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The Consultations and Diary Book
of the Right Honble George Lord
Pigot, President and Governor &c.a Coun
of Fort St. George in their Military
Department containing their Proceedings
on Military Affairs & their Transaction
with the Country Government.

Commencing the 2. of January 1776.

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At a Consultation Present
The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r Pres.t
George Stratton . Robert Fletcher
George Dawson . Henry Brooke
Claud Russell . Alex.r Dalrymple
John M.c Stone . Archdale Palmer
Francis Sourdain . George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

General Sir Robt. Fletcher de
sires us the following Minute.

After the Disputes in which
I was engaged with Mr. Du Pré & after the late Re
gulations framed, amended & confirmed by the Gene
Council

Tuesday
2d January. 1776

Minute of Sr.
Rob.t Fletcher in reply
to Mr. Dalrymples

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Appointments

expect now to be called upon, to defend a Mean
which I think, is not only conformable to the
regulations & to the good of the Service, but agreeab
likewise to the rule invariably observed, by ab
Commander in Chief that I have known in I
if Capt. Barclay had superceded his Seniors,
their Rank in the Army, Mr. Dalrymples objec
would have been a just One, but since that Officer
is only removed, from the European to the native
Troops & since the Governor & Council are directed by
the 67th Article of the Instructions to pay a proper
regard to the recommendation of the Commander
in Chief, in such Cases, I hope it will be thought
that Mr. Dalrymple, ought to be satisfied with
this Declaration, that in the present Case, the
=mander in Chief thinks, Capt. Barclay is better
=sers, better than two thirds of his Seniors, o
=ting those above them are, & who declined
=fer of the present Recommendation. I consider
Appointments as they have ever been considered
as Supercessions, but as removals. In my opinion
the interest of our Army, requires that the Officers
fittest for Service, should be appointed to them, but
know myself, private motives shall never direct my
Choice, my own Honor & the public Service are
inseparable. The Company have made me the
& yet I am to be responsible for their Judgement
not see with what propriety, Mr. Dalrymple can
enter his Dissent, untill he shall prove that Capt.
Barclay is less fit. Than some of those to whom

(h) (he would give a preference were I to follow the idea

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of Mr. Dalrymple, & to expose every defect I may be
heard, in the Temper or Conduct of the Officers
in the Army. I think I should involve both the Service
& myself in many difficulties. I must content myself
therefore with saying in general, that I have as
good an Opinion of some of Capt. Barclays Senior
as I have of him as Officers in the European Corps.
I think them not his Inferiors in any respect what-
ever. But from my own Experience, I know, that
the Natives of the European & that of the Native
Troops is so different, that Officers who may be best
formed for the one, may be very ill suited to the other.

Mr. Dalrymple must dissent from the
Appointment of the Persons on the List of Europeans, but
says, "he was precluded giving a Vote, on the Propriety
of that List." how he can dissent to the Persons on the
List & yet not Vote, on the propriety & impropriety of
that List, is what I do not understand. Mr. Dalrymple
grounds his Dissent upon the 25th Article of the Bengal
Instructions, telling the Board notwithstanding that
he does not think any part of those Instructions
binding on the Council at Madras. If Mr. Dalrymple
thinks no part of those Instructions binding on us, with
what propriety can he imagine that we have acted
Contrary to the 25th Article of them. It appears
clearly that a Majority of the Board, think those In-
structions not binding on them, because they have con-
stantly filled up their Vacancies, after those In-
structions, came into their possession, but I
know been, Mr.

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with a ground, for dissenting, but I know
a ground, as I believe they would not take
they consider the Vacancies on the Establishment
for when they read the 40th Article of the above new
stand Instructions, directing them to fill up all
Commissions, below the Rank of Field Officers.

Mr. Dalrymple concludes with a
to the appointment of the Adjutant General
that Office were but now created, but as it was
unanimous act of the Board, recommended by
South preferred home to the Court of Direc
either for Mr. Dalrymple returned to Ben
think we cannot now, condemn it upon
without ringuing a renewal of disputes, w
am heartily sick of, for engaging in a Con
a whole Board, on a matter wherein, We
have no Concern.

Read the following Lett
the Govr. General & Council at Fort Willia

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

Gentlemen

Letter from Govr. Genl. &c. in reply to their Letter from them accompanying the Proceedings

We have this day receiv
into Consideration Your Letter of the 22d.
Your Proceedings relative to the Foreigne
Service of Bazalet Jung on the Guntoor Co
have resolved to suspend taking any Measu
receive further Inst

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You Our Sentiments to enable You to proceed w
out loss of time on this necessary business.

In our Letter of the 5th. of July last
left it open to You, to take possession of the Guntoo
Circar, unless Bazalet Jung should immediat
consent to dismiss all the Foreigners in his Service
without positively directing the Measure, We au-
thorized You to carry into execution, if you shou
think it adviseable, considering the general posture
of Affairs, in the Carnatic.

By the answer of the Nabob Nuz
Ally Cawn, to the Letter which Your President wro
to him, on that Occasion, We perceive he engages th
Brother, shall remove his Foreign Troops from
Sea Coast, to Adoni, & to stop the Revenues of the
Villages, allotted for their Pay; if this Engagemt
be fulfilled & if We are put in possession of Mooka
the Object of Our first Instructions, will be obtained
If not we still continue to allow You the same La
titude, to take Possession of the Circar, Which We gra
you in Our Letter of the 5th. July. In the first ca
We think it proper to assign the Revenues of Mo
-tapilla to Bazalet Jung, after defraying the ex
-traordinary Expences, which may be incurred by
that Service, & in the second case to grant the R
-evenues of the Circar to the Soubah, with the like
Reserve, for defraying the Expences, but on either
Our yielding up the Revenues, it is founded on the
supposition that Bazalet Jung or Nizam Ali
Cawn, respectively do not oppose You, in these
Operations.

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Our sole Object on all the directions We have given on the Subject of the Gunboor Car- -car has been to exclude Europeans from an entrance by Sea, into the Districts of Bazalet Jung through the Port of Mootahilla. This points therefore We recommend to your Serious attention and shall be satisfied with any just measure by which you may be able to attain the end proposed. You will observe by the concessions we offer, how much it is our wish to settle the Affair amicably and to avoid proceeding to open Hostilities

We desire you will acquaint the Nabob of the Carnatic with your intentions on this head & that they proceed from the Instructions of this Government. You will also explain to him our Motives for recommending the above Measures, Endeavour if possible to obtain his acquiescence and assistance in the execution of them. We are

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

Fort William
the 11th Decem.r 1775.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered, to lie on the Table, — and that the Right Honorable the President, & the other new Members of the Board, shall have read over what has already passed on this Subject.

Read Letter from the Chief and

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and Council at Vizagapatam together with a Letter from Mr. Bate.

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been honored with your Commands, dated the 30th Ulto.; previous to the re-
-ceipt whereof, we had directed five Companies of Sepoys, with some of our Artillery, to march into the Ganjam District, in compliance with the request of the Gentlemen there, of which we advised your Honor &c. in our Letter of the 7th Inst.

Captain Matthews hath intimated to Us, his desire of going to the Presidency for a short time, to settle some private business, which requires his presence: As he is desirous to be there before an answer to this could arrive, & the Circar is in perfect tranquility, we hope your Honor &c. will approve of our granting him permission to proceed accordingly.

Mr. Spearman Bate, a Lieutenant on this Establishment, who on Account of ill health, was obliged to leave the Service & in Oct. 1774, arrived here the 20th Inst. from the Eastward, he acquaints Us that he might have had permission to quit the Country, with his standing in the Service; but his long illness, afforded him little prospect of regaining his health, so as to enable him to return to his Station, he was in-

From Vizagapatam
Reinforcement of Troops sent to Ganjam
Capt. Matthews permitted to come to the Presidency. Mr. Bate's application to be admitted again into the Service.

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induced to accept a Certificate to obtain Lord Clives Bounty at home; with which he first proceeded to Bengal, to try a change of Air; but receiving no benefit by it, he took his Passage for England: The Ship he was in; being obliged to put into Achin, he found in a short stay, a great amendment in his health, which encouraged him to remain there some time to re-establish it; & then proceeded to Malacca to seek the earliest opportunity of returning to the Coast. He now addresses your Honor &c.; & purposes going to Ellore to wait your determination respecting him.

I am with Respect.
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Sam.l Johnson
M. Williams
H.y Crawford
Nath.l Barlow.

Vizagapatam
22d Decr. 1775.

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sirs,

from Mr. Bate to be reinstated in Rank in the Service

The severe illness with which I was conflicted during the Years 1773 & 1774 obliged me to petition for a Furlow to proceed to Europe for a recovery, & also for a Ticket to entitle me to receive the benefit of the Military Fund; which were granted. General Smith was then also pleased to intimate

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intimate to me that on a perfect recovery, if before I arrived in Europe, I returned to the Coast and made application to the Honble Board, my Rank would be restored in the same manner, as if the Orders of the 26th Sept. 1774 had not been issued. In consequence of this indulgence, I left Madras the 8th following & proceeded to Bengal to try the cold Season, But that not answering, in March I took a Passage for Europe on the Aurora, Through distress she was obliged to put into Acheen; during her Stay there, I received so much benefit from the Mineral waters of the Golden Mountain; that I was induced to stay there, and at the end of six Weeks, so much recovered that I thought it prudent to return to the Coast. The Ship Betty on which I embarked at Malacca & bound for Madras direct, But having the misfortune to loose all her anchors, the Captain was necessitated to steer for this Place; on my Arrival I acquainted the Chief of the above mentioned Circumstances, who readily promised to write to your Honors concerning me; & in consequence of my having a particular Friend in the Commanding Officer of Calicut, & a still greater inducement, a probability of the Troops in those parts taking the Field, I was permitted to proceed there; which I did, & am favord with an Answer to my request to your Honors, for receiving back my Pension Ticket, and countermanding the Orders respecting me in Sept. 1774. Permit me to embrace this opportunity for returning my most humble thanks to your Honors, for your indulgence in

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on granting me the Pension & for testifying the pro-
found respect & gratitude with which I am

Honble Sirs

Your most devoted
and most Obliged
Humble Servant
Robert Spear Bate

Vizagapatam
Oct. 22. 1775.

The Board deem, that General Sir Robert Fletcher will make particular enquiry into the Character which Mr. Bate bore, before his resignation of the Service, & report the same to them for their information. As the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, have thought themselves authorized to grant Captain Mathews leave of Absence, it is Resolved, they be informed that, that power is vested only in the Board or in the Military Commander in Chief, & that they of Course have been irregular, in giving Capt. Mathews permission, to proceed to the Presidency.

Read Letter from Capt. Duncan Commanding at Rajole.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Since the last accounts, which I had the honor to transmit, relating to Bazalet Jung & Hyder's motions, I have not learnt any thing very material from that Quarter. I am now informed that matters have been accomodated between them, the former having paid down four Lacks of Rupees

Hyder

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says the Nabob under Contribution, and marches towards Gutti.

Hyder after receipt of this Money, about twelve Days marched his Army from the Adoni Country to Thurmount, & encamped near that Place. He has obliged that Nabob to buy his Peace at the expence of Five Lacks about two & a half Lacks of Rupees, which he is discharging part in Money, the rest in Elephants, Camels, Horses & Jewels — Hir Cheroted. that Hyder is now bound his Route, towards Gutti, & lay Morrow under a like Contribution.

The Cuddapah Nabob (with whom I hear is now upon the best Terms with Hyder) has left Sedaseer, attended by a considerable body of his People, in order to meet with Hyder.

