor— Captain Bruce was distressed by
this proceedings and ordered a few Sheep to
be sized When they could be found— when these
Sheep were taken the Shepherds were gone to
Gorgatham.

Quest. 3.d What do you think was the reason of their
Driving their Herds away?

Ans.r — Captain Bruce told me that the Shepherds
had gone away with their Sheep, and he could
not tell for what reason— I answered that
the Annildar had not paid them the money
for the Sheep which the Captain had given
them, and on this account they had run
away.

Quest. 4.th Did I not detect Palanchum Coja Candi:
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Ans.r — Claus daily selling Arrack in the Pettah

Ans.r — The Pallamcheen boys sold arrack in Anson when the Captain heard this he corrected them.

Quest. 5. — Did you ever hear of any pressing these people into my Service?

Ans.r — Captain Bruce never ordered the Pallamcheen Boys to serve him.

Quest. 6th — Are the Cows allowed the commanding officer exchanged by me or the Naboby people?

Ans.r — It was the Custom of every Commanding Officer at Arcoor to have ten Cows giving Milk, if any one of the Cows did not give Milk it was sent back to the Annie who sent another in it's stead. — The Captain never sent for a Cow for any other reason.

7th — Have you ever heard that the Country People are disturbed or oppressed?

Ans.r — I never saw or heard that any of the Country people were dissatisfied with the Captain or made Complaints against him.

8th — Have I not in your presence desired Shaik Amer Jemidar to bring what Demands he had on me for Sheep and other things, at the end of every Month and they should be cleared off?

Ans.r — Shaik Jaggathur is stationed by the Circar with the Killedar, and it was usual to pay to him at the end of every month the money for the Fowls that were taken — The Captain told him in my presence

to.

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1541 to take the price of the Sheep and pay it to the Sheep:
herds.

9. Do I not request a Peon of the Killidar whenever
I want fowls or other things from the Villages that
my people may have nothing to do with the Country.

Ans.r — It is usual to send to acquaint the Killidar
what things are wanted by the Commanding
Officer and Shaik Sugapther was sent to them
any thing was wanted — Till this time the Captain
never sent a Peon from himself, for if he
did, it would have caused the Village people
to be frightened.

10th Did you ever hear of my insisting on Female
Sheep in particular — or Sheep big with young?

Ans.r — The Captain never told the Aumil or any body
else that he wanted female Sheep, but as the Peon:
from Officers belonging to the Battalion must
of necessity have Sheep, he ordered the Aumil to
send plenty.

11th Did you ever hear of my taking any thing
from any of the Villages?

Ans.r I never heard from any body that Capt. Brown
had ever taken any thing from the Inhabi:
tants by force and never paid them for it.

12th — Did not the head Pattanhum Boy apply
to me in my presence, to take the Arrack
business into his hand, and did I not refuse him?

Ans.r — The Pattanhum boys who sold Arrack told the
Captain in my presence, that if he would allow
them they would sell the Arrack, to which he
answered, that he would not agree or give

his

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1542 his garment to it.

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From Sharrum Ally Cawn to Capt.

Bruce. Dated 29th Octr.

"After the usual Compliments "I received
"with pleasure your friendly Letter wrote
in English and understand the contents you
"Advise that it is reported, that the Inhabitants
of the District where you are stationed, are
kept in terror by the Voyage of your Batty
Your humane disposition is such that on the
contrary I am convinced all the Inhabitants
are perfectly satisfied with your conduct &
never has yet made any complaints to
me — At the time the Shepherds left the
District to go to another, you ordered fifty
Sheep to be brought to your Camp Pookeram Pilly,
and took twenty for which you gave the price
agreed upon, being 6 Sheep for a Pagoda, &
your returned the rest to the owners. The Amil
of Sooty Pet has received twenty Pagodas from
you for what Sheep you took for your own
use, and your Dubash has paid me Ten Pags. on
that account.

A Palankeen Bearer who has been
in the Pettah of Hellargur and whose name
is Singa applied to you, to farm the Arrack
Farm, which you did not consent to you,
some time after, this Man brought Arrack
into the Fort of Hellargur, to sell privately,

and

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1343 when your people acquainted you with this, you ordered him to be taken up, and put a guard over him.

I am thoroughly acquainted with that affair— Whenever you have wanted Powder you have always applied to the Accomidar of Sooly Pey or Somdar at Poon to go along with your Servant to the Villages, and you have always paid for them, and have never sent any Servant alone.

I have lately been told, that you had sent some people to Pillargurry, who had taken Shop ped in the houses of Inhabitants, but as nothing of this kind ever happened before, I hope you will take care it never shall again, What shall I say more?

P. S. You my friend are a well wisher to the Circar, I am intelligent Person, I hope therefore you will continue your favorable disposition towards me.

Read Letter from the Navab as entered in Co.s Corr.e N.o 132, dated 12.th Inst.: accompanying Sundry Papers of Intel.: ligence.

Read Letter and report from the Comm.: itee of Shores.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Herewith

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Letter to go with Ships from the Com.ee of Stores.

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Herewith we have the honour to lay before you our Minutes of the 9th Instant.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very devoted humble Servants
Rob.t Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson
Patrick Ross

At a Committee of Stores Pres.t
Brig.r Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher
George Dawson Esq.r
Lt. Colonel Ross.
Major Horne absent.

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1st Gen.l Fletcher requests that 200 of the Guns which were some years ago sent out for sale at Madagascar & of which there are several in Store may be filled up, upon the Principle Plans of the Ramrod, & agreeably to the directions which the General will give, for the use of Light armed Sloops, Agreed that it be recommended to the Board.

Order of the Board thereon

Approved & ordered accordingly.

2.d Gen.l Fletcher recommends that musters of

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1545 of the Pouches to their respective Military Stores are made up at Subordinate Out Garrisons may be sent to the Committee of Stores at the Presidency, together with their prices for the approbation of the Committee & that no Deviation from such Musters be made without Order from Madras—

Agreed that it be recommended to the Board.

Two Musters to be made up, One to be sent to the Committee at the Presidency & another lodged with the Commandant of the Garrison.

The Secretary acquainted the Board, the Commissary General has informed him, that.

The Commissary Gen.l Reports &c. respecting the inconvenience of Officers being permitted to draw Pay where they please

There are a number of the Commissary's Officers absent upon Leave, acting in the Service of the Nabob; whose names are not known to the Commissary General. That the Officers immediately in the Service of the Company, are also frequently absent from their Different Corps: and are allowed to draw their Pay where they please, which causes so much confusion, that the Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls never agree; & that unless they are made to correspond, it will be impossible to examine the Accounts with any Degree of Accuracy.

The Book of Military Regulations, and.

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in Chief, that had he Decided this matter in public orders as I requested. I should have been satisfy'd but a private opinion could by no means be sufficient in this case, when other Officers of Infantry are acting differently. I mention Capt. Thurkyr who now commands at Pennsacola, the Major Brown is present during the adjournment of the Court Martial.

Major Hanna I hope argues that his being obliged to attend Committees of Stores is the same thing as a Court Martial, but as the former Duty is nonsense than a civil Branch, or will require his absence more frequent than on a visit to Madam, no Officer would on that Account demand either the Military Line of Duty.

As I abominate all disputes with any Officer I have no point of View but knowing what is my right and what is not, I shall be satisfied with your Decision.

And am

Mount
y.e 12th 1775

Honble Sir Your
with the utmost Respect.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Chas. Clinton
Capt.

To

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To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r 1549
President. Govern.r &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major Skene on the same Subject.

When the Orders were issued for holding the General Court Martial at Fort St. George the 27th August, I myself, Capt.n Morgan, & Clifton were appointed Members as Juniors to have one Captain excused that Duty; that the Cantonment at the Mount might not for a Duty be left without some Officer of Rank, I applyed to General Smith and requested that either Captain Morgan or Clifton might be excused sitting on the Court Martial. Always I should think it necessary to live at the Mount and daily attend the Court Martial, so that as there was a prospect of its continuing for some time it would be rather inconvenient, The General in consequence of my application directed the Adjutant Gen.l to let either Captain on that Duty and directed me to order one of the Captains to remain at the Mount. I ordered Captain Dalmorgan, but on Capt.n Dugood's expressing his desire that that Gentleman might remain as one of the members, and it being no ways disagreable to him to do so; Capt.n Clifton was picked out as equally agreable to him to be excused that Duty, and another Member was chose accordingly.

During my Adjutantship of this Court

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Court Martials, and observed at other times, I have resided at the Mount, and have in every respect issued Orders as Commanding Officer; and attended to every Department necessary for the supply of provisions &c. of the Cantonments, and reputation & Discipline of the Men; I therefore conceiving myself justly entitled have drawn only Batta as Commanding Officer as under.

Captain Clifton's reasons that until the Court martial is dissolved he ought to be esteemed Commanding Officer of the Cantonment and is entitled to Batta as such; and applyed to me the 1st of this Month for that allowance; As I could not admit of this Demand as Matter of Right, We agreed to refer it to the Commander in Chief whose decision I was determined to abide by; and desired him to accompany me to Head Quarters for that purpose — But that not being convenient he said he would write a Line and that I might take an opportunity of speaking to Sir Robt Fletcher also — I accordingly next morning mentioned the circumstance to Sir Robt Fletcher, and among other things mentioned the following reasons (which I now likewise submit to the consideration of the Honble Board) That the Vicinity of the Mount to Madras occasioned the Field Officer stationed there to

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153 to be called down on every occasion whatso-
ever, when any one of that Rank was wanted
without any regard to a Roster of Field Offices,
except the Containment of Commanders-That
exclusive of what the Commanding Officer
of that Station might be regularly liable to,
I was in a different situation that Gen.
merited the Garrison of Madras with an Officer
who relieved Weekly, and such Men as were
wanted for the Laboratory whose conduct &c.
were regularly reported to me; That my duty
constantly required my attending every Survey
of Stores, Committee of Stores, Occasional
Enquiries into the Arrangement of the Ord.
nance of the Garrison of Fort St. George,
within the Limits of the Station & also
by His Lordships Orders General Boards &c.
as one necessary for the Field Board &c.
Superintending the Artillery Cantonments being
no Sinecure to the Presidency.

That Circumstances rendering my Situation very
different from any other Commanding Officer
who may be on the present Court Martial.
And as Captain Clifton informs me that
he means to apply to the Honble Board
as their Decision must determine what
I must expect in future whenever it is
necessary for me being on Duty at Madras.
I have taken the Liberty of inclosing your
Honors with this address I am very

respectfully

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Sr Tho.s Mount
Novr. 12th 1775.

requestfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. humble
Servant

Matw Horne

Sir Rob.t Fletcher informing Board that the Matter had been referred to him.

Sir Robert Fletcher agreeable to the Boards Wish Major Horne & Capt. Clifton to prepare their Matter to him — That he would lay Capt. Clifton's Letter before the next Council & desire Capt. Clifton may be called upon for his (Sir Rob.t) Answer. Major Horne's application was verbal.

Appointm.t

Mess.rs Alexander Radford, James Monroe Macconichy & Tho.s Cocke appointed Cadets.

Macconichy.

Mr. Bainbrigge appointed Sub Secretary.

The President recommends that Mr. Duncan Andrew Bainbrigge is the Eldest Assistant in the Military Department & represented by the Secretary as well qualified to be appointed Sub Secretary. Agreed to by all the Members present, excepting Mr. Mackay.

Read Letter from Lieut. & C. Regt. Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Col. Kyd requesting the additional buildings necessary to the Bungalow at the Mount.

In obedience to your Commands directing me to form a Calculation of the expence of the proposals made by Major Horne for enlarging the Bungalow

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1553 Bungalows at the Mount, together with Every appur-
:tenance of that which will best answer the intend-
:ment — I have the honor to acquaint you, that
an hundred feet additional Building to the
Barracks, allowing for another Wall to enlarge the
Square of the yard will come to — — 1700 Pag.a
Four Doors at 10.a ..... 40 ....
Iron Bars for Windows at 16 Pag.a ..... 38 ..... 1778.
The Whole proposed will come to about 1250 or
1300 Pag.s — But it will not admit so free
a Circulation of Air, & will reduce the size
of the yard considerably; I would therefore
recommend the former, though attended
with some additional expence, as it will
be infinitely more convenient and if a Wall
is made within the Compound it will afford
the Men every convenience they could wish. I have
the honor to be with Respect. Honble Sirs &c.
Your most Obd.t & most h.e Servant
Patrick Ross. Lt Col. & Chief Engr

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As the Chief Engineer, represents an addition of one
hundred feet to the Artillery Barracks at the Mount,
to be preferable to the Verandas, which has been sug-
:gested, it is Resolved, that the addition be made,
as expeditiously as possible

Archdale Palmer
Fras. Fowke
Geo. Stratton
Jas. Call
Geo. Mackay
Geo. Barrow
Henry Brooke
W. Monckton

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13th Dispatched the following Letter to Ens. Hatch.

Commanding at Vandegallum.

To Ensign Thomas Hatch

Commanding at Vandegallum.

Sir

To Ens. Hatch

desired to inform himself of the Number of our Deserters enter: tained by B. Jung.

Our receipt hereof, you will be pleased to inform yourself, from the French Gentlemen, who you say is desirous of entering into the Company's Service, or others, of the Number of Bazalet Jung's Force, and incidently Mons.r Lally's Corps, and whether there are not many Europeans with, who deserted from Allore and other parts to him. You will be careful to Note the Number and Dispositions of the Europeans, Especially of those, who may have fled from the Company's Service. I am.

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Sir

Your most obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan

To the Nabob

with Substance of Letter from G. G. & Council.

14th Wrote a Letter to the Nabob as entitled in Co: Corr: No. 134. with the Substance of the Letter from the Governor General & Council 23d Ultimo.

Sec.y

Monday 20th Nov.r

At a Consultation Present

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r Presidents
George Stratton
George Dawson

Rob.t Fletcher
Henry Brooke

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Fran.s Sourdan Geo.e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

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

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

Honble Sir

from Mr. Whitehill with Letter from the Nizam. I have the honor to transmit
you with this, a Letter received this day from
the Soubah, addressed to you. I cannot by
express Sayings, enough of this Shawboro Letter,
as has been mentioned, with which address, yet
I can give you to understand, As an answer
to your Letter, upon the Subject of the Guntoor
Circar.

Fazul Beg Cawn having applied
to me for a Cowl Cowsa for an Deed for his
Brother Ally ar Beg Cawn & his Family to
come here, to celebrate the Marriages pro-
posed to be made with the Family of Hyder
Ally Cawn, I have granted the same
agreeable with his Desire, & hope my having
done so, will meet with your approbation.

I am with Respect.
Honble Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
12th Nov.r 1775.

Read

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Letter from the Nizam - Baja: let Jung direct: ed by him to withdraw the Europeans entir: ely from the Guntoor Circar

Read Letter from Nizam Ally Cawn, as entered in Co: Corr: No 135. dequainting the President of his having sent Directions to Bazalet Jung, to withdraw the Foreign Party from the Guntoor Circar, & Station them in the Country dependant on Adoni - and to make them relinquish Mustapha Beg & the other Villages, and draw their Pay from the Adoni Country.

In consequence of which, Mr Stone begs leave to deliver in the following Minute.

Mr Stone's Minute thereon & Motion for with: drawing the Sepoys stationed at Vanteporam.

The Letter from the Soubah appears to me to be expressed in Terms exceedingly proper, and highly becoming his Situation, as it respects his Brother and their Government - He shews likewise his good will towards the Company, & his Desire of maintaining the already established with them; and at the same time he manifests an earnest inclination to live in Harmony with his Brother, & to prevent, if possible, any rupture between him and the Company - It affords me infinite pleasure, that every favourable opportunity that could be of relieving existing Jealousies, & misunderstandings which I shall always think too precipitately undertaken, and conducted, prevented, as I do I am afraid, probably on: Account of the Danger the Peace and Security of the Company & the Nabobi possessions, and by consequence highly detrimental to the Interests of our Employers - I therefore move

that

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at Bombay should be immediately withdrawn &
that the Europeans sent to Angola, be ordered to
Bombay — As such a Measure will be disagreeable to
the Sentiments of our confidence and of our friendly
disposition towards him, & will convince him
that we mean not to injure his Brother Baja:
Ast Jung, who I think we ought thereby to induce
and to Comply the more readily with the Sentiments
& requisitions of receiving the Europeans from
the Guntoor Circar. It might also be a means
of preventing him from making any further
Preparations for its defence, which the collection
of our Troops had obliged him to set about — This
may be done with the more propriety as it will
be a considerable time before any Stores can be
imported at Mootapilly from the Southward —
I also moved; that a Letter be wrote to the Soubah
informing him of the Measures We have taken
& assuring him that we are induced thereto by
the firm reliance We have on his friendly Dis-
position and endeavours to prevent his Brother
from giving Us any just cause of Complaint.

Whereupon Mr. Stanii first motion
being put to the Vote, it is carried in the Negative
by a Majority of the Board — Because —
They have Orders to Bengal, & they think
it improper to make any alteration in
the present Arrangements, until they shall
have received the Sentiments of the Gov.r
Gen.l

Carried in the Negative by a Majority. Their Reasons.

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General & Council; — Because, — There are no more than two Companies of Sepoys at Vandyvollam, which is a Company's Village, and the Europeans sent from thence, are stationed at Ongole in the Nabob's Country — and Mr. Mackay further adds.

Mr. Mackay's additional reasons.

Because while the Party of Europeans commanded by Mons.r Lally remains in any part of Bazalet Jung's Dominions, and while the Port of Mootapilla is open to him for receiving Men and Military Stores from Pon.di Sir Robt. Fletcher's Opinion.

cherry, the evil which we complained of & which occasioned our writing to Bengal, will still exist the same as before.

Sir Robert Fletcher observed to the Board, that the Soubah's Letter appeared to him exactly such as he said in his former Minute he expected, Vague and inconclusive, He further thinks that the Soubah will take no active part unless he shall receive a further assurance of our complying with the Articles of the Treaty of 1763, particularly the Article wherein we agree to assist him with Troops.

Mr. Stone's first Motion being then carried in the Negative, it is thought unnecessary to put the second, it being founded on the same Drawing of the Troops.

The Soubah's Letter & the proceedings of this day to be sent to Bengal.

Ordered, that a Copy of the Soubah's Letter be transmitted to Bengal, with an Extract of this day's Proceedings so far as relates to the

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1559 The Subject in question, and a Letter prepared in consequence to the Govr General and Council.

The Secretary lays before the Board, the following Letter, received from Capt. Clifton

To Richard Jos. Sulivan Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

I received your Letter yesterday morning signifying the President & Councils
From Capt. Clifton desire for the Copy of the Letter I sent a few days ago to Genl Sir Robt Fletcher, with that of his Answer, you'd explain to inform them, that when I wrote to Genl Sir Robt Fletcher, I was under the necessity of dispatching the Letter without Copy, as the Line Major Horne only had agreed to wait for the Point to there; did not admit of it's being copied: I have however in order to comply with the Hond Board's desire sent the Answer Letter.

To Brigr Genl Sir Robt Fletcher.

Sir.

The Hond Board of Council having called on me for a Copy of the Letter I sent you upon the Point our dispute with Major Horne, & as it having not yet to your off hand, I shall be much obliged to you for the original (or which I will do return) or the Copy. I am

Sir

With respect

your most Obed. Servant

Charles Clifton

Fort
St. Tho. Mount
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To Captain Elphinston

Sir.

I am directed by Brig.r Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher to acquaint you that he has received your Letter of this morning, but cannot comply with your request.

I am

Sir

Your very Obed.t Servant

Wm. Sydenham

Aid de Camp

Head Quarters
3 o Clock 15th Nov.r 1775.

as by the above perusal it is out of my Power to send you a Copy of my Letter, I can only give as far as my recollection the heads of it which were acquainting Sir Robert, that Major Horne did assume the command on his coming as visitor to the Mount, tho' on a Court Martial, that it was contrary to all Precedent, & mentioned the case at Pondicherry in which, the Honble Board I was informed had decided a Point in favor of the Subaltern during the absence of Captain McKenzie on leave from Coyiamore I believe I expressed myself confident of my Rights to Batta, I command from the usual Customs of the Service, intreated to have the Dispute decided in a Public manner by Gen.l Orders, at least used Arguments to such Effect, to which Letter no Answer I

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I have sent you an exact Copy of the Answer.

You will be pleased to represent that as this answer of Sir Robert Fletchers relates only to the Point of Batta, and not to the Command, I thought it not sufficiently full, nor could I be satisfied with the reasons assigned me for favoring Major Horne as it would still subject me to dispute, with any other answer Officer, did not appearing to me an Order, I waited next morning for Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher, and expressed my dissatis: faction, that it would appear to every other Officer pointed at me, when the case with the Infantry was shewn; and it was not common the Batta I requested, at the Point of command which every Superior Officer would in future times claim from me only; therefore requested him to give his opinion publickly in Gen.l Order, which was rejected, saying I was not to dictate to him upon my telling Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher that I thought the Board would give me the Batta, he said he did not mean to prevent my applying, and on my asking if my doing so, would disoblige him, replied in the Negative; as this part of Conversation is subsequent to his answer of my Letter, which no doubt Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher will produce to the Honble Board; I hope therefore, I shall I have been accused of the least disobedience or disrespect to stand exculpated.

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St. Tho.s Mount
Nov.r 16th 1775.

Sir

Your very Obed.t Servant
Charles Clifton

Nov.r 6th

Sir

As Major Norris's Court Martial
Duty is no longer hindrance to his carrying on
the Command at the Mount than his Duty as
a Member of the Committee of Stores and his
other necessary Duties in Madras, I do not see
how he can be deprived of the Battn you
mention, and in Madras I know he must
frequently be on different Duties, because
we cannot do without him,

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant
Robt. Fletcher

A true Copy

Sir Rt. Fletcher's
Minute on the
impropriety
of Capt. Clifton's
conduct.

Sir Robert Fletcher in consequence of
Captain Clifton's Letter to the Secretary Delivers
in the following Minute.

I do not recollect having expressed myself
to Captain Clifton in the terms set forth in
his Letter to the Secretary I remember his
remonstrate with me upon the Decision
I had given the Day before in the Matter
in Dispute between him & Major Norris
and that I reprimanded him for his
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unmilitary Conduct, desiring at the same time, that the Battalion of Artillery might not again be left in the charge of a Subaltern Officer, and in answer to his mentioning a further reference to the Board, I said I never would endeavour to prevent any Officer from addressing the Board. When Captain Clifton's Letter was read, I told the Board, what had passed between him and me upon the Subject of it, with a declaration which I now repeat, That I look upon Capt. Clifton's conduct, to be extremely disrespectful to me as Commander in Chief of the Army, " Tending to Destroy all Discipline & Subordination, by introducing a practice of troubling the Board with Appeals from every Officer of the Army against the Decisions of the Commander in Chief, and upon points so inseparable from the Discipline of the Army, that this Decision so long as he has capacity to decide, should never be controuled, but in case of notorious necessity, and even then that necessity comes, it is time to remove him from his Station; for his Authority is then lost in the Eyes of the Officer and Soldier & renders impossible for him to command, & if ever there was a time when relaxation made it necessary for the Commander in Chief to call for the Board's support, I think it is the present — When I was

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on this Establishment under Lieut. Sawrey, whose name I cannot write without every feeling of reverence and Respect, Few Orders were issued, but such as were issued, were proper, & sufficient; they were attended to with implicit obedience, every Duty was performed with alacrity & Spirit, and whether or not the same obedience is observed in these latter times, either to the Orders of the Board, or to those of the Commander in Chief, I leave to your own Observations & to your perusal of the Book of General Orders, I confess myself to have been one of the most Disorderly Subalterns in the Army, but a little severity & many good examples soon reformed me, I remember having been twice in Arrest, once by Major Polis for having been seen out of my Quarters, in the evening of the Day on which I had reported myself sick, & unable to mount Guard, & again by Captain Beaver, for not being present at the Evening Review of the Linmen, & companies of the Canadian Company, to which I belonged, & Majors and Captains, were to observe this same Discipline now, they would be thought harsh & severe, & might give their Subalterns a more favourable excuse when any thing they have at present, for their Daily applications to remove from one Corps into another

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or to be encreased for years from joining any Corps whatsoever, as has been the Case with some; Nay I am told by Col.o Laing, that he has seen the European Regiment Paraded at Vellore, without more than one Officer present — How these things come to pass now I know not; but I well remember, that in the time of General Lawrence, when our Establishment of Subaltern Officers to each Corps, was much more inconsider:able, & less expensive than it is now, no profane word was ever admitted, or ever used I believe, to justify a Deficiency of Officers in any Battalion, or in any Company in the Service, but as I mean no disputation, & Wish only to look forward, it is my Resolution, under the Authority & Support of the Board, & the encouragement of old Officers, to cure this Evil as soon as I can; not by hardship, & Severity, but by Moder:ation and advice — And I cannot Doubt of Success, because discipline & Subordination, being the very Life, & Soul of a well regulated Army, every Man must on Reflection, concur in the necessity of it; I shall endeavour to avoid all partiality & distinctions & I trust you think I have done so, in the Case now brought before you, by Captain Clifton — I will recommend no

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no Officer to the Board, either from favor or affection; but as rewards & punishments are equally necessary, I shall think it my duty, to treat every Deserving Officer as I would my Brother, & every Deserving Soldier as my Son, & to recommend them to the Board for Promotion, & every honorable mark of your favor & regard & I shall think it no less my Duty, to recommend Supercession or Dismission, if in any, I should find misconduct & obstinacy irremovable. ——

Capt. Clifton having appealed to the Board from the decision of the Comm.r in Chief is censured in Gen.l Ords.

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At the Dispute between Major Monro and Captain Clifton, was by mutual consent, submitted to the decision of General Sir Rob.t Fletcher, who in consequence gave his opinion thereon by which (as by Agree: ment) they should have been determined, And Captain Clifton having notwithst.g standing thought proper to appeal from the Opinion & of Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher, to the judgement of the Board — The Board cannot avoid expressing their disapprob.n of Captain Clifton's Conduct which they deem highly improper & disrespect: full to General Sir Rob.t Fletcher. A General Order to be given out in consequence, & Captain Clifton censured accordingly.

Mess.rs Brooke, Sourdan & Mackay

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1567 Mackay, at a former Consultation having said before, Recommended to the Board, a Plan for making a Bound Hedge from the Redoubt of St Thomé, to the Sea, at about a mile Distant from the Northern Wall of the Black Town, It was then ordered to lie on the Table for further consideration, Since when the Chief Engineer has addressed the following Letter to the President, containing his Sentiments on the Subject.

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

Hon.ble Sir

From Lt Col.o Kyd Chief Engr. his opinion on the Subject of a Bound Hedge.

As you were pleased to desire my Sentiments on the propriety of the Bound Hedge proposed to surround the Environs of Madras, I have now the pleasure of laying to you the considerations on that Subject, which appear to me, to merit most attention.

The carrying of a Hedge composed of Palmeiras, Bamboos, Caldera, Milk Hedge, Prickly Pears &c.a from St Thomé to the North ward of the Black Town, defended by Redoubts at proper Distances, will no doubt, add greatly to the Security of the Inhabitants & will enable us to protect their property & Cattle from the Incursions of a Country Enemy, & they will prove to us a certain supply in case of Necessity — Should we be attacked by an European Power it will supply us with Materials for

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1568 a Siege, and will enable us to gain time, by making them cautious of their approach, & by obliging them to begin their operations at a distance, as the forcing a injudicious way may cost them dear — On the other hand — an European Enemy once in possession of it, will have a Line of Circumvallation ready formed, which can easily be defended with a few people, who will thereby be enabled to cut off our communication with the Country. & to prevent our supplies from thence. — It will likewise furnish the Enemy with materials for a Siege.

Having Stated the Arguments on both sides of the Question; I remain to determine, how far the advantages exceed the Inconveniencies that will attend the proposed Bound Hedge; and as this will depend on the reliance that is to be placed on the supplies & assistance to be procured from the Country in Times of Danger, those most experienced in Transactions with the Country Powers, must be the best Judges — Independant of this I think the Arguments are in favor of the Bound Hedge, provided it be so formed as to afford no means of approach to the Works already constructed.

I have the honor to be with Respect.

Humble Sir

Your most Obed. Humble Servt.

Patrick Lind. Lt. Col. & Chief Engineer

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Whereupon, the following Minutes were Delivered in.

W.m Nuchaji Minute

The Arguments in favor of the Build Hedge proposed, appear to me to be of much greater weight than any which in my opinion, can be brought against it. The advantages it will be of, to the growing, to a considerable part of the numerous Inhabitants of this Settlement, who live without the Walls of the Fort & Black Town must be evident to everyone; as it will be sufficiently secure them, against any sud: Inroads of Country Enemies. At present on the least alarm, they are under continual Terror and apprehensions and obliged to remove their families & valuable Effects, sometimes on the Shortest notice & leave their Houses to be plundered, as happened in 1767. when a Body of Hyder's Horse came to this place & were so quick in their Motions, that they appeared in Choultry Plain after having plundered part of St. Thomé, before Intelligence of their coming; & in 1773. when the Marrattas were on their March to invade the Carnatic.

Such a Bound Hedge would in a few years greatly increase the value of the Land it encloses; and of course the Rent of the St. Thomé & two or three other Towns. Ground in the Black Town has tripled its value since that place has been surrounded with a Wall tho' that Wall is yet not

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perfect, the same reason holds good for the ground
inclosed by the Bound Hedge increasing in value
in proportion to the Security which that Hedge
will give it.— The French at Pondicherry were
so sensible of the utility of their Bound Hedge,
that one of the first things they did after the
peace, was to repair the Breaches which our
Army had made in it, and the Loss we suffered
in forcing it, is recent in every one's Memory.
In our late War with Hyder, whose Army
his Horse came to St. David, their Bound Hedge
tho' broke in several places, and the Judicious
disposition of Mr. Brooke their Chief and
of the few troops he had, saved the Inhabitants
from being plundered. The Commander in
Chief of the Forces and the Chief Engineer, to
whose Judgement great attention is due in
the present case, have often stated the advan-
tages and disadvantages attending a Bound Hedge
gives their opinion in favor of it. The only
objection made to it which seems to me to
have any kind of weight, is that in case of a
Siege, the Bound Hedge may be so easily de-
:fended by the Enemy, as to prevent our getting
any supplys of provisions from the Country: how-
:ever it is our misfortune to have an European
Enemy strong enough to beat us out of the field
and lay Siege to Madras, (for I will not say
:positively any Country Enemy Capable of doing it)
we can place but little dependance on supplies
from the Country our Horses we must Cut with-
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within our Bounds, or come to us by Sea. We did not during the last Siege get the least supply of provisions from the Country, even tho' we had a party in the field, that greatly harrassed the Enemy. The immediate loss to the Company's Revenue or to private property, by the Cultivated Land that will be taken in to form the Bound Hedge, will be so trifling, as not worth mentioning. as the greatest part of it is now run over Ground incapable of cultivation & a very strong argument in favor of it, in that we are not to grant the Company to any Expence.

Mr. Palmer's Minute.

I foresee therein many advantages that will accrue from the making a Bound Hedge, as it will be a great protection of private property in the Bound of Madras, and as will be of a public Utility in retarding the approach of an Enemy, until you are sufficiently supplied with Provisions, and that the Natives have conveyed their property within the Walls, But if it is to be constructed at the private Expence I am against it, as I look upon it will be too burthensome to be supported by Individuals unless a general Taxation of the Natives was to be set on foot for defraying this Expence.

Mr. Dawson's Minute.

I disapprove of the Bound Hedge proposed, because I am of opinion it can be of little or no defence to the Environs of this Settlement, unless there be proper Barriers, or Redoubts, which will lead the Company to a considerable Expence for Buildings, Repairs, Stores &c. And as such

Barriers

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1st Barrios or Redoubts will be in some place the distance of four or five Miles from the Fort, supposing the Garrison capable of furnishing Guards for them, Experience evinces that Sepoys alone will not defend but desert them, in doing which their communication with the Fort is frequently cut off by the Enemy whose cavalry are often attended with Infantry, and it is more than probable from the example of discipline and the great advantage derived therefrom, will in the course of time form into regular Brigades with Cannon. The Enemy when once in possession of your Barrios or Bound Hedge are not easily dislodged— And they may not only make the like use of them our Army did before Pondicherry but serve as a defence from any Party, we may have without or Escorts with Provisions.

Sir Robert Fletcher's Minutes.

The Hedge proposed, if defended by Redoubts at proper Distances will add much to the Security of the Inhabitants & their property in all cases of Invasion or Attack, and it will more than effectually against the Marratta & other Indian Cavalry.

Should an European Enemy attempt to besiege Madras, the proposed Hedge will retard their approach, it will be the means

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1573 means of gaining so much time to prepare for our Defence, if the Enemy should attempt to force it injudiciously.

On the other hand when an Enemy once gets possession of it, it will be of great advantage to them — They can easily defend it, & thereby cut off the Chance of Supplies from the Country; but the Materials with which it will furnish them for carrying on the Siege, are of very little consequence when we consider the Artillery & Troops already growing. &c daily encreasing, within the Lines proposed for the Hedge — These will always supply them with sufficient Materials for a Siege, and in Winter time, I fear, render Madras less healthy than it now is, for I believe nothing can add more to it's Healthiness than Enclosures more open and a circulation of Air more free upon the whole. I am not against the planting of the Hedge provided it be fortified with Redoubts at proper Distances.

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer be directed to mark out the Hedge proposed & the Committee of Revenue to inform themselves, for their information of the Board — of the Nature of the Soil — the value of it — the quantity that may be required, & unto whom it appertains.

Order thereon to the Chief Engineer.

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Co: Corr: No 133 & 136 dated 13th & 18th Instant

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1574 Instant, accompanying Papers of Intelligence from the Southern Carnatic, Tanjore, and the Mysore Country.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter received from Captain Hopkins, Commanding at Pallam Cottah.

Pallam Cottah 10th Novr 1775

To Richd Jos. Sullivan Esqr
Military Secretary
Sir

From Captain Hopkins com: manding at Pallamcottah.

Your favor of the 31st Instant daily came to hand, and am to acquaint you, it is true that the Nabobs Troops under the Command of Captain Bruce, took the field against the Polligar some time since for arrears due to the Nabob, as the Polygar had not Force to oppose a Body of Regular Troops, thought it a matter too Trivial to trouble the Honble Board with however in future of the like in Short ever other Intelligence, shall be communicated to the Honble Board as soon as it comes to my knowledge, I am

Sir

your most Obedt Servant
Chas Hopkins

Read Letter and Report from Major Browne
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major Browne with Report of the Artillery Duty every Month for

In obedience to your commands, transmitted to me, by your Secretary, I now do myself the pleasure of enclosing you a Report,

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The Garrison of Poonamalee what is at present expended Monthly in this Garrison, of Oil, Pots, Pans, Matts &c.a but which give me leave to assure you is absolutely necessary, I have the honor to be.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obed.t and most humble Servant

George Browne

Major 1.st B.n 2.d Brig.e

Poonamalee
18.th Nov.r 1775.

Report of the Globes, Oil, Pots, Pans, Matts, &c.a necessary for the Garrison of Poonamalee

Globe Lamps 22

Wall Lamps 52

Daily expence of Oil for the above Lamps 11¼ Measure

For every 100 Men.

Water Pots ..... 20.

Tea Pots ..... 20.

Large Chatties ..... 20.

Small Chatties 20

Frying Chatties 20

Mannedys 20

Matts 100

Matts 100

For every 100 Men there are Eight Serjeants who besides their proportions of the above allowances of Pots & Pans, have always had the necessary Indulgence of one Puggel and one Chatty &c.a each.

N.B. Tho' Matts & Mats have (as Pans inserted) been always been charged, truly never served out.

George Browne
Major 1.st B.n 2.d Brig.e

Poonamalee
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Referred to the Military Pay:
master, who will make enquiry, and Report to
the Board, at a Subsequent Consultation.

Read Letter from Colonel
Cayzer Commissary Genral.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col. Cayzer relative to the Arrangement of his Offic. proposing to station a Detach: at Vizagapatam for the Protection of Provisions desiring to supply certain Regiment Articles & to have Deliberation Voice at the Board.—

Whilst there was any probability of Instructions coming from Home relative to the Establishment of any Office, before the Commencement of the Monsoon, I was determined not to give the Honble Board any further trouble on this Subject, but since the Season for the arrival of the Europe Ships on this Coast is over passed I will take the Liberty of making some further Observations thereto to the Nature of any Office, and endeavour to point out what appears to me defective in the present arrangement of it.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their General Letter of Harcourt, say, they have appointed a Commissary General on this Coast, in like manner as at Bengal, this certainly cannot be deemed an Order to the Governor & Council of this Presidency, to adopt immediately the Arrangement made by the Governor & Council of Calcutta; but I humbly apprehend as it is particular expressive of the Intentions of the Court of Directors, it may serve to demonstrate that like the Commissary General at Bengal, I am appointed to act as an Officer of Controul upon all Contracts for Provisions, and

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and also on the Military Disbursements in Gen.l
Before any appointment took place, there could ap-
pear a Check established on all Contracts; but
the Honble the Court of Directors thought prop.r
per to appoint a special Officer for that purpose,
as a Relief to the Honble Board, whose Attention
must be engaged upon Occasions of much greater
Importance. It remained be suggested, that
I have any interested View in offering to under-
take this Troublesome, and disagreeable Task,
I may make Enemies, but cannot obtain the
Shadow of an Emolument from it. The Honble
Board observe in their Instructions to me of
the 25th April 1774. that delays must neces-
sarily arise in Military Payments, if the Pay-
masters are not permitted to act as any appre-
hends; for otherwise Bills must be sent to, ex-
amin'd at, and returned from Madras, which
might often be productive of Dangerous conse-
quences, if a Deputy Commissary was appoint-
ed to examine, and certify all Bills upon the
Spot, previous to their being paid by the Pay-
master, it would surely prevent any such
Delays; for every Bill must first be Subject
to the Inspection of the Commanding Officer, next
to the Deputy Commissary, and finally to the
Paymaster, who if he thought Extravagant
and Unwarrantable, would report it to the Gov.r
and Council, I imagine there can be no greater
necessity for sending Bills to the Presidency
to be certified by the Commissary Gen.l than

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for sending them to the same place to be paid
by the Paymaster General.

The Paymasters of Ellore, Vellore and
Trichinopoly act in the several capacities of
Storekeeper, Deputy Agent to the Contractor,
Assistant to the Commissary General of Musters,
& Paymasters; As Storekeepers they make up
what Stores are required and then pay them for;
As Deputy Agents to the Contractor when Batt.
are wanted. It is their Business to supply them,
their are subject only to their examination as well as
Deputies to the Commissary, and therefore, whether
good, bad, or deficient in Number, Depends
entirely upon their Honor. The Lascars also are
under their direction; if they chuse to employ them
in their own Service, or not to entertain above
one third of what stand upon the Company's
Books, who can detect the Fraud, not the Com:
manding Officer, but he does not even attend
the Musters, and if he did, it would not be
very difficult for a Paymaster to get Cooks
from the Bazar to wear Lascars Jackets
for a Day; and answer to any given Name,
It is unnecessary to enumerate the various
Disadvantages that might possibly arise
from mustering and paying being Vested
in the same Person; the Office of Commissary
in this Case must be merely Nominal; for
what Man will check himself; & thereby
give a public Testimony under his Hand,

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1579 either of his own Dishonesty, or Inattention
to public Business. All these Inconveniences
would be remedied by appointing Deputy
Commissaries, at each of the abovementioned
Garrisons; but then they must be deemed
independent of the Paymaster; who besides
not being subject at present to any Controul,
cannot possibly execute duties of both Offices,
so much for all who depend upon the Mi-
litary Establishment, together with the
Billeths, and Drivers. To examine, and cer-
tify all Bills for Military Payment; to visit
the Hospital, and attend to the Surgeons fulfilling
their contract, and to ascertain the necessary
Returns of the whole in due time, will leave
him no leisure to attend to his other Office,
of Storekeeper Deputy Agent to the Contract-
tor and Paymaster. If the Honble Board
Object to the expence, they will please to ob-
serve that the Court of Directors Appropri-
ations must have expected, that the establishment
of our Office of which would by no deduction
of expence; if the savings do not more than
equal the Extra Charge of appointing
Assistant, it must be supposed, that all
present and future Paymasters, are, and
ever will be, Men of the most uncorruptible
Virtue.

I have formerly applied to be allowed
to furnish those incidental or Contingent
supplies, that are not, and cannot be
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supplied by Contracts; Is to be arranged by the Honble Board upon a Recommendation of any Request, will condemn to grant me this Indulgence. In all the Armies of the different Countries of Europe, the Trust of supplying these contingencies is reposed in the Commissary General, for whoever furnishes the supplies of any kind, becomes in that Instance a Commissary; this Mode is universally adopted because the Commissary General being at the head of all the Branches of this Department, is supposed to be a better Judge of the Prices Current at the different places, where the necessary supplies can be most expeditiously, and reasonably procured. If this Mode has always been found eligible in the Compact Kingdoms of Europe, where the Articles of incidental expence are fewer in Number, & more easily supplied; it certainly becomes much more eligible in this extensive Country, where the Manufactures are still in every imperfect, where Military Stores are very difficult to be got, and where the utmost Attention, and the best Information are requisite to procure them, both good & cheap. The Paymasters who are fixed to one spot, remote from the Presidency, cannot make themselves thoroughly acquainted with those particulars, and therefore it cannot be supposed that they can supply the Com-

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Company with the third Article annexed to the Commissary General; the following Mode I hope will obviate every objection to the want of such, if I am permitted to furnish them supplies.

An Indent being made out for Contingencies by a Paymaster, Storekeeper, or any other Person properly authorized, &c. should first get such Indent countersigned by the Commanding Officer. If the different Articles should be of an inferior Nature to what have been constantly used, and there fore unfit for the Service; he may report the defect to the Commanding Officer, who would doubtless reject them. The Company by these means can never suffer from the Badness of the Contingencies, with respect to check upon the Payment of the Money; I do not desire to receive any part of it, until the Accts are passed by the Paymaster, Commanding Officers of the Garrison, the Paymaster Genl. or Superintendant, and the Committee of Accts which must produce an Advantage to the Company of the Interest of the money for three Months for the Sum advanced; and I will also engage to furnish them at 5 Per Cent, cheaper than they have been charged to the Company for these three years past. As the Interest of the Company, join'd to the Example of the Government of Bengal, and the custom of every Service in Europe,

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rendering claim to this Privilege superior to
that of any Paymaster; I am in hopes the
Honble Board will not hesitate to grant it
me; for the World must judge every one
favorably of my Principles, and abilities; if
it should appear that my inferiors in the
Service, and even my Deputies, will assume
Power, of Abuse, are deemed more Worthy of
confidence, and deserving of greater Encour-
agement than myself. If I am unworthy of
holding my Employment, the Honble Board
have it in their Power to remove me from it, if
deserved, as an Officer of Trust and Responsibility,
I hope to be properly encouraged & supported
in it.

As the Company have been
pleased to confer on me the most respectable
Rank, both Civil and Military I flatter
myself the Honble Board will not think
it improper to allow me a deliberative Voice
in Council upon the business of every next
Department. It must be very obvious that
the Court of Directors, when they appointed
a Commissary General, to which all
Military and Fortification Accounts, could
not intend, that he should trust to cur-
sorical observation, or to the uncertainties
upon he might hear by accident, the former
would imply a severe Reflection on my Su-
periors; for being suspected to overlook Defects
which might so easily be discovered; &

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1583 the Latter must on these occasions appear in the contemptible Light of an Informer, instead of an Officer supported in the execution of any Duty, by the Sanction of the Board. To appoint an Officer of Information, and at the same time to conceal all Information from him, would be an inconsistency that the Honble the Court of Directors could not be guilty of.

As a supposed Difference in the two Establishments seems to prevent the Honble Board, from arranging any Office in like manner as the Commissary Generals at Bengal, I am not without hopes of being able to remove their objection. In a former Letter of the 6th of May 1774. I have proved, or attempted to prove the Resemblance in the Military Establishments, & the Military Disbursements there is and in: material Difference; for the Nabob pays a certain proportion of them here, but the Honble Board will doubtless with to preserve the strictest Degree of Oeconomy in spending the Nabobs money, as the Company's, and when His Highness finds the advantage of having Deputy Commissaries appointed; I do not doubt but he will cheerfully contribute even more than his proportion of the Extra: Expence. With respect to the Contracts for Provisions they are conducted exactly in the same manner at both Settlements, nor by the time these Works are completed will they be much dearer: provided than those of Fort William.

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The Company have taken the Victuals, the Lascars, Baggage, and the Bullocks into their own hands. I commit the charge of this Business to Deputy Agent; this is a different Mode from what is observed at Bengal, but I should suppose not less subject to abuse, especially whilst the Company and Contractor continue to be the same Person

If in this Memorial, I have seemed to express the least improper personal Suspicions, I must beg leave to assure the Honble Board that it is entirely without Design. In speaking of abuses I have not intended to reflect on Individuals, or any Class of People, more to say, that Frauds are practised in any particular Department, but to prevent the possibility of their existence.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your faithful and most

Obedient Servant

Jn.o Cayner

Fort S.t George

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letters from

Mr Davis, & Mr Gahagan &

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President & Gov.r &.a Council

Honble Sir & Sirs.

of Fort S.t George

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Letter from Mr. Davis Surgeon on the Subject of Mr. Gahagans Exa: mination.

Six or seven Days are now since I was honored with your commands, jointly with Mr. Anderson, to examine Mr. Gahagan, on Anatomy, Physick and Surgery —

In consequence of which Mr. Gahagan appeared before us, and was interrogated two Mornings by Mr. Anderson, principally on Anatomy; after which Mr. Gahagan desired, & his indisposition hereby prevented his further attendance on Order to be by me examined on the Practice of Physick; but the same Judge quite unexpany, since the same disadvantages he labored under to Mr. Anderson, in the course of his examination, will not be got the better of, even if his familiarity with the Practice of Physick should appear in his favor — And indeed Honble Sir & Sirs I am of opinion that very few young Men who are called upon to stand the Test of an Anatomical examination (of two days) would be able to answer each question with precision; more especially if the examiner was led to believe the Person then examined was deficient in a regular Anatomical Education, and which seems to be Mr. Gahagans Chief misfortune.

A regular education in the School of Anatomy is beyond doubt the strongest recommendation to a Physician as well as a Surgeon; because it is the Basis of both Physick & Surgery. Nevertheless I believe it will be allowed that it is not uncommon for Men by more

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Sent off Application and Proceedings, to
conduct themselves in a Physical Line, with &c:
:Dit, even though the Basis of their profession was
not regularly inculcated in the early part of their
Education — and I am given to Understand
many Instances might be given of Men who
have risen through the Schools of Empiricism,
carrying along with them the same kind of
Practice, of certain profession who, after all
would be staggered at the very examination
put to Mr. Gahagan. — From what has
been said, I would by no means infer, that
I ever wish to see the day, when the Honble
Company's Service should be supplied with
it already is crowded with Practitioners, who
lack the advantage of a perfect knowledge in
Anatomy; because without it, no Surgeon
can use his knife, with precision, nor can he
be a well qualified Physician. — Thus circum-
stances prevented, I am sorry to say Mr. Gahagan
to make you acquainted that he is exceedingly
chagrin'd at Mr. Anderson's granted Mode of
examination, that he with Submission, intends
the indulgence of the Honble President & Council
to make mention of him in their next General
Letter to the Honble Court of Directors — to whom
Court of Physical examination He with your
permission will submit himself, and rest
in this place Amongst further Commands
Projects which he says appear so flagrant
against him — I have the honor to subscribe
myself —

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myself with the greatest Respect.

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

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Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Tho.s Davis

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Gahagan complaining that Mess.rs Bayley Anderson, & Lucas, Surgeons are prejudiced ag.st him & to prev.t the validity in his examination.

I give me the utmost concern to be under the absolute necessity of soliciting your attention to my address I beg leave to make bold to lay before you the particulars of my present unparalled Situation In which I have been involved in a most unprecedented manner, aggravated by many Galling Circumstances, in order to render my endeavours for promotion ineffectual, hurt my Character, & ruin my prospect in Life.

I had the honor of being appointed an Surgeons Assistant, in the year (1767. and attended with the Army during Hyder's War — I was stationed at Trichinopoly, where I acted under the Inspection of Mess.rs Lucas, Hinchley & Davis, & latter Leader Mr. Whyte — as I have been honored with the approbation of the three last Gentlemen, whose Abilities, Candour, & Sincerity, will (I humbly conceive) over ballance Mr. Lucas's opinion, which it is well known charged against me, Merely from a private Dispute during my acting at Trichinopoly,

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I have often been entrusted with the charge of numerous Hospitals, and there are many Patients here, and in the different Garrisons whose health I have re-established, & whose Wounds &c.a I have effectually cured.

When General Smith was ordered from the Marratta Country, I was ordered by him to remain with Lt. Col.o Boyd as Surgeon, & Dalrachan! as Surgeon. The Colonels particular recommendations of me, &c.a your Honors are already acquainted with, which I hope will in some Measure induce you to believe, I acted in my Capacity, with some merit to myself & particular attention to the Service —

It was upon this particular occasion, that Mr. Lucas, exerted his influence to prevent my Promotion — He has ever been known to Declare his intentions, tho' at the same time he endeavoured to procure an Appointment, for his Black Assistant, or at least he wished to do — I am persuaded he has been the cause of the conceived prejudice Mess.rs Parby & Anderson profess against my abilities; As I never acted under them, their Opinion of me cannot authorize any Proper Report —

In answer to my last address to the Honble Board, they were pleased to signify to me, that I had their permission to go Home, or remain in India, when I must undergo an examination into my Knowledge of Anatomy, Physick & Surgery, by a Committee, consisting of

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1582 Mess.rs Bonnell, Anderson & Davis —

Convinced that the Honble Board's warmest wishes: are to promote the Welfare of the Service & encourage deserving Men, I readily submitted to the examination of the above Gentlemen, concerning, that the Sentence of a Court Martial, could only avail against me, / with the Honble Board / provided I could advance nothing in my, or had no grievance to lay before them for redress — But as I hope to be able to convince the Honble Board of the Severity of my Case, I flatter myself their kindness to my Situation will excuse: me, if I trouble them / to attend / to the Merits of my Defence — Nor do I question the success of my endeavours therein, if the Honble Board will admit my Case, by convincing what I have said the confidence to represent or ask — Some Days before my examination, Commenced, Mr. Anderson, signified to me / as I understood / a desire of seeing me, and I accordingly waited on him, and after some conversation, He positively Declared, I had no indulgence to expect & thought I had better decline the examination, as he looked upon my perseverance therein as very idle attempt. To which I replyed, the honest Satisfaction of my Sentence / if he had the Concurrence of the other two Gentlemen, before whom I should shortly appear, to stand the Test — The morning of the examination I objected to Mr. Campbell / Assistant / being present,

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as I conceived it highly improper, that a Junior Assistant to my self, in the Imagined event hereafter undergo the like Investigation, should be employed in committing to writing the questions to be proposed, with their answers, Mr. Anderson now opposed this in the warmest manner, and at last (with the greatest difficulty) was prevailed on to request of Mr. Campbell to retire — I beg leave Honble Sir & Sirs to lay some Stress upon this Instance of Mr. Andersons Conduct towards me as an examiner, as well as his Behaviour indeed to me that Day which was particularly civil: respectfull, & Soothing, Insinuating over me as a Victim already Condemned — Thus situated & disposed in Mind, at the Head of what evidently appeared to be my Judges, you, Honble Sir & Sirs, will best say how incapable I must be to do myself common Justice to my knowledge or abilities. Mr. Andersons Questions were the most intricate and uncommon that could be suggested, & tho' I was interrogated for / At least Two hours, yet I flatter myself, my answers were satisfactory My Birth & Parentage did not even escape a Scrutiny, imagining no doubt, Their Importance so despicable, that Their meanness when discovered, would be a Barr to my Claim even to the Rank of a Gentleman, and of course but little education — In this however he was disappointed; for I convinced Sirs, that

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that I was born, and had the education of a
Gentleman, was regularly bound to an eminent
Surgeon, and Apothecary) made known to
several Gentlemen now in India, that I
afterwards kept the best Company in the
City of Dublin where I pursued my Studies—
He even doubted this, but by the greatest accident,
I had by me a Testimonial of my having
served my apprentice Ship which I produced—
The examination not being finished the first
Day, I was ordered to attend a second time
but as may be well imagined My mind
was so agitated, that I could neither call
connect my rambling Coherent Answers to Mr
Anderson's Questions— Nor indeed in my humble
Opinion, could a person of the utmost Con-
sidence acquit himself clearly to an examiner
situated as Mr Anderson was, surrounded
with Several Volumes, of Anatomical, &
Physical Books, to which he might have
had recourse, had he found it necessary,
but of this last particular I will not
pretend to accuse him, but that he
endeavoured to puzzle & perplex me, is
beyond doubt My abilities as a Surgeon,
or Physician he scarce touched upon,
but led to (what I may justly term)
Obscure Intricacy, of Anatomy &c. without
generously reflecting that the Service in
general is divided into Distinct Branches
with professors of each; but Bar of all I

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is an easy Matter for Mr Anderson, prejudiced as he appears against anatomy, judiciously to represent that Anatomy is the Basis & grand consideration of Our Profession, that the most Minute and perfect knowledge in it, is indispensibly Necessary, or the Surgeon who is ignorant therein, may by his Ignorance become the Murderer of his Patient. Destroying & Obviating that without perfect knowledge of Physick &c. the Diseases may be remedied: than — Medicines of different qualities, whose effects and virtues are diametrically opposite may be prepared and fatally administered to the Mistaken patient. These and such like Remarks on an examination, would never have been pronounced, had it not been resolved to impede my promotion at all Events —

I shall now Hastily Sir conclude, by observing, that Shamefully conceived, it is neither Pedantic Technical Terms, Abstruse Observations & Reflections, upon the Cause & Effects of Medicines, or the operations performed on the human Frame, from the Casual Accidents it is liable to, that entirely constitute the good practical Surgeon; the Speculative Man will observe it in this Country, as well as in other parts of the Globe — And Instances might easily be produced

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1593 It not therefore as Your Lordships Honble Sir & Sirs,
that I, who have been thought worthy of
material Trust, and have not scrupled to ad-
vance egregious errors in the course of my Pro-
fession, and who will ever make my Profession my
continual Study, should have any part
in Life, but that — and had I re-
mained silent, and not troubled the Honble
Board, with the hardships of my Situation,
I will not come to dinner, Mr Parker vowed
I have never given himself the smallest con-
cern about me, tho' he must be conscious
in my present situation, according to
the Nature of the Service I am still liable
to be entrusted with a change of consequence.

I have circumstances I humbly beg leave
to Submit the consideration of the Honble Board, that
having myself that my Services, and Character
as a Gentleman, joined with Mr Davis's Sin-
cerity (to whom I will gladly appeal) of
the treatment I have experienced during the
examination, with his opinion of me while
I acted under him, will I hope procure for
my Some Indulgence from the Honble Board.—

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Resp.t
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Terence Sahagan.

Madras
Nov.r 19.th 1775.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Appointments

General Sir Rob.t Fletcher recommends Lt Henry Wyndham Hearsl. to be
appointed

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1594 appointed to the 3d Coast Batt.n of Sep.s
in the room of Lt. David Baillie deceas.d
and Lt. Colworthy Thompson, to the Adju:
tancy of the 2d Batt.n 2d Brigade at Ellore,
in the room of Lt. Hearsl, Approved & ordered
accordingly

Wm Smith
Lieut.t Gen.l

Geo. Stratton
Wm Fletcher
Cha.s Dalton
Henry Brooke
Wm Monro
Archd.e Palmer
Francis Swinton
Geo.e Mackay

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21st Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. Corr.
No. 137. acknowledging the Receipt of Thirty
five Thousand Pagodas on account the 2d
Instal. of three Thousand five hundred Pagodas,
the first Dec.r the 1st Instant, for the Peramacolay
District.