— I am told that Hyder has sent off, for Serringapatam, all the Stores, Arms, Prisoners &c. taken at Bellari, & has left a strong Garrison there. My information says, that Monr. Lally is in greater favour with Bazalet Jung, than ever, & has received Instructions, not only to complete again his Corps of Sepoys, but to encrease their Number, & he has just now, several people, on the Gountoor Circar raising Men for that purpose. It is supposed he will not be able to equip them in so complete a manner, as they were before the late defeat at Bellari, it being said, that all the spare Arms, they had in Store are well nigh exhausted, in refurnishing those who escaped from that Action, & have returned to their Service without Arms; at the same time other Accounts I have, mention a considerable number of small arms in the Stores at Adoni & Shangee.

My Intelligence adds, that about forty Europeans have lately deserted from Hyder. I am

now

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now encorporated our Rally's Corps. I have the honor
to be, with the greatest Respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very faithful and
most Obedient Servant.

Alexr. Duncan

Pongolo
23. Decr. 1776.

The Secretary lays before the Board, the following Letter which he has received from Mr Arthur Owen.

To Mr. Richd. Sulivan
Military Secretary
Sir.

from Mr. Owen.

I received your Letter of this date signifying it was the Orders of Government, that I should return to Europe, within the time specify'd by a act of Parliament. I acquaint you, that on my part the Order shall be obey'd.

Be pleased to mention to the Right Honble the President & Council, that I desire they will be so obliging as to order my Arrears of Pay to be given me, according to a Paragraph of a Letter of mine, addressed to the Honble Board of Madras. Dated the 5th Inst: 1am

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27th Decr. 1775.

Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
Arthur Owen.

Lt. Farrington
Southwold dis-
-mounted the Service
by

The Secretary lays before the Board, Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Tricheinopoly, whereby Lieut. Farrington South-
-wold

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by a General Court Martial.

Southwell is dismissed the Service. Ordered, that the Secretary acquaint Mr. Southwell, that it is to be upon his Peril, if he returns to Europe, within the Term limited by Act of Parliament.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W Flehm
Geo Darro
Henry Brooke
Paul Benfield
Dalrymple
J. Hill
Archdale Palmer
Fowler Jenkins
Geo. Mackay

At Fort St. George 8th Janry 1776

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Govr. Pres.

George Stratton — Robert Fletcher

Wednesday — George Dawson — Henry Brooke

8th January — Claud Russell — Alexr. Dalrymple

John M. Stone — Arch: Palmer

Franc. Sourdain — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from Captain Duncan

Commanding at Ongole.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot.

President & Governor &c. Counl

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

from Captain Duncan, a Comp.y of Sepoys sent to escort the Europ.n to Ellore

In consequence of your Orders transmitted by your Secretary of the 28th Ulto. The European Detachment marched from hence early this Morning, under the Command of Capt. Edmonds for Ellore.

At his request, & judging it expedient for the Service, I have sent a Company of Sepoys, of my Battalion to accompany them on their march, which, I hope You will approve of: I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect.

Ongole 4th Janry 1776.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

Alexr. Duncan

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from the Agent for Sepoy Affrs. Accounting

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Amounting, together with an Account of the half
mounting, provided for 1775, as entered hereafter.

To
Richd. Jos. Sullivan Esqr.
Secretary.

Sir.

Herewith I enclose you the Account
for Sepoy half mounting, for the Year 1775, which
you will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
John M.c Pherson, Agent.

From M.r M.c
Pherson, Sepoy
Agent.
Fort St. George
8.th Jany. 1775.

Sp.o Account of Half Rounding provided for 12 Batt.s of 5 Comp.s of Sepoys with Slops per muster roll for 1775.

To Long Cloth Ordinary	Yds. 9.36	for 21600	Jackets & Drawers	for 10900 Sepoys	a	4 0 0	P.r Corge		3408 37 64
To Long Cloth Middling	3.6.54	for 1502	D.o	D.o for 751 Naigs	a	47	D.o		250 36 18
To Long Cloth Fine	5.6.60	for 1500	D.o	D.o for 750 Hawaldars	a	65	D.o		347 8 60
To Taylors hire for making		24802	D.o		a	2.20	each		1328 28 40
To Turbants of 26 Covids long	817.10	or 16350	Pieces	for 10900 Sepoys	a	6 12	P.r Corge	5877 18 0	
To D.o of 28 D.o	150.2	or 3002	D.o	for 751 Naigs & 750 Hawaldars	a	7 12 0	P.r D.o	1100 26 32	
To Sashes of 10 D.o	545.0	or 10900	D.o	for 10900 Sepoys	a	3 21 0	P.r D.o	1964 9 60	
To D.o of 12 D.o	75.1	or 1501	D.o	for 751 Naigs & 750 Hawaldars	a	3 31 0	P.r D.o	296 1 8	8538 19 20
To Blue Cloth Half pieces	7.1	or			a	29 0 0	P.r D.o		204 18 73
									14078 23 35
Charges Merchandize			Commission on Pag.s	14078 23 35	at	5 P.r Cent.			703 38 67
Paid Godown Rent for keeping Slops for 12 Months at 10 Pagodas P Month									120 0 0
Paid Packing Stuff for making Bales of Slops for 12 Batt.s 85 Comp.s							at 16 32 0	each	211 4 0
Paid Peons Pay & Batta for Escorting the Slops to Capt. Kelly's Battallion							at Arcongo		28 35 0
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Hopkins		D.o		at Pallamcotah		20 27 0
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Powrys				at Madurah		15 " "
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Godfreys				at Pallicore		5 " "
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt.s Colgraves & Gibbings		D.o		at Sriviliputoly		9 2 "
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Duncans		Battallion		at Cayatte		6 " "
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Bracci		D.o		at Tambaram		3 " "
Paid D.o & D.o for D.o			D.o to Capt. Edingtons		D.o		at Pallore		3 " "
Paid D.o & D.o & Cooley hire for carrying			D.o to Capt. Mackenzies		D.o				28 "
Paid Cooley hire for carrying the 4th Slops to Capt.s Cooke & Keatings					D.o				50 "
Paid Peons Pay & Batta for Escorting the Slops to Tindevanam Chunam									28 "

Paid Do ... Do ... Do ... 18.„ 428.19.20

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John Macpherson Agent

Dr. — Cr.

1775	To Cash received from the Honble Company 15th Sept. 1774			2000 „ „	
	To Cash	Do	Do	2. Oct. 500 „ „	
	To Cash	Do	Do	27 Dec. 1000 „ „	
May	8. To Cash	Do	Do	1000 „ „	
June	7 To Cash	Do	Do	2000 „ „	
Augt	10 To Cash	Do	Do	2000 „ „	
Sept.	15 To Cash	Do	Do	2000 „ „	
Nov	1 To Cash	Do	Do	1000 „ „	
Dec.	6 To Cash	Do	Do	2000 „ „	
	To Ballance due to me			229240.5	
	Pagodas			15792.40.5	

1775 Dec.	1 By Ballance due to me from last Years Account	582.0.43
	By Cash paid for Sundries per Cha. paid for 12 Battalions and 8 Companies of Sepoys with Subaltern Numeraries as per Acct. particulars	15210.39.42
	Pagodas	15792.40.5

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Errors Excepted

John Mc. pherson

Agent.

Mr. Dalrymple's Minute in reply to Lt. Fletcher's Minute on Mr. Dal. rymple's Defent.

At Fort St. George the 8th Jany 1775.

Ordered that the Agent be paid the Ballance of his Account.

Mr. Dalrymple to deliver in the following Minute.

Having in my defent avoided [illegible] na[illegible]ties & having declared that if there was any [illegible] proposition which could be thought to bear a [illegible] conference, I would readily attend it, I did not [illegible] I should be under a necessity to say any thing [illegible] but as Lt. R. Fletcher has not in his [illegible] confined himself to an explanation of his own [illegible] I am persuaded I shall stand excused in recurring [illegible] to that Minute.

When the List of Performants was laid before the Board, a debate arose concerning the sense of the Company's Military Instructions; Whether or not the "Does or does not the 47 Para of the Company's Instructions enjoin that the President &c. shall comply with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief." The President declared his opinion that the Intentions of the Company, when they drew up their Instructions, was to throw all the Power under the Military, & that although it was a System which every one must ever condemn, yet as he had accepted of the Appointment under such a System, he was bound implicitly to comply with the Commander in Chief's recommendations; Others thought that was not intended, but that it was to be complied with unless there was Essential objection to the Proposition recommended. Others thought the Propriety of the Measure

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a/pointment ought to be considered by the Board. as proper regard was understood to imply that the Board were to be made Judges of the propriety of the Recommendation; & I well remember the warmest Friend to this Regulation never avowed a wish to take any Power from the President & Council, whatever might be taken from the Governor. However the question I proposed was not put.

When Lt. R. recommended Capt. Barclay for a Battalion of Sepoys, he said he had been promised a Battalion of Sepoys on Mr. Du Pre's leave, but as I cannot admit that the Board have any right, or even privilege, to make promises, I cannot think such promises, whether new or obsolete, any rule for the proceedings of our Government.

Upon the List of Officers being produced, it was found there were many Senior Captains to C. Barclay. Lt. R. was asked, what Objections there were to these Officers; he waved giving any reasons but said C. Ruspell had declined & C. Murphy had been promised the Chicacole Battalion by the Board at General Smith's particular request.

Lt. R. now says "he considers such a/pointments not as supercessions but removals;" I must still consider such a/pointments, not merely as Removals but as Supersessions; which I believe I may venture to say all over is the general sentiment on those a/pointments.

Lt. R. says the Comtee have made him Judge & that he does not see with what propriety Mr. D. can enter his Dissent untill he shall prove C. Barclay is less fit than some of those to whom he

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he would give a preference" I would not give a preference to any Man, but I think the Senior Officer who is fit, is entitled to that preference; and it rests with Sr. R. to give proof that C. Barclay, is fitter than his Senior Officers, & not with me, that he is not fit; If Sr. R. is sole Judge, the Board cannot employ their Judgement on the small Field grow which is more than I think can be countenanced by proper regard to his Recommendation.

If the Sense of the Board had been taken on the Nature of the Commander in Chiefs recommendations that Determination would have been a guide for my proceedings, but as no such Sense was taken it behoved me to obtain my general powers on the first occasion to prevent future altercations.

Sr. R. says he has as good an opinion of C. Barclay's Seniors as he has of him. I said I knew in the European Corps he thinks them not inferior in any respect whatever; but from his own experience, he knows the nature of the European & that of the Native Troops is so different that Officers who may be best formed for the one may be very ill suited to the other."

This confirms that C. Barclay's Seniors are unfit for the Sepoy Corps: had Sr. R. said so before it would have removed my Objection to C. Barclay's Appointment, but, at the same time, it is the ground of his Appointment. His Senior Officers cannot consistently be thereafter recommended to the Sepoy Corps.

On the 2. part of my Dispatch, Sir R.

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is pleased to say he cannot understand how I can act as I have done on that occasion; I am very far from presuming to judge what is the meaning of his understanding, but I flatter myself the Court of Directors will think it very consistent in me to require to know whether the Instructions to Bengal are binding on us, for Altho' we are empowered, by the Standing Orders, to dispense with the Orders we receive from the Court of Directors when the good of the Service requires, yet Orders established by a Vote of the Proprietors cannot be superceded by the Court of Directors, & consequently they cannot convey to us a general dispensing Power which they cannot themselves possess; their dispensing Power therefore, can extend only to their own Orders, nor is that Power to be wantonly exerted.

S. R. quotes my Sentiments concerning the Instructions; altho I gave my opinion in conversation the Board would not bring on that matter, & had the matter been agitated I might have changed that opinion when other Men's Sentiments were given on the Subject, but I think it not only unhandsome in this respect, but unfair, because he ought, if he mentioned that towards opinion, to have mentioned the reasons I assigned for being of that opinion viz. That their Instructions might be very proper in Bengal where the Govr. Gov. & Co. were scarcely answerable to the Comp.y which could not be required in the other Settlements where the President & Co. were subordinate to the Court of Directors immediately and liable to be removed at their pleasure.

Altho'

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All this I voted against filling up the Vacancies, in consequence of the Comm.rs in Chief declaring that the Establishment on this Division already contain'd too many Officers; yet when the Majority of the Board, determined that the Vacancies should be filled up, I thought myself bound to conform to their Resolution so far as it could be accomplished with consistently with the Company's Orders, as explained by the Majority of the Board, which Explanation I in vain endeavoured to obtain: Had the Majority determined that the Instructions to Bengal were binding on us, the Vacancies must have been filled up by giving Commissions to the best Sergeants, as has heretofore been done in times of necessity; but if we were thought to be under no particular restrictions the question would then have been whether Sergeants or such Young Gentlemen as offered their Services should be appointed.

Sr. R. having changed me with inconsistency, I cannot but express my conformity to the Resolution of the Board of made at his own request, asking him, whether his Recommendation of Mr. Mylne whom he told us had been recommended to him, but whom he had never seen, & did not know whether he was on board the Gatton or when he was, is consistent with that Resolution?

Dalrymple

General Sir Robert Fletcher delivered in the following Minute in reply to Mr. Dalrymple.

I am really ashamed to trouble the Board with any

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Minute of the Rt. Hon.ble Governor in Council.

any thing more on the Subject of Mr. Dalrymples Dispatch; particularly, as those Parts of my Conduct to which he objects, have received the Approbation of the Board. But, as Mr. Dalrymple's last Paper dated the 2d Instant, is to be read at home as well as here, it seems Necessary for me to declare, for the information of the Readers, that I cannot think my Power is in any degree, whatever independent of the Board. — The Board approved the Recommendations, as proper Recommendations. I declared the controuling Power to be in the Board, if they thought I exceeded any improper Power: Nothing has been said or done, towards any of Capt. Barclay's Seniors unfit hereafter, for a Recommendation from me for the Sepoys, or any Reflection whatever cast upon them, unless it be a Reflection that I think Capt. Barclay in the present case, the Idea of filling up all vacant Commissions with Sergeants, upon a Supposition that the 25th Article of the Bengal Instructions is binding on us & that We are not to regard the 40th Article of the Military Instructions, to which we are sure is binding on Us, would be a measure nuinous to the Service; I Set it down my Reasons against it, when Mr. Dalrymple shall propose that Line of Promotion.

"The Commander in Chief declared, that "in his opinion, the Establishment already contained too many Officers" — Had Mr. Dalrymple been candid enough, to state the whole of the conversation, he would, instead of giving upon the

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the Imputation of Inconsistency, have proved that I gave up my own opinion in deference to that of the Noble Lord in the Chair, who said, Considering the Number of Officers generally sick, he thought the present Establishment not too great. That the Opinion of the Noble Lord not for this Mr Dalrymple's Minute, I cannot adopt. On the contrary I join with all the other Members in thinking the Board not bound to that implicit obedience which is in the Noble Lord's Power of opinion, that by the late Regulations the System is unchained & unhinged & however deserving I may think the Noble Lord is of every Power & of every Trust, I think the true Constitution of the Company, never could have been to place them at the Head of Affairs, who were not Military Men.

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Mr. Dalrymple then moved, that the following may be entered in the Proceedings of this Day.

Mr Dalrymple's Minute

Sir Robert, as ours & Mr Hancock in not stating "their opinion in deference to that of the President". I must leave to say I communicate to Sir Rob.t my Sentiments fully & freely & never made any Objection

I shall only add that I am so convinced of retrenching every unnecessary expence as essential to the prosperity of the Company, that I shall heartily concur in every Measure conducive to this End.

Jo.

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Sr. Robert having by his Minute confirmed the proceedings of my Collection nothing more can be required of me.

Dalrymple

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Read Letter from Nizam Ally Cawn assuring of his having sent a Man of distinction Named Ally Asgheer Cawn to his Brother Bazalet Jung, with Orders to settle Matters, (as mentioned in a former Letter) on the Same foot Circar.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W Fletcher
Geo. Darroll
Henry Brooke
Chas Ricketts
Dalrymple
W Hay
Archd. Palmer
Fowke Lowndes
Geo. Mackay

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9. Came in the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

from Masulipatam
advertising of a
Mutiny among
the Party of Sepoys
at Vuntapollam

The Sepoys at Vuntapollam having refused to receive their Pay, unless the Batta is continued to them, & having by their disorderly behaviour given the Officer Commanding the Party, reason to apprehend a Mutiny, as you will perceive by the accompanying Copies of his Letters to us, We have thought it necessary for the good of the Service to apply to Capt.n Duncan to send a Detachment from Ongole, to support Ensign Hallock the distance of Vuntapollam from that Garrison, admitting of a forced March in one Day.

We have the honor to send you Copies of our Letter to Capt.n Duncan & Ensign Hallock, & we hope the measures we have taken will meet with your Approbation.

We are very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen,
your most Obed.t & humble Servants
John Whitehill
John Sulivan

Masulipatam
the
4.th Janry 1776.

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Chief & Co.un Council
Gentlemen.
of Masulipatam

A few days ago, on the Sepoys of the Detachment under my Command, being informed that their Batta

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was struck off, some of them came to me in a very disrespectful manner, & demanded their discharges, I informed them that I would make a Memorandum of their request, and at the expiration of one Year, agreable to the regulations they would be entitled to their discharge— They went away seemingly satisfied,— Yesterday at Morning Role calling the Serjeant, acting as Serjeant Major to the Detachment informed me that Naimtillah Beg Havildar of Ensign Knox's Company, had refused to attend the Parade, & mounting his Guard. I sent for him & enquired the Reason, he told me that he did not want to continue in the Service, as he was disgusted with it, that he had demanded his Discharge, and looked upon himself as entitled to it, I ordered him to return to his Duty telling him that if he did not I would bring him to a Court Martial, He told me that he did not regard that, for he never would do one hours Duty in the Service again, I ordered a Court Martial to set immediately— I thought the Court very partial to him, he was found guilty of disobedience of Orders, & insolence to his Commanding Officer, and they only sentenced him to be reduced to a Sepoy and discharged from the Battalion— I thought the Sentence very inadequate to the Crime, therefore ordered the Court Martial to be revised, he was then sentenced to be reduced to a Sepoy & receive three hundred Lashes, I approved the Sentence which was to be put in Execution Yesterday at Evening Parade. When he saw from the Place of his Confinement that the Drummers were preparing their Cats & saw he desired a little Slave Boy to bring him his Sword privately, & put it through the Thatch of the House; this the Boy found means to do, unobserved by the Centinel As soon as he received the Sword, he ran out of the Hut,

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I came in Front of the Parade, & demanding of him to give him his discharge or that he would take as many of his as he could, & then kill himself; I ordered him to resign his Sword, he told me that he never would, for he was determined to die, rather than be surrounded, & then ordered a Fellow of them to advance from the Ranks, & take him Prisoner, As soon as he saw them coming to him, he run up to the Subadar and made a Cut at him, the Sword turned in his hand, and the Subadar received no hurt, The Sergeant Major charged a Bayonet upon him, but he parried it by with his left hand, & gave the Sergeant a dangerous Cut on the Shoulder, who then closed upon him and they fell down together, A Sepoy was going to run the Havildar through the Body, but as I saw the Sergeant Major had him fast locked in his Arms, I was in hopes of taking him alive, & laid hold of the Sepoys Bayonet to prevent it, The other Sergeant also endeavouring to save him struck down the Point of the Bayonet with his Sword, & in so doing wounded me in the hand. Another of the Sepoys at the same time run the Havildar through the Body before I could use means to prevent it, notwithstanding I did all in my power to save him, he died in two or three Minutes. The Circumstance is to me extremely disagreeable, but it was done in the execution of my Duty as an Officer, & I have nothing to charge myself with, I am conscious I neither acted rashly, nor imprudently, his Blood is on his own head, yet I shall not be easy till I have your approbation of my Conduct.

I was obliged to come here on account of my Wounds, & have sent for the Sergeant that he may be put in the Hospital here, under the care of Mr. Livingstone Surgeon

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to the Detachment of Europeans.—

It did not appear that the Havildar was was at all in Liquor, or had used Bang, he was perfectly sober, I was at first appprehensive that he expected some support from the Sepoys, but it appear'd that none of them were concerned in it, he has some Friends in the Company who have also demanded their Discharge, the Detachment was very quiet when I came from Yanaon Pollams and I believe there is no sort of danger of their giving any further trouble, I am

Ongole
Dec.r 31.st 1775

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant.
Thomas Halcott

/Signed/
A true Copy Jo.s Sullivan Sec.ty

To John Whitehill Esq.r
Chief & Cou.l Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

The Paymaster's Conicopoly is arrived to pay the Detachment, the Officers & men Commissioned Officers, to whom it has been offered, have received it, but the Sepoys, have to a Man declared that they will not receive their Pay, without their Batta, they allledge that they have lived on their own Funds, & have run into greater Expences than they would otherwise have done in expectation of receiving Batta. I had the whole Detachment on the Parade yesterday, but all the Arguments I could use, were in vain, They seem determined to Mutiny unless it is paid them, I have for the present Pacified them, by saying that I would write to you in their behalf: If it is not allowed them, I fear the worst of consequences. I never saw such mutinous behaviour, in either Sepoys or Europeans

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r President.

Monday 15th Jan.y

George Stratton
George Dawson
Claud Russell
I. M. Stone
Franc.s Lowndes
Sir R. Fletcher
Henry Brooke
Alex.r Dalrymple
Archi. Palmer
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Hopkins, Commanding at Palamcottah.

To Richard Jos.h Sulivan Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department
at Fort St. George

Sir

from Capt.t Hopkins regarding disturbances among the Colleries

I wrote you two Letters a short time ago in which I requested you would lay before the Honble Board, as they contained some disturbances that had happened amongst the Colleries in this Country; I mentioned in my last, that the Polygar Cuttapah Naig had removed from Pangallam Coveiles, had returned & put to death the Polygar that Said Mahomet Cawn had set up on his place, and was again in possession.

The Managers of this Country during Mahomet Cawn's Absence, have sent eight Companies of Sabob's Sepoys, and collected six hundred Colleries about one hundred & fifty irregular Horse, which are embodied and encamped without Pangallam Coveiles under the Command of Sooba Mahomet Cawn, and are ordered by the Managers to retake Pangallam Coveiles, and

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the very particular in collecting their proceedings which I shall lay before the Right Honble the President & Council

You will be so kind as to lay this Letter before the Honble Board & believe me, Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Charles Hopkins

Palamcotah
15th Jan.y 1776.

Extract of Sir Robert Fletcher recommending removals & Appointments

Sir Robert Fletcher recommends that the following Removals, and Appointments be ordered to take Place. —

Ensign Nathaniel Dawes, acting as Lieutenant to be appointed a full Lieutenant in the Room of Lieut. Owen resigned. —

Ensign Thos. Leighton to be appointed to act as Lieutenant with Ensign's Pay, & to be removed to Captain Keating's Battalion of Sepoys. —

Mr. George Brudenele to be appointed a Cornet & to do Duty in the European Cavalry. —

Robert Cox Sergeant Major of Artillery, to be appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker in that Corps in the Room of Lieut. Fireworker Southwell deceased. —

Mr. William Taylor to be appointed an Ensign and to be removed to the 1st Battalion 1st Brigade at Vellore.

Mr. Hugh Mallet to be appointed a Cadet in the Artillery, and Mr. Gordon a Cadet in the Infantry the former to join the Artillery at the Mount and the latter the 1st Battalion 2d Brigade at Madras.