22d. Came in the following Letter from John
Whitehill Esq.r Chief at Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir

Letter from Mr. Whitehill &c: comprising a Letter from the Soubah's Purgunnah, the Jaghire of the Nizam's Durbar, the propriety of seizing the Treasure for our

The enclosed Letter from the Soubah was brought me this morning by the Hircarah who carried your Letter of the 8th Sept.r to him & came accompanied by one addressed to me as usual.

The extraordinary Dispatch with which I was invested in forwarding me the Duplicate of this Letter, would of itself have been sufficient evidence of the solicitude with which your answer is expected, but if it needed any further Demonstration, the care which has been used to send a Copy of it here, to be explained to me, carries the strongest confirmation of the Soubah's Anxiety and how much it is incumbent on us to be cautious and determined in our Measures —

I am informed by many good authority that the opposing Interests of Bazalet Jung & Fazel Beg, have particularly occasioned this

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This anxiety in the Soubahs Mind upon this occasion, and that while the governing Views of Bazalet Jung are set forth by one Party as a Motive for the Soubahs improving his connexion with the Company, the Power of Fazel Beg and the Designs of the Nabob are urged by the other, to shew the danger of admitting the Company to any further footing in the Country, if this should really be the State of the Durbar, and Bazalet Jungs conduct on the one side, gives us, as much occasion to credit it, as that of Fazel Beg in sending his family, to this place at so critical a time, does on the other, if this should be really the case, we cannot think it more effectually aid the Party, which favors our Views, than by taking immediate possession of the Guntoor Circar, and there offering to pay a reasonable Rent for it, as was at first proposed; for by this means not only the Jealousy which is now entertained of our Intentions would be removed, but a degree of credit be acquired, which might give an entire ascendancy to the Party we wish to favor. Whereas by delaying to act & hearkning to further Negociations, for getting the Circar, we must necessarily weaken Fazel Beg's Interest & that raise strength to the Party of Bazalet Jung, by the Money, which in the Interim he will draw from the Guntoor Country.

I shall anxiously expect the Board's

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Orders upon this Subject that I may be enabled to recover the Sums under which the Zemindars of that Circar are now held, and to relieve the one, who has particularly made advances to me, from the very strong Demands of near two hundred Sepoys, who have been sent in consequence of the Suspicions entertained of their Conduct by Bazalet Jung. The Vackeel of this Zemindar has been some time here, and as I thought it might be of consequence, to have One on the Part of Vuseredy Ramanah, I ordered him as a Zemindar of the Mustaphanagur Circar, to send a Person to me, which He has accordingly done and I hope my having taken this Step will be approved of by you. The other Zemindars I make no Doubt of being able to secure, in our Interest, as soon as the appearance of our Troops, in the Circar, can give them a Confidence in our Protection.

I am with Great Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient humble Serv.t
John Whitehill

Masulipatam
Nov.r 15.th 1775.

In consequence of which the following Answer was immediately dispatched to
Mr. Whitehill.

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Chief at Masulipatam.

Sir

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Sir,

Mr. Whitehill
in triplicate.
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Your Letter to the President of the 12th & 15th Instant, have been laid before Us.

As We have already come to the determination of not taking any further Measures, until We hear from the Governor General & Council We shall for the present only direct, that you give such Answers to the Vackeels from the Guardoor Circar, as may appear to you most consistent with this our Resolution. In the meantime, you will keep us regularly advised, and be particular: by Attentive, that no Insult or Harm be given to Bazalet Jung, or his party.

We are

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

Alex.r Wynch &c.a Council

Fort St. George
22d. Nov.r 1775.

To. The Hon.ble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor Gen.l & Council
at Fort William

Dispatched Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l & Co. enclosing Copies

To Gov.r Gen.l & Co.
with Sep.te Board's
proceedings &
Copy of the Vackeels
Letter—

Gentlemen

We have been honored with Your Letter of the 23d ultimo, previous to the receipt of which We had advice from the Chief & Council at Ongole of the Arrival there of the Vackeels dispatched by Bazalet Jung, and Yesterday We had Conference with those Ambassadors, when they delivered the Letter addressed to Us by their Master, and made the Demands specified in the Inclosed Copy of their Instructions. To-morrow We have appointed for receiving Bazalet Jung in Audience, when

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1599 preparations for Pondamego. This together with the Measures to be pursued in consequence. We had under our deliberation; but, as you have Deemed it expedient to wait the result of our Letter to the Soubah. We shall not take any further Steps 'till his answer arrives.

In the course of our deliberations on the Subject Matter of the Advice before mentioned, and of the measures proposed by the Chief of Manelipatam, of taking Possession of the Sunboor Circar immediately, a Difference of opinion appeared at our Board. But as this, is a Matter of Moment to the Company it cannot be too attentively weighed & considered, We shall accompanying Furnish you with our separate Opinions on the Subject.

Since writing the aforegoing, We have received a Letter from the Soubah, Copy of which comes enclosed, you will observe it is not a direct Answer to the proposals that were made to him, We also send enclosed our further Deliberations on this Subject for your information & wherein you will favor Us with your Sentiments, with all convenient expedition, We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servants

A Wynch &c. Council

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Comm.n Letter from the Council at Vizagapatam.

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To the Honble Alexr. Wynch Esqr. 1600
1650 President & Governor &c. Council

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Vizagapatm. Capt. Haycock dies.

It is with Concern we have to acquaint your Honr &c. with the death of Captain Richard Haycock, of Invalids, who yesterday departed this Life, after a lingering Illness — We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

P. Perring
M. Williams
H. Crawford
P. Berrion

Vizagapatam 11th Novr. 1775

Monday 27th Novr.

At a Consultation Present
Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Gov. President.
George Stratton
George Dawson
J. M. Stone
Franc. Sowdon
Sir Robert Fletcher indisposed.
Henry Brooke
Arche. Palmer
Geo. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from Mr. Webb dated 20th Instant as entered in Co. Corr. No. 138 inclosing an Indent of Stores wanted for the 2d Regiment of Cavalry.

Referred to the Committee of Fortifications, and ordered to be complied with.

Read Letter from the Council at Vizagapatam

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Vizagapatam, as entered hereafter.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Vizagapm
the same Terms:
Dare & Suggan.t
Doo informed
of Guz.s proceed.s
pursuing into
rivers at Madras.

We have received your Honor &c.
Council's Letter of the 25th Ultimo, and have
in consequence written to the several Zemins:
Dare directing them to make known to them
Dependants your reasons for suspending Guz:
Siguldoo, to reside at the Presidency; We have
sent to Suggan.t Doo a Translate of your
Letter, which we doubt not will speedily satisfy
him: We are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
P. Perring
M. Williams
Hy Crawford
P. Barlow

Vizagapatam
12th Novr 1775.

Read Letter from Mr. Anderson Surgeon.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr. Anderson
Surgeon com:
:plaining that
Mr Davis had
treated him &c:
:prevented Report,

In consequence of your Orders of
the 27th Ultimo, Mr. Davis & I met two different
times to examine Mr. Gahagan, but circumcis:
:tions and his Bishops prevented us from accom:
:plishing so serious a business Mr. Gahagan agreed to

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respecting Mr. Gahagan's examination.

to come the Friday following to have his examination finished, but neither appeared that Day, nor had the Civility ever since to make an Apology or give any reason for his absenting himself —

As far as the examination had proceeded Mr Davis and myself were entirely of the same opinion reg. Mr. Gahagan's Education & improvement but I understand Mr. Davis has now taken the Liberty to write on the Subject to the Honble the President & Council without any knowledge or concurrence, and Mr. Gahagan believes to withdraw himself from any further examination, to the which Letter, I should hope the Honble the President & Council in Justice to & respect to their own Orders, will think proper to return them, that a regular & joint Report, consistent with the Orders of the Board, be addressed by me and Mr. Davis, to the Honble the President & Council, & the intention of appointing this Committee be fulfilled — I am with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Obdt. & Humble Servant.
Jas. Anderson

Fort St. George
Novr. 22d. 1775.

Whereupon Mr. Davis & Mr. Gahagan's Letters entered in last Consultation read & debated on the Table, & taken into Consideration.

Minute thereon
Mr. Davis censured.

The Board cannot avoid expressing their disapprobation at Mr. Davis's separate
& Disp.

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address to them, on the examination of Mr.
Gahagan. The Order to them, & Mr. Anderson,
directed a joint examination, and of course a
joint report, and therefore his addressing the
Board, without the concurrence of Mr. An:
was highly improper. Ordered, that
a Copy of Mr. Anderson's Letter be given to Mr.
Davis, and that the Secretary call upon them
for a Regular and joint Report, of the exami:
nation which Mr. Gahagan has already
undergone, when the Board are in this man:
ner regularly informed — they will take
Mr. Gahagan's Letter into Consideration.

The Secretary to call upon them for a joint Report.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. James
Commanding at Tricheinopoly.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Paras Col. James representing the unhealthy State of the European Barracks at Tricheinopoly.

I am under the necessity of
addressing the Honble Board on a very In:
teresting Subject.

The condition of the Barracks of our
Europeans has been the occasion of frequent
complaints — In order to be convinced of
the propriety or impropriety of the Com:
plaint, I examined them and found to
my surprize that almost half the space
is occupied by a Cross Wall within
one of which nothing but a Stone Built is

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post, and no one made use of it by the Barriers or any body else — I would have removed that Wall immediately, but was apprehensive of the Clamour which might be raised, by the removal of it. I beg leave to assure the Honble Board it is highly necessary. For without it, no circulation of Air is possible, and of course the people cannot preserve their Health; I present this in: consequence the poor Soldiers lie out in the open Street at Night, to the destruction of their Constitutions; As therefore the pulling Down that Wall may be done in a few hours time, without any expence, and to the greatest advantage of preserving the Soldiers health, and will also make room to Lodge at least two hundred more with ease — I hope the Honble Board will be pleased to signify to me their approbation, which doubtless tends to the benefit of the Soldiers.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very respectful and
most Obed.t humble Servant
Edw.d Jones

The President desired to recommend this Matter to the Board —

Read the following Letters from Captain Duncan Commanding at Angola, & Ensign Hales Commanding at Vara.

To

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To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

1607 President & Gov.r &c.a

Hond.le Sir

Of late nothing material has occurred to me, worth the troubling you with the mention of, My Intelligence from about Sadras says that Mons.r Lally has recommenced Hostilities, against Billaud, and is more vigorous on the Siege of that Fort, with more Vigor than ever. —

From Capt.n Duncan's Report that Billaud has been relieved by Hyder's Troops & Mons.r Lally obliged to retreat, 600 Horse & 200 Sepoys employed to collect Money of the Gunteer Zemindars.

But I just now hear, it is reported, that it has been relieved, by a strong Body of Hyder's Troops under Sirjee Saib, that Lally had been obliged to raise the Siege with Considerable loss, but had made good his retreat to Arcot: I can't say what credit is to be paid, to this report, but shall probably know in a few days. —

The Hanmond Nabob is at Tinnivelly, a place a good way on this side of Hanmond, & just beyond the Straits. he has been there for some time, and has a considerable force along with him, not less than 3000 Horse & Foot —

The French Officer, who now commands at Condaveer is using the greatest Deligence, in repairing & fortifying that Fort into a State of Defence. He has from 4 to 500 Coolies, constantly at Work upon it, & the Artificers, Smiths, & Carpenters, that can be got together, are also employed there that Gentoos, making

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making and Repairing Gun Carriages, and
Platforms &c.

I have had the Motions of all the Terreiras
very closely Observed, ever since I had information
of their being required by Bagalat Serg.s to
furnish Troops for the protection of Condavere,
but I do not know that they have taken
any extraordinary Steps in consequence of it.—
Pimento is for considerable Sums of Money
in advance, and just now enforcing in the Fever
with uncommon earnestness, the Party of
Black Horse have arrived lately, for that
purpose — I suppose there may now be near
one hundred Horse and above two hundred
Sepoys employed in different parts of the
Circar, in that way — I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir
Your very Devoted and
most Obedient Servant
Alex.r Duncan

Angola
18th Nov.r 1775.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieu.t Roberts
to the same purport
the Strength of
Lally's Party.

I have received y.r Letter
of this Day and caused to be entered on the
13th Instant.

With Respect to the Europeans
of M.r Lally's Party, their Numbers from
every circumstance I can learn amount
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1607 to about four hundred, One hundred of these are Cavalry, fifty Artillery, the Grenadier Company, should be a Hundred strong, & Mr. Sally finds none but Men of approved Valour, and those he can depend upon, tells it. Vis very seldom completed, the remainder are formed into two Companies of Infantry. One Hundred, or upwards of these Europeans are Deserters from the Portuguese Regiments, who lately arrived in India.

Mr. Desaux tells me, that he believes at least, an hundred and fifty of these, have Deserted from the Company's Service, though very few of them are English, being mostly French and Germans. The number of English do not exceed twenty. There is only one Instance, of his having promoted an English man, several have been offered promotion (by Mr. Sally) to serve Commissioned Offices. But a good Reason previous to their being promoted was always given, i. e. In case of a War between Bazalet Jung, and the Company would they fight against their own Country men. They have to a Man answered in the Negative, & were accordingly rejected, except in the Instance before mentioned. This Mans Name is Smith he Deserted from Illore, and on several Occasions, behaved remarkably well, as the Party, He was made a Serjeant notwithstanding

his

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his telling Mr. Sally, that he never proceeded against his Country, and during
lately promoted to a Lieutenant. Whether
he got over his scruples, on his late promotion,
Mr. Dessaur is not able to inform me; besides
Europeans, Mr. Sally has a hundred Sepoys
Artillery Men, 2 Battalions of five hundred
Sepoys, two Battalions of Sepoys, each a
thousand Strong, and some Black Cavalry.
whose Number, I am not able to learn.
The Sepoys and Sepoy Battalions are com-
manded by a Lieutenant, and have a Serj.
to each Company. The whole party are
very little inclined to Discipline but
are said to be brave; and handy upon having
seen much Service.

Bazalet Jung usually keeps a
standing Army of five thousand Horse,
but in case of a War, is able to augment
them, to near double that number in a
short time. As there are always a great
Number of Horsemen, in his Country,
who think themselves very happy in
getting employment. His Infantry are
no better than Peasants having the
least discipline among them. Their Num-
ber is not great. They are greatly dis-
liked among his Subjects.

In my Letter of the 6th Instant. I
informed the Board, of my having dis-

Intelligence

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1609 Intelligence of the arrival of two hundred Horse and three hundred Sepoys at Tondemanne. The people which sent to examine, believe, that the Horse do not exceed Forty, their Sepoys amount to about the same Number, they belong to Bazalet Jung, and are sent for the purpose of collecting the Rents —

Mr. Dessaur tells me that some people arrived from Adonie yesterday, & informed him, that it is reported there that Mr. Lally has been beat off from Bellare, He had entered into agreement with the People to cease Hostilities, in consideration of their giving up some Land to him, & the Sum of Sixty Thousand Rupees in Money. Sixty Thousand of this was paid, when he commenced Hostilities & had opened Trenches before the place, when Hyder Ally sent a strong detachment of Horse, under the command of Sippi Saib, to its relief. The Garrison sallied & attacked Bazalet Jungs Army in front, whilst Sippi Saib fell in their rear, quarter, at the same time, and gained a compleat Victory. Mr. Lally's Party suffered very considerably, they are retreating to Adonie, Mr. Dessaur says he cannot place much Dependance on the reports of these people, yet he is

apt, &

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1610 apt to believe, that there must be some found-
:ation for such report,

I am

Camp at Vantapalleum
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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Thomas Hales

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account Current with the Contractor for Gun Carriages supplied the Company, and requests the Orders of the Board for the Payment of the Ballance due to him. In this Account, there is an excess in the Price of Pay.s 12 for each 12 P.dr Carriage, & 13 for all above, which the Military Storekeeper is informed, was allowed by, in consequence of a Letter from Col.o Baillie recommending English Wheels in preference to French ditto.

The Storekeeper also represents that the abovementioned Carriages were brought to account in the year 1773 at the original Contract price — And the Nabob is charged for them accordingly; It is therefore submitted to the Consider-
:ation of the Board, whether or not, the Nabob's Account should not be debited for the difference. —

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The Contractor being called upon represent, that when the Contract was made, it was on Muzlers with French Wheels; that the Committee of Stores sent to them to know the difference of Price, that would be required if made with English Wheels, that they informed the Committee, that addition would be 12 Pags. for 12 Pr. Carriages, 15 for all above; & that this being deemed reasonable, the Garrison Carriages were accordingly made with English Wheels, Wm. Stratton, who was then Military Storekeeper & of the Committee of Stores, confirming the above Representation, & the account Current accompanying the above Report, having been examined by the Military Storekeeper. Ordered, that the Balance be paid.

The Military Paymaster represents to the Board, in consequence of Major Brooms report, that the old & Materials he judges necessary for the Barracks at Poonamallee annually correspond with the quantity usually issued. On enquiring into this Article of Mr. It appears they have always been supplied conformably to the Quarter Master's Indent.

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Geo: Mackay

Wm. Stratton
Wm. Aitchison
Geo Dawson
Henry Brooke
Jeffd Wm
Archd Allan Palmer

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From the Nabob 28th. Received a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Co. Corr.
with Intelligence No. 139. containing Intelligence from Cuddapah—
29th. Sent the following Letter from Bengal—

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor Genl. &c.a Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Gov.r Genl. &c.a with Copy of a Letter of Intelligence received from y.e Nabob.

Accompanying We have the honor to send you, Copy of a Letter which Doer Desid.t has received from the Nabob, containing some Material Intelligence relative to Bazalet Jung, Hyder ally Cawn, and the Neighbouring Powers Letters from the Officers Commanding at Bangalore and Vaniyambaddy confirm the above particulars and We therefore send you Copies of them, for your information.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed.t and
most humble Servants,
P. Wynch &c.a Council

Fort St George 29th November 1775.

29th. Sent the following Letter to Vizagapatam in consequence of a Minute of Consultation passed yesterday in the Revenue Department.

To Mr. Peter Perring

Military Department
and the Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

To Vizag.m &c.a ordering a Reinforcement of Troops to the Ganjam District.

As it is probable the Chief & Council at Ganjam may soon find it necessary to apply to you for a Reinforcement of Troops,

We

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1616 We desire in such case that you will detach from the five Companies of Capt. Candler's Battalion which are under your direction, together with such other of your Military, as they may request.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

A.r Wynch &c.a Council

Fort S.t George
30.th Nov.r 1775.

At a Consultation present

Monday the 4 Dec.r

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Governor Presid.t
George Stratton Rob.t Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
J.n M. Stone Arth.r Palmer
Francis Fowndan Geo.e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from the Nabob as referred for the Diary of this Consultation, containing Intelligence from Cuddapah.

Read the following Letter from Captain Duncan & Ensign Hales &.

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

Honble Sir,

From Capt. Duncan a Detachment of Hyder Ally's Troops, Company & Officers Bazalet Jung.

In my Letter of the 18.th I had the honour to acquaint you of a Report, that Bazalet Jung's Troops before Bellary, had been Defeated by Hyder Ally's Sons.

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1617 I now have it confirmed to me, by People who arrived here last night and every circumstance at the Action.

It happened on the 5th Instant. Tippoo Saibs approach was known to Bazalet Jungs People, but he was supposed to come with friendly intentions, he having, sometime before, been invited by a Spirit on the Reduction of Bellari. Upon his arrival near their Camp, he was saluted, and returned the Salute. Monr. Lally's Party and the rest of Bazalet Jungs Troops were encamped Separate, at a small distance, from one another. I have not learnt whether there was any Intercourse or not between Tippoo Saib and them; but when they did not expect it, He suddenly charged that Quarter when the Main Body of Bazalet Jungs Troops were, who immediately fled in the greatest disorder to Monr. Lallys Camp, spreading equal confusion there, & rendering any attempt of resistance, he might have Endeavoured to make ineffectual — The Rout immediately became general, & Lally himself with great difficulty made his Escape, with 25 or 30 of his European Horse — He had with him in all about 200 Europeans (of which 70 were wounded) — and it is supposed the greatest part of them, are either killed

or.

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Baggage &c.a The Majority of his Infantry, were either killed, or taken Prisoners, the European Prisoners are detained, the Sepoys were disarmed, & turned out of the Camp, to go where they pleased— The people who gave me this Intelligence said they were taken Prisoners, but discharged two Days after the engagement.— They came by way of Arcot. Mr. Sally had collected in all, about eighty of his Europeans when they left that Place. They say in report is that, that Mr. Sally on his arrival went to Bazalet Jung, and upbraided him with being the occasion of his defeat, instead of rewarding him, the Number of Troops, which he had promised, & asked him for entering into a League, with such a Man as Hyder Ally, and with whom told him, that he must get somebody else to fight for him, for that he never would again, & as walking out of the Room in a violent Passion when Bazalet Jung caught him by the hand, and begged he would not think of leaving him, & swore by his Head that he should be paid the full value for every thing, he had Lost, His Europeans are the only Loss which he cannot quickly repair, Mr. Duffaunt tells me that he has plenty of Guns and small Arms in Store, and the Sepoys being released, will immediately join him, The Loss on the Dewan's Camp was trifling, being generally Horse, they accounted to get off, & favored by the approaching

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approaching Night, it was very late in the Day, before the Attack began —

Tippu Saib still remains in the neighbourhood of Billaré, They told me, that he had a considerable Number of Europeans with him, particularly two Troops of Cavalry, besides a Strong Guard of Europeans, over the Prisoners His Sepoys were also regularly armed, Cloathed in Red Jackets, Faced with Blue, & Blue Turbands — My Intelligence varies, with respect to the Disposition of the Besieged, during the attack, some say that they sallied, others that they did not, The People who gave me the above information, seem to be very clear, & say that they did not Sally, as they were afraid to beat Tippu Saib — Perhaps this account of the action, may not be just in every particular. I shall be able to get an exact information from Mr. Dessou whenever Mr. Sally or any of his Officers write to Mr. Harriot. I am

Camp at Vantapollam
Nov.r 22d. 1775.

Hon.ble Sir & Sir
Your most obedient humble Servant
Thomas Halicott

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

Hon.ble Sir.

I have accounts in ten days, from Adoni that they are in no. readiness continuation there on Account of the Vicinity of Hydrè Army, which is now

continues

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From Capt. Duncan containing the Account of B. Swaja's defeat his preparations to defend Adoni:

continues at Bellari; That Fort having been deserted by its Inhabitants was taken possession of by Tippoo Saib soon after the Action with Colly. Bazalet Swaja is making every preparation at Adoni for defence, and is drawing Withers all the Force he can, from different Places, Two hundred Topazes, commanded by a European with three Guns, which were in the Fort of Nundyall on the Borders of the Nizam's Country, have been sent for, Some hundred of the Topazes, which came lately to Garrison Cuddapa, have already marched, some days ago, from thence to Adoni, in consequence of Orders from thence, My Messengers on their return, met with the three Bodies, marching with the utmost expedition for Adoni, they also met with a convoy of forty Bullocks, loaded with different things, particularly some Casks of Flints — supposed to be going to Mr. Colly, from somewhere in the Carnatic Circar —

My latest Accounts make the Losses sustained by Colly's Corps at Bellari on the 5th more considerable, than what I mentioned to you in my Letter of the 24th ult. they agree, that from 230 to 250 of the Europeans are killed and taken Prisoners, And as I don't hear, that there are, more at Adoni, Shangey, or any other Place, above 100 or 130 Europeans in all remaining, it agrees pretty nearly with what I then, to have been the

strength

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Strength of that Coast Bullard is represented as an acquisition of great Importance to Hyder, commanding a free entrance for him into the adjoin'd and the adjacent Countries — and that from the Natural advantages of its Situation, Barry can easily render it a Place of great strength. Bazalet Jung has sent some of his principal people, particularly one Capd Caun, to treat with Hyder. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Hon.ble Sir

Your very devoted & most Obed.t Servant

Alex.r Duncan

Angole
30th Nov.r 1775.

Since Writing the above, I am informed from Condaveer, that the Sepoys which were sent from thence, some days ago, marched in the Night, in a private manner and that Garrison, has been since reinforced, by two hundred Sibendies, or Cavalry & 200 — From the same good Intelligence, that I have also Intelligence, that Mahomed Hussain one of Bazalet Jung's Managers, has received Instructions to explain to Moodapilla, to have delivered over to him those Villages, or Districts at present in the possession or under the Management of Mons.r Lally & the French in Bld Dare — but I don't hear

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hear that any Orders are given for the latter,
to remove from thence.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lieu.t Hal:
re H. Hyder in
possession of
Bellari – the
importance of
the acquisition.

The Lieut.t Aide de Camp
received from Bellari, mentions Hyder Ally,
being in possession of that Fort. That Lieut.t
are given me by two People, who were Serv.ts
to an Officer of Mr. Lally's. They tell
me that only twenty two of Mr. Lally's
European Infantry at Bellari, were saved,
those were much wounded, and made
Prisoners, the rest were to a Man cut to
Piece with all their Officers except two.
I enquired how they became acquainted,
with the exact Number of the Prisoners,
they answered that they were detained, by
the French in Hyder's Service, to attend the
Wounded, I asked them what Number
of Mr. Lally's Europeans, they judged, might
have been killed in the Action, they
answered to the best of their Judgement,
there must have been about two hundred
killed. They further informed me, that Hyder
had with him, a large body of
Europeans but could not tell their
Number —

The day after the action Hyder
had

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Saib Summoned the people of Bellari, to
Surrender their Fort to him, This they
refused, and he immediately set down before
it, taking possession of the Trenches and
Batteries, erected by Mr. Lally, The Garrison
capitulated on the 12th or 13th Instant, &
he took possession of the Fort. — Bellari is
from its Situation a great acquisition to
Hyder ally, It is described to me, as the Key from
the Mysore Country to adoni: Cudapa, & Cannaul.
It is reported that Hyder ally is now at Bellari.
and it is supposed, was incognito in the Camp, during
the engagement. I enquired of Mr. Duffois,
if he knew what Number of Europeans,
Hyder had in his Service, he told me that
he did not know their exact Number, but
believed from the Accounts he had received,
by People, who had deserted from Hyder
to Mr. Lally, that he must have between
five and six hundred, about half of them
are European Portugueze who deserted to
their Nation Goa. —

Mr. Lally had some Europeans in
Garrison at Arnagee, & an Officer & thirty &c:
sacked, at the time of the action, these with
the Cavalry, who escaped, make altogether about
a hundred & fifty.

It is reported that the three hundred Sepoys
in Garrison at Condavier, are recalled out of
the Guntoor Circar and will march imme-
diately to adoni — Jam

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Camp at Vandygodam
Nov.r 28th 1775

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t
humble Servant
Tho.s Halcott

Minute in appro: of Capt.n Duncan and Lieut.n Halcott.

The Board are well pleased at the Diligence & Accuracy with which the foregoing Intelligence seems to have been procured and the Secretary is Directed to express their Sense of it to Capt.n Duncan & Lieut.n Halcott.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Gentlemen

We have received the Letter which you wrote to us on the

From Gov.r Gen.l &c. permitting a Deputation to the Nizam if necessary. The Nabob's request regarding Mr. Thom: has been granted.

5th Inst. in which you desire our Advice & Assistance in regard to the Terms proposed to you in the Letter from your President requesting the Cession of Bazaloot Jung, or if he shall give an evasive answer to that Letter. We think you have approved of your Deputing a Person to his Court, but we desire that his Commission may be confined merely to the Affairs of the Carnatic Circars agreeably to the Instructions, we have already given you, the principal Object of which is to prevent the French of any footing, which they may have obtained in that District, and we approve your sending it necessary to Depute a Person on this Service. We request to be furnished with a Copy of the Instructions which you may give him.

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The Nabob has applied to us for permission to employ Mr. Chambers on a Deputation from him to meet Colonel Upton at Poonah, and to assist him in negociating any matters on the part of the Nabob, also to propose such articles as he may wish to have inserted as conditions in the Treaty of Peace with the Mawratta State, As we conceive this attention due to the Nabob's request, We have told him that we comply with it, if you should entertain no objection; but that Mr. Chambers must transact his business only thro' Colonel Upton, to whom he is ordered to attend, to his different representations and to conform to them as far as he may be authorized by the Tenor of our Instructions —

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
& humble Servants
Warren Hastings
P. Clavering
Geo.e Monson
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis

Minute thereon

The Board having acquainted the Gov.r General & Council in their Letter of the 22.d ult.o that they had resolved to wait their Sentiments upon the Second Letter to the President, before any further Measures were taken for the Removal of the French from the Guntoor

Fort William
the 9th Nov.r 1775

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1629 Gunboat Creek. They are of opinion that it will not be proper to send a person to the Soubahs Court, or to prosecute any other Steps in the way of negociation until they receive answer to that Letter.