Captain Lieut. Nodder of the Artillery at Vizagapatam to be ordered to join his Company at the Mount, and Lieut. Davis to be sent to Vizagapatam in his Room. —

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Minute of the Commander in Chief respecting the Payment of Officers on Leave or on Detachment

Ordered accordingly.

The Commander in Chief representing that great Inconveniencies arise from the Pay of the Officers now Now absent on Duty or Sickness being drawn for in the Garrisons where their Corps may be on Duty, It is Resolved the Paymaster of the Garrison from whence Men go on Duty, or Leave of Absence or Sickness is to draw their Pay on their respective Companies Rolls on the Paymaster where the Detached or Absent may be in order that the Paymaster there may issue their Pay & the Paymaster of the Garrison from which the Troops are detached is to grant to the Military Paymaster for the amount to be paid on the Spot & the Paymaster where the Troops may be, at the time of Payment, is to debit the Military Paymaster-General for the Amount of the Pay of the Men so detached or absent. No Pay is to be allowed to Officers absent from their Corps with Leave, unless on their return it be endorsed by the Board.

General Orders.

Ordered, That the aforegoing Resolution be given out in General Orders.

Major Sears to Command the Detachment at Bombay.

General Sir Robert Fletcher recommended that Major Sears should be ordered to Bombay, to take the Command of the Detachment absent from thence to that Presidency, Approved, Ordered accordingly

Lieut. Thornton dies.

The Secretary reported the Death of Lieut. Serjeant Thornton, of the European Troops of Company's 8th Instant.

Public Notice respecting Bricks & Chunam

The favourable Season of the Year being arrived for carrying on the Public Works, The Right Honble the President moved, that Public Notice be given, as also the Bricklayers that can be collected, will be required for the Company's

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Buildings & Fortifications, that no Person whatsoever is to be supplied with those Articles, Unless by Order in writing from him, unto whom in future, all applications of such Nature are to be made.

Resolved, unanimously in the Affirmative.

The European Battalion to be withdrawn from Vellore.

The Right Honble the President moves the Board, as the Battalion of Europeans doing duty in the Garrison of Vellore, is not of any material Service in its present Station, that it be withdrawn, & ordered to this Presidency, where it will be in readiness for any Duty, that may be required. Resolved in the Affirmative, & that the Grenville be ordered immediately to Masulipatam for that purpose.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dans.
Henry Brooke
Claud. Russell
Dalrymple
Wm
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke
Gen. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r President

Monday
the
22d. January.

George Stratton — Robt. Fletcher
George Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud. Russell — Alex.r Dalrymple
I. M. Stone — Archr. Palmer
Franc.s Sourdain — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Minute of the President respecting the Nabob's arrangement with the Company's Orders.

The Right Honble the President acquainted the Board that, after the many Conversations with the Nabob which he has from time to time communicated and after having repeatedly assured His Highness that "it was impossible to accept of his offer that the Company's "Troops should Garrison Tanjore under any Conditions "which might be construed to imply a Cession on the "part that the Country should remain under the Nabob's "Management, & the Rajah's Highness might rely on "most attention being paid to her Interests so far as was "consistent with the Orders of our Honble Masters" He President had this Morning received a Letter which he thought to believe contained the Nabob's Assent to the Pleasure of the Court of Directors; but this Letter being very long and, as from the cursory perusal of Mr. Chambers the Translator, The President apprehended the Letter contained Stipulations inconsistent with the Company's Orders, He wished therefore to have another opportunity of conversing with the Nabob, when he should be thoroughly acquainted with the Substance of this Letter, and words for that purpose written as soon as the Letter was translated, But on the present Occasion, that would be too long

occasioned, It is Resolved, that Lieutenant Colonel James Commanding at Trichinopoly, be directed, to order Lieut. Colonel Harper with the European Battallion, the Company of Artillery, Four Battallions of Sepoys, to hold themselves in readiness to take the Field. Orders to be issued to the Paymaster at Trichinopoly to provide all things necessary, but, to be informed that the Troops are not to be put on Batta, untill they are actually under Orders to March.

The Right Honble the President acquaints the Board, that a Paper unsought for, & unsolicited had been put into his hands, that there was no signature affixed to it, — but that it contained Matter of so dangerous a tendency to the Interests of the Company, that he has thought it a precedent to lay it before them

Whereupon the Paper as delivered in by the President is read as followeth,

A Short Memorial

Of Services rendered to his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic Walajaw Gr. &c.

whom he sent upon a secret Commission, to his Majesty's first Minister of State 1767.

The Object of this Commission was to procure relief from the oppressions under which the Nabob was labouring in Alliance with great Britain. It was necessary the Commission should be secret, as well as the Powers to execute it limited for several reasons.

To procure the wished for relief, the means to be employed, were if possible to raise, in the Breast of the Prime Minister a favorable respect for the Nabob, then to lay before him not in the mode of direct complaint, of which he might avail himself against the Company, the distress

of the Prince, likewise to shew the Advantage
arise to the State, from granting him the prop
& supporting him in the Rights of his Alle
11— Upon my Arrival at the Court of St James
the end of the Year 1768 I found two or three
had happened in Administration, the Earl of Ch
retired in such a Manner, from Power, as convi
intelligent upon those Subjects, that there w
of his ever again possessing a Lead in Admi
Earl of Shelburne, had been dismissed at the
the Duke of Grafton, from the Office of Secretary
These Changes however unexpected, did not
Resolution of supporting the cause of the
had the favor of the Sovereign. It was
him, in the support of my Employer
the Favorite & Minister, was a Persuas
tion of the noblest & most steady princip
pointed out his Grace, as the Member
Whose friendship & support must to those
the most desirable to the Cause of the Nabo
sideration of his being at the Head of Affa
to apply to the Duke of Grafton.

Accordingly obtained
the Earl of Warwick, a Letter of Introd
this Letter, which declard from his
knowledge of me, that a perfect
upon my honor & Judgement, I w
presented him with a General
by which the concerns of that Co
public Advantage, & which has

This Plan drew out

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of discovering his Graces Sentiments, before I was explicit; the consequence was favorable, I signified in some degree my Commissions, For the 8th. of Decr. I received a Letter from his Grace to wait of him &c.

It was unnecessary to act with further reserve. His Grace spoke so feelingly of the Oppression, under which the Princes of India labord, from the usurped Authority of the Commercial Subjects of the State.

I then expatiated upon the Superior merits of the Nabob, shewed that he was the Person, to whom Britain owed the rise of her Power in India, that his Attachment & unsullied honor to the English were unparralleld. I then dwelt upon the Personal merits as a Statesman & Gentleman, & shewed that tho' he had assurances of Protection under the Sovereign hand, he was treated with Indignity & even Tyranny —

The Letter & Credential Present were then presented, the Answer of the Duke of Grafton, did honor to the Minister of the best of Kings & the first of Nations —

Sir.

It is my sincere disposition that the Nabob should have every support, that is consistent with the Power & Interests of the Crown to give, I will gladly receive from You every proposal upon that Subject & warmly represent them to my Sovereign & I desire You to believe that the Nabobs Interests, now no longer from my want of Caution, If you write him, inform him of my Wishes for his Prosperity & explain to him that I could not accept his Presents, however great my Respect for him is, I will have no return for the just regard I owe him as a Man, but my own Sensibility — It is from my fidelity

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"fidelity to my Master & Duty to my Country, that Spirit only
"serve him as Minister."—

Overwhelmed with the nothingness of this Answer
I took up the Presents, & sent them on the Name of the Nabob
to his Gracis Secretary, Mr. Broadshaw, upon which Mr.
Broadshaw said—

Sir,

"Was it in my Power to shew my respect
"for the Prince your Master, with such affectionate Zeal, he
"should have every Proof of it. You seem to mistake my
"regard, but You'll forfeit it, if You encourage any
"disgracing the Example of the Duke of Grafton"—

I cannot describe what I felt upon these
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persuade my Employer, that Men in his would receive his
Presents, had any serious Intentions to serve
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Proofs of having insisted upon their being received my
want of perseverance would be found fault with upon my
making them Objections. He Secretary said—

"From the Confidence the Nabob has
"in You, any Representation You are pleased to make
"will convince him, But We do not wish him to
"of things from their representation, but from their
"If he will find his cause espoused here & the consequent
"Effects in his Situation, You will have less difficulty
"in persuading him, that the Minister can be here friend
"without receiving his presents." This passed at a subsequent
Interview, to which I was appointed by a Letter from
Sir Grafton on the 20th January 1769.

2d. — Having represented the Nabob's distress & the Oppressions
under

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under which he labord, in the most cautious manner to his Grace, I availed myself of the Disputes, which subsisted, or were rather commencing between his Grace as first Lord of the Treasury & the India Directors, to enforce the propriety of supporting the Nabob, this Dispute was about the territorial acquisitions of the Company, His Grace was going to refer the decision of this Question to Parliament; I seized the Opportunity. But it is now unnecessary to be explicit upon this Subject. The Nabob may inform himself of my Arguments by looking to the Memorial N.o 2 now in his possession. I can only upon this head refer to the Attestation of the Minutes & Spirit of my writings which had always this useful tendency to the Nabobs Interest, they shewed that the firm support of this Highness, in the right of his Guarantee ment by the Crown, was the best restraint which the Government had upon the Usurpations of the Servants of a certain Company.—

The Nabob will likewise be pleased to inform himself whether there was any public mention made of his Guarantee ment by Article 11th of the Treaty of Paris, prior to my Applications for him in England—

I remember now—

B. — The Cautious Manner in which I presented the Nabobs Applications to the Duke of Grafton, in his Ministerial Character, my Preparatory Address to those Applications was in these Words

To His Grace and Hon.ble Sir

It is not solely in Your Character of First Minister of the British Empire, that Your Grace is entreated to receive these Applications in favor of the Nabob, They are

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"disgracing the Examples of the Duke of Grafton"

I cannot describe what I felt upon this occasion, upon reflecting I thought it would be difficult to persuade my Employer, that Men who would receive his presents, had any serious Intentions to serve him, I likewise apprehended that being without any Proofs of having insisted upon this being received my want of perseverance would be found fault with upon my making them Objections the Secretary said.

"From the Confidence the Rabob has placed
"in You, any Representation You can send Home
"will convince them, But We do not wish them to judge
"of things from their representation, but from their
"If You will find his cause espoused here & the consequent
"Effects on his Situation, You will have left
"in persuading them, that the Minister can be his Friend
"without receiving his presents." This passed at an Audience
Interview, to which I was appointed by a Letter from
his Grace on the 20th January 1769.

2. Having represented the Nabobs interest & the Oppressions

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under which he labord, in the most cautious manner to his Grace, I availed myself of the Disputes, which subsisted, or were rather commencing between his Grace as first Lord of the Treasury & the Indian Directors, to enforce the propriety of supporting the Nabob, this Dispute was about the territorial acquisitions of the Company, His Grace was going to refer the decision of this Question to Parliament, I seized the Opportunity. But it is now unnecessary to be explicit upon this Subject. The Nabob may inform himself of my Arguments by looking to the Memorial No. 2 now on his profession. I can only upon this head refer to the attestations of the Minister & Spirit of my writings which had always this useful tendency to the Nabobs Interest, they shewed that the firm support of his Highness, in the right of his Guaranteement by the Crown, was the best restraint which the Government had upon the Usurpations of the Servants of a certain Company.—

The Nabob will likewise be pleased to inform himself whether there was any public mention made of this Guaranteement by Article 4th of the Treaty of Paris, prior to my Applications for him in England—

I remember none—

3. — The Cautious Manner in which I presented the Nabobs Applications to the Duke of Grafton, in his Ministerial Character, my Preparatory Address to those Applications was in these Words

To His Grace and Your Lo[rd]s &c.

It is not solely in Your Character of First Minister of the British Empire, that Your Grace is expected to receive these Applications in favor of the Nabob, They are

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are likewise addressed to Your Grace, as the Personages
whose Rank, Greatness & Liberality of mind, render You
the most worthy of receiving the address of Princes, Who
are allied to your Nation, as Your Zeal & Influence, as
Servants of Your Country & reasonability of the Rights of Mankind, render Your Grace the most capable of promoting
those Alliances to the Mutual Advantages of the State
& the Princes on whom they are bestowed. From the
tenor of my Applications & Representations of the Nabobs
Merits, I will venture to say that I have obtained from
the Friendship & Esteem of their Graces, of this the Nabob
shall give a most incontestible Proof.

4th I shall Stock at my own proposed Expence, to
bring about an Act of Parliament, limiting the Power
of the Company's Servants, & making it a Crime in them
against the State to interfere with the Government &
Succession of the Indian Princes on a Treaty with the
Company. They Endeavour to make this Act, practicable
only relative to the Nabob & his Posterity.

A Copy of my Proposal, to this purpose, ac-
cepted by the Secretary of my Connections, shall be ready to
lay it before Lord North, & Mr. Dyson, as soon as the
leave of the Nabob have, this Night's wrote for. That
I stipulated to be at the Expence of the Act & out of
my own Pocket, the Publicity of it, the wise I hope to
render it.

5th The manner in which I executed the Nabob's
first & grand Injunction to me, his desire of raising
a Capital of seventy Lacks of Rupees, to be Published
at the low Interest of two p.r Cent, the Words of my
Proposal

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Proposal upon this Subject to his Grace the first Lord of his Majesty's Treasury as follows —

Proposal — The Nabob from his knowledge of Security of the British Haven, the precarious tenure of pecuniary Property in India, & his desire of providing for his Youngest Children, proposes to invest a Capital of 30 Lacks of Rupees in any of the National Stocks of Britain, as the Minister would direct them, the Money would be remitted to Europe, in three Annual Payments on Receipts of three Sums, Obligations drawn upon so that the Nabob might be secure, his Property should be remitted to him —

If the foregoing Proposal should not be agreeable, the Nabob would lend the same or a greater Capital to the Treasury, a Pledge of his Fidelity towards & Trust in the British State —

ϕ It is impossible for me to express the noble and unbounded Idea, which this confidential Proposal gave of the Nabob to the Minister.

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My subsequent & frequent Interviews with the Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Bradshaw, as appears by his Letters which are on the Orders of the Dates viz 1769. May 16th 2 Jo. 30. June 17th July 7th Sept 27th 2 Jo. 30, Oct. 19th Nov. 17th in 1770 Jany. 13th Feby 9 & 10 & 20 These Interviews were all to advance the Nabobs Interest, & cannot as a future date this Interesting Subject of them here, they might afford Subject for a Volume, they are not now so material, since the Object sought in Confidence, is obtained, His Majesty has been pleased to grant the Support —

6th — My going to Sir John Lindsay, at his House in Bentick Street, at the time he was getting his Secret

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4th. The Nabob Took at my own proposal to bring about an Act of Parliament, limiting the Power of the Company's Servants, & making it a Crime in them against the State to interfere with the Government & Succession of the Indian Princes in Treaty with the Company. They Endeavour to make their Act, as far as they relative to the Nabob & his Property.

A Copy of my Proposal, to this purpose, accepted by the Secretary of my Correctors, that I may lay it before Lord North, & Mr. Dyson, as soon as the Nabob knows this Step, he is to write me that he stipulated to do at the Expence of the Act, & of my own Pocket, the Utility of it, the wise Steps to ensure it.

5th. The manner in which I executed the Nabob's first & grand Injunctions was, his drawing on me for a Capital of twenty Lacks of Rupees, to be settled at the low Interest of four per Cent, the Month of

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Proposal upon this Subject to his Grace, as first Lord of his Majesty's Treasury as follows —

Proposal — The Nabob from his knowledge, & Security of the British Saints, the precarious tenure of pecuniary Property in India, & his desire of providing for his Youngest Children, proposes to invest a Capital of 70 Lacks of Rupees in any of the National Stocks of Britain, as the Minister would direct, the Money would be remitted to Europe, on those Annual Payments on Receipts of three Sums, Obligations drawn expres so that the Nabob might be secure, his Property should be remitted to him —

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Secret

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Secret Commission & my recommending to him, then & there, after by Letter in a warm manner to support the Nabob, my urging him to wait on the Duke of Grafton, to get a more enlarged Commission. Sir John Lindsay's answer to me upon this occasion, was much in the Style of a Gentleman & Minister; He said, he would disinterestedly support the Nabob according to his Powers from his Master, that his Commission came immediately thro' Lord Weymouth, the Secretary of State, & that he would wait on the Duke of Grafton out of Compliment due to the Minister

This might be one cause why the Duke said only to him, when he did wait; Take care the Servants of the Company do not make War to the Prejudice of the State & its Allies, for their own Emolument — Sir John write Shape attest for me, how I wanted him to be present, at the Account I gave the Nabob of the discharge of my Commission the reasons were Ministerial for not being present —

To this I will add the Step I took on London to procure the Nabob a security against the Supervisors, by endeavouring to find out Mr. Vansittart's Intention under his own hand, this I did in a manner I cannot publickly explain, Mr. Vansittart Letter will shew this, & the use to which I turned it for the Nabob —

The Friends Interested in the Nabob's prosperity (besides those of the Ministry) I endeavoured without discovering to them my Commission, those Friends Interested for the Nabob, for fear of a change in Administration, the Chief of them is the Earl of

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of Shelbourne, whom I found very inquisitive in his conversation, about the affairs of the Carnatick, as may appear by a Letter with which I was honord by his Lordship; I wrote his Lordship over land from the Malabar Coast; After receipt of my Charge from the Nabob — But he was out of Ministry upon my arrival in England, & violently in opposition, I never asked whether he received my Letter, tho I believe he did, for he judged me to be on the Nabobs interest, I could not explain any thing to his Lordship, But at his request sent him the Pamphlets, about the Nabobs affairs, especially that, when it was proposed to raise the Nabob to the Mussnud of the Decan, You see said his Lordship how attentive I am to their Subjects —

"I request your Lordship to continue so, was my answer, this passed when I took leave, He spoke well of the Nabob & to whom he had presented, the fine Diamond Ring by Mr. Palk to his Majesty —

The Earl of Warwick, Lord Grenville &c. the Friendship of the Earl of Warwick is so distinguished, that he forbids any return of Presents, to them, I might add many other respectable Names, but Circumstances forbid —

8.th My Publications for a Year & half in favor of the Nabob — The aim of these Publications was to Interest not Ministers & Directors alone, in his favor but the whole British Nation, see the Letters in the Public Advertizer signed & the Letters dated from Arlington Street, to have the Ministers hired — In these Publications I proclaimed the Royal &

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& Ministerial determination of supporting the Nabob, especially against any unjust Debts, that might be brought against him, for the Expences of the late War, but how I may speak for the unlocked But I will venture to assert, that in relation to the Expence of the War, I have rendered a signal Service to the Nabob. —

But from all my Publick Labours in favor of the Nabob, I must distinguish the Character & Point of View, which I published in Major Davis's History 2d. Edition & the Article, I got inserted in the same History, Vindicating the Nabobs Father Anaverdeen Cawn, from a Charge the Historian had laid upon him, that of murdering his Predecessor Abdallah. —

Copies of this History so printed at a great Expence were put in the hands of the Ministry with what related to the Nabob, in red Characters. —

The cause of this Publication in support of the Nabobs honor, was a suspicion that his Enemies were whispering against his fidelity to the Crown upon the arrival of the Duton (1769) East India Man, from India, in December, which Event, detained me half a Year longer at the Court of London; It was upon this occasion I addressed the authorities Letter, in support of the Nabob, to the Superviser in the Publick Advertizer. —

A very effectual, tho' now general Answer to that Libellous Publication rendered from Fear to the Nabob, was the restraint they occasioned at the India House, & the Light they gave this Attention

Secretary

Ft St George 22 Jany 1776

Secretary Mr Wood, this Person of this honor will admit.

9th That he returned to India endured a most perilous Voyage, by undertaking Negociation effectual, to the Nabob's Interest, not to solicit Rewards & Expences, which I might have had better perhaps permitted to me in England.

But above all that I have spent the greatest part of my Fortune, & four Years of the most interesting part of my Life, in rendering these Services & others which I can only explain in Conversation with the Nabob.

In answer to this Memorial, How Who attended solely to the Nabob's immediate convenience will ask, what Proofs have you brought of these Services.

This is a Question which the Nabob himself will be cautious of putting, But the answer would be no Embarrassment.

The Event of the Negociation my honor confirmed You in which the trust & confidence were put in the Power of the Nabob's distress. The Letters under the hand & seals of the Duke of Grafton & the Secretary of the Treasury, attesting to that honor, the Letters from the Nabob's Friends, my Publications & the particulars of this Memorial, My request at my arrival here, that his Majesty's Minister should be present, at the Account I gave, of my Negociation, my reading & earnest desire, to give the Nabob, under my hand & seal, this Memorial of a secret Negociation, without receiving the Expences I incurred & the Rewards promised for effecting the Business I undertook.

What other Proofs are wanted, if

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if there are any more wanted, they must be obtained by Command of his Majesty to his Ministry; The Negociation then becomes a public one, I have in that Event the happiness to feel, that I have done my Duty as a Man of honor, & fidelity to the Trust reposed in me by the Nabob, as a faithful Subject to his Majesty —

The only Bonds I had, for the Expences I was to incur & my proposed services, were the honor & gratitude of the Nabob, which will never be forfeited by his most faithful Servant. —

Mr. M.r Pherson called before the Board, & asked whether he is the Author of the Memorial

At the desire of the President Mr. M.r Pherson is then called before the Board & upon being asked, whether or not he is the Author of it, the same being first read to him — He replies — That it is impossible for him to give a precise answer to that Question, the Paper being neither wrote on his hand, nor signed by him — Nor does the President inform him, that he has received it from any Authority — He is a Paper of considerable length and refers to Transactions previous to his being in the Company's Service —

Mr. M.r Pherson is then ordered to withdraw —

The 2.d Circar Battalion of Sepoys to Garrison Ellore.

General Sir Rob.t Fletcher recommends that the 2.d Circar Battalion of Sepoys be ordered to Garrison the Fort of Ellore, on the Departure of Colonel Flint with the Europeans

The 6.th with Manchisa-tam —

& that the 6.th Circar Battalion of Sepoys be ordered to do Duty in the Garrison of Manchisa-tam — Approved & ordered accordingly — &

that the Battering Cannon & Ball the Stores which

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which may not be required, for the Sepoys at Ellore to be returned to Masulipatam & that the Buttocks be dismissed.

Mr. Doveton appointed Cadet

General Sir Robert Fletcher recommends that Mr. Gabriel Doveton be appointed a Cadet on this Establishment & Ajt. Sword Gordeed accordingly

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Hy. Watson
Henry Brooke
Claud. Russell
Dalrymple
A. Wm
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Prst.