Agreed that a Letter to the following Effect be written to the Gov.r Genl. & Co.n and that We enclose for their information Copies of the last Letters received from Captain Duncan & Lieut.t Hatch relative to the Defeat of Bazi Sait Jemadar & Troops before the Fort of Pollams

Ordered, that a Copy of this Para from Bengal concerning Gov.r Chambers be sent to that Gentleman and another Copy to the Nabob —

Sir Rob.t Fletchers Minute on the Subject of the Company of Guides. —

General Sir Robert Fletcher desires to enter the following Minute. —

I expressed my Desire at two former meetings of the Board, & now repeat it, that the Troops assembled under Capt.n Gibbs should be ordered to join their respective Battalions Approved of the principles set forth in General Smith's Minutes upon the Subject of the Guides, but I cannot think that Troops are proper for that Service. — It is a Service which they do not consider as a part of their profession, and there is great danger that any knowledge they shall acquire as Guides may instead of answering the end proposed, turn out a very

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much to our disadvantage. For they cannot be established into a Company of Soldiers, such as are generally known as such, unless they will always grant it in the Power of our Army invading the Country either to corrupt their fidelity, or to buy them entirely into their Service.

I cannot but suggest that they would not differ in comparison with the Duties of Europ Troops in the Service, nor perhaps in a greater degree, since their Duty, must be a Duty of greater fatigues, and the cause of longer absence from their families. We cannot hope to make them Judges of the Reasons for Injury cannot, unless they were, like the Brahmin Hircarrahs, trained to that particular Service from their Infancy & when they that were a Mistake of their Nature is punishable with Death. I believe a Common Wage would hardly induce those to serve in an employment so different from their Notions of the Duty of a Soldier — a Mistake once has been mentioned that of employing European Officers, which in the: wise I should be to grant Objections — The Board would hardly think of employing more than five or six Officers to gain this knowledge, and if we may judge by the Deficiency of Officers from Sickness & other Causes which We daily see in every Regiment in the Service

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1627 Gentlemen, They are of opinion that it will not be expedient to send a person to the Soubahs Court, or to give or receive any other Steps in the way of negociation under the Phyrmaun than what is directed by the Letter

Agreed that a Letter to the following Effect be written to the Govr. Council & Co and that We enclose for their information Copies of the last Letter received from Captain Brown & Lieutt. Flatcott relative to the Defeat of Bazalut Jungs Troops before the Fort of Pellore

Ordered, that a Copy of this Paragraph concerning Govr. Chamber be sent to that Gentleman and another Copy to the Nabob —

Sir Rob.t Flatcher's Minute on the Subject of the Company of Guides. —

General Sir Robert Flatcher desires to enter the following Minute. —

I expected any Desire at two former meetings of the Board, & Answered it, that the Sepoys assembled under Capt.n Gulls, should be ordered to join their respective Battalions I approved of the principles set forth in General Smith's Minutes upon the Subject of the Guides but I cannot think that Sepoys are proper for that Service. It is a Service which they do not consider as a part of their profession, and there is great Danger that any knowledge they shall acquire as Guides may enable them to overcome the end proposed, turn out to

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much to our disadvantage. For they cannot be established under a Company of Soldiers, unless but being publickly known as such, subsisted will always exist in the Power of our Enemy invading the Carnatic, either to corrupt their fidelity, or to buy them entirely into their Service.

I cannot be supposed that they would not Desert in common with the other Sepoy Corps in the Service, nor perhaps in a greater Degree, since their Duty, cannot be a Duty of greater fatigues, and the means of longer absence from their Families. We cannot hope to make them Judges of the Reasonableness for having caused, unless they were, like the Brahmin Hircarrahs, trained to that particular Service from their Infancy & when they shall commit a Mistake of this Nature is punishable with Death. I believe a Month's Wages would hardly induce them to expose themselves in an employment so different from their Notions of the Duty of a Sepoy — a Matter not to be mentioned that of employing European Officers, which in the first Instance is liable to great Objections — The Board would hardly think of employing more than five or six Officers to gain this knowledge, and if we may judge by the Deficiency of Officers from Sickness & other Causes which we daily see in every Regiment in the Service

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1627 Gentlemen, They are of opinion that it would not be proper to send a person to the Soubahs Court, or to give us any other Step in the way of negociation until they receive answer to that Letter.

Agreed that a Letter to the following Effect be written to the Gov. Genl. & Co. and that We enclose for their information Copies of the last Letter we received from Captain Dance & Lindsay Halcott relative to the Desert of Boze: Ist Serangi Syrangs before the Board of Select

Ordered, that a Copy of the Paro from Bengal concerning Mr. Chambers be sent to that Gentleman and another Copy to the Nabob —

General Sir Robert Fletcher desires to enter the following Minute. —

Sir Rob.t Fletcher's Minute on the Subject of the Company of Gunners. —

I expressed very desired at two former meetings of the Board, & Syrangues it, that the Syrangs assembled under Capt.n Gils: should be ordered to join their respec: five Battalions I approved of the principal set forth in General Smith's Minute upon the Subject of the Gunners but I cannot think that Syrangs are proper for that Service. — It is a service which they do not consider as a part of their profession, and there is great danger that any knowledge they shall acquire as Gunners may enable them covering the end proposed, turn out to any

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much to our disadvantage, for they cannot be established onto a Company of Foreign Castes: and being publickly known as such, and held in all Ways always great Sway in the Power of any Enemy invading the Carnatic, either to corrupt their Fidelity, or to buy them entirely into their Service.

I cannot be supposed that they would act and direct in common with the other Topasses in the Service, and perhaps in a greater Degree, since their Duty, must be a Duty of greater Fatigues, and the cause of longer absence from their Families. We cannot hope to make them Judges of the Heads proper for Service, unless they were like the Brahmin Hircarahs, trained to that particular Service from their Infancy & when they that were a Mistake of this Nature is punishable with Death. I believe a Rupee Wages would hardly induce them to serve in any employment so different from their Nations of the Duty of a Topass — a Matter never to be thought mentioned that of employing European Officers, which in the first Establishment would be subject to great Objections — The Board would hardly think of employing more than five or six Officers to gain this knowledge, and if we may judge by the Deficiency of Officers from Sickness & other Causes which We daily see in every Regiment in the Service

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Sir, I cannot reasonably conclude that our weight will be able to avail ourselves of the knowledge of your Engineers or any one of the Gentlemen Officers at times when the Service might not require it. — Promotion must be Incidental there to other Duties & to Command more advantageous to them than this Service can be supposed to be the knowledge they would gain now, might become useless at a future time, from the unsettled cultivation of the Grounds, which causes constant Changes and Shiftings of the Roads necessary for an Army, to march through and the employing Europeans Officers in this Service would bear too great a discouragement to the Natives of the Country, that they must either quit their profession, or carry the knowledge they have already acquired of the Country into the Service of Foreign Powers which I should be extremely sorry to see, because I look upon them to be a most useful set of People in time of War, & deserving of every encouragement —

The Plan I would therefore recommend is, that a small Body of proper Brown Natives, not exceeding twenty Men, be established under any Head Man who shall be best recommended for his past Services —

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It should accompany Lord Hyde with the Commander in Chief of the Army, I am sure they would answer every purpose you could wish, there can be hope for either Troops Seapoys or Europeans — The inferior Officers knowing the Nature of their profession and that Death is the Punishment decreed to answer an Judgement, will be answerable to their Head, for the performance of their Duty both in Peace and in War. the Commander in Chief will be included therein for his Returns and be as much responsible to the Board for their Conduct as for that of any other Part of the Army, and the Board cannot object to this, as he does to any Idea of Surveying his Country —

The proud Com.ny of Guides to be reduced, & Brannion reinstated.

Resolved in consequence of the Reasons given by Sir Robert Fletcher that the Company of Guides be reduced and the Sepoys returned to their regulated Corps, resolved also that the Havildar be promoted by him be entertained —

The Board are never likely to consider of the propriety of having the Roads surveyed when the Roads will become and to it, or when the Court of Directors order the Measure & are of opinion that the Survey will be executed by a Number of Officers or Gentlemen properly qualified for that Service —

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Agreed

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the Nabob to be informed thereof.

Agreed that the Nabob be acquainted with the Purport of the above Resolution, & informed that Captain Lieu.t Fitts of cavalry will be ordered to return with the other troops as soon as he has further occasion for his Service in which case he will be again employed to inspect that Service.

Read the following Letters and Opinions of Mess.rs Anderson and Davies: relating Mr. Sahagan.—

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

from Mr. Anderson: on Surgeon his report of Mr. Sahagan's Medical Abilities.

In answer to my last address to the Hon.ble Board, I had the honor to receive through the Secretary your Orders to send Mr. Davis, and give in a joint Report, of what had passed regarding the examination of Mr. Sahagan, in compliance with those Orders, as Mr. Davis had been acquainted with the Resolutions of the Hon.ble the President & Council I endeavoured to effect a meeting with him which he has hitherto evaded, and now without a Conference on the Subject sends me a Separate & undetermin.ate Opinion.

The daily avocations of my Duty here will not allow me leisure to waste more time on this Business and as the Service

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is at the same time at a Stand, with a view to bring Matters at once to a conclusion, I have thought proper to lay before you the Report Mr Davis thought proper to send me, which if it contains any thing is contrary to his opinion now at the two Meetings We had, so that you may be under some difficulty to form a Judgement, however as it is a Matter of serious concern to the Service, I shall not lay aside any Degree of Caution in order to observe your Honble Sir & Sirs, that Mr Gahagan came into the Service without any previous Education, Physical or Anatomical, that the little Anatomical Education he has since had, was acquired in Green Books and not from Human Subjects, therefore he can have no distinct Idea of the Parts of the Human Body to guide him in the practice of Surgery & Chimistry and Pharmacy he has not the least knowledge and on that account can know nothing of the Analysis of Medicines, nor whether one Medicine will unite & enter into composition with another, as to the Practice of Physick his knowledge is limited to the Index of the Hospitals he has attended here, but as he has never had an opportunity to Study the Theory of Physick or the Laws of the Animal Oeconomy, it is impossible for him to judge on any occasion, why different Constitutions and the same Disease under Different Circumstances require a treatment

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a treatment essentially different, that to any
Mr Gahagan may have learned or otherwise
that Custom may give an influence Many on the
Liver and Viscera Disease and that Bark is a
Cure for ague, but without a knowledge of this:
ny he can never learn why or where How there:
fore are certain Instruction, under particular
circumstances of these very Diseases.

The above Noble Sir & Sirs is the opinion
I formed of Mr Gahagan from the examination
of him some general questions in Anatomy,
he answered from Rote, not from a comprehension
of the Subject, for he knew not even the par:
ticular Bones nor could, on being his
Answer to one of my Questions was a mistake
which would have cost the Patient a Limb.
in Practice of Physick he knew not how the
composition of the Medicines he would have
prescribed the indications cured, nor had
any distinct notion of the Nature of the Disease

Mr Gahagan took leave to appear. Mr
Parby prejudiced against him, I am aware of
the Like unjust surmise, but as I have had the
Sirs view chiefly in view such insinuations shall
give me no concern, considering it only as
the refuge of every illiberal Though Knotty
very Medal Man ——

As I understand Mr Gahagan, since
he abruptly withdrew himself from further
examination has applied for permission
to proceed to Europe — I thought it a Duty
incumbent

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Since we have understood that the Honble Board should think proper to recommend him for further Rank here to as soon as Vacancies, that unless the Conditions of his Patent are this Month we cannot grant him Commy. Physick & Chemistry, however can be of for promotion in the Service?

With every Sentiment of Esteem & Regard I have now the honor to address, sending my Indentures of the Service engaged in a Dangerous Unity.

I have the honor to be with Very great Respect.

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
Dec.r 3d 1775.

your very Obedient &
most humble Servant
Jas. Anderson

P.S. Monday about 9 o'Clock forenoon, having this moment seen Mr. Davis, a joint Letter from us, agreeing as this—

To the Hond.le Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
Pres.t & Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

From Messrs. Anderson & Davis

In obedience to your commands We have now the honor to address you, touching the examination of Mr. Gahagan—respecting which We find ourselves under the necessity of giving you our Opinions separately which We hope you will be pleased to accept of. We are with the greatest Respect.

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

Madras
December 1775

Your most Obed.t Servants
Jas. Anderson
Tho.s Davis—

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Mr. Davis's Opinion of the examination put to Mr. Gahagan by order of the Hon.ble President & Council —

Mr. Davis, his opinion of Mr. Gahagan's abilities.

Mr. Davis's Opinion that Mr. Gahagan did acquit himself on the first days examination very much like a Skilfull Man of his Profession, but that the day following, He, Mr. Gahagan was apparently confused, & did not answer Mr. Andrews questions, either in Anatomy, Pharmacy, or Chirurgery — Therefore Mr. Davis does not think Mr. Gahagan's examination was such as he in his opinion can determine whether the Gentleman is or is not fit for the Service —

Tho.s Davis
Surgeon

To be sent to the Court of Directors.

Mr. Gahagan having requested Leave to go to England, the Board think it necessary to lay before the Court of Directors the Proceedings on the subject, & to inform Mr. Gahagan, that he has Leave to go home agreeably to his request.

Letter from Col. Capper taken into consideration.

This Letter from Col. Capper which in Consultation the 20th Nov.r was ordered to lie on the Table is now read, requesting that his appointment of Commissary Gen.l may be reconsidered, & put on a different posting —

Determined to wait the orders of the Court of Directors. —

The Board having already come to a determination with respect to Colonel Capper

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1637 Captain Wedderburn writes to the Court of Directors concerning it, they cannot with any propriety make any Alterations without their orders, which may be expected by the next Ships that arrive —

Wynch
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Jeffery
Archdale Palmer
Francis Sandys
Geo. Macleay

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Letter from the 4th Received a Letter from the Nabob, accompanied in Co:
Nabob requesting Corr: No. 140. relative to the measures & designs of
Hyder's ambition Hyder Ally ..... another Letter from him
View his designs No. 141. Enquiring his Account with the Company
on Cudapah &c. to end of December — another Letter 12th Co:
Three Letters from ordering and Order for 3500 Pagodas on account
the Nabob requiring of the Hire of Peons and dated the 1st Instant —
Acco.ts & Hire. another Letter No. 143. ordering and Indent for
Stores for the use of his Cavalry — another Letter
November. No. 144. relating to the Payment of the Nawabs
& December Hire to the Company.

At a Consultation Present —
5th Day Alexr. Wynch Esqr. Govr. President
of Decr. Geo.e Stratton Rob.t Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson Henry Bygoe
John M. Stone Arch.d Palmer
Fran.s Soudan Geo.e Mackay
Minutes of last Consultation read & Approved.

Proceedings of Capt. Dugood's Court Martial read.

The Proceedings of the General Court Martial held on Captain Alexr. Dugood of Engineers having been laid before us at yesterdays Consultation, part of them was read at the Board in the Evening of that day & the remainder is read this Morning. The Charges against Captain Dugood & with the Sentence of the Court upon each are as follows —

Charges — 1st 1st For neglect of Duty.

2d For having observed a Conduct & Conversation tending

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Tending to the prejudice of good order and Military Discipline.

3d For having attempted by means unbecoming the Character of an Officer & Gentleman, to injure the Character of Lt. Col. Robinson particularly by representation to the Board the Governor & Council, dated the 2d July 1775. —

Sentence —

The Court having Maturely & Deliberately taken into Consideration, the various Matters produced by the Parties, for & against the first Charge, "Neglect of Duty," & having also attended to Hand, placed, & circumstances, so generally alluded to, and the many intermingling suspicions the Prisoner was subject to from Sickness, want of Quarters & anxiety of Mind — Are of opinion, that the Charge of Neglect of Duty is not sufficiently proved & do therefore acquit him —

As to the second Charge. It does not appear to the Court, that any Conversation or Conduct of the Prisoners had any bad effect, with respect to good Order & Military Discipline. They do therefore acquit him of the Charge.

And having also maturely considered the whole train of Circumstances & Incidents which draw from Capt. Dugood his Letter to the Board of the 2d July — on which the 3d Charge is founded. Do therefore acquit the Prisoner Capt. Dugood of the said

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1640 said Charge, of behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer and Gentleman." This Board do not appear, that Col. Ross had not reasonable cause for his professional Character, in so open Respect attempted to be sullied by the said Officer.—

Robert Scoules
Deputy Judge Advocate.

Ross Lang } Colonel } President

The Board having taken the Proceedings into Consideration, the Sentence upon the first Charge is approved by all the Members except Sir Robert Fletcher

Upon the second charge the several Members deliver their opinions as follows—

Mr. Mackay — Disapproves the Sentence upon the 2d Charge, because he is of opinion, from the Proceedings that Captain Dugood's Conduct, as charged therein was contrary to good Order & Military Discipline, & altho' it does not appear, to have produced any bad effect, yet that it had a tendency that way & might have occasioned many ill Consequences.—

Mr. Sowden
Mr. Shatton
The President ... } Approve the Sentence on the 2d Charge, not for the reasons given by the Court Martial in support of it, as they agree in opinion with Mr. Mackay in respect to Capt. Dugood's Conduct, but because they are of opinion that Col. Ross should have taken notice of his Behaviour at the time, & not have suffered it to pass so long without bringing him to a Tryal for it.

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Sir Robt. Fletcher ..... Disapproves the Sentence upon
1642 this Article for the reasons urged in this Minute
1641 which will be entered hereafter —

Mr. Palmer ...
Mr. Stone
Mr. Brooke
Mr. Dawson ... } Approve the Sentence upon this Charge

Sentence approved by the majority.

With respect to the Sentence upon the 3d Article of the Charge the Majority of the Board upon the Question approve of it — the Sentence upon the other Articles being also approved by the Majority, it is ordered that the Court Martial be dissolved, and the approbation of the Sentence published in General Orders.

Genl. & Sir Robert Fletcher desires to enter the following Minute. —

Sr. R. Fletcher's Minute on the Charge proceedings & Sentence.

I cannot approve either of the Charges as they are exhibited, of the Proceedings, as they have been admitted, or of the Sentence as it has been passed — I disapprove of the Charges —

Because, In the first & second, neither Time, Place nor Circumstance, is mentioned, which leaves an illegal opening for shifting the Charge to different Periods, until Proof of Nothing Criminal can be fixed on the Prisoner

I think there is an impropriety in the third Charge, Col. Ross having grounded it solely on a Letter from Capt. Dugood to the Govr. & Council, exhibiting Charges against himself, & before any Inquiry whatever had been made, either to support or disapprove

them

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Mem — And as appears in the proceedings an unwarrantable time has elapsed between the time the Crime was committed, & the time of the Trial — I disapprove of the Proceedings. Because, they are swelled to an unreasonable Size, by the admission of Evidence, neither for nor against the Charge, and altogether improper — The Evidence which the Governor, the General, Colonel Ross and the Secretary to the Board were called upon to give, & which I think the Court should not have admitted, or admitted is improper; particularly as the Secretary, disclosed the opinions given in Council by Individual Members of the Government, as a way leading to approve or disapprove the Crimes charged on the Prisoner — I disapprove of the Sentence.

Because if the Charges, and the evidence they appear in the Proceedings be admitted by the Court I do not conceive that Capt. Dugood can be acquitted; for he appears to me by the Evidence of the Governor, Colo. Ross, Major Stevens, Captain Ward & others to have been guilty of "Neglect of Duty, & to have held a Conduct contrary to good Order and Military Discipline" —

W. Hamilton Minuted

W. Hamilton Minuted — I cannot subscribe the following Minute — I think there is much unnecessary matter introduced and into the proceedings of the General Court martial; but as it appears to me to have

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1643 I have been in a great Measure amused by the third Charge, which I think the Court could not with propriety make a Subject of their Enquiry, Viz.d Captain Dugood, on Justification of himself for having reflected on Col.o Ross's Conduct was under a Necessity to produce the Letter in support of his Accusation, by which means Col.o Ross became the Party accused, without having an opportunity of vindicating himself as he was not amenable to the Court, which appears to me to have been irregular if not illegal —

The following Letter is now received from Lt.t Owen —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take the Liberty of enclosing you my Commission of Lieu.t in the Honble, I hereby resign all Pretensions to that Service having signed no Articles or Agreements, whatever that can lead me to serve any longer than my own inclinations Dictate & also against this Honble Board that I mean to leave India, and return to England within the limited time allowed every British Subject by Act of Parliament for selling his Effects, I request you will Order my Pay due to be given me, It seems there is a General order for the Pay of Officers on leave of Absence to be drawn By the Companies they belong to, This by Neglect

from Lt. Owen enclosing his Commission in order to return to Europe

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Perhaps it may be one of the Consequences I have
been authorized to find, that I am not been honored, My
Substance as before Ground the first of
July 1774. to the first of June 1775. and my
Extra Pay from the 1st of June 1774 to the 1st
of November 1775. as I presume will appear
by the Books of the Commissary & Paymaster
General—

My reasons for my Resignation, I beg leave to
Subjoin, after having Served any King as an
Officer for the Space of twelve Years, Join the
year 1769 ordered the Honble Company's Troops,
by his Majesty's particular Leave, as many appear
by his Secretary at Wars (Lord Barrington)
Letter to me for that head; On my Returns
I was particularly ordered, by the Honble Court
of Directors in their General Letters of that
Season, to Succeed the senior deceased Captain
Lieutenant in the Fort Major's Post of Madras,
whenever he vacated that Post either by
Promotion, Preferment, or Death. Whereupon
the express and Positive Orders of the Honble
Court of Direction, I accordingly solicited the
Honble Board of Madras for the Post of Fort
Major, which I looked on as my Right,
on coming to the Country, Standing Captain
Lieutenant removed to the Command of
Madura, and I was at that time happy
in finding the, then present Commander
in Chief Sir Robert Fletcher, agreeable

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1643 and in his Military Sentiments. That the
Post Major Ship was my Right, Since upon
Instance as had the Honble Board to appointme
to the Post of Fort Major which I continued
to look on as my Right, on the Death of Capt.
Chaigneau, which soon after happened, to both
which honorable Remonstrances I have received
no satisfaction, and having this last year in
Person, been acquainted of the present Gov.r the
Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r whether he would
approve and to the Post Major ship if the pres.t
incumbent Captain Wood, should by any
means vacate that Post, & having received
from the Honble Governor a Letter March,
an absolute Negative thereto, Find, that the
end of my returning to India, is entirely
frustrated; I left England on the Faith &
Appointment of the Honble Court of Directors,
to a Post that would have given me the
Rank of Captain, That Post being with-
held from me, and no suitable Satisfaction
made me, after having waited near three
years, with the greatest Patience, I cannot
think of Serving any longer without
that Rank, & their Any Appointment
from the Honble Court of Directors could
have given, and I therefore have as about
Resigned my Commission of Lieu.t in the
Honble Company's Service. ——
I beg leave to subscribe myself with all
proper

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Present Right Honble Sir J Lyon
Jour mst Col Stuart Member

Arthur Owen Esq

Sir Robert Fletcher acquainted the Board that he sent an Order this Morning to Major Gowdie to join his Corps, That he accompanied the Order with a Letter which Sir Robert Fletcher desired he would read to the Board, upon which Sir Robert Fletcher moved the following Motion ——

Sir Thos. Fletchers Motion that Lt. Owen shall join his Corps before his Letter to him into Consideration ——

As Lieut. Owen (since his arrival in India) has never joined any Corps under Command of Lieut. Colo. Gowdie, excepting at Sumpoochee, was a Service of great Profit, & like all the Officers in good health. Sir Robert Fletcher moves, that the Order sent Lieut. Owen the Day he received to join his Corps, should be enforced, before the Board take into their Consideration, whether they will or will not accept his Commission ——

Resolved, this Commission to be returned to him by the Secretary.

The Board having unanimously agreed to Sir Robt. Fletcher's Motion, the Secretary is directed to return Lieut. Owen his Commission & to inform him at the same time that the Board have resolved that his Letter which accompanied it be not taken into Consideration unless he have complied with the Order sent him this Day for joining his Corps ——

Archd. Palmer

Francis Fowke

Geo. Stracey

J. Monck
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Cuo. Barrow
Henry Brooke
D. Haig

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To the Nabob 6th Sent a Letter to the Nabob recorded in C. Corr: No. 145.

At a Consultation Present.

Thursday 7th Dec.r

Alex.r Wynch Esq.r Gov.r President.
Geo.e Shilton Rob.t Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson Henry Brooke
John M. Stone Arch.d Palmer
Sam.l Smith Geo.e Mackay

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read a Letter from the Nabob as entered in C. Corr: No. 150. advising of the late Defeat of Bazalet Jungs Troops before the Fort of Bellaire, of the Motions of Hyder Ally Caun in consequence representing the Necessity of taking speedy Measures for checking his increasing Power, and advising that he has come to Engagement with the Cuddapah Country which the Nabob informs us is an Appendage of the Carnatic, entering also three Papers of Intelligence —

Letter from the Nabob respecting Hyder Ally &c.

Resolved that a Copy of the Nabobs Letter with the Papers of Intelligence be sent to the Gov.r Gen.l & Co. but as it will be necessary before we can give them our Sentiments on the Nabobs Letter, that we should be informed in what manner Cuddapah is Engaged on the Carnatic it is agreed that a Letter be sent to the Nabob on this Subject & that the Gov.r Gen.l & Council be acquainted that we shall write them again as soon as we receive the Nabobs Answer —

Resolution thereon.

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The Nabob requests Capt. Sibbald may be continued in his Service for the present.

The President reports to the Board that he communicated to the Nabob the Substance of the Minutes of Consultation the 4th. Instant relative to the Company of Guides & enquired him if he had any further occasion for Capt. Sibbald's Service, he answered he could not dispense with Capt. Sibbald for the present to regain from the Glacis at Vellore, and requested he might be continued that Service—

Extra Allowance not to be given to any Officers but when on Duty with their Battalions. therefrom.

As the extraordinary Allowance to the Officers of the Topaz Battalion is in Consideration of the extraordinary Trouble & Inconvenience their Battalion is subject to from not having any Topaz Officer, not actually doing Duty with his Battalion, and so prevented thereby Sickness or having Leave of absence conformable to the Instructions of the Court of Directors shall receive such Allowance, & that all Officers may be acquainted with this Resolution, it is agreed that it be given out in General Orders—

Topaz Invalids to do Duty at Fort St. George in place of the Detachment Topazes—

It having been resolved that the Detachment Company's of Topaz at Fort St. George, shall be incorporated in the Brigade Battn. as soon as the Invalid Topaz can be collected at Chingleput—It is now ordered that no more Recruits be entertained in the Brigade Battn. until further Directions shall be signified & it is also resolved that all Topaz Invalids & Pensioners at the different Garrisons of the Carnatic do proceed immediately to Chingleput

all Topaz Invalids ordered to Chingleput.

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1649 Chinglepet and wait there till further Order —

The Private Men of the Detachment from Poonamalee to remain at Ellore receive from Chinglepet ordered to Poonamalee.

At the Recommendation of Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher. Resolved, That the Non Commissioned & Private lately detached from Poonamalee to Ongole be incorporated in the Battalion at Ellore, and that the Recruits at Chinglepet be sent in their Room to be incorporated in the Battalion at Poonamalee —

Mess.rs Parley & Anderson to examine Mr. Mallet the :ons to examine Mr. Mallet & Mr. Turing & report their opi: nion to the Board —

Ordered that the Secretary do write to Mess.rs Parley & Anderson to examine Mr. Mallet the Eldest Surgeons Assistant, and report to the Board whether he be qualified for a Sole Surgeon. Ordered Also that they do examine Mr. Robert Turing at the same Time & report whether he be qualified for the Charge of an Hospital. —

Wmck
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Wm
Archdale Palmer
Fowrin Johnson
Geo. Mackay

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To the Nabob &c.