Tuesday
23. Janr. 1776

George Stratton — R. Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson — Hen.y Brooke
Claud Russell — Alex.r Dalrymple
J. M. Lane — Arch.d Palmer
Fran.s Sourdain — Geo.e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read —

Memot of the Proceedings respecting Mr. M.c Pherson's Conduct, & recommending that he be dismissed —

+ The Right Honble the President having given time to consider the Subject of what passed in Yesterday's Consultation, at which Mr. M.c Pherson when sent for before the Board, and asked if he was the Author of the Memorial then read to him, in answer in a vague manner replyd that "he could not give a positive "answer, that it was not written in his hand, nor signd "by him, & that it referd to transactions before he was in "the Company's Service". — The President observed to the Board that a Person holding such Principles & being concerned in such transactions who at the same time should apply to be appointed into the Service of that Community, in whom he was endeavouring to destroy was instead of an exhortation the highest aggravation, & that Mr. M.c Pherson's reply is a clear proof not only that he is the author, but that he still holds the same principles, unfaithful to the Company & inimical to their Interest and is therefore a very improper Person to remain in their Service. On which Account, He strongly recommended to the Board that John M.c Pherson be dismissed from the Company's Service, which instance of contempt & misconduct,

the

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He has great reason to think will tend very much to bring the Affairs of the Company to Order.

Carried in the affirmation by a Majority of the Board 9 to 2 —

Mess.rs Stratton, Brooke, Sourdon and Mackay, deliver in the following Minutes. —

Minute of Mess.rs Stratton Brooke, Sourdon & Mackay —

We assent to the Motion of the Right Honble the President because we are satisfied that Mr. Mc Pherson is the Author of the Paper, which was delivered at the Board by the President, & read to Mr. Mc Pherson, because We think that a Man of the intriguing disposition which that Paper shews Mr. Mc Pherson to be, is very unfit to be employd as a Servant of the Company; — but now especially, because We believe Mr. Mc Pherson has been concerned in the Intrigues, which the greater part of the Board must be sensible, have lately been carried on at the Nabobs Durbar, to the Detriment of the Company's Service, & which may have impeded the Execution of their late Orders. —

We think that the peculiar Circumstances of the Case, & the present critical situation of Affairs, not only render such an example necessary, but justify the manner of doing it — Nevertheless We are fully & clearly of Opinion that in general when a Charge may be made against any Servant of the Company, the mode prescribed in the 20.th Article of their printed Regulations to Bengal, bearing date ought to be strictly adhered to — nor ever deviated from

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from but when some particular emergency may re-
quire an immediate examples —

" Geo. Stratton
" Henry Brooke
Francis Fowke
" Geo: Mackay

Mr. Stratton's ad-
-ditional minute.

Mr. Stratton subscribes to every part of the foregoing Minute except referring to the Para of the Printed Instruc-
tions for he does not look on them as any ways binding on us, notwithstanding which he is of opinion that in cases where a Charge is wanted to be proved a sufficient time should be given to the Party to make his defence — in the case of Mr. M.c Pherson this does not appear to Mr. Stratton any ways necessary for had not Mr. M.c Pherson been the Author of this Paper, he was at full liberty to say so when called upon, but as his answer implys that he was the Author, Mr. Stratton therefore gives his Assent to the Resolution taken by the Majority of the Board. —

" Geo. Stratton

General Sir Robert Fletcher's Minute against the Motion —

Sir Robert Fletcher cannot consent to the dismission of Mr. M.c Pherson, because he thinks the case of Mr. M.c Pherson comes within the 20.th Article of the Company's Instructions, a mode of proceeding which the Board has not observed —

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Mr. Palmer dissents from the Resolution of the Majority —

although

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Mr. Palmer's Dissent —

Although Mr. Palmer thinks Mr. M.c Pherson's Conduct deserving of Censure, yet he cannot but dissent from the opinion of the Board in dismissing him the Service, As so great a space of time has elapsed since the time of the Transactions of Complaint against him, And that at the time the circumstances did happen, Mr. M.c Pherson was not a Servant of the Company —

Archdale Palmer

The following Letter being wrote & approved the Secretary is ordered to send it to Mr. M.c Pherson —

To Mr. John M.c Pherson

Sir.

Letter to Mr. M.c Pherson, his dismission. —

I am commanded by the Right Honble the President & Council to acquaint you, that they have thought proper to dismiss you from the Service of the East India Company — & you are hereby dismissed accordingly —

Dated in Fort St. George the 23d. Jan.y 1776 —

By Order of the President & Council

R. Sulivan Sec.y

Pigot

Geo. Stratton

W.m Lushington

Geo. Dawson

Henry Brooke

Claud Russell

Dalrymple

Alex.r Davidson

Gen.l Mackay

Archdale Palmer

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23d This Day the following Letters were dispatched conformably to the Minutes of Consultation.

To Mr Alexr Davidson
and the Council at Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam respecting the Station of the Circar Battalions.

The Right Honble the President Council are pleased to direct, that the 2. Circar Battalion Commanded by Capt. Powell be ordered to Garrison the Fort of Ellore, on the departure of Col. Flint, with the Europeans, & that the sixth Circar Battalion under the Command of Capt. Lysaght be ordered to do Duty in the Garrison of Masulipatam And further, they are pleased to direct, that the Battering Cannon, & all the Stores which may not be required for the Sepoys at Ellore, be returned to Masulipatam, & that the Bullocks be dismissed

I am

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23d Janry 1776.

Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
Richd Sullivan Secy

To Lieut. Col. Edwd James
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir,

To Lt. Col. James Troops to hold themselves in readiness to take the Field.

You will on the receipt hereof direct Lieut. Col. Harper with the European Battalion of Sepoys, the Company of Artillery, Lorne Battalion of Sepoys to hold themselves in readiness to take the Field.

The Paymaster is now directed to provide all things necessary; But the Troops are not to

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to be put on Batta, until they are actually under Or-
ders to March. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants
Pigot &c.a Council

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To Mr. William Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Sir.

To Mr. Wynch
Paymaster, in
consequence.

An Order being this Day sent to
Lieut. Col. James, directing Lt. Col. Harper with the
European Battalion, the Company of Artillery, &
one Battalion of Sepoys to hold themselves in readi-
ness to take the Field; You are hereby directed to pro-
vide all things necessary: But the Troops are not
to be put on Batta, until they are actually under
Orders to march. I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
R. Sulivan Secy

Fort St. George
23. Jany 1776

At a Consultation Present

Thursday
25th Jan.y 1776.

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Pres.t
Geo.e Stratton
Geo.e Dawson
Claud Russell
J. M. Stone
Franc.s Sourdan
R.t Fletcher
Hy Brooke
Alex.r Dalrymple
Arch.e Palmer
Geo.e Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The Right Honble the President ac-
quaints the Board, that he has received Assurances from the

Gov

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Presidents Minute the Nabob consents to evacuate Sauor —

the Nabob, that he will give immediate Orders for the removal of all his Troops from Sauor, except 1000 Sepoys who will remain in that Fort, until the same be garrisond by the Company's Troops, agreably to the Letter, which he has this morning received from him, the translation of which is as followeth.

From the Nabob

Letter from the Nabob to the same purport. —

I have read the Company's Orders sent along with you, & I have answerd them in my Letter of Janry 1776. I am satisfied to admit the Company's Garrison into Sauor, & you may order them to march into it the 15th Day, reckoning from this Date & I will order my Troops to leave that place. —

Dated 25th Jany. 1776. —

What can I say more ?

The Board being thoroughly satisfied with the above Letter from the Nabob, agree that the President write an address the following Letter to his Highness.

To the Nabob.

To the Nabob in reply —

I am to thank your Highness for the Mark You have by your Letter of this Day given of your steady friendship for my Employers the East India Company, by complying with the Orders I have received from them to put a Garrison into Sauor & altho' it was impossible for me to receive that place on any Conditions Yet you may be assured of every mark of my attention to your Interest so far as shall be consistent with the Company's Orders. —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
25th Jany. 1776.

Your Highness's most Obed. & most Hble Servant

Pigot.

The

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Letter from the Nabob, in reply to the Company's Orders regarding Tanjore —

Sr Robt Fletcher's report of Mr Bate.

The Letter alluded to in the foregoing from the Nabob, being translated is now read as entered in Cons: Corr: No. 2 together with that received this Day from the Nabob, & the answer returned to it Cons: Corr: No. 3, & No. 4.

General Sir Robert Fletcher, acquainting the Board, he has reason to believe from the information he has received, that Mr. Robert Spearman late Bate, is unworthy of the indulgence he desires of being readmitted into the Company's Service —

Mr Bate requests in vain not granted.

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to the Chief & Cot at Vizagapatam, directing them to acquaint Mr. Bate, that from the reports they have heard of him, they cannot comply with his request to be readmitted into the Company's Service —

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Claud Russell
Dalrymple
J Hay
Archd Dale Palmer
Jonathan Duncan
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 26th Jany. 1776.

The Right Honble Lord Pigot President
George Stratton — R. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alex. Dalrymple
I. M. Stone — Archd. Palmer
Franc. Fourdan — Geo. Mackay.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The Nabob having promised to evacuate Tanjore — wrote

The Nabob having acquainted the Right Honble the President, that he shall forthwith remove from Tanjore, all the Troops he has in that Fortress, one thousand Sepoys, It is thought advisable to direct that the following Order be issued.

To Lieut. Colonel James
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir,

Letter to Col. James & Col. Harper with the Europeans, Artillery & Battalion that shall of Sepoys to march to Vellum —

The Right Honble the President & Council are pleased to direct, that immediately on receipt hereof, you will order Lt. Colonel Harper with the Battalion of Europeans, the Company of Artillery, Some Battalion & a half of Sepoys, with four Field Pieces, & Stores in proportion, to march to Vellum, & remain there until further Order. Half a Battalion only being destined to garrison Trichinopoly for the present. — I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant
R. I. Sulivan Secy.

Fort St. George
26th Jany. 1776.

To Lieut. Col. Harper

Sir.

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Letter to Col Harper orders him encamp with the Detachment near Vellum.

I am commanded by the Right Honble the President &c to inform You, that you are to encamp near Vellum, with the Battallion of Europeans, Company of Artillery, & a Battallion of Sepoys, & that Captain Godfray will receive Orders to join you, with the Battallion under his Command; The other half Battallion ordered to march under your Command to Garrison Vellum for the present

I am
Sir.
Your most Obedient Servant
R. Sulivan Secy

Fort S. George
26th Jany 1776

To Mr. Willm Wynch
Paymaster at Trichinopoly

Sir.

Letter to Mr Willm Wynch, Paymaster.

You are to accompany the Detachment Ordered from Trichinopoly under the Command of Lt. Col. Harper, & to defray all the Expences attending the same as well as the Expence of such other Troops as may hereafter be added to that Command, untill you shall receive Orders to the Contrary.

Dated in Fort S. George this 26th Day of Jany 1776.

Signed by Order of the President &c
R. Sulivan Secy

To Capt: Godfrey.
Commanding at Vellum

Sir.

Ltr to Capt. Godfrey to put himself & his Battallion under the Comd of Col. Harper.

The Right Honble the President & Council are pleased to direct, that when Lt. Colonel Harper encamps near Vellum, you with march out with your Battallion & put yourself under his Command

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Command. Lieut. Col. Harper with order 5 Companys of another Battallion to Garrison Vellore.—

Fort St. George
26th Jany. 1776.

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.
R. Sulivan Jun.y

The Right Honble the President layi before the Board, the following translate of a Letter from the Governor of Colombo.

Colombo 12th Dec.r 1775.

To the Honble Lord Pigot.
Governor
at Fort St. George

Sir.

Letter from the Governor of Colombo two Deserters from Putlam go to Trichinopoly—4 four Deserters stopped at Tuticorin

I have the honor to congratulate You upon your near return to India, to take the Reins of a Government, which is indebted to you for its present Splendor, & I am anxious to hear of your happy Arrival at Madras.—

Captain Money delivered to me your obliging Letter of the 8th Curt. & the Day after, I dispatched the Letter to Governor Wynch, which you addressed to me, also a Packet for the Secretary of Madras, which Captain Money requested I would send by the same Opportunity to its Destination. The Captain set sail, in Order to proceed on his Voyage to Bombay, without speaking to me of Trade.—For Colombo does not supply any Articles for the China Market.