7th Agreeably to the Resolution of these Days Consultation
granting the Equiv.
alent of Cud Pagoda
on the Carnatic.

a Letter is addressed to the Nabob as entered in Cons. Corr.
Vol.n 146.

Also the following Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l
and Council at Fort William.—

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor Gen.l & Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Gov.r General
&c. with further
Intelligence of
B. Sangi's defeat
before Bellary.

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 9th Ultimo. In room of the 22d Ult.
We enclosed a Copy of the Soubahs reply to the Proposals
sent him from our President, & informed you that We
had judged it necessary to wait your Sentiments
thereon before we took any further Steps; for the
removal of the French from the Carnatic &c.—
We still think it necessary to receive your Instructions upon that Letter and the Minutes
which accompanied it, before we proceed further
in the Way of Negociation.

We send you herewith the Copies of
Letters from Captain Duncan Commanding
at Angola & from Ensign Hales Containing
Intelligence of a Defeat of Bogalet Sangi Boys,
before the Fort of Bellary.—

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

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7th Dec.r 1775.

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16 5/8th Dispatched the following Letter to the Gov.r General & Council conformable to the Resolutions of Consultation the 7th Instant.—

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Gov.r Genl. &c.a Council
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honour to transmit you a Copy of a Letter We have received from the Nabob accompanied by two Papers of Intelligence relative to Bazalet Jung and the Motions of Hyder. as the Nabob in this Letter expresses his apprehensions that Hyder has some design upon the Cuddapah Country which he says is an Appendage of the Carnatic, We have requested him to explain to us in what manner Cuddapah is dependant upon the Carnatic, that we may be enabled to give you our Sentiments upon his Letter, When we receive his answer We shall do ourselves the honour to write you further on this Subject. We have the honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
A. Wynch &c.a Council

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of Gov.r Genl. & Co. requesting the Nabob's Claim to Cuddapah as dependent on the Carnatic.

9th. Arrived from England the Honble Company's Ship Grenville with the Right Honble Lord Pigot Mess.rs Russell & Dalrymple & one Recruit.

10th. Received the following Letter from Capt. Bruce Commanding at Amboor.

Amboor

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Agreeable 7th Dec.r 1775

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wedderburn Esq.r

President & Council &c.a &c.a

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

from Capt.n Bowes advising of the Action before Bellari.—

I have the honor to acquaint you that a Supply of 2000 Bullocks in 500 Droves from Hyder Ally's Army, and also one, that he had sold to Purnea's Vakeel & Bazalet Jung on the 10th of last Month, & that on the 13th. Colonel Baillie was making preparations to attack the Fort of Adoni. the Keys whereof not to have been delivered the Garrison surrendered at Discretion, he further informs me that Bazalet Jung & the Mahrattas is at present in the Carnatic of Gutta, & that Bellari, together with Hyder Ally's Principal Object, is yet not taken.— I remain Hon.ble Sir &c.a

Your most Obed.t humb.e Servant

Tho.s Bruce

At a Consultation Fort St. George

Monday 11th Dec.r

The Right Hon.ble Lord Pigot, Gov.r &c.a

George Stratton Lieut. Col.l Fletcher

Edward Dawson Henry Brooke

Claud Russell Mac.n Dalrymple

J.n M. Lane Arch.d Palmer

Thos. Sowdon Geo.e Mackay

The Right Hon.ble Lord Pigot having resumed the Chair of this Government now States the Affair of Allegiance & Fidelity

The Right Hon.ble Lord Pigot & Mess.rs Stratton & Dalrymple take their Seats at the Board.

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1653 and afterwards administer them to Mr. Russell & Mr. Dalrymple, who then take their Seats at the Board.

Gen.l & Separate Letter from England & Fr. Granville.

The General & Separate Letters from the Honble the Court of Directors dated the 12th April last and received by the Granville are now read.

Minute on the Orders respecting Sanjore.

The Orders from the Company in their Separate Letter respecting Sanjore, being of a very particular Nature, the Board are of Opinion that great Cautions & Delicacy will be required in communicating them to the Nabob, for altho' they do not apprehend, that he will be so imprudent as to oppose them: cution of them, yet if he can be convinced thoroughly sensible of the Necessity of an absolute Compliance on his Part, it is probable he may then be induced to request himself, That the Orders of the Company may be put in force — This is the ultimate Point to which the Board are desirous of bringing him, as the Company's Intentions, will by this Means be happily fulfilled, without hurting the Nabob's Dignity or Importance, in the Eyes of the Country Powers —

The President Lord Pigot is requested to

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The President to communicate the same to the Nabob.

To communicate to the Nabob the Purport of the Company's Orders, & to endeavour to engage his Compliance in the manner above mentioned.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Lauderdale
Dalrymple
Wm. Ross
Archd. Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

I take this Occasion to remark that my Name to the Proceedings of Council only testifies that such were the Resolutions of the Majority of the Board and does not imply my particular assent thereto in every matter - - - - -

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Sea Consultation Pres.t

Thursday 14th Dec.r

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gr. Pres.t
Geo.e Stratton. Rob.t Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson. Henry Brooke
Claud Russell. A.r Dalrymple
J.n Wm. Hope. Archd Palmer
Franc.s Fowke Jun.r Geo.e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved

Gen.l Letter to England & Salisbury read.

The Company's Ship Salisbury having arrived last Night at Ingoe Bengal in her way to England with permission to remain here only a few hours, a Draft of a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors to go by that Ship is now read and approved —

Lord Pigot informs the Board that he has delivered to The Nabob the Company's Letter, which came for him by the Drummer, and likewise a Letter which was entrusted to his care by Lord North; and that the Nabob has acquainted him of his Intention to write in Answer to them by the Salisbury. —

Dalrymple
J.n Hope
Archd Palmer
Fowke Jun.r
Geo. Mackay

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Claud Russell

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At a Consultation

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov. Presid.

Monday 18th Dec.

Sir Stratton — Rob. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — A. Dalrymple
J. M. Stone — Arch. Palmer
Jno. Sowerby — Geo. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Right Honble the President informs the Board that the Nabob has delivered to him a Copy of his Letter to the Company by the Salisbury which is now read & entered in Gen: Corr: N°

The General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 12th April last received by the Grenville being now read, the following Orders pass agreeable to such parts as relate to this Department.

Ordered in Consequence.

Par. 1st On reference to the List of the Army, it appears that Captain Henry Marcell is the only Person and the Senr of Captains of Superior Rank to Mr Scott. Sir Rob. Fletcher reports to the Board that he cannot say any thing of Captain Marcell from his own knowledge but that he has been represented to him as a diligent & good Officer, upon which it is Resolved that Captain Marcell have a Brevet as Major & Major Scott the Latest Brevet to Rank next below Major Marcell.

Capt. Marcell & Major Scott to recieve Brevet Commissions as Majors.

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Capt. Clifton appointed first Capt. of Artillery

Para 8th ..... Conformably to the Directions of the Honble Court, Captain Clifton 1st Artillery & as such to be immediately given out in General Orders.

Para 16th ..... Ordered That a Copy of this Para: with the Extract of the Company's Letter to Bombay relating to the Supernumerary Officers and Draught of that Establishment, be forwarded to the Governor Genl. & Co. at Bengal.

Para 17th ..... Enquiry to be made after Thomas Sirisman, that he may be discharged agreeably to the Order of the Honble Court.

Para 19th ..... Agreed that the Governor General & Council be requested to send us a Copy of the Company's first Order respecting Colonel Maclean's appointment, & Regulations made in consequence, that by the Assistance of these, and the advices now sent to Bengal of which the Honble Court have enclosed us a Copy, We may be able to conform to the Ideas of the Company in the appointment of Colonel Cappage. —

Genl. Fletcher reports Ld Ocun's having joined his Corps this Desire of continuing in the Service. —

General Sir Robert Fletcher reported to the Board that in consequence of the Order of Consultation the 5th Instant Lieut. Owen had joined his Corps, and had since intimated to him his Desire of withdrawing his Letter of Resignation, & of continuing in the Service —

The Letter above referred to, being now again read, the Board are unanimously of

of opinion, that it is improper in any wise to pass
Terms, and that they cannot consistently with
the Duty they owe to their Employers permit
Lieut. Brown to continue thereon, whilst he
avows such Sentiments as are imprest in
his Letter, particularly, that having entered
into no Articles of Agreement with the Comp:
Vid. Genl. Letter. pany, he is at Liberty to throw up his Comp:
mission whenever he pleases. The Board, how:
:ever inclined they may be to indulge Lieut Brown
in his present Application, are determined
never to give the least Countenance to Ideas
of such a Tendency, & Sir Robert Fletcher there:
:fore is desired to inform Lieut. Brown they expect
he will make a proper acknowledgement for
the exceptionable Passages contained in his
Letter before they take his Request into Consider:
:ation.

Read the following Letter from
Masulipatam relating to the Pagoda Currency
at Ellore.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Masu: Lipatam a Number of Base Pagodas in the hands of the Paym.r at Ellore.

The Paymaster at Ellore
having represented to us, that in consequence
of the Exchange of Pagodas at that place having
passed thro' his hands, for some years a consider:
:able quantity of debased ones had at different
times been paid into him; & having applied

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1659 To us for instruction, in what manner to carry the
loss upon them to Account we think it necessary
to refer the matter for your consideration, & therefore
now forward this Letter to us, together with the
report of a Committee, to whom we appointed to
enquire into the Complaint, which had been
made to us, some time ago, by Colonel Flint &
Mr. Westcott, against Sundry Persons charged,
with introducing debased Pagodas at Ellore.—

As from this report your Honor &c. will
find that the fact is proved upon the Persons
charged, and as they are now in Security here,
we request to be favored with your Orders, how
far & in what manner they should be made
answerable for the Loss, which the Company
have sustained by their Mal-Practices— we
are more particularly desirous of your Instructions on this head, as the late Arrack Farmer,
is in arrear to the Company in the Sum of
five thousand, five hundred Pagodas, and
the mode in which you may think proper
to prescribe to us in the one Case, may serve
to guide us in our endeavours to recover
this debt to the Company, as the Arrack Farmer
is in possession of a house in the Pettah, of
Madras, which if sold, would we believe pro-
duce more than sufficient to discharge this
debt—

Mr. Dawes having some private
business to transact at the Presidency, to which
requires

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required his personal attendance there to request
your permission for him to proceed thither.— We
are, very respectfully.
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed.t humble Servants
John Whitehill
Charles Desveaux
Agnes Hodges
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
30th Nov.r 1775

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

Gentlemen

Your Letter regarding the
repairs to be made out at Hoodapollee upon
the Ground Rooms I have been favored with—
I must request your Orders re-
garding the Quantity of Paraams I have now
in my possession, as it swells my Monthly
Disbursements, and makes it appear very high
I have of good Paraams three hundred &
fifty three Madras Pagodas worth 348.
worth / 1353.34 / and of bad Paraams
thirteen & eight Madras used 11 Paraams /
1308.11./ The reasons of my having such a
quantity of the latter, Arised from
the Sale of Arrack, but the exchange in
this Place praying there any Handsome profit
to an order given out here by Mr. Brooke, the
Chief of Masulipatam, by whom I was order
Licensed from all Persons to 6 Paraams for a
Measure

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Madras Pagoda, and to give also 4 Cash an Day for the Madras Pagoda, and for the management of this I was allowed a Sheriff. There being no such allowance before to any Paymaster here, the order was occasioned by a Plea made by the Soldiers at a General Court Martial held here, upon some mistakes in March & April 1773, for a Deduction of the Batta they laboured under by the Loss they sustained in their Pay, from the then high exchange of the Pagoda, In consequence of this the Pagoda was abolished, & the Star coin established, but as this latter Coin was an innovation, and the Country all around these Cantonments, likely to refuse them, I was ordered to give and receive Gold for Silver, & Silver for Gold; I have been therefore knowing none, or but one of the Members that now Compose your Board, ever then at Masulipatam when this circumstance happened, and then the Military Authority ruled solely with the Chief. I also enclose you Copy of the General Order given out here in consequence of this Resolution, and of a Correspondence that passed between the Chief and Major Billingham—

I am with Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Geo. Wescott

Above

12th Nov. 1775

A true Copy

John Sullivan

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For

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To John Whitehill Esqr.

1662 Chief and the Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Agreable to a Minute of Consult: Sation of the 19th Ulto. we forwarded by your Secretary our Examination into the Complaint made by Colonel Flint and Mr. Wedderburn against Nuncoor Lingiah, Tennaul Hist: nauniah, Seram, Mongiah, & Nunnagully Vancatah, Shroffs.—

From the examination of Tennaul Histnaunah, Siram Mongiah, Shroffs and those of Vanala Chelumiah and Condoor Histnanah Banians which agree with the Depositions transmitted to you by Colo. Flint. We are of opinion Nuncoor Lingiah of Pedanah is guilty of having carried from them to Ellore a quantity of debased Fanams, which he at different times forced means to Coll and circulate there, but does not appear from the Evidence to what Amount—

Tennaul Histnaunah, & Siram Mongiah Shroffs confess they received Fanams from Nuncoor Lingiah that they knew them to be bad but as they passed Current, & were good rates to be procured, they did not think they were wrong in exchanging them—

It appears from the Depositions

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Deposition of Mauniguilly Vencayah. That he knew the Pannams Current was bad, & being under the Paymaster. he Mauniguilly, Vencayah, in the absence of the Head Shroff Conchurla Ballaiah, acquainted D.r Wat.s & Hen.y Bra: ziers, Peregen, that the Pannams were debased, but that neither Peregen nor the Company's Head Shroff Conchurla Ballaiah, paid any attention to what he said —

Since making the above enquiries a Petition has been delivered to us from Permaul Thirmah, and Seranu Mongiah — in consequence we have re-examined them, but can learn nothing that either exculpates them, or that throws further light on the Business —

We are very respectfully

Gent.n

Your most Obed.t Servants

Alex.r Davidson

James Hodges

Proceedings by John Sullivan Esq.r

The Company's Shroff at Ellore to make the good the Loss.

As it appears from the foregoing Letter that the Paymaster at Ellore was allowed a Shroff who was paid by the Company for examining the Pannams which passed thro' the Paymasters Hands the Board are of opinion that he should be made accountable for all the bad Pannams which have past with the Paymaster, and it is agreed, therefore that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be

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Ordered to recall Dispatches sent to compel the Sheriff to make good the Sale mentioned therein.

Mr. Davoren permitted to come to the Presidency.

The Gentlemen at Wandewash having requested that Mr. Charles Davoren may have Permission to come to the Presidency for a Short time upon his private Business, the Board give their consent accordingly.—

Read the following Letter from Ganjam—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your Letter of the 19th inst.

From Ganjam, Estimate for building a House for the Paymaster at Aska.

Upon enquiring We learn that the Expence of Building an House for the Paymaster at Aska, supposing it to consist of an Hall, two Rooms, two Closets and a Verandah with a Terraced Roof & proper out Houses, will not exceed Pd 1200 Madras Pagodas.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t humble Servants

Charles Smith
Thos. Dyneley
Robt. Hughes
Thos. Hudleston
&c.

Ganjam
22d Nov.r 1775

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Minute thereon, Paymaster to be allowed House Rent.

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As the Board do not approve of the necessity of laying out 1200 Pagodas to build a House for the Paymaster at Ashta, it is agreed that the further consideration of this Matter be postponed untill the Committee of Circuit appointed by the Company shall have had an opportunity of informing themselves in respect to the propriety of such Expence, in the mean time however the Chief and Council at Ganjam may be permitted to allow the Paymaster at Ashta a Monthly sum for house Rent —

Read the following Letter from Ganjam. —

To the Hon.ble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r
President & Gov.r &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

The Gunnur Rajah having returned us an Answer to the Letter written to him by the Chief, as mentioned in our address of the 14.th inst.o We have applied to the Chief & Co.a of Vizagapatam for five Companies of Sepoys, together with their Guns, and three artillery men, requesting that they would immediately proceed with all convenient expedition, and join Captain Brandreth at Ashta.

We are with Respect
Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Ganjam
3.d Dec.r 1775.

Your most Obed.t H.ble Serv.ts
Charles Smith
Rob.t Maunsell
Tho.s Dyneley
Rob.t Hughes
Tho.s Huddleston

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Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Gentlemen at Vizg.: :gapatam com: :ply with the Sepoys: :plication from Ganjam for Sepoys:—

The Gentlemen at Ganjam having applied to us, for Part Companies of Sepoys and some of our Artillery, to assist in an expedition they have undertaken, We have accordingly complied with their request, Captain Mathews being of opinion that Many: :bers might be spared, the Country being at present in Tranquility—

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt
humble Servants
M. Williams
Hy. Crawford
Wm. Barlow

Vizagapatam
17th Dec. 1775

Read the following Letter from Mandapatam

To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.
President & Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St. Georg

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mandapatam requesting the removal of the Circar Battalions.

In your commands of the 4th of November 1774 you were pleased to inform us, that it had been determined to change the Sepoy Battalions, doing duty in the Circars every two years, and that

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1667 That this Regulation was to commence from the
1st Month of January 1774

Altho' by the above Orders, we might
think ourselves at Liberty to Award what Answers
to be made, yet as there is Time for our receiving
your further Instructions upon the Subject,
we shall wait the receipt of them, and are
regard to be favoured with them soon, as a Consi-
derable Sum will be taken up in Assisting
the Different Sales. — We are very respectfully

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed't humble Servants

John Whitehill
Charles Dowdeswell
James Hodges
John Sullivan

Agreed that the remove of the Bombaim
Doucy Duty in the Cowans do take place imme-
diately. —

Read the following Letter from Bengal &
Bombay.

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

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

This serves principally to convey
to your Honor &c. a Letter to your address
Received yesterday from our Superiors,
We are with respect
Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your

Masulipatam
11th Dec'r 1775

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Bengal in:
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30th Nov.r 1775

Yours most Obd.t Hble Servants
Nath.l Stackhouse
Jno.s Bugger
B.j Carlton
Secret.t Department

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

We addressed you last in this Department on the 23d of August, by his Majtys Ships Seahorse — &
Since our address of the 1st Inst. We advised your Honour &c.a of a Treaty being in Agitation between the Dutch and Hyder Aly Cawn, and our Resident at Onore having since obtained a Copy of the proposed Articles, We enclose them for your honour &c.a Information;

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hble Servants
Wm Hornby
D.l Draper
J.n Maclayn
B.j Fletcher
Rob.t Sanders
Wm Sulivan
Andw Ramsay

Bombay Castle
31st Octr 1775.

To the Honble Wm Hornby Esq.r
President & Gov.r & the rest of the Select Committee of

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of Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from the Resident at Cossa

I addressed the Board on a Separate Letter under the 7th May, by which you were Advised, I had learnt were Made by the Nabob, for concluding a Treaty of Alliance with the Dutch, & Hyder Adams at Jeringa-patam, having previously procured, & sent you a Copy of the Proposals made and delivered to the Dutch Ambassadors, Messrs. Coustandine & Robert, I think it proper imperfect as they may be, to lay the same before your Honor &c.a— Mr. Adams, gives me hopes, of being able to procure also, Copies of some Letters, or Treaties between the Nabob; The General of Batavia, The Commandeur of Cochin, and the Governor of Negapatam, on this Subject, which I intend to forward to your Honor &c.a the instant I get them, as they may probably, give you further light in the Affair.—

In my abovementioned Address, I mentioned the Nabob had sent Orders for building & equipping a new Fleet at his Sea Ports, of which I shall now inform your Honor &c.a with greater certainty— At this Place two Grabs, of nearly eight & Seventy two Feet Keel, & one Galliat of forty two Feet Keel, which with other Grabs as have under noticed Address, are all on the Stocks; and at work upon with as much Dispatch as possible.—

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167 At Mergu — One Grab of Seventy two Feet Keel —
At Mangalore Viz.
One Grab of 103½ Feet Keel
One do of 56½ do
One do of 54 do
The Keel of another large Grab is pre-
paring for the Sea at Cundapoor — one Grab
of 98 Feet Keel.

The Nabob himself was still at Si-
ringapatam the 22d of last Month. It is said
he intends taking the Field after the approaching
Feast of Dessera is over in all this Month,
but whether he intends to direct his March,
cannot yet be known, owing endeavours is
he of keeping all such Matters entirely in
his own Breast. I remain with the greatest
Deference & respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Wm Townsend

Onore
2d Oct. 1775
A true Copy
Edw. Ravenscroft. Secry

Translate of a Proposal, for a Treaty of alliance be-
tween the Nabob Hyder Ally Cawn Behauder on
the one part, and the Honble Dutch Company, on
the other part, signed with the Nabobs Seal at Seringa-
patam the 30th March 1775.

Article 1st

Should the Nabob Hyder ally Cawn Beha-
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Terms of a Treaty between Hyder Ally & the Dutch—

Terms of a Treaty between Hyder Ally & the Dutch—

Behaved, in a War with any Power the Dutch Company is to assist him—

Article 2d

Should the Honble Dutch Company be at War with any Power, Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré is to assist them—

Article 3d

The Honble the Dutch Company agree to send & continue with Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré two hundred European Soldiers, either in time of War or Peace, and to be paid by Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré &c. he is to furnish them with all Necessaries, Cloths & Accoutrements, half of which are to be Cavalry, mounted by Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré and he is to pay each Horseman twenty eight Pagodas per Month, the other hundred to carry Musquets, to each of which he is to pay twenty Pagodas per Month, & to command them the above named, the Governor of Batavia is to send a good Officer, whom he may as to be, as ordered by the Governor of Batavia, and to be paid by Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré—

Article 4th

When Hyder Ally Cawn Behaudré is at War with any Power the Honble Dutch Company agree to assist him with what Forces he demands, with the leave of the Governor of Batavia—

Article 5th

When the Honble Dutch Company is at War with any

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any Power, Hyder Ally Cawn Behauder, agreeable to a peice thereof, with what Forces they demand —

Article 6th

Should the Honble Dutch Company send Assistance to Hyder Ally Cawn Behauder, he is to pay for each Soldier fifteen Rupees per Month, and for each Sepoy Seven Rupees per Month, their Officers Pay, agreeable to the Orders of the Governor of Batavia —

Article 7th

Should Hyder ally Cawn Behauder, act against the Honble Dutch Company, they are to pay for each Horseman fifteen Rupees per month, and for each Sepoy Seven Rupees & a half per Month —

Article 8th

If Hyder ally Cawn Behauder, being in Treaty with the English, and Disagreeing, Ally Cawn, that they are not to make any Disputes with and to Make War, and I am not to make any Disputes to make War with them, but I know Mahomet ally's heart is not true, therefore should he or the English, make War with me, the Honble Dutch Company agree to assist me with all the forces they have in India, and should the Honble Company chuse at any time to recover their Country in Sumpore, I will go in Person to their assistance with all my Forces —

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Article 9th

Should the Honble Dutch Company agree to the above Treaty, I will deliver into their Hands all the Sandal Wood, Pepper, Cardamoms, & Rice, producing in my Dominions and preference to any other Nation,

Article 10th

The Honble Dutch Company, agree to give in exchange to Hyder ally Cawn Bahaudre, for the Sandal Wood, Pepper, Cardamoms & Rice, Iron & Brass Guns, Shot, Musquets, Lead, Powder, and all sorts of Stores wanted —

The Dutch Ambassadors, to whom the above Treaty was delivered, were Messrs. Samuel Cons: Austine and Charles Robert —

A true Copy
Wm. Townsend

A true Copy
Edw. Ravenscroft Secry.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores, accompanying their Minutes of 16th Inst. —

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
President & Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith I have the Honor to Lay before you our Minutes of the 16th Instant accompanied by a Letter from Capt. Mahony. —

Letter from the Committee of Stores with Extract from their Minutes & Letter from Commissary of Stores.

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Dec.r 18th 1775

We are with Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very Loving Friends Servants
Rob.t Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson
Patrick Ross
Math.w Horne

At a Committee of Stores Present

Saturday 16th Dec.r

Brig.r Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson Esq.r Lieu.t Col.e Ross —
Major Horne

1st — The Commissary of Stores Lays before the Committee a Report of unserviceable Cartridges Produced & rejected from the different Corps from the 1st May to 20th Nov.r 1775 — Also List of Stores Delivered in by the Military Storekeeper in the Month of November the Musters of which being approved of they are Directed to be received —

Ordered by the Board Payment be Removed —

2d — An Error having been made in the Calculation of the Lead &c.a wanting for the Practice recommended

At the Lyons Proving Ammunition for Practice is considerable the Board approved of what the Committee were re-

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167 recommended by the Committee in their Minutes of the 6th February last, and it appearing that the expence according to the Instructions of the Comm: will be too great — Agreed that it be recommended to the Board, that eight Dayr be allowed in the year for Ball Cartridges instead of sixteen which will depend the expence near three thousand Pagodas — And that as there are not a sufficient quantity of Moulds &c. Com: plained, to dispense at the Troops for exercising with Ball on common occasions. The several Commanding Officers of Corps to be directed to Indent for Balls in the room of the Lead allotted by the Committee —

3d — The Clerk lays before the Committee a Letter from the Commissary of Stores — a Powder made in the manner recommended by him, being examined, is approved of by the Committee for the reasons given in the above Letter —

recommend for dispensing it — They are of opinion however that instead of delivering to the Troops Materials for exercising with Ball Cartridges — their own Ammunition, it would be better if the Ammunition was prepared by Proper Persons under the Direction of the Military Storekeeper — Ordered accordingly that this Method be observed in future and with the View of further reducing the expence of Practice. The Storekeeper is desired to prepare only half the usual quantity of Powder to be put into the Blank Cartridges. Sir Rob.t Fletcher being of Opinion, that that will be insufficient —

Deferred for further Consideration. ——

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167 And the Accountant reg.d the Committee Read the Letter recd of Precaution the 14th inst. & the Powder Barrels formerly ordered, could be heavily found Rejd. Hundred. Agreed that this Matter be referred to the Presid.t & Council.

4th ——— Sundry Persons Recommended Recommended to be employed by the Commissioners Dirad. to be complied with ——

5th ——— Sundry for Stores for the 1st & 6th Regiments of the Nabobs Cavalry being referred by the Board to the Committee —— do Rob.t Fletcher reports to the Committee that he thinks it necessary they should be again represented to the Board, before any part of them be complied with.

6th Orders of the President & Co. upon the Minutes of the Committee read approving to the several Charges & Commissions Signed to the Persons whose Names they are to —

Agreed

Considerations of the Petitions differed —

All Orders of the Board are to be communicated by the Secretary, to the Persons to whom they are Related —

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1677 Agreed to repair Lay. Braid
Head a proper Officer may be
ordered for this Purpose —

To Sir Robert Fletcher Bart. Genl
and Gentlemen of the Committee of Stores.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to represent, that our present Powder Barrels are too Slight for the hot Climate, for being made out of old Staves, the heat in the Magazine and afterwards under Ground so very dry & Brittle that the Staves break in the Hoops in turning or removing the Powder, whereby a great quantity of Powder is lost; and also may be the cause of fatal consequences, I therefore beg Leave to propose for the Inspection of the Committee a Powder Barrel, the Staves half an Inch thick with Iron Hoops and Iron Rattan hoops, which I imagine will answer the service required; should it be approved of hope they will please to order the Barrels in future to be made of Thereabouts Dimensions, that is, for the Powder only; as the present Barrels will answer for the Musquet Ammunition and Dry Stores,

I am
Gentlemen

Fort St. George
Nov. the 9th 1775

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
J. Maraccay
Commis. Dry Stores
Gen.

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The Lieut. from Vellore ordered to the Mount.

General Sir Robert Fletcher reporting to the Board that the Company of Lieut. Vellore are wanted for the Artillery at the Mount, Agreed that they be ordered there —

The 1st Bn. 2d Brigade taken removed from Poonamallee to this Garrison — Col. Long Commandant of the Fort. —

Ordered that the 1st Battalion of the 2d Brigade stationed at Poonamallee do hereby from thence to this Garrison, and that Col. Ross Long do act as Commandant of the Fort, and the Garrison Orders.

Gen. Sir Robt. Fletcher's report, respecting Lieut. Southwell. —

General Sir Robert Fletcher reports that he has received a Letter from Lt. Colonel James Commanding at Trichinopoly informing him that a Court Martial having been appointed to try Lieut. Southwell that Gentleman had sent in his Commission which Col. James refused to accept without the Orders of the Board —

Lt. Gen. Court Martial to be held at Trichinopoly on Lt. Southwell —

The Board are of opinion that Lt. Colonel James has acted very properly in this Respect, & it is ordered that the Court Martial be proceeded in the Trial of Lieutenant Southwell —

Capt. Rumley resigns the Nabob's Service & joins his Corps —

Sir Robert Fletcher further reports that Captain Charles Rumley has informed him that he has resigned his appointment in the Nabob's Service and joined his Corps in the Company's —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Thos. Chambers, Executor to Col. John Wood —

To

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To the Honble Alex. Wynch Esq.
1679 President & Gov. & Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble Court of Directors,
in their General Letter of this year, having
recommended their Pleasure that the Arrears of
House Rent should be paid to the Estate of
the late Colonel Wood, from the date of his
Decease to the time of his Reinstatement
in the Service, as the only Creditor on the
Spot, I request, that you will please to
grant the necessary Orders for that Payment
Same with respect

Fort St George
6th Dec. 1775

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servants
Wm. Chambers

Wm. Chambers Executor to Col. Wood applies for his arrears of House Rent.

Ordered, That Mr. Chambers be
desired to make out a Bill for House Rent
& lay it before the Board.—

Wm. Chambers to make out a Bill

The following Letter from Lieut.
Colonel James, Commandant at Trichina:
was duly read.—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The distressful Circumstances
the Officers are in, on account of their
bad

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From Col. Innes
appointing the
Duties of the
Officers at Fort
St. George only for
a term of 2 Years
Viz.—

had Quarters, but as no Orders are yet arrived concerning them, I shall not take upon me to give any Directions about them, as I have not been able to judge of the Inconveniencies complained of, I leave it to the Governor & Council to do as they shall think proper.

N.B. only Three Officers desire to be put in Quarters, when it is impossible to provide their Health; but the Doctor approves otherwise the necessity of having better Quarters, altho' they cannot venture to give the Medicines required by reason of particular Diseases. — The representation made by the Doctors to me, I sent to Genl. Smith, who promised to lay the whole before the Board, but whether or not he has done so, I know not I heard —

A great many of the Quarters were Malabar Houses of the poorer sort, the roofs very low, & the floors narrow, which render the houses very damp, & unwholesome, several of them fall down this Monsoon, which has increased the difficulty of accommodating the Officers, & as soon as arrived is expected from Madras, I am entirely at a Loss how to provide for them —

Duty and humanity obliged me to lay these Circumstances before the Honble Board, awaiting for the Resolution concerning the Removal of the Difficulties —

I am

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Honble Sir & Sirs,

Tricchinopoly
1st Dec. 1775

Your very obedient and
most humble Servant
Edw. Sanders

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Stuart Hepburn
Dalrymple
Jeff. Hall
Archd. Ale. Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Res.d

The Right Hon.ble Lord Pigot Gov.r & Pres.t

Tuesday	George Stratton
26th Dec.r	George Dawson
	Claud Russell
	J.n M. Lane
	Josias Du Pre
	The Minutes of last Consultation Read

Several Sir Robert Fletcher Lays before the Board the following Letter, which he agreeably to their direction Read viz.t as Sir Rob.t Fletcher Henry Brooke Alex.r Dalrymple Ayl.n Palmer Geo.e Mackay

To Lieutenant Ogeen

Sir

Letter from Sir Rob.t Fletcher to Lt Ogeen.

I am Directed by the Right Hon.ble the President & Council to inform you, that having read your Letter to them of the 5th December, they cannot pass over your assumption of a Right to resign when you please merely because you have signed the Articles or Agreement whenever, and that unless you shall be sensible that you cannot in all Cases, and Circumstances, resign when you shall think proper, they cannot consent to your continuing Longer in the Service of the Company — If therefore you are desirous, of remaining in the Service I would advise you to correct this Error in

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in your Letter, by acknowledging you are sensible that you have no such Right.—

The acceptance of a Commission is by Law, a Contract— Officers civil or military both are bound: ble Noticed; and when their Service is not required; and the Officer wanting to resign, is not to be the Judge of the reasonableness of the Reduction of the Service he may first be engaged to perform,

Fort St. George
Dec. 19th 1775

I am Sir
your most Obed. Humble Servant
Robert Fletcher

To Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher

Sir

St. Andrews
Wrote to.

I am honored with your Letter of the 19th Instant, and have approper Sense of the Advice you are pleased to give me relative to my application, to the Right Honble the President, & Council; in case I have any instruction pertaining in the Company's Service. I take the Liberty of acquainting you that I mean to address the Right Honble the President, & Council, in regard to the Paragraph in my former Letter of the 5th Instant, alluded to,

and am

Fort St. George
Dec. 21st 1775.

Sir

Your most Obed. Serv.
Arthur Owen

Read

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Read Likewise a Letter from Genl St Leger
to the Board, as entered Yesterday.

Genl St Leger
requesting his
appointment
by the Court of
Directors, &
his Salary:

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received with a Letter from
Sir Robert Fletcher of the 19th Instant wrote
by the Direction of the Right Honble the Presi-
dent and Council, the consequence of a
Paragraph, grant of a Letter addressed by and,
To the Honble Board of Directors, to the follow-
ing purport, That I presumed I had a Right to
resign any Commission bearing signed my
Articles or Covenants That obliged me to serve
any longer there any Inclinations Dictated,
And I was acquainted by Sir Robert Fletcher,
That the Right Honble the President & Counsil
cannot grant even this request, and I must
rest to remain in the Service Which I
have in my Letter of the 5th Instant said,
I should be glad to be indulged with Dismis-
sion and I cannot this Letter in any former Letter,
and allowed, That I have no Right to resign
the Service —

In my Letter of the 5th Instant I said, I
apprehended I had a Right to Resign, how-
signed no Articles or Covenants whatever,
That could bind me to accept any longer
than my Inclinations Dictated, But the
Principles mention'd that induced me to think
I had a Right to resign, and to return to
England, convinced me that I was,
in that Letter subjoined, That no Man

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168 have appointed to the Post which the Honble
the Court of Directors ordered me, Viz. the
Fort Major Ship of Madras, whenever the
said deceased Captain Clavering, should Dye
Post, either by Removal, Preferment or Death,
This Breach of the Company's Order, and on
which my agreement of serving them was
founded, is the Basis, on which I thought
I had a right to Resign, and accordingly
from the Idea, that I had signed no Articles
or Agreements as Sir Robt Fletchers Letter
specifies; Since after reading that Officers sign
in the appointments, and Commissions
which they at first agree to, at entering into
a Service, I see no right to resign when
they please, some Circumstances might
occur, when it would be highly imprudent, & to the
prejudice & to the
State, for any unlimited Solitude to be
given Officers to Resign their Commissions,
The Acceptance of a Commission, as Sir
Robert Fletcher very justly observes,
is by Law, a Contract, & Officers cannot
resign, but on reasonable Notice, nor when
their Service is most particularly wanted
provided with Ale, that the Employing
Party, keeps up to their Agreements; But
my Case is not the least in Point, as singular,
the Service does not afford the parallel:
In all Services at first engaging in them,
there are certain mutual Agreements,
between

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168b Between the Stated, and the Seruice, that
must be adhered to, or be Heeded, Lawful the
contract binding, and your Military Law,
will not bind you; if your Hiring & Employers,
fail with their part of their Agreement, Engaged
to serve the Honble Company as a Soldier
with the following Clause or Stipulation
annexed, viz. that I should succeed to the
Post Majorship of Madras, on Demise the Present
Post Major Captain Chaigneau, should quit
the Office, either by removal, Resignment, or
Death, These were the express Terms of the
Honble Court of Directors in their General
Letter to the Presidency of Fort St. George,
relative to my Shabby treatment, these three
years with the greatest patience, expecting
Satisfaction for my Disappointment, and
at the hand of only a Perusing the Books, in
the Letter alluded to, there being no prospect
of Redress, I engaged in the Service of the
of the Honble Company had been forfeited
hence, that I had a Right to resign my
Commission and to return to England
After having Desired Leave to resign the
being punctually Refused to withdraw my Petition,
and to remain with the Service, would most
certainly have been an Indulgence more
as such I should have been happy to
have acknowledged it, I addressed my
Military Commander, Sir Thos. Hastings

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since the arrival of the Right Honble Lord Pigot, we are so obligingly condescending as Spontaneously to ask me, whether I have proceeded in any Resolution of Resigning, and going Home, and adding my acquaintance that I would at present, wish to behave any Farmer Letter we the Council, as it lead for Consideration into consideration, by the Honble Board Sir Robt. Fletcher were so kind as to say, he was glad I had altered my Resolutions, he would speak on the Subject to the Honble Board. I need not adress you another Letter to know, But if any thing happened with a continuance in the Service I have said, Omissions any wrongdoing, what I have said, I omit with all submissibility, & crave any Pardon as such Indulgence, as may I dear accrue to the same, that I have a right to expect, and entertain Into England, without the Direction of the Court of Directors are enforced relation to me, or that I have some Regards appointment given me for the Lofs of the Post, which I originally agreed to serve the Company in I beg leave to observe, that as I have conscious since my being in the Service I have in every respect acted with the Strictest Propriety & Fairness and Military Discipline I also gentlemy: will particularly happy, in entertaining the Direction of my Case, to a Regular Tryal, & so just a Tribunal, as the Right Honble the

President

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Resolved & Concluded as an Act, That every Case will meet with Justice and Benevolent Humanity from the Right Honble the President and Board, And that they on Deliberation, can do the above expulsion of any Civil, or Military Servant of their Honble Employers, or Suspending any of them from their Employments, or Stations, or Withholding any Pay, or Allowances, or Inflicting any Punishment, or Fine, or Imprisonment, or Confinement, or Sentence of Death, on any Person in the Service of the Honble United Company, without the Concurrence of the Majority of the Members present at a Consultation, duly held for that purpose, and Entered on their Consultations.

Ordered, That the Secretary do transmit Copies of the above Resolution to the Commanders of the Ships Duke of Grafton, Pitt, Ceres, Valentine, Vansittart, Aurora, Nancy, Swallow, Hinchinbrook, Bridgewater, Lascelles, Bombay Castle, Lord Camden, Lord Mansfield, Earl of Chatham, Lord Sandwich, Lord Hawke, Lord Pigot, Lord Clive, Duke of Richmond, Duke of Portland, Duke of Grafton, Duke of Northumberland, Duke of Marlborough, Duke of Bedford, Duke of Devonshire, Duke of Cumberland, Duke of Gloucester, Duke of Kent, Duke of Sussex, Duke of Cambridge, Duke of York, Duke of Clarence, Duke of Cumberland, Duke of Gloucester, Duke of Kent, Duke of Sussex, Duke of Cambridge, Duke of York, Duke of Clarence,

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in the aforegoing Letter, and that they have accepted his resignation accordingly — That Secretary Lt Cregeaent Dr. Deane, that in consequence of his resignation he is to prepare himself and return to Europe, with all the time limited by Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Arrears of Pay due to Lieutenant Deane be paid —

Right
Geo. Stratton
Wm Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
David Russell
Dalrymple
Clive
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

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1679 26th Dejatch'd the following Letter to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam.

Military Department

To John Whitehill Esq.r

Chief &.c Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To the Masulipatam the Company's Sheriff to be answerable for the Bandsfire at Ellore.

We have received your Letter of the 30th ult.o on the Subject of the Debts Jaya was in the Hands of the Paymaster at Ellore.—

That appears that a Sheriff was entertained and paid by the Company for recovering all the Pagodas exchanged by the Paymaster, he certainly should be answerable for the bad Pagodas which Jaya slipt in the Paymasters hands, and We desire therefore that you write cause the whole of this Debt Coin to be collected down, and compel the Sheriff to pay the good the Loss which may arise upon it, We are,

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friends

Fort St. George

26th Dec.r 1775.

Pigot &.c Council

27th Conformable to the Orders of yesterday, the following Letter was this day wrote to

Mr. Arthur Owen.—

To Mr. Arthur Owen

Sir

The Right Honble the President &.c

the Council having compleated the accounts

of

To Mr. Arthur Owen

To Mr. Owen ordered to send him to Masulipatam within the time limited.—

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1691 By your resignation of the Company's Service, I am commanded to signify to you this Notice, that you may prepare yourself and return to Europe, within the time limited by act of Parliament.

Sam Sir

Fort S. George
26th Dec. 1775

Your most Obedient Servant
R. D. Sullivan

Sirs

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov. &c. &c.
George Stratton — Robert Fletcher
George Dawson — Henry Brooke
Chas. Russell — Jno. Dalrymple
J. M. Lane — Arch. Edwards
Sir Eyre Coote — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & confirmed.

Wednesday 27th Dec.

The Hond. Alex. Wynch Esq.
President & the Council
of Fort S. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

A Man in the Name of Mahomed Hussein arrived yesterday at Pondicherry, he has orders from Bazulet Jung, to take possession of the Carnac at present in the Hands of Mr. Hossack, who is collecting his Rents & preparing to go to Pondicherry very shortly — I have had no

from Lieut. Wales & Mahomed Hussein ordered by H. Jung to take possession of Hossack's Farm — by this Cavalry surrounded about —

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169 2 no Intelligence of any kind from above lately.
The last Marcarahs Send Vackeel returned Two
days ago, and informed me that Hyder Ally's Cavalry
are stationed at about two Cos. Distance on Adoni
Road in order to cut off the Communication
between that Place, and the Southern Circar.
The Marcarahs sent there by Mr. Harwood have
been stopped & imprisoned, on which many
People were afraid to go on — Mr. Lally's
Letters to Mr. Harwood have been many of them
intercepted, particularly that which gave an
Account of the Action before Bellary.

I am
Sir
Your most Obed. & most Hble Servant
Thomas Haliott

To Rich.d Jos.h Sullivan Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department.

Sir

From Capel Pyakim Cuddapah Navy raize Pungallums Encamped in the Neighbd. —

I have this Instant received Intelligence that the Pollygar Cuddapah Navy lately Dispatched from Pungallums Encamped 30 Miles to the Eastward of this Encampment by the Nabob's Troops under the command of Captain Bruce, returned the night before last with about two hundred Men to Muchad Encampment, on which he is now encamped & killed the Man that was posted up on his Throne —

The Brinjarees on his side are Hostile
have sent off two Conveyances of Nabob's Troops
and

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1695 with about fifty irregular Horse to oppose him. I have sent out Capt.n Smith Intelligence which I shall communicate as I receive, and shall not fail you will be kind enough to advise the Noble Board with the above. I am

Sir

Your very humble Servant
Thos. Hopkins

Salem Coll.n
5th Dec.r 1775.

Sir

From Capt. Gils respecting the Sepoys drafted from the Batt.n at Bombay.

I have received the Orders of the Hon.ble Council respecting the Company of Guides — Eleven of the draft are sent to their Corps, furnished with such Letters of advice, as you are desired might be given them, to their respective Commanding Officers. The other draft belonging to the 9th Battalion, which is at Bombay — remains here; and can be substituted as such Sepoys of that Corps, till such time as the Orders we have mentioned regarding them, I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Thomas Gils

Vellore
13th Dec.r 1775.

To Thos. H. Sullivan Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

I wrote you a Letter dated 4th Inst.

From Capt. Kop. respecting an affair you would be asked to lay it before the Hon.ble Board, as I had gained Intelligence of an irruption broke out amongst the Polygars of this Country for the Noble Board's information.

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1694 The Polygar Sowandenmutton finding that
what was displaced by Captain Bruce had again
possession, used part to beath the Polygar and
Makanniet Cauns the Rentes headsetups, with
most of his Family, & severe large genial possessions
The Polygar Sowandenmutton Cauns that
were raised by the Managers said Makanniet Cauns
left to transact the Business of the Country having
his Absence, only proceeded about seven Miles
from their palace, where they were overtaken
The Polygar were in Expectation when those
from Pongalcauns Couche took possession placed
called Shaveigunny amongst the Hills about
fifty Miles from Pongalcauns Couche, when he
assembled the two hundred Men Sowandenmutton
finding last, and with which have took the Place
the Managers at present appear to be thoroughly
satisfied at what has happened, as I do not hear
they entertained any designs against them, should
they do it. I shall embrace the earliest opportunity
of acquainting the Honorable Board therewith
Since Penned the above am told this Cauns
has retreated from Shaveigunny the palace where the
above Polygar assembled the Men, and informs me
that the Polygars of Woolamally & Chelampetty,
joined their Collaries and took Shaveigunny the
very day the two hundred Collaries joined Cattie:
pah Raig, the nearest of them are last places is
is sixty or seventy Miles from this —
I am almost certained and think there
is little room of doubt, but that those people
said

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1696 Said Nabaubs Camp left, Some Days the Occasion
of my Having that has happened Permit Me
Leave to give my reasons for the above, Said
Nabaubs Camp at a place called Srirangatam
within fifteen Miles of Madras on the Road
to Madras, wrote a Letter to Captain Brooke,
wherein the Reason the Captain to Explain particularly
and fully as he had received information that
the Polygar Cattaya Naig was Coming to Attack
Ipsam Pauyallam Coochi was raising Men
and Cannon to take the Place, this
Letter the Cavemen to Trincomaly to be delivered
to Captain Brooke, which Letter was detained
at Trincomaly at least thirty Days, it was not
delivered till the very Day or the Day after
the Polygar had attack the Place.

And that this Body of People could
march fifty Miles through part of this Country
can observed, where the Nabob has four Battalions
of Sepoys Disposed to collect his Revenues, it
is not at all Man to give information and in any par-
ticular Circumstances, besides any Force can Spare
me they marched by a Place called Coilpettah
Seventy seven Miles from Shevagunga where
there are always, at least four Companies and
in every place between that & Pauyallam Coochi
are Some, and a great many within
Miles of it, which could have been Joined
in a shorter time than the Polygar was taking
the Place, for he lay one day before it, and
the next night got Intelligence of the

Truth

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Truth is as known, the Superiority these people
were used to take the least notice whatever
the unfortunate Polygar to fall a Sacrifice to
her Revenge nevertheless would dissolve, and
believed it is beyond a Dispute beyond every
consideration for the Short time he enjoyed
the place, They is several people lost by his
Death at Trinomally one elegant circular 4000
Pagodas, indeed Several others the whole to
a very considerable Amount, I am afraid
most of the above have been acquainted Sahuar
with there at Trinomally, Should Circumstances
so dictate the better part of it, more every certain
Intelligence will Communicate to the Honble
Board the Instant I receive it, you will
be pleased as in many former to lay this before
the Honble the Governor and Council, and
believe me Sir

Your Obed. Humble Servant
Charles Hopkins

Pallam Cotta
20th Decr 1775

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

from Lieut Wolcott
Southern practices:
Law respecty.
the defeat of Lt.
Lys Party.

Mr Dessorne has received a
Letter from an Officer in Mr Lallys Party,
mentioning the particulars of the action,
which happened before Bellary, on the
5th Instant, this account agrees in most
with

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1697 without what I before learnt of from any Person,
and others except in relation to the Troops then killed,
Wounded; Since gives more dependance may
be placed in this, than on any Account given
by Black people, I cannot but acquaint you
proceeding in the Action, and that after
last Evening we had killed and taken Prisoners, amounted
to twelve Officers and two hundred fifty
Private Europeans, with the almost all the Topaz,
Of these three Officers, and one hundred
Europeans were killed on the Spot, of the hund-
red and fifty taken Prisoners, seven Officers &
several of the Men, are since dead of their
Wounds, among the Officers killed, were
the Captains of Grenadiers — Bazalet Senga
Divan was wounded and taken Prisoner,
he is since dead of his Wounds — Mr. Lally
had near one hundred fifty Europeans
more during after the Action, including a
Party that was at that time detached, the
Gentlemen of Strangers, and the Cavalry who
escaped with him, these are since augmented
by the Desertion of three Officers, Engineers
of one hundred Europeans, from Hyder Ally
to the Party, Mr. Lally has also recruited
considerable number of Topazs, the Inhab-
itants of the Country are raising
Men for him, the Party at present, Con-
sists of two hundred and fifty Europeans,
& One thousand five hundred Topazs

European

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Lawrence Dundas, was every day causing to
hoist Down Hyder Ally; and he continues the
Shameful Sights as that he keeps in every shot
Town, to shew the Party a Stranger Shame over,
as he has got Orders Down Bagalet Town to
encrease the Sepoys to Double the number he
formerly had — Hyder Ally still continues
in the Neighbourhood, and has taken two
Forts of Canara. Note since his taking Billore.
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It is reported that Regularly Harassed
Thirty Thousand Horse, to the Westward of Bas:
gulet Town, Twenty Thousand Marrattors &
Ten Thousand of their own Troops, they are not
yet arrived at Adonie, but are said (Thirty
miles with what Powder Ball and) to Join their
March Thither —

It was also reported that Tippoo Saib
commanded in the action of the 5th Inst, but
all Accounts agree, that it is to leave Town
Hyder Ally himself — and from this Officers
saying in his Letter, that Hyder was present,
and Still Continues with the Army, Since
given it would have been as other Days

Humble Servt Sirs

Camp at Vontapolam 17th Decr 1775

With the greatest Respect
Your most Obed. Hble Servant
Thomas Haliday

Intelligence from Ponah.

Read Paper of Intelligence from Ponah received and Ord. Com. No 148.

Read Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam. —

Fort St. George 27th Decr 1775

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Govr &c &c &c
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam: Sam with an Indent for Mily Stores.

We have the honor to send you under cover with this address an Indent for Military Stores wanted for this place; together with an Account of the Deficiencies in the Stores sent to us by the Salisbury Lord &c: &c &c—

Our Storekeeper represented to us that the Package in which the Musket Cartridge paper was brought down, appeared to have been compleat and in such good condition, that he thinks the Deficiency appearing of 180 Quires of this Paper must have been occasioned by a mistake in the Invoice, least by any loss on board of the Ship—

We forward the Genl Books of this Settlement by this Sloop & have every regard Justly—

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Hble Servants
John Whitehill
James Bolgo
John Sullivan

Masulipatam
20th Decr 1775.

Referred to the Committee of Stores.

General Sir Robt Fletcher Esq
before the Board, the following Letter which he has received from Mr Arthur Devon

To

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To Brigadier Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher &c.a &c.a

1770 Sir

Jam.s Mr.r Dec.r

I have only to request you will
inform me, that the Right Hon.ble the
President and Council have accepted of the
Resignation of any Commission in the
Company's Service — I am

Sir

Fort St. George
27 Dec.r 1775.

Your most Obed.t Humble
Servant
Arthur Dewes.

Read the following Letter from Lieu.t Wood.

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

Gentlemen

Jam.s Wood
at Paccaur:
requesting leave
to settle his
affairs. —

I only received your Orders from
the Secretary of Date Mad.s 1st a few days ago,
I was then on the Country, at a place Called
Paccaur proper there I cou'd not obtained
to those Orders, acquainting you I will join
my Corps, as soon as I possibly can, at the
same time I beg you will Excuse me
so far, as to grant me time to settle some
affairs that are of consequence to me & you
may depend upon my joining as expe-
ditiously as I can — I have just received a
Letter from my Correspondent Mr.r Ebe-
nezer Perring of Calcutta, which informs me
that my Bills which I drew as Lieu.t
on

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1701 in July last, amounting to Pagodas 1800, for which Bills were sent to Mr. by the Servant of Madras and who was to the Collector was not paid them; but that they were returned to your Board — I must therefore by request Gentlemen you will be pleased to order those Bills to be paid; as I apprehend all Officers on a proper leave of absence, have a right to their Pay whilst absent; except such as have leave for Europe, in that Case, I believe their Pay is stopped,

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servant
R.W. Wood
Lieutenant

Dacca
Dec.r 5th 1775

Minute — to join his Corps by the 1st. May next —

A Lieutenant Wood requesting to be, that he has some affairs to settle in Bengal, the Board are willing to indulge him with a further Leave of absence, and the Secretary is accordingly to inform him, that he must join his Corps on or before the 1st. May next, otherwise therwise he will be struck off the List of the Army on this Establishment —

Recommendation of Lieut.r Robert Fletcher for appointments & promotions —

Brigadier Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher recommends the following Removals, and appointments to take place —

Major James Fitzgerald to do Duty as Lieut. Col. with Majors Pay, in the 1st Battalion

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17th B. Battalion 1st Brigade at Vellore —

Major Wm. Baillie to do Duty as Lieut. Colonel, with Major's Pay, with the 2d Batt.n 2d Brigade at Ellore —

Major Lucius Alexander to do Duty as Lieut. Colonel, with Major's Pay, with the 1st Batt.n 2d Brigade at the Presidency —

Captain William Cosby to do Duty as Major, with Captain's Pay —

Robert Lieut. William Chalk to do Duty as Captain, with Lieut.'s Pay, with the 1st Batt.n 2d Brigade —

Dawes. Ensign Nathaniel Dawes to do Duty as Lieutenant, with Ensign's Pay, from the Loss of Lieutenant Chalk to do Duty as Captain —

Brigadier General Sir Robt. Fletcher recommends to Government that the above mentioned Officers be directed to take rank, that they are only to enjoy the Honorary Rank, to which they above are appointed, during the absence of the several Officers in whose room they are ordered to do Duty —

Major Henry Wardle to be appointed to the 2d Battalion 1st Brigade at Trichinopoly —

Seely. Major Samuel Sayers to be appointed to the 2d Batt.n 2d Brigade at Ellore —

Captain Hugh Robt. Alcock to be appointed to the 1st Batt.n 2d Brigade —

Lieut.

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17[illegible] Lieutenant George Madden to be appointed a Captain Lieutenant in the room of Captain Lieut. Mc. Hugo deceased, Date of Rank 18th Decr 1775.

Lieutenant George Thomas to be appointed Quarter Master to the 2 Batn 1 Brigd in the room of Captain Clarke—

Mr. ——— Mackenzie to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 9th Decr 1775. 1st Batn 1st Brigade Artillery—

Mr. Samuel Baillie to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 10th Decr 1775. 2 Batn 2d Brigade Illaire—

Mr. William Barber to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 11th Decr 1775. 1st Batn 2d Brigade Madras—

Mr. Thos. Mylne to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 12d Decr 1775— 1st Batn 2 Brigd Madras—

Mr. Hector Maclaine to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 13th Decr 1775— 5th Batn Topoys Madras—

Mr. James Stewart Hall to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 14th Decr 1775— 6th Batn Topoys Conjeveram—

Mr. Robert Cameron to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 15th Decr 1775, 2d Batn 1st Brigade Trichinopoly—

Mr. Hector Donnington to be appointed Ensign, Date of Rank 16th Decr 1775— 1st Batn 2d Brigade Madras—

Captain

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17th Captain Patrick Barclay to be appointed to the command of the 7th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys in the room of Major Wm. Cooke —

Lieut. Dawes to be removed to the 1st Battn. 2d Brigde Madras —

Ensign Thomas Williams to be removed to the 5th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys —

Lieutenant Wm. Augustus Young to do duty with the European Troops of Cavalry and Grenadiers immediately —

Ensign Thomas Power now doing Duty with that Corps to join his Battalion when the Office of Adjutant Ensn. becoming Vacant, by the Resignation of Captain Wm. Rumbold, Captain Isaac Lidington to be appointed thereto — with the Provincial Rank of Lieut: Colonel, and the Pay and allowances annexed to that Station —

Captain Wm. Thynne to be employed as Adjutant General, until Lieut. Col. Lidington shall have taken charge of that Office —

The Detachment of Europeans at Arcotta, under the Command of Captain Brown, to be ordered to join the 2d Battalion of the 2d Brigade at Ellore, with all Convenient Expedition —

Messrs. Lancaster Stretch & Christopher Last Brooke to be appointed Cadets on this Establishment —

The 4th Carnatic Battn. of Sepoys now at Vellore, to be ordered to relieve the 5th Carnatic

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1706 Corrected Battalion at the Presidency —

In the Recommendations of Genl Sir Robert Fletcher is entirely conformable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, respecting Officers doing Duty in the Superior Ranks, to that of their Commissions, Agreed, That it be complied with accordingly, As it appears to this Board however, that they should be deprived of the Pay and allowances annexed to those Stations, while they are doing the Duty of those ranks, if on the Spot, would draw them into Error, It is Resolved, that the Consideration of this Matter, be deferred to the Court of Directors —

The President observes to this Board, that it is the opinion of the Board, that the Vacancies of Ensigns, shall be filled up, as recommended by Genl Sir Robt Fletcher, Resolved in the Affirmative by a Majority 10 to 1 —

The President then desires to know, whether those Gentlemen that are recommended by General Sir Robert Fletcher, shall be appointed Ensigns. Resolved likewise in the affirmative by a Majority 10 to 1 —

The other Removals and appointments as recommended by Genl Sir Robert Fletcher, and approved of, and ordered accordingly —

The appointments ordered accordingly —

General Sir Robert Fletcher recommended as Captain Lidington in appointed to a Post, on his arrival, to reside at the Presidency, that his Batt.n which is now at Vellore be removed to Madras, and that

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That Captain Keating's Battalion may Embark
with as much Dispatch as possible —

Mr. Petrymgeter's Dispatches &c. to be sent down the
Separate from Coast along with the Packet for Bengal —

The Boats to be
prepared & ready
to go down the River
at Ellore —

Commission

Agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions of the Board respecting the Equipment of Troops & Stores for the Expedition to the Northward & Eastward under the Command of Captain Keating of the 73d Regt. & of the Battalion of Artillery, and of the Appointment of the Officers of the Staff attached thereto —

Ordered that the Secretary do issue the necessary Orders for the Embarkation of the Troops & Stores agreeable to Ellore, and that the Chief and Council at Masulipatam be advised that the Troops & Stores intended for that Expedition may be ready to be embarked there on the Arrival of the Ships from Ellore —

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Ordered that the Secretary do forward the Packet for Bengal, the following Letters & Papers, which he has received from Fort St. David, Governor of Pondicherry, and Mr. Lathom, Chief Merchant Pondicherry 18th Dec.r 1775.