Two of Our Soldiers, one Named Peter Andries a native of Stroomstad, & the other Mathew Ladenca a native of Harbourg, deserted from

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from Tutukoury the 2d of November, & went to Pa-
-lamcotah, Our Chief Mr. Angelbeck, demanded them
immediately from the English Commandant Mr. Hop-
-kins, he was told, that these Deserters having arrived
there, at a time when the Commandant was absent, the
Officer who commanded in his Place, on their first
arrival, caused them to be arrested, but, upon their de-
-claring that they were in the Nabob's Service, they
were set at Liberty, and, immediately set out for
Tritchinopoly. The Original Letter from Captain
Hopkins, is herewith enclosed; I have the utmost
confidence in your honor, & hope through your
Authority, to have these Deserters restored to Us, as on Our
side, we shall ever punctually observe the custom
of stopping English Deserters — The Chief of
Tonconallee caused four to be stopped a few Weeks
ago, whom We are desirous to return by the first
occasion —

I have the honor to be with the most perfect
regard. —

Sir,

Your very humble, &
very humble Servant.

(signed)

Minute of the Board: Orders to the Commandants of the several Garrisons respecting European Stragglers.

Ordered, that a Letter be wrote to the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly, to know from him whether two such Men as those mentioned in the Governor of Colombo's Letter, are now, or have been in that Garrison since the 2d November, the day on which they are reported to have deserted from Tutukoreen. And to forward every Complaint of the like nature in future, the

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The Secretary is ordered, to write to the several Commandants of out Garrisons, directing them to stop all straggling Europeans, who have not passports, & to secure them, until they shall receive further Orders. The President is requested to reply to the Governor of Colombo, & to acquaint him that Measures are taking, to apprehend the Deserters he mentions, & if they are found, that they shall be delivered up to the Dutch, agreeably to the Cartel, subsisting between the two Nations.

Read Letter from the Nabob, entered in Co: Corr: N°. 5. — acknowledging the receipt of the Presidents Letter of Yesterday.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
Wm Lindsay
Geo. Barnes
Henry Brooke
Lawe Ferguson
Dalrymple
A. Wynch
Archdale Palmer
Fraser Lumsden
Geo. Mackay

Fort St. George 30th Jan.y 1776.

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r Pres.t &c.
George Stratton ~ Robt. Fletcher.
George Dawson ~ Henry Brooke
Tuesday Claud Russell ~ Alex.r Dalrymple
30th Jan.y J. M. Stone ~ Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan ~ George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read

Read Letter & Report from the Committee of Stores, & Letter from the Commissary of Stores.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you Our Minutes of the 27th Instant— the Consultation for 1777. & a Letter from the Commissary of Stores—

Letter from the Committee of Stores.

Fort St. George Jan.y 29th 1776.—

We are with Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very devoted humble Servants
Robt. Fletcher
Geo.e Dawson
Patrick Ross
Math.w Horne

At a Committee of Stores. Present

Fort St. George 27th Jan.y 1776.—

Brig.r Gen.l Sir Robt. Fletcher
George Dawson Esq.r & Lt. Col.l Ross.
& Major Horne.

The

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Extract of their Proceedings replying to the Remarks of the Court of Directors. —

The Committee having met this Morning at the Contractors Yard in the Black Town examined the following Gun Carriages —

12 Pdrs with Limbers — 15

18 Do — Do — 8.

which are directed to be received into the Arsenal —

Returns of the Arms &c. of Capt. Godfreys Battalion being now sent in — the Indent of the 31st May last is directed to be complied with. —

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Committee that there are a Number of Tents at the Mount which are represented as unserviceable — Resolved that the Commissary of Stores be sent to examine & make a Report of them to the Committee —

The Committee being of opinion that it would be very proper to have the Company's Mark on all their Tents, directed that it be in future on the Fly, Inner Tents & Walls of the Tents made up for the Company's Use. —

The Clerk lays before the Committee a Letter from the Commissary of Stores — Notwithstanding frequent Remonstrance, the Committee observe the same Defects in the Musquito's & the extraordinary badness of the Flints sent out from Europe is an Annual Complaint —

The Clerk lays before the Committee an Extract from the Honble Company's General Letter of the 3d of March 1775 which is entered with the Remarks thereon. —

Letter —

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Letter. — Remarks of the Committee

Par. 8th — Upon examining Your Indents, We have to observe in the Article of Drums that for some Years past Drums have been sent in Short at Your own Recommendation, Call this by your last Indent, you desire they may be sent compleat. Twelve Sheets, alledging that the People employed in making up the Drums execute their Business very badly, yet as a considerable Saving in point of Tonnage is made by the former Method, We have thought proper to continue it, hoping your Complaint respecting the Work now will be removed by more Practice —

Par. 8. The Drums are indented for in Sheets.

Par. 9th — As there is not any particular reason assigned for Indenting, for twenty four Short Pounder Brass Guns of very so uncommon a length as four feet eight Inches, which is only four Inches shorter than the Six Pounder Field Piece in the Kings Service, We order that they now sent to be made

Par. 9th The Guns mentioned in this Paragraph were intended for the Nabobs Canal. There have been received this last Season, no Guns of any kind from Europe —

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made according to the Go-
vernments present Pattern
which is three feet six Inches
long, but there are twenty
Guns of that Calibre now in
store at your Presidency.
We conclude ten more will be
quite sufficient for your occasions.

Par. 10th The Marquess sent this Year are of the last Pattern, & the Inspector has been directed to take particular care that they await perfect & in every respect made alike.

Par. 10th The Marquess sent out are not yet all perfect as appears by the above Letter from the Commissary of Stores.

Par. 11th In the Military Indent you desire a supply of ten thousand Shells of 5 2/6 Inches Ø by the Columns of Remains do not allow any to be in Store, this must have been either an accidental Mistake, or intended as a deception for by the Storekeeper's Account them appears to be no less than 22.506 Shells of 5/2 Inches in Store on the 31st Dec.r 1773 — and as they have not any Mortars or Howitzers of any Calibre between 5/2 Inches & 6 2/2 Inches, they must be designed for

Par. 11th The 5 2/2 Inch Howitz sent out for some Years past have been of the New Construction as have been also the Shells, but the 5 2/2 Inch Mortars of the Old Pattern being much lower than the New, the Mortars would not receive the Shells sent out for them — By this account Shells of 5 2/2 Inches were indented for, by the Columns of Remains in the Indent did not specify the Shells were Store as not being fit to use with the Mortars. —

The Committee represented this matter to the Board for

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for the former, We have then the 28th April 1773 — recommended 4000 Shells of 4 — intending at the same time that 5 1/2 Inches instead of the Queen a Royal might be made to fitty & size You indented how the Mortars to the proper Dimensions which has since been done with success. —

The Clerk lays before the Committee a Report of Old Accoutrements received from the Artillery Also a List of Stores made up in the last Month Musters of which being approved they are directed to be received. —

The Committee proceed to make out the Annual Indent for Stores for 1777, which is agreed to be laid before the President & Council. —

Robt. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Patrick Ross.
Matheo Horne.

To Sir Robt. Fletcher Brigr. General
& Gentlemen of the Committee of Stores.
Gentlemen.

Letter from Capt. Manoury, complaining of Arms & Flints received from Europe

Thirty two of the Arms Received this Year from Europe are fitted up for the Old Barrels new Bored, of which some are cracked, others have holes thro' them, & most of them too high in the Bore — Thirty are made by Wilson & two by Debenham. —

The Flints sent out this Season are very bad; of 60,000 received, only 7,000 are fit for Field Service. I am Gentlemen,

Your very obed. humble Servant.

Fort St. George
30th of Decr. 1775.

I. Manoury. Comm.y of Stores
Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved that 9 24lbr Guns, at Manu-
-lipatam, be brought to the Presidency, & that
the representation of the Commissary of Stores, be men-
-tioned in the next General Letter to the Court of Directors.

Minute in com-
-mendation of
Capt. Eddington
for the good dis-
-cipline of his
Battalion of
Sepoys.

Lord Pigot & Sir Rob.t Fletcher acquaint
the Board, that they were much pleased with the good
discipline & the Soldier like Appearance of Captain
Eddington's Battalion of Sepoys, which was reviewed
this Morning; and as a mark of their great approbation
& an inducement to others, that they mean to return
Captain Eddington their thanks in Public Orders
for his extraordinary attention to the good Order & dis-
-cipline of his Corps.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
M. Lindsay
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Gerald Ruspini
A. Dalrymple
A. Wynch
Archibald Palmer
Thomas Longden
Jer.h Mackay

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26th Came in Letter from Colonel Flint

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Colonel Flint

I have this Instant received your Orders of the 15th Instant thro' your Secretary and the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, & immediately gave the necessary directions for Marching the Troops as therein ordered — I am

with the greatest Respect
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Wm Flint

Ellore
20th Jany. 1776.

27th Came in Letter from Colonel Joanes, Commanding at Trichinopoly

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Col. Joanes

Last Night I was honoured with your Commands of the 23. Instant & have put Orders accordingly for the European Battallion, with the Company of Artillery, & the Second Battallion of Sepoys to hold themselves in readiness to take the Field. —

The Honble Board may depend on my Vigilance in having everything in readiness for the intended Service with as much expedition as possible, & I hope they will approve of my ordering the Paymasters People to furnish a Months provisions for four hundred Men.

To Fort St. George 5th Feby. 1776

Trichinopoly
27th Jany. 1776.

Mess. Iremain with due Respect
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient and
most faithful Servant.
Edw. Iames

At
February 1st Came in Letter from Mr. Terence Gahagan
To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Mr. Gahagan desiring to be mentioned in the General Letter.

I had the honor to receive a Letter from your Secretary, informing me that You were pleased to grant my request, for permission to return to England — In consequence of which I have solicited Captain Barwell for a Passage on board the Ankerwyke. Permit me My Lord & Gentlemen once more, to remind You of the most material circumstances of my last request, upon which my hopes of success are principally founded. That you will condescend to mention me in Your General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors in as favorable a manner as You think my Character & Length of Service deserves.

I have the honor to subscribe myself —
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Terence Gahagan

Madras
31st Jany. 1776.

Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore —

N.B. The following Letter was this day dispatched to Lt. Colonel Harper together with one enclosed from the President to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Co. Corr: No. 6.

I.

Fort St. George Feby. 1776

To Lieut: Colonel Humphry Harper

Sir.

To Lt. Col. Harper directing him to relieve the Nabobs Troops in the Fort of Tanjore

Having received assurances from the Nabob, that he has given Orders, for all his Troops to evacuate the Fort of Tanjore, except the number of one Thousand Men; You are on the 9th of this Month, to march with the Detachment, under your Command, & having previously sent the accompanying Order to the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Fort of Tanjore, to demand Admission. The Commander in Chief will give you the necessary Instructions, on this Occasion, as to the manner in which you are to relieve the Garrison; We shall therefore only add, that you are to confine Yourself to this Objects alone, the Safety of the Fort, and the Protection of the Rajah & his Family. Enclosed is a Letter from the Right Honble the President to the Rajah, which You will deliver with your own hand, as soon as is convenient, after You are in possession of the Fort.

We have consented that the Nabob's Kidar shall remain in the Town, until further Order: & you will therefore shew him every proper attention. —

Accompanying We send you a Warrant empowering You to call a General Court Martial to be held in Tanjore & its dependancies; We are

Sir

Your most Obdt Servants

Pigot &c. &c.

Fort St. George
2. Feby. 1776

Fort St. George 5th Feby. 1776

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. & Presid.
Geo. Stratton — R. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alex. Dalrymple
I. M. Stone — Arch. Palmer
Fran. Sourdain — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Bill from Mr. Chambers, as Executor to the Estate of the late Colonel John Wood, as entered hereafter.