Ditto Sent.

Mr. Lathom's Letter & Papers respecting — evidence examined to be committed within the Bounds of Pondicherry —

Ordered that the Secretary do send a Copy of Mr. Lathom's Letter, with the Charges alleged to arise to Mr. Lathom respecting the evidence examined on the 23d Instant within the Bounds of Pondicherry — Mr. Lathom having also informed the Board, that the Effects which had been taken away, had all been obtained or secured

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17[illegible] Hereunto and Perusing together with the Letters which he caused, and that the Information which he had received besides much Journ my Representations of the Matter, As far my Part, I procured such Information the case had required, The Locality particularly endeavour to investigate themselves and almost Dis guise the Truth. The fact however is certain, Violence has been committed upon our Persons, and I know of no reason that can authorize them: you to act in such a Manner — I beg my Lord you will be pleased to give Mr. Latham such Orders as you may deem necessary that the like may never happen again, that the Persons who have committed the violence may be punished: and that the Hirondelle, the Letters, and a Silver Watch which is wanting, may be sent back —

I have the honour to be with the most perfect Consideration.

My Lord

Your most humble & most Obedt. Servant

Jan Laricolse

Translation of Letter from Mr. Law to Mr. Latham ---- 14th Dec. 1775.

I have received Complaints from Divers ---- that yesterday afternoon as his People were conducting to Pondicherry two foreign Soldiers

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Sir Coja Sahaun they last Sabbath Morning a Disturbance they occasioned by some English Seamen on Horsebrck and one Pattamar, who fled from them to the Sir Coja Sahaun they conveyed to Cuddalore & also that their Fort Captain carried off with them by force a Coolay two Peons and a French Pattamar, Sir Coja Sahaun they took a Packet off Letters — I am also to desire you to cause that Satisfaction of this violence upon our Banners During a time of profound Peace — I request of you to make enquiry into this Matter as soon as possible and to punish the Persons who have dared to commit an Action so repugnant to the Harmony and good Understanding which subsists between our two Nations — Moreover I request that the Packet which was taken from the Pattamar may be delivered to the Bearer, and that along with this Letter you will send back the Coolay and the two Peons — I give you notice Sir, that I am under the necessity of laying before the Governor of Madras the Complaints which have been made on this occasion —

I have the honor &c.

Sir

Pondicherry 16th Decr 1775

Among the Effects which were taken away and carried to Cuddalore the day before yesterday — Mr. Fernand one of our Merchants

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To

Mr Archer Exclusive a Silver Watch No 1710 on Silver, the Case Gold, several pairs of Gloves & his Letter — These Goods he had given in exchange for a Cooley and a Palanquin to carry to the Mysore Country to be sold — He request that you will cause them to be valued —

I have the honor &c.

Pondicherry 18th Dec. 1775

Sir

I did not receive your Letter concerning your Letter of the 16th Instant until the Goods which accompanied it — The cooly arrived safely last night — but I was known in the Country — Of the Goods which have been plundered, there is wanting the Silver Watch — It is an English new Double Case — belonging to some Person who is with Hyder Ally Cawn, I beg you will immediately enquire what is become of it — I cannot remark whether the Silver Watch was in the Box; or Snuff Box which you have returned, on Looking in I found the old Gold Watch — That had been wrapped up separately in a Bit of blue Cloth, — The Snuff Box only contained a Silver Watch and was covered with Paper & Sealed — There is no doubt of it's having been opened before you saw it, The Snuff Box, as well as the Sabre, the two pair of Gloves, and Letters which you have thought proper to keep, were delivered as I am assured

to

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1710

Sir Pat Hannay, for if you please Hircarah
going to the Mysore Country as soon
as you have also directions I am obliged to dismiss
you with the Silver Watch and the Letter I
have not Sir, what regret has occasioned
to you, but leaving proved the contents of
my Letter of the 14th to be true, I find it
nothing to alter, except, perhaps, that Sir
Cooley instead of Pat Hannay — for it appears
from many informations, that the Cooley is a
Man of this Place, whom the two Soldiers
had hired for a Peyan to carry their Bag-
gage — Probably he has something things in
addition to my Letter — for the violence offered
by the two Soldiers to the Hircarah gives just
ground to Suspect, that having by some
means or other got secret goods going to Mysore
they came purposely to carry them off — It
is most certain that the violence committed
on this occasion by these English Gentlemen,
who were got Drunk and in a Palanken
happened within our Bounds, and I
know of nothing except a declared War
that can authorize Strangers to act in
such a manner —

I am now going to write to Madras —

I have the honor to be &c

Cuddalore 17th Dec. 1775

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Govr
of Fort St George

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My Lord

Accompanying I have the
honour of transmitting your Lordships Letters
wrote to and by Mr. Law Secretary of Patchaury,
and the Copy of two Letters wrote by me with
answers, the proceedings of a Garrison Court
Martial held June the 15th. Instant, the Depos.
itions of Jacob Mordaunt Ruskyer Pullen,
Conarassamy, and Wadawala, two French
Letters, one directed to Monr. Boudevant Capt.
De Cabrie, the other to Monsieur Roupare
Chirurgien Major au Camp de Monr. Prevel
a Palamcotah Both Dated Mali hanga and a
Cadjan wrote on in Malabar. The grounds
of all these will Inclose your Lordships
of the disagreeable Occasion of the Subject matter
presented to you, and of what has been
Done hereon, since it having been pecu-
liarly represented to me, both Verbal and
other particulars relating to this Subject
than those contained in the Papers Cadjan
I have now sent, I shall endeavour
known to your Lordships as I have been
informed — Thomas Nel private Trooper,
& Christopher Hasson Invalid, say, that
the Artillery Man, who came out of Pon:
dichery Lodged with them, told them that the
Person, who has given his Depositions here
under the Name of Rishayya &c says that
he is a Servant of Monr. Pegard, was a
Hircarah employed to conduct them to

Hyder

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My dear Ally — What was I doing when I received your Letter dated from Pondicherry to Hyder Ally, and that he had been told at Pondicherry that I had wrote you the same Person, who had led off the Nawaub and Lord Pigot Treacherously and other Gentlemen Captive — Lieutenant Mackay has also told me that in his Journal from Your Encampment, he was not sustained in what he did in the Presence of the Nabob Bussalo —

Having thus given your Lordship the whole information, came to my Knowledge, on the Subject now referred to you, I await your Lordships Directions what I am to do with Regard, — and am with Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obed.t humble Servant

Rich.d Lathom.

Cuddalore
17.th Dec.r 1775

To the Honble Sir John Law Kn.t of Lauriston
Governor General &c.a &c.a
of the French Establishment
in India —

Honble Sir

Having finished the general
enquiry which I had the honour of ac-
quainting you of in my Letter of yesterday,
should be sorry in Consequence of your
Letter to me of the 14.th Instant, I have
now to acquaint that the relation given
you

Sure

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1713 have of those grievances you complain of is so very different from the relation of them given by you, and by your represented Agency, that I know not what to make of it, unless under the Pretence of transmitting both your representation of them, and the relation given of them here to the Presidency. I have however to your Friend now sent by me back the Cooley and two Peons by the Bearer who will also deliver to you a Sword, one Old Watch, a Desk & Box, and 2 Pair of Gloves which those people had with them when they came to Cuddalore. The Person from whom you are pleased to call a French Patrimaun, I shall before sending you back to Cuddalore Order from the Presidency, as also, two Letters, one directed to Monsieur Bussenaw Chirurgeon Major au Service de Mr. Hyder a Patamar dog Hyder Ally Khan, and one to Mr. Patamar, and a Cafjan concerning Mate: Sar pound. expences Sum —

I am with Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Rich. Lathom

Cuddalore
16th Decr 1775

You might very clear Road must to have received by Mr. Warren Captain of Artillery, one of my Letters, in which I had informed you that I had paid the Sum of

1715 Fort St. George 21st Dec. 1775

1714 of 41 Pagoda's are your Account, to a person
unacquainted & unconcerned in your proceedings
a Letter of Credit, I should acknowledge
finally close your Account, and Shannon
readily its amount —

I have received your Last, with
your Draft by the Hercarah with 20 Pagodas
and a Cowtow, for which I return you a
thousand thanks — You will receive by
the Bearer the Sabre in Leather & two pair
of Gloves — You should regard as a Miracle
the danger from which it has preserved
you — I wish it may serve you as well —

It is reported here that your Troops
have fallen upon the Army of Bagalet
Jung & cut off Lally's Party. You know
the truth of it —

I congratulate you on Receiving
your Letters from Europe, and the
intelligence you do your Father —
You see by this what you cannot forget &
what you ought never — Patience
is necessary & I exhort you to the exer-
cise of that virtue —

Adieu my Dear be careful of your-
self for your own sake and for the sake
of your good friend —

Bernet

There is not a Word of news here.

Pondichery 12th Dec. 1775

Pondy 1st Oct. 1775.

Mr

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1715 Mr. Roupsaw

My Dear Major I am convinced you think me negligent as I have had it in my power to write to you before — but Ive assured my Silence has been occasioned only by the Length of my Journey to this Place & flatter myself you will not Doubt the Truth of this Assertion, you ought to be well acquainted with my Sentiments for you —

I called according to my Promise on the Governor Pulau — & I must tell you that it were the height of Folly to quit Mr Pulau and his private Society of Worthy Men to associate with the People of Institute of Morals & Decency — I am too much a Lover of Truth to hide those things from you — therefore I could reflect with pleasure on what I have written.

I experience here the Contradictory Spectacle of Misery shocking to Humanity. If I had not met with a Friend, I should have been greatly distressed —

Mr De Causey has kindly promised me a Passage to France in January — I must therefore have Patience — but you know my Circumstances and Love, and I am at a Loss by what means to shorten my present distress —

I beg you will present my Respects to Mrs Roupsaw & my Compliments to

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1716 To Mrs. Boudicca Hancock —

Answer This, owed obliging Friend
who is never seriously — Your affectionate friend —

Marie

The Information of Pellia — 16th Decr 1775

This Informant saith, About Noon
Days ago — one of the Servants of Mons. Hughie
named Malia hired this Informant to
carry the Baggage of two Europeans to go
to Trichinopoly, at which time this Informant
saw the said Europeans stood near the
Roshaik House, soon after the said Europeans
paid this Informant One Pagoda in part
of his hire, and promised to pay the rest
2 Pagodas after their arrival at Trichinopoly —
Accordingly this Informant followed the
said two Europeans with their Baggage
on his head, and in their Road passed
Rashapah by the Gate, the said Rashapa
had a Sword in his hand, the Europeans
of this Informant, took that place the said
Europeans were going, to which this Informant
Servant replied, that they were going
to Trichinopoly, upon which the said Rashapah followed them — they all proceeded
on as far as Perungalore, when this Informant was told by Rashapa that the
said two Europeans had taken his Sword
from him promising to return it to
him after they looked at it — The said

Europeans

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71.7 Europeans Desired some of the Travellers to
shew them the Road to Cuddalore, which
the Travellers did accordingly, when the
said Europeans took their Baggage from
their Conveyance and began to march to
Cuddalore with the said Sword, which the
Chaprah seeing, followed them Desiring them
to return the Sword to him, which they
refused and proposed to end their Quarrel
said Sword, upon which the Chaprah went
and alarmed the Village of Sunnenpanish
Pollam — about 15 People of the said Vil-
lage went up to the said Europeans with
Clubs and Demanded them to lay down
the Sword, when the Europeans having
Sheathed the Sword and put it into the
hands of one of the Head Men of the said
Village, and at the same time the said
Europeans bought some Butter and
Cocoas and eat them. the Head Man of
the said Sunnenpanish pollam — carried a
Letter to his Principal at Pondichery
about it and sent the said two Europeans
guarded by one of the Village Peons to
Tolcar Coon with the said Sword to-
gether with this Conveyance & Rashgar
to Pondichery, and in their Road to
Pondichery they met some of the En-
glish Gentlemen returning from the
Red Hills a little distance from Tavala-

copied

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1718 ...capts Chowlbay on the North side of it, when
the said Seven Europeans went ashore to the said
Gentlemen and discovered ...with them, after
which the said Gentlemen Ordered this
Informant not to go to Tengapatam—

This Informant Saith not any further—

The Mark ✕ of Vellia

Sworn at Fort St. George the 16 Dec. 1775
before me Jno. Call

The Information taken of Ramiapah Servant
of Mons.r Pereau—

This Informant saith, that
four days ago he was ordered by his Master
Mons.r Pereau to go to Madanhow with Watches,
One Watch, a Square Bundle of Stockings
and Two Letters to be delivered to one of the
Gentlemen at Madanhow whose Name he
cannot well recollect, This Informant ac-
cordingly set out from Pondicherry & join'd
Two Europeans and a Cooley by the Bram-
magie Choultry within the Bounds of
Pondicherry, the Cooley told this Informant
that the said Two Europeans were going
to Arichinopoley — This Informant
accompanied them as far as Penangalore,
when the said Europeans by Evasion
threw off, desired This Informant to shew
them his Road, he accordingly delivered
it into the hands of one of them who
is the Stranger and at the same time
this Informant Stayed a little while
behind

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behind to Cuddalore, whereby finding the said Europeans took their Baggage from the Cooley and proceeding as running on their Road to Cuddalore with all haste, this Informant follows them and desired them to return and bring his Sword, but they refused to do it, saying Examin the Sword Pretended to cut him with it, Whereupon went & alarmed the Village of Sungrahanaik: pollam, when they Pretended about 15 Persons with Clubs and Drums and the said Europeans to lay down the Sword, when the Informant shewed the Sword and delivered it into the hands of one of the said Cooly, who threw it a Cadjan Letter to his principal and sent it by one of his Servants with the said Sword together with the two Europeans as also this Informant, the Cooley & Palan Pease to Pondichery — They accordingly went about ¼ of a Mile to the North Side of Sarida Cogan Choultry to go to Pondi: chery, but in the mean time meeting with some of the English Gentlemen in their Road, the two Europeans went & discoursed with them, they ordered this Informant to go to Cuddalore the two Europeans took the Watch, the Stockings & Letter from this Informant and Delivered them to one of the said Gentlemen—

This Informant saith not any further

The Mark ⊠ of Rasiyya—

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Cuddalore 16th Dec. 1775

The Information of Cannacanny Peon belonging to the Village of Sinnanaickpollam

This Informant saith that on the 13th Instant One Rashapah came with Pellia came to Sinnanaickpollam crying & complaining that two Europeans took his Sword from him, and they ordered him away from him, so he desired the Inhabitants of the said Village to assist him in the recovery of the said Sword from the said Europeans, accordingly the Peddee of the said Village with 15 Persons went & demanded the said Europeans and demanded them to lay down the Sword, accordingly the Europeans threatned the Sword & delivered it to the head Peddee of the said Village, who wrote a Letter to his principal Name'd Verago Reddie & delivered it with the said Sword to this Informant, & directed him, & one Peon to conduct the said Europeans, Rashapah & Pellia to Pondicherry, accordingly this Informant & Peon conducted them, and on their proceeding Cuddalore Choultry, met with some of the English Gentlemen at some Distance to the North side of the said Choultry, on whom the said two Europeans

went

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1721 went up to the said Gentlemen and after
discoursing with them a little while, one
of the Foreign Officers took the said Sword
from the Serjeant and ordered him
to go with him to Serjeapdore —

The Serjeant said with a very
Sweet — The Q Master & Conservancy —
Cadjan from Mariard by & Thirumaved by
No Date or addrest —

We have been informed that this day
in the forenoon a Peon from Mons. Renale
at Pondicherry set out with a Sword to
Trichinopoly and that the said Renale
sent two Europeans along with him to
the said place — As there were passing
by the way of Perungalore & Tiruvady,
they all set down at Perungalore at
which time the Peon left the Sword on
the Ground and went to ease himself,
and in the interim the Europeans took
the Sword & drew it out of the Scabbard
from whence the Street of Town Village with
their Bags. The Peon thereupon followed
them in haste & cryed out in our Street
that they were running away with the
Sword. On this about Ten People with
Sticks assembled & Seized the Europeans
& snatched the Sword from them & then
sent the said Europeans and the
Sword along with the said Peon,

Conservancy

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17th Convenanting and Sallar — Wrongs possible for ces to enforce the violence which they exercised in this Place — For Account of which we refer you to the said Convenanting — Place to send your Directions for our proceedings here —

N.B. There are two Cadjans Ready, and Dated the 13th of Decr 1775 to send Prisrs Complained by to Mr Bagwell desiring him to give a Chitt for Seven for 30 Callams of Paddy, and another Cadjan Note from Thirlekaried by to the same Man desiring him to give a Chitt for Seven for 17 Callams of Paddy —

The Proceedings of a Garrison Court Martial held at Cuddalore Decr the 15th 1775 by order of Richard Sattoon Esqr Chief

Capt. Lieut Rossiter, President.
Lieut Davis
Lt Woodhouse
Lieut Thornton
Ens. Jones

Crimes / Thomas West, Private in the European Troop of Cavalry & Christopher Hearon, Dr: valet, confined the 13th of December by Captain Dugan on Complaint of Ensign Mackay on Suspicion of Desertion.

Evidence / Ensign Mackay informed the Court, That on the 13th Instant being on his Return from the Red Hills, he saw the Prisoners running up towards him,

&

and in their coming to him, the Prisoner
Watt told him that the four Blackfellows
then with him, were carrying him by
force into Pondicherry on account of their
attempting to escape from them whilst
they were conducting them to Hyder Ally
and on the Prosecutor asking them if he
had been in Pondicherry, he answered
that he went into Pondicherry the night
before, making that his Road from
Madras to Cuddalore, the Prosecutor then
asked him, why he went to Pondicherry, that
not being the Road the Troops usually marched,
the Prisoner said, that the Waters being out
so much, was the occasion of his going the
Pondicherry Road, The Prosecutor then
told him that he must have agreed to
desert, otherwise he would not have
been sent to Hyder Ally, he answered that
he was made drunk the night before, &
then was told, that he must either go to
the Mountains or to Hyder Ally For that
morning he agreed to go to Hyder Ally,
imagining that would be the only
opportunity he should have of escaping,
then being only a Hircar & a Cooly to con-
duct them, which escape they attempted
when he was a few Miles distant from
Pondichery, but was prevented by the
Rising of three Villages, who assisted the

Hircar

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Hereas in undertaking to Search and
examine the Prisoners accompanying him
back to Pondicherry we then and by the Board
were Ordered, with the Sergeants and three Men
more Confined to Quarters Entirely Intoxicated &
then Each Sentry to a Room, in which he after-
wards found to be a Centinel Over Each Man
appointed all night Long as most Men
being Dispatched, with Warrants Relating
that had Deserted, Each to Different Places
he Came a little Distance from Pondicherry
& began to be sober that he had the night
before agreed to go to Hyder Ally, in Consequence
of a proposal made to him the night before
to go either to the Mauritius or to Hyder
Ally, but that he did not recollect what
had passed being very much intoxicated,
that immediately after this Discourse
he Determined to make his escape:
reading the Artillery Man to do the
same; who refused. That the Prisoner
then Forced a Sword out of the hand
of

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1725 of the Horse who conducted him to the Place of Execution but was prevented by the Inhabitants of three Villages, who took him and delivered him to the Horse with an additional Guard to conduct him back to Pondichery & beat them & wounded them on the Road, and on his seeing a Person whom he knew to be an Officer of the Troops, he forced his way from the Guard & ran towards him— The Prisoner Christopher Hanson, being put on his Defence says, That he went into Pondichery, with the Prisoner West to get Provisions, and was invited by some Frenchmen, who spoke English, and in the morning found himself in a Boy and belonging to a Gentleman's House, that it was then proposed to him either to go to Mauritius or Hyder Ally, he said he would go to Hyder Ally, intending to make his escape the first opportunity, which he attempted in Company with the Prisoner West, but was prevented & ill treated in the manner related by the Prisoner West.

Sentence

The Court having considered the Evidence against the Prisoners & their own Defence, are of opinion that they are not Guilty of the Crime laid to their Charge and do therefore acquit them.

Rumley Capt. Lt.

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1726 Present

Richd. Latham, Chief

Resolved that Mr. Latham be desired to enclose the Hircarah and return to the Right Honble. Directors such things as he may have advised, and that Mr. Latham be acquainted of our having Directed, to our Determination thereon to discountenance all Clandestine Correspondence with the Company's Servants ——

As the Purpose of the Circuit, cannot be effected without a particular Survey of those Countries, Mr. Dalrymple Engineer Offers to the Board to take charge of that Business, Provided that the Draughtsmen now employed by the Company may be put under his Direction, That Copies of such Plans as have been already Drawn may be furnished Him for the use of the Committee, & with the Board's approbation will prepare a General Plan & Instructions for carrying on the Surveys in future —

The Board are obliged to Mr. Dalrymple for the Laudable Proposal, & the President is accordingly requested to inform himself from the Chief Engineer, of the Number of Draughtsmen, who may be spared from the Fortifications —

Pigot
Dalrymple
Geo. Stratton
W. Pitt
Geo. Barrow
Henry Brooke
Lauder Ruffell
Tolly
Tomkyns Jourdan
Geo. Mackay

Mr. Dalrymple's appointment to

If any reasons being given for passing over any publick motive being inconsistent with the impartiality of the Senior officer should be on the one part insufficiency for distinguished Publick Services, or knowing the Country Language &c, always to be expected for the 1726 Board, to appoint the persons Chief, to be Assigns; Because the determination of the Board tions to the Governor General of Directors for our information tively directs that no employed in any office civil of the Court of Directors. The determination, and if the propriety of this proceeding were questioned because it is inconsistent even to consider the propriety of any appointment an appointment, and should it have been the Sense of the Board, that these Instructions Sense of the Majority to I cannot admit that we have any authority to dispense with their Service can accrue from our obedience.
Adjutant General, particularly as inconsistent with the Bye-Laws of

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r &c.a

George Balfour Sir Rob.t Fletcher

Jn.o Dawson Henry Brooke

Claud Russell Alex.r Dalrymple

J. M Stone Arch.d Palmer

Wm.m Sandys Geo. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read a Letter from the Gov.r Council at Fort William —

Friday 29.th Dec.r

To the Honble Alex.r Wynch Esq.r

President &c.a &c.a &c.a

of Fort S.t George

Gentlemen

From the Gov.r Gen.l & Co. giving their Sentiments of the Dispute with the Nabob on the appointment of Amer Ul Oyrah to Tanjore —

We have attentively read and considered your Letter of the 12.th August last together with all the proceedings, which you Transmitted us respecting the late Disagreement between your Government & the Nabob of the Carnatic, We were under extreme concern to observe these unhappy Differences, They do not come under our Cognizance, either by the Controlling Power vested in us by the Act of Parliament, or the Instructions of the Court of Directors, and it cannot but be very unpleasant to us, to give our Sentiments on a Matter so Delicate, but as We have received a Letter

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Sir

Since we first wrote you upon the Nabob, we have
received Voluntarily chosen as Arbitrators
by each Party, and shall therefore gladly
take this occasion to offer our Mediation,
in hopes that it may be the means of effect-
ing a Reconciliation between you and
the Nabob. The occasion not being sought
by us, but brought before us in a Solemn
and Deliberate appeal mutually made
by you and the Nabob, We hope and expect
that a Difference will be paid to our Judg-
ment ——

In forming our decision upon
the points referred to Us, We have allowed
a great consideration to the several Orders
of the Hon.ble the Court of Directors on the
extent of the Nabobs Authority, & the right
of intercourse given to your Board. These
We have made the chief grounds of our
opinion, which will be found entirely
consistent with them, —

We think that you have an undoubted
Right to offer your Advice to the Nabob
on all Matters by which you apprehend
that either the common Interest which
the Company posses with the Nabob in the
Carnatic or even their separate concerns
may be affected, but all Matters, which
affect the internal Government of the
Carnatic & the management & collection

of

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of its Government; In a word all acts depending on Him as the Sovereign of that Country, he has the sole right of Deciding. You may advise, You may remonstrate, but can neither Demand, insist or enterpose any degree of Authority, without Breach of the positive Orders of the Company. The greatest Tenderness & Delicacy should be observed in every Communication with the Nabob. This is a Rule repeatedly injoined, & the strongest Terms, by the Honble Court of Directors, recommended by the example of Lord Clive himself, and consistent with the absolute Policy—

But we are of opinion that you have departed from both the aforementioned Rules, in your late Proceedings, towards the Nabob, in the manner in which you have disputed his right, to Nominate his Son Omdut ul Omrah to the Command & Government of Tanjore, in the severe Reflexions which you have cast upon the Character of that Son, & the expressions of Contempt with which you have expressed your Sentiments, of the Nabob's Honor

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1730 honor and understanding —

The Order issued by you for bidding all the Company's Servants & Dependants from visiting the Nabob, without the permission of the President, was consonant to the Orders of the Company & agreeable to the former Practice of your Government

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obed. Servants

Warren Hastings

P. Clavering

Geo. Monson

P. Francis

Fort William
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Thomas Lowndes

Geo. Mackay

Geo. Stratton

W. Belchier

Cha. Barwell

Henry Brooke

Claud. Russell

Dalrymple

A. Wynch

Archdale Palmer

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1731 29th Dispatched the following Letters to Wm.
Law Governor of Pondichery & Wm. Lathom Chief
of Cuddalore —

To Rich.d Lathom Esq.r
Chief of Cuddalore
Sir

To Wm. Lathom on the Complaint made by Mr. Law.

I am commanded by the Right Honble the President & Council, to communicate you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter, which they have thought proper to write to Mr. Law, You will herein perceive, that this Hircarah has been sent you have in custody, is to be released, and that such things as you have detained, are to be returned to the right Owners — I am

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Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
R. Straban
Secry

To the Honble John Law Esq.r
Governor General &c.a &c.a
of Pondichery

Hond.d Sir

To Wm. Law Gov.r of Pondichery, in reply to the complaint made by him —

Our President has communicated to us your Letter to him of the 18th Inst.t, and We have in consequence directed Wm. Lathom, to release the Hircarah, & return to the right Owners, such things as he may have detained —

Your

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You will Draw the Instructions below
that were this day at all Times Discountenanced
in regular Behaviour in any of our Servants,
Accompanying We leave the honour to advise
you of two Letters we have Received, that were
Taken from the Messenger, and Forwarded
to this by Mr Lathom. We are with Esteem
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt Faithfull humble Servants
Signed &c. in Council

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At a Consultation held
The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov. &c.
Saturday Geo. Stratton Sir R. Fletcher
30th Dec. Geo. Dawson Henry Brooke
Chas. Purling A. W. Dalrymple
J. M. Stone Arch. Palmer
Wm. Sawyer Sec. Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The Right Honble the President
represented to the Board, that Shuttur Sing
of the Nabob, Mandat Ali Omrah & Amer
Ali Omrah, waited on him This morning
& informed him, it was Proper for their
Father, that he the President, would

The President reports the Nabob's Desire to have the Orders of the Company re: Letters to Tanjore transmitted him in writing.

communicate

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1733? communicate to the Nabob in writing the purport of the Orders he had received from the Company relative to Tanjore. The President thinks, this cannot be done in an honourable manner, than by sending to him an Extract of those Orders, which the Orders being again read, the Board concur in Opinion with the President, & he is accordingly requested to transmit them to the Nabob, together with a Letter, which is now resolved in Consequence, as entered in Co: Corr: Ao. 149—

Letter to the Nabob in consequence with Extract from the Company's Separate Letter.

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Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Claud Russell
Dalrymple
A. Wynch
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke

List of Officers in the Corps of Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	first Rank	Date of first Rank
John Jones	Captain	3 July 1770		
Wm Aug.tus Young	Lieutenant	5th April 1773		
Henry Darley	Cornet	9th Sept.r 1773		
George Brundell	Do	15th Jan.y 1776		

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List of Officers of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel.

Names	Present Rank	date of first Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
Edward Sames	Lieu.t Colonel	17th Dec.r 1757	Capt.n Lieu.t	13th June 1759
Matthew Horne	Major	17th Dec.r 1757	L.t Fireworker	15th June 1758
Charles Clifton	"	"	"	"
Charles Mouat Invalided	Captain	12th Oct.r 1768	D.o	9th Oct.r 1762
John Kennedy	Ditto	13th D.o	D.o	10th D.o
Jno.s Mac.n De Morgan	Ditto	14th D.o	D.o	11th D.o
Donald Mackay	Ditto	6th Aug.t 1770	D.o	5 March 1765
John Rigault	Capt.n Lieu.t	8th Oct.r 1770	D.o	1st D.o 1766
Arthur Jones	Ditto	17th Oct.r 1771	D.o	1st D.o
Isaac Manoury	Ditto	8th Dec.r 1771	D.o	23 June
George Davis	Lieutenant	9th Oct.r 1767	D.o	20th Dec.r 1765
Jnd.s Runtzig Invalided	Capt.n Lieu.t	21st Feb.y 1772	D.o	27th June 1766
Thomas Geils	Lieutenant	8th Dec.r	D.o	26th D.o
George Madder	Capt.n Lieu.t	18th Dec.r 1775	D.o	2d Dec.r 1768
Edward Sanner	Lieutenant	22d Oct.r 1769	D.o	4th Dec.r 1768
James Kisloe	Ditto	26th May 1771	D.o	11th D.o
John Drummond	Ditto	8th Dec.r	D.o	13th Oct.r 1768
Wm Sydenham	Ditto	16th Oct.r 1772	D.o	15th D.o
Jos.s Mac.n Moorhouse	Ditto	16th Oct.r 1772	D.o	1st D.o
Henry Parry	Ditto	16th July	D.o	2d D.o

Names	Present Rank	date of Pr.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
William Lloyd	Lieutenant	18th Sept.r 1772	L.t Fire W.r	3 Dec.r 1760
John Judson	Ditto	25th Aug.t 1773	D.o	3 D.o
George Douglas	Ditto	12th Oct.r 74	D.o	24th D.o
S.r And.w Lee Eastland	Ditto	26th June 1775	D.o	25th D.o
George Hodson	Lieutenant	12th Mar.ch 1770	"	"
Edward Ferne	Ditto	15th Sept.r	"	"
Jos.h Johnston	Ditto	20th Jan.y 1772	"	"
Daniel Kennedy	Ditto	8th March	"	"
David Smith	Ditto	9th D.o	"	"
Henry Hagan	Ditto	25th May	"	"
Rich.d Jones	Ditto	27th D.o	"	"
Henry Tutt	Ditto	17th Aug.t	"	"
John Skynner	Ditto	22 Nov.r	"	"
Char.s Webb	Ditto	25 Aug.t 1773	"	"
Andrew Thompson	Ditto	13 Feb.y 74	"	"
Tho.s Sutcliffe	Ditto	8th Aug.t 1774	"	"
John Baillie	Ditto	10th D.o	"	"
Rob.t Speedoman	Ditto	11th D.o	"	"
Thom.s Windolt	Ditto	12th D.o	"	"
James Gibson	Ditto	13th D.o	"	"
Robert Cox	Ditto	15th Jan.y 1776	"	"

List of Engineers on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
Patrick Ross	Principal and Lieu.t Col.o	15.th Sep.r 1770		
William Meuers	Director and Major	11. March 1774	Pract.l Eng.r and Ensign	7.th Jan.y 1764
George Maule	Sub Director and Captain	24.th Aug.t 1770	Ditto	31.st Aug.t 1770
Alex.r Mitchell	Ditto	11.th Mar. 1774	Ditto	11.th Feb.y 1771
Alex.r Duncan	Ditto	20.th Jan.y 75	Ditto	27.th May 1771
John Theobald	Sub Eng.r and Lieutenant	18.th Sep.t 1774	Ditto	12.th Jan.y 1770
James Johnston	Ditto	10.th Jan.y 75	Ditto	18.th Sep.t 1774
George Banks	Pract.l Eng.r and Ensign	6.th June 1774	"	"
William Lent	Ditto	20.th Jan.y 1775	"	"

List of Military Officers in the Honble Company's Service on the Coast of Coromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	Date of first Rank
Sir Rob.t Fletcher, Brigadier Gen.l & Commander in Chief				
Ross Lang	Colonel	12.th Oct.r 1772	Ensign	6.th April 1756
William Flint	Ditto	12.th Oct.r 1772	D.o	1.st Sep.t 1757
Humph.y Harper	Lieu.t Colonel	25.th Oct.r 1774	D.o by Brev.t	1.st June 1758
James Fitzgerald	Major	22.d Oct.r 1772	D.o	D.o 3.d July 1759
Will.m Baillie	Ditto	12.th April 1.o	Lieu.t	18.th Oct.r 1759
Eccles Nixon	Ditto	21.st Oct.r 1774	Captain	4.th July 1764
George Brown	Ditto	22.d D.o D.o	D.o by Brev.t	8.th July 1765 / 13 Sep.t 1763
Henry Marcelle	Capt.n by Brevet	8.th July 1765 / 16 Sep.t 1763	"	"
Samuel Sears	"	"	"	"
William Cooke	D.o	13.th July 1765 / 16 Sep.t 1763	Lieu.t by Brev.t	6.th Sep.t 1759
Charles Hopkins	D.o	14.th July 1765 / 17.th Sep.t 1763	D.o D.o	11.th D.o
Rich.d Mathews	D.o	15.th Nov.r 1765 / 19 Sep.t 1763	D.o D.o	15.th July 1760
Rob.t Kelly	Captain	27.th Nov.r 1765	D.o	6.th Oct.r 1760
John Short	D.o	12.th July 1766	D.o	7.th D.o
John Colgrave	D.o	1.st May 1767	D.o	27.th Dec.r 1762
Bell.r Sa.l Povey	D.o	25.th Oct.r	Lieut.t	7.th July 1765
Robert Godfrey	D.o	27.th D.o	D.o	11.th D.o
William Collins	D.o	28.th D.o	D.o	12.th D.o
Philip Bandinel	D.o	2.d Jan.y 1768	D.o	13.th July 1765
Richard Nelson	D.o	1.st May	D.o	17.th D.o

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	Date of first Rank
Alex.r M.c Kenzie	Captain	3. May 1768	Lieign	2. Sep.r 1763
Hugh Rob.t Alcock	D.o	4.th D.o	"	"
Thomas Bruce	D.o	16.th Jun.y 1768	D.o	1.st Jan.y 1764
John Candler	D.o	23. Aug.t	D.o	9.th D.o
Richard Black Invalided	D.r	15.th June 1769	"	"
Laur.ce Murphy	D.o	3. July	D.o	25.th July
Will.m Keating	D.o	20.th June 1770	D.o	9.th Oct.r
Char.s Rumley	D.o	21.st D.o	D.o	11.th Feb.y 1765
James Powell	D.o	22. d.o	D.o	3. D.o
William Douglas	D.o	27.th June 1770	"	"
Charles Frazer	D.o	28.th D.o	"	"
Arthur Lysaught	D.o	30.th D.o	"	"
Robert Wood	D.o	1.st July 1770	"	"
William Russell	D.o	2. D.o	"	"
Rob.t Chesshyre	D.o	6.th D.o	"	"
Rob.t Gibbings	D.o	7.th D.o	"	"
Patrick Barclay	D.o	9.th D.o	"	"
Thomas Bridges	D.o	11. D.o	"	"
Tim.y Machavell	D.o	12.th D.o	"	"
Robert Long	D.o	14.th D.o	"	"
Ja.s Edingtoun	D.o	15.th D.o	"	"
Jas.s Johnstone	D.o	17.th D.o	"	"

Names	Present Rank	date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
George Nixon	Captains	12.th Aug.t 1771	Ensigns	6.th Feb.y 1765
Donald Campbell	D.o	13.th D.o	D.o	8.th D.o
John Davis	D.o	14.th D.o	D.o	9.th d.o
Alex.r Duncan	D.o	5.th Dec.r	"	"
Robert Watts	D.o	17.th Feb.y 1772	D.o	11.th D.o
James Hughes	D.o	26.th Nov.r	D.o	4.th March 65
Thomas Bowles	D.o	27.th D.o	D.o	18.th June
Jam.s Galbraith	D.o	12.th Feb.y 1773	D.o	27.th July
George Smith	D.o	12.th April	D.o	29.th D.o
Henry La Motte	D.o	16.th May	D.o	13.th Nov.r
Edward Edmonds	D.o	17.th D.o	D.o	14.th D.o
Thomas Lane	D.o	18.th August	D.o	15.th D.o
Francis Swain Ward	D.o	14.th d.o 1773	"	"
George Morrison	D.o	9.th Sep.r	D.o	19.th Nov.r 1765
Edward Eagles	D.o	13.th d.o	D.o	30.th d.o
Edward Collins	D.o	15.th October	D.o	30.th Dec.r
Jos.h Bickliffe	D.o	8.th Nov.r	D.o	27.th Jan.y 1766
David Muirhead	D.o	12.th D.o	D.o	8.th June
Thomas Bagot	D.o	13.th D.o	D.o	13.th D.o
William Phillips	D.o	22.d Dec.r 1774	D.o	20.th D.o
Alex.r Patterson	D.o	19.th June 1775	D.o	31.st d.o
Robert Chattresse	D.o	28.th Dec.r d.o	D.o	30.th D.o

Names	Present Rank	date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
Jn.o Sal.r Durand	Lieutenants	13.th March	Ensigns	15.th Ap.l 1760
Walterhouse Adair	D.o	2.d May	D.o	15.th Nov.r 1766
George Bryne	D.o	4.th D.o	D.o	19.th D.o
Geo: Congingham	D.o	6.th D.o	D.o	2.d Dec.r
Nathaniel Stuckley	D.o	7.th D.o	D.o	3.d D.o
Henry Lyttleton	D.o	8.th D.o	D.o	30.th D.o
Thomas Walker	D.o	9.th D.o	D.o	1.st Jan.y 1767
Richard Barton	D.o	10.th D.o	D.o	2.d D.o
Richard Godfrey	D.o	11.th D.o	D.o	3.d D.o
Charles Lucas Brigade Major 1.st Brig.e 1.st Batt.n	D.o	1.st July	D.o	26.th D.o
Sam.l Blake Lyre	D.o	23.d Aug.st 1766	D.o	24.th Sep.r 1767
Thomas Brrows	D.o	20.th Oct.r	D.o	11.th D.o
John Oldham	D.o	21.st D.o	D.o	24.th Oct.r
Thomas Leche	D.o	21.st Nov.r	D.o	30.th D.o
Sam.l Baker Evance	D.o	22.d D.o	D.o	31.st D.o
Dugald Campbell	D.o	8.th Dec.r	D.o	3.d Nov.r
Robert Ferrier	D.o	1.st Jan.y 1769	D.o	7.th D.o
David Dewar 2.d Lieu.t 1.st Brig.e Fuzil.rs	D.o	15.th June	"	"
Thomas Trent	D.o	27.th July	D.o	14.th D.o
Donald M.c Leod	D.o	29.th D.o	D.o	16.th Nov.r 1767
John Mordaunt	D.o	10.th June 1770	D.o	2.d Dec.r
Samuel Hoare	D.o	1.st July	"	"

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John Fletcher	Lieutenants	6 July	Ensigns	"
John Patterson Adj.t 1.st Batt.n 2.d Reg.t	D.o		"	"
George Campbell	D.o	7.th d.o	"	"
Tho.s Prendergast Adj.t Madras	D.o	10.th d.o	"	"
George Clark	D.o	13.th d.o	"	"
Robert Temple	D.o	15.th d.o	"	"
John Walker	D.o	17.th d.o	"	"
James Philips	D.o	18.th d.o	"	"
Henry Hearst Adj.t 2.d Batt.n 2.d Reg.t	D.o	22.d d.o		
John Darell	D.o	23.d d.o		
Spencer Cochrane	D.o	25.th d.o		
Basil Monteith	D.o	26.th d.o		
Harcourt Woodhouse	D.o	27.th d.o		
Samuel Jeffreys	D.o	30.th d.o		
John Dupont	D.o	31.st d.o		
James O Hara	D.o	1.st Aug.t		
Clotworthy Thompson	D.o	2.d d.o		
Hugh Montgomery	D.o	3.d d.o		
John Lushington	D.o	4.th d.o		
George Pavey	D.o	29.th d.o	D.o	7.th Jan.y 1763
George Moore	D.o	31.st d.o	D.o	10.th d.o
Richard Scott	D.o	2.d d.o	D.o	11.th d.o

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Peter Bonneaux	Lieutenant	3 Sept.r	Ensigns	15 May
Frances Wragg	D.o	3 D.o	D.o	16.th D.o
Duncan Rankin	D.o	4.th D.o	D.o	17.th D.o
Cornelius Grant	D.o	5.th D.o	D.o	16th D.o
Samuel Wetherford	D.o	6.th D.o	D.o	17.th D.o
John Campbell	D.o	7.th D.o	D.o	19.th D.o
Alex.r Wynch	D.o	8.th D.o	D.o	20th D.o
Robert Scholler	D.o	12.th D.o	D.o	26th Octr 76
William Blacker	D.o	16.th D.o	D.o	31st D.o
Daniel Burr	D.o	19.th D.o	D.o	3.d D.o
Francis Gaudet	D.o	20.th D.o	D.o	4.th D.o
Nicolas Crottie	D.o	21st D.o	D.o	5.th D.o
Thomas Mosley	D.o	22.d D.o	D.o	6.th D.o
Henry Malcolm Brev.t Maj.r & L.t Col.o	D.o	23.d D.o	D.o	7.th D.o
Archer Arnold Langley	D.o	26th D.o	D.o	10th D.o
David M.c Clintock	D.o	27th D.o	D.o	12th D.o
William Champney	D.o	1st Novr	D.o	19th D.o
James Gee	D.o	2.d D.o	D.o	21st Nov.r 76
Donald Campbell	D.o	6.th D.o	D.o	4th Decr
David Marishall	D.o	14th Novr	D.o	17th D.o
Hugh Dilks Harding	D.o	19th D.o	D.o	4th Jan.y 77
Ralph Wint.r Wood	D.o	24th Jan.y 1771	D.o	5th D.o

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George Mackay	Lieutenants	28.th Jan.y 1771	Ensigns	6.th June 1770
Benj.n Bowen Bishop	D.o	5.th May 1771	D.o	11 D.o
George Roberts	D.o	1.st July	D.o	17.th d.o
Edmund Brown	D.o	2.d d.o	D.o	18.th d.o
Francis Maxwell	D.o	12.th Aug.t	D.o	20.th d.o
Tho.s Stonhouse	D.o	21.st d.o	D.o	22.d July
Edw.d Johnston	D.o	1.st Oct.r	D.o	24.th d.o
Daniel Polson	D.o	26.th d.o	D.o	25.th d.o
James Stewart	D.o	10.th Dec.r	D.o	26.th d.o
Edmund Woodward	D.o	20.th Jan.y 1772	D.o	28.th d.o
John Baillie	D.o	3.d Feb.y	D.o	29.th d.o
Urban Vigors	D.o	17.th d.o	D.o	2.d Aug.t
Francis Skyrme	D.o	18.th d.o	D.o	3.d d.o
George Muat	D.o	14.th March	D.o	4.th d.o
Edmund Nelson	D.o	22.d April	D.o	5.th d.o
John Taylor	D.o	13.th May	D.o	6.th d.o
Edward Jourdan	D.o	18.th d.o	D.o	7.th d.o
Rich.d Anderson	D.o	23.d Oct.r	D.o	8.th d.o
John Dalziell	D.o	4.th Nov.r	D.o	9.th d.o
Patrick M.c Gill	D.o	21.st d.o	D.o	10.th d.o
Ja.s Alexander	D.o	26.th d.o	D.o	12.th d.o
Joseph Butler	D.o	23.d Dec.r	D.o	13.th d.o

Names	Present Rank	date of Pres.t Rank	first Rank	date of first Rank
Sam.l Lorrimore	Lieutenants	12.th Feb.y 1773	Ensigns	14.th Aug.t 1770
Barth.w Vigors	D.o	11.th April	D.o	15 D.o
William Bruce	D.o	12.th D.o	D.o	16.th D.o
Arch.d Ramsay	D.o	16.th Dec.r	D.o	19.th d.o
Chas.s Carnegy	D.o	17.th D.o	D.o	20.th d.o
William Brand	D.o	6.th June	D.o	22.d d.o
Arch.d Braun	D.o	11.th July	D.o	23.d d.o
Philip Mayne	D.o	24.th d.o	D.o	25.th d.o
W.m Aug.s Le Grand	D.o	2.d Sep.tr	D.o	27.th d.o
Noble S.t Wright Abbot	D.o	13.th d.o	D.o	1.st Sep.r
John Watkins	D.o	14.th d.o	D.o	3.d d.o
John M.c Mahon	D.o	8.th Nov.r	D.o	4.th d.o
John North	D.o	9.th d.o	D.o	6.th d.o
Robert Scott	D.o	12.th d.o	D.o	7.th d.o
Thomas Cotton	D.o	13.th d.o	D.o	8.th d.o
Henry Fourke	D.o	8.th Dec.r	D.o	10.th d.o
Thomas Meeke	D.o	12.th d.o	D.o	11.th d.o
Walter Douglas	D.o	13.th d.o	D.o	16.th d.o
Joseph Roberts	D.o	26.th d.o	D.o	17.th d.o
John Snelling	D.o	27.th d.o	D.o	19.th d.o
Henry Quin	D.o	29.th d.o	D.o	22.d d.o
Will.m Patterson	D.o	30 Dec.r d.o	D.o	23.d d.o

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Alex.r Montgomery	Lieutenants	22.d Feb.y 1774	Ensigns	26.th Sept.r 1770
Arthur Dunbar	D.o	1.st March	D.o	26.th d.o
Arthur Crawford	D.o	1.st April	D.o	28.th d.o
William Flint	D.o	5.th May	D.o	30.th d.o
James Trail	D.o	25.th July	D.o	1.st Oct.r
John Clarke	D.o	8.th Aug.t	D.o	5.th d.o
William Goddard	D.o	9.th Sept.r	D.o	7.th d.o
Tho.s Townsend	D.o	12.th d.o	D.o	8.th d.o
Tho.s Dunwoody	D.o	1.st Nov.r	D.o	13.th d.o
William Douglas	D.o	2.d d.o	D.o	15.th d.o
Robert Croker	D.o	16.th Jan.y 1775	D.o	16.th Jan.y 1775
Lauchlin M.c Kinnon	D.o	1.st Feb.y	D.o	17.th d.o
Thomas Douglas	D.o	2.d d.o	D.o	22.d d.o
Geo.e Fotheringham	D.o	27.th March	D.o	31.st d.o
Hamil.n Marmion	D.o	25.th April	D.o	2.d Nov.r
Thomas Knox	D.o	27.th d.o	D.o	3.d d.o
Stephen Towns	D.o	5.th June	D.o	4.th d.o
Samuel Rogers	D.o	27.th June	D.o	5.th d.o
John Cox	D.o	27.th June 1776	D.o	8.th Nov.r 1770
Geo.e Wahab	D.o	28.th July	D.o	9.th d.o
Archibald Eagle	D.o	7.th Aug.t	D.o	10.th d.o
Robert Hope	D.o	5.th Sept.r	D.o	11.th d.o

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George Wright	Lieutenants	21st Sept.r	Ensigns	12th Nov.r 1770
Arthur Stewart	Do	21st Oct.r	Do	13th do.
Nathaniel Dawes	Do	26th Dec.r	Do	14th do.
Tho.s Leighton	Ensigns	21st Nov.r 1770		
James Oliver Adj.t 1st Batt.n Brig.	Do	22d do.		
Rich.d Eastland	Do	26th do.		
James Russell	Do	27th do.		
George Stewart	Do	28th do.		
James Burn	Do	29th do.		
Richard Graves	Do	4th do.		
John Pringle	Do	7th do.		
Hugh Wheeler	Do	9th do.		
Caleb Parson	Do	10th do.		
James Parson	Do	13th do.		
Francis Torrens	Do	14th do.		
Edward Wade	Do	15th do.		
Rob.t Rich.d Brunker	Do	16th do.		
Thomas Green	Do	18th Dec.r 1770		
Cary Lalande	Do	19th do.		
Morris Alex.r Lind	Do	20th do.		
Oliver Wheeler	Do	22d do.		
James Forster	Do	23d do.		

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Fran.s Cookson	Ensigns	24.th Dec.r 1770		
Thomas Smith	D.o	25.th d.o		
Cromwell Mafsey	D.o	26.th d.o		
Savage Bowden	D.o	27.th d.o		
Cha.s Sale Ashby	D.o	29.th d.o		
Talbot Forde	D.o	30.th d.o		
Edw.d W.m Montague	D.o	10 June 1771		
Richard Chase	D.o	15.th d.o		
Mat. Chr.r Friedel	D.o	16.th d.o		
Jonathan Doveton	D.o	17.th d.o		
Peirce Adams	D.o	"		
Tho.s Underwood	D.o	19.th d.o		
Rich.d Wilkinson	D.o	21.st d.o		
Thomas Young	D.o	22.d d.o		
James Walter	D.o	23.d d.o		
Alex.r Watson	D.o	25 June 1771		
Æneas Mackay	D.o	26.th d.o		
Jn.o Pockley Atwood	D.o	28.th d.o		
Walter Anderson	D.o	29.th d.o		
David Wilson	D.o	3.d d.o		
Andrew Read	D.o	3.d d.o		
David Campbell	D.o	4.th d.o		

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James Weir	Ensigns	6.th June 1771		
Peter Wright	Do	7.th do		
Rich.d Wetherington	Do	9.th do		
John Forbes	Do	10.th do		
Robert Low	Do	11.th do		
Alex.r M.c Pherson	Do	21.st Jan.y 1772		
Ja.s Dalrymple	Do	22.d do		
William Meulck	Do	3.d Feb.y		
James Jenkins	Do	5.th do		
Stephen Swain	Do	17.th do		
John Richardson	Do	14.th March		
John Wade	Do	28.th April		
Alexander Frazer	Do	13.th May		
Alexander Read	Do	18.th do 1772		
William Merlin	Do	19.th Do		
Charles Osborne	Do	10.th July		
Theobald Strafford	Do	11.th do		
John Schudamore	Do	31.st do		
George Baker	Do	13.th Sept.r		
Daniel M.c Neal	Do	23.d Oct.r		
Tho.s Cumberl.d Ross	Do	10.th Nov.r		
Thomas Walcott	Do	21.st do		

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John Oatridge	Ensigns	24.th Nov.r		
Blick Sanders Balk	D.o	3. Feb.y 1773		
James Parr q.r M.r Sep.t at Bombay	D.o	4.th d.o		
Thomas Parr	D.o	5.th d.o		
Peter Campbell	D.o	9.th March		
James Campbell	D.o	6.th April		
James Turing	D.o	1.st May		
Mitchelburn Knox	D.o	16.th d.o		
Lionel Westropp	D.o	17.th d.o		
Joseph Little	D.o	18.th d.o		
Henry Rice	D.o	6.th June		
Jos: Porter Eyton	D.o	7.th d.o		
William Kensey	D.o	8.th d.o		
Michael Fleming	D.o	25.th July 1773		
James Mitchell	D.o	26.th d.o		
Henry Desvaux	D.o	9.th Aug.t		
John Spencer	D.o	18.th d.o		
Thomas Bowser	D.o	20.th d.o		
John Glover	D.o	2.d Sep.r		
Barry Close	D.o	3.d Sep.r		
William Terry	D.o	5.th D.o		
John Browne	D.o	6.th d.o		

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Henry Darley	Ensigns	9th Sept.r 1773		
Samuel Jacobs	Do	10th do.		
James Roche	Do	13th do.		
Timothy West	Do	14th do.		
William Lloyd	Do	15th Octr.		
Thomas Williams	Do	18th do.		
James Oram	Do	5th Novr.		
George Aubrey	Do	9th do.		
John Grant	Do	10th do.		
John Tabbener	Do	12th do.		
John Halliburton	Do	13th do.		
Charles Smart	Do	14th do.		
Richd. Fitz Gerald	Do	15th do.		
William Andrews	Do	9th Decr. 1773		
John Morisse	Do	12th do.		
George Hore	Do	13th do.		
William Jones	Do	26th do.		
Wm. Brocket Stephens	Do	28th do.		
Jas. Bagshaw Butler	Do	29th do.		
Samuel Pickbone	Do	30th do.		
Jas. Richardson	Do	31st do.		
William Godfrey	Do	1st Jan.y 1774		

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John Weller	Do	3 Do.		
Pat.k Alex.r Agnew	Do	20.th April		
Johnson Kennedy	Do	5.th May		
Edward Gibbing	Do	6.th do.		
Robert Ogilvy	Do	7.th do.		
John Greenwell	Do	4.th June		
Archibald Gillon	Do	12.th do.		
Rob.t Haliburton	Do	25.th July		
Foster Aug.s Rogers	Do	1.st Aug.t		
James Mackay	Do	22 do.		
Thomas Jones	Do	23 Sep.r 1774		
Edward Fayerman	Do	24 do.		
Francis Baillie	Do	2 June 1775		
Lewis Grant	Do	3 Do.		
Robert Mackay	Do	4 Do.		
Thomas Sampson	Do	5.th Do.		
Alex.r Pattillough	Do	6.th do.		
John Stephens	Do	9.th do.		
Bridges	Do	17.th July		
Jon.a Tendall Evans	Do	18.th do.		
Thomas Moore	Do	25.th do.		

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Frances Cumine	Ensigns	31st July 1775		
Benjn Jackson	Do	1. Aug.		
Geo Sackville Browne	Do	28th do		
William Johnson	Do	3 Sept.		
John Wyrick	Do	1st Do.		
Thomas Fisher	Do	5th Do.		
Walter Thompson	Do	11th Do.		
Thomas Brisbane	Do	15th do.		
Mathew Hall	Do	16th do.		
Park Pepper	Do	17th do.		
John Prendergast	Do	18th do.		
Chas. DeCastres	Do	19th Sept. 1775		
Andrew Boswell	Do	20th do.		
Nutterville	Do	9th Dec. 1775		
Simon Baillie	Do	10th do.		
William Forbes	Do	11th do.		
Thomas Wylne	Do	12th do.		
Hector Maclaine	Do	13th do.		
Jas. Stewart Hall	Do	14th do.		
Robert Cameron	Do	15th do.		
Hector Domincilly	Do	16th do.		
William Taylor	Do	15 Jan. 1776		

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James Minim Macomichy	Do.	Do.
Thomas Cooke	Do.	Do.
Lescombe Stretch	Do.	28 Dec.r 1775
Christopher Eastabrooke	Do.	Do.
Hugh Mallet Artillery	Do.	15. Jan.y 1776
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