Mr. Chambers's Bill for Colonel Wood's House Rent.

The Honble Company Dr.

To House Rent from the 21st of December 1769 to the 22d of November 1773. being three Years & Eleven Months at 50 Pags. pr. Month } Pags. 2,350

E.E.

Fort St. George the 29th Jany. 1776.

Pr. Wm. Chambers
as Executor to the Estate of the late Colonel John Wood

Ordered to be paid.

The Honble the Court of Directors in their Commands 3. March 1775 direct, that all Arrears of House Rent shall be paid the Representatives of Colonel Wood, from the Day of his being dismissed the Service, to that of his Death. Ordered therefore, that the Bill be paid accordingly.

Read the following Letters from Lt. Col. James Commanding at Trichinopoly, & Capt. Godfrey Commanding at Vellum.

To the Right Honble the Lord Pigot
President & Governor &c. Council

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of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Lt. Colonel James.

I have the honor to inform you, Col. Harper with the Troops nominated by the Right Honble the President &c. to proceed to Vellaure, Marched from this Garrison Yesterday and is arrived at Tourgoody without any impediment

I have the honor to remain with the greatest Respect

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obdt. and most faithful Servant

Edw. James

Trichinopoly 1st Feby. 1776.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Capt. Godfrey Commanding at Vellaure.

I herewith send you a Return of the Troops in the Garrison of Vellaure under my Command for the Month of January last.

Colonel Harper will be here tomorrow with his Detachment, when I shall join him with the 12th Battalion of Sepoys, Agreeable to the Orders of the Board, and am with the greatest Respect

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Robt. Godfrey

Vellaure 1st Feby. 1776.

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Mr. Pherson

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

Governor &c. &c. & the other Members of Council

Choultry Plain 1st Feby. 1776.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I

Ft. Fort St. George 5th Feby. 1776

Letter from Mr. McPherson on the Subject of his Dismission & desiring a Copy of the Proceedings against him.

I have received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Sullivan, dated the 23d. of January, in which he informs me, that You have been pleased to dismiss me from the Service of the Honble Company.

That a Punishment the severest You could inflict, & so deeply injurious to my Honor & Interest, should precede any Advertisement given me of a Delinquency — cannot but affect with astonishment & concern.

From the Commencement of my Service to the Company, this Government has title now distinguished me with favor, & was often pleased to honor me with marks of the greatest confidence. I had every reason to expect a continuance of the same favor, under the administration of the Noble Person, now at the head of this Government; whose Character I had long respected & admired. —

Considerations of Gratitude & Obedience founded upon these Circumstances, have induced me, for some days, to submit silently to my Dismission. I thought that the Board, if even disregardful of my Situation, would in justice to themselves & their Superiors, have ordered me a Copy of their Proceedings against me. I now find that any longer silence may be prejudicial to me. I consider that my Defence, which in Justice & Propriety, ought to accompany the Advertisement of my Dismission, may be frustrated for the present, by the speedy Departure of the Ship

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Ship now under Dispatch for Europe ——

It cannot surely be displeasing to the Honble Board that I should claim the Privilege of a Defence; tho' in that Defence must be involved a Complaint of my having been dismissed without a hearing. ——

Every Englishman I hope believes that a Liberty of Defence & Justification to the accused is an established right under every regular Government; & entirely consonant to the Principles of natural Justice & the common Law of England. The Company far from precluding their Servants from this Right, have lately & expressly established it to them upon the firmest Basis, in their Printed Instructions, founded upon an Act of Parliament. —

Though You have thought proper to cut me off from every privilege belonging to a Company's Servant, by the act which you have been pleased to enforce against me, I have still the happiness to believe that you have no intention to deprive me of future Redress: Conscious of Integrity & Fidelity in all my actions either as a Subject to his Majesty, or a Servant of the Company I place your Resolution of Dismission entirely to the account of Misrepresentation or misunderstanding. It is therefore my most ardent Wish to pursue a line of Vindication, worthy of the Character I profess, open, candid, & Liberal: I am not destitute of Personal Friends in England: I might even claim the honor of ranking among them names of weight in the Company, & lustre in

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in the State: That at the same time my Intention not to drop in private Representation any Suggestion, which I would not wish recorded upon your Consultations: Desirous to owe nothing to Favor but to stand acquitted or condemned upon the Grounds of this Proceedings against me.

In order therefore that I may openly avail myself of the Course of Justice to the Tribunal of the Honble the Court of Directors, I take the Liberty to request that the Board would inform me, by Letter, whether any accusation has been preferr'd against me? & if so what the nature of that accusation is, & who is my accuser? If informed in the manner I request, upon what Heads, Subjects, and upon being furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings against me — I will do myself the Pleasure of transmitting through the Board my Vindication & Defence, for their Remark, & for the Judgement of the Honble Company. — I have the honor to be.

My Lord & Gentlemen

with very great Respect

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servant

John M.c Pherson

Granted

Ordered, that Mr. M.c Pherson be furnished with a Copy of the Proceedings against him. —

The Secretary lays before the Board a Memorial from Mr. John James Durand respecting his Rank, which is referred to the Commander in Chief for his Consideration. —

The Secretary acquaints the Board

Ft. St. George 5th Feby 1776.

that Captain Bardnel has informed him, he will cause £150 to be paid into the Treasury on Account of Lady Pennington.

The Board request that General Sir Robert Fletcher will cause a Court of Enquiry to sit, & examine into the Complaint lodged against Colonel Donald Campbell by John Browne Private, as mentioned in the 14th Para of the Company's Letter dated the 3d March last.

Rigot
Geo. Stratton
W Fletcher
Geo. Barron
Henry Brooke
Claud Russell
Dalrymple
A. Wood
Archd. Palmer
Fras. Swinton
Geo. Mackay

Fort St. George Feby. 1776

11th Came in Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Harper

To the Right Honble the President & Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Colo Harper acknowledging the receipt of the Orders of the Board.

I was this moment honord with your Letter dated the 2d Instant, accompanyd with the Warrant for holding General Court Martial and the Nabobs Order to the Commanding Officer of Tanjore to deliver over the Charge of the said Garrison to me; And beg leave to assure you, that I shall pay particular attention to your Orders, & the Instructions I have received from the Commander in Chief. I shall take particular care to deliver the Right Honble the Presidents Letter to the Rajah the first opportunity; and shall pay due attention to the Nabobs Kelledar, agreable to your Directions. I am with Respect

Camp near Vellum
7th Feby. 1776.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
H. Harper

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Govr & Presidt

Monday 12th Feby.

George Stratton
George Danson
Claud Russell
John M. Stone
Franc.s Sourdan
R. Fletcher
H.J. Brooke
Alex.r Dalrymple
Arch.d Palmer
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from Lt. Col. Harper &c.

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To the Right Honble the President & Council
of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colo Harper purporting marching into Tanjore the next Morning.

I beg leave to inform you that Mar-
-homa Nack the Cauve, the Nabob's Killedar, and
at present the Commanding Officer of Tanjore,
waited on me Yesterday Evening, to whom I de-
-livered the Order which accompanyd Yours of the
second Instant. He acquainted me that all the
Troops marched out of the Garrison that Morning,
except one Battalion of Sepoys & three Companies
of his own People, who always attended him. That
-tow shall march early in the Morning to take pos-
-session of the Fort, I am with the greatest Respect

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

H. Harper.

Camp near Vellum
8th Feby 1776.

The Secretary lays before the Board the fol-
-lowing Letter which he has just received from Mr
John McPherson accompanying an address to the
Honble Court of Directors.

To Richard Sulivan Esqr.
Secretary.

Sir

I transmit you the accompanying Letter
for the Honble the Court of Directors. It is for the pre-
-sent of the Board. I hope they will be pleased to trans-
-mit it by one of the Ships now under Dispatch. I am

Sir

Your most humble Servant.

John McPherson

Letter from Mr McPherson with an address to the Honble Court.

Chowultry Place
11th Feby 1776.

Ordered

Fort St. George 12th Feby 1776

Ordered, that Mr. Mc. Pherson's address to the Court of Directors, be transmitted a Number in the Packet.

The Right Honble the President recommended to the Board, that a Present & Public Thanks be given to the Nabob for the late Instance of his Friendship & Attachment to the East India Company; and observed that the Circumstance in which the Rajah of Tanjore was, differd very much from what was supposed in England, when it was imagined the Rajah was Prisoner in Trichinopoly, Garrisoned by the Company's Forces, instead of being at Tanjore where we had no Troops & the Nabob had a Garrison of more than 8000 Men

Resolved that a Present and Public Thanks be given to the Nabob.

Unanimously Resolved accordingly & the Warehousekeeper are therefore directed to view what the Company's Warehouses can furnish proper for the occasion ——

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Tilghman
Cha. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Paul Russell
Dalrymple
J. Call
Peter Dale
Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

At Fort St. George 14th Febr. 1776.

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Govr. Pres.t

Wednesday 14th February.

George Stratton
George Dawson
Claud Russell
John M. Stone
Franc.s Sourdan
K. Fletcher
Henry Brooke
Alex.r Dalrymple
Arch.d Palmer
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read

Minute of the President whether Members of the Counc.l of Circuit may be Chiefs of Subordinate Settlements.—

The President thinks it will be proper before the Dispatches of the Anherwoyke that the opinion of the Board be taken whether the nomination of those Gentlemen appointed by the Court of Directors a Committee of Circuit precludes them from being Chiefs of Subordinate Settlements, and puts the Question accordingly. Resolved.

Mr. Mackay ag.st the Question.

It appears to me that when the Court of Directors appointed a Committee of Circuit they never meant that any of the Members of the Committee, should hold Chiefships, till the Business of the Committee is over, because that they cannot execute both Trusts with advantage to the Company. —— Geo.: Mackay

Mr. Sourdan ag.st the Question.

I am of opinion that if the Company had judged it proper to have Chiefs in the Commission, they would have appointed the Chiefs for the time being— That the trust reposed in the Committee of Circuit is of great Importance, and ought to be accomplished by the

Fort S. George 4th Feby 1776

the Gentlemen named by the Company previous to their having any of the Chiefships of coun-
-cil against the Appointment of any named in the present Commission to a Chiefship, before the Exe-
-cution of that Commission.

Fremin Burdon

Mr. Palmer for the Question.

Mr. Palmer is of opinion that the nomina-
-tion of the Gentlemen of the Committee was chiefly intended as a Compliment to their Abilities, and by no means to deprive them of the Emolument that may arise from Chiefships they are entitled to according to their standing, or from such Posts as their Rank in the Service may en-
-title them to, which I think would be very in-
-jurious. The Chiefships can in the interim be conducted by a

Hercules Palmer

Messrs. Stone, Rupelle and Stratton for the Question.

We cannot suppose that the Court of Directors ever meant by the Appointment of a Committee of Circuit, to preclude the Gentlemen whom they have nominated to that employ, from being Chiefs of subordinate Settlements, or from enjoy-
-ing such Places of Trust or Advantage, to which by their standing in the Service they might be entitled — and We think We should pay but little attention to the Confidence the Honble Court appear to have reposed in those Gentlemen, were We on that Account to declare them incapable of being Chiefs of Settlements — neither do We see how such Appointment will interfere with their Stations as Chiefs, as the business

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of every Settlement may be conducted without any prejudice to the Company's Interests dur-ing the time it may be necessary for such Chiefs to be absent; and the Information which it will be in Power of such Gentlemen to obtain during the Circuit, with in our opinion greatly tend to the advantage of the Company in their Conduct as Chief of a Settlement.

" Geo. Stratton
" Saml Russell
" T. White

Mr. Dalrymple for the Question.

I am of opinion that it would be a very great hardship and injustice to preclude from the common emoluments of this Service every Gen-tleman who is appointed on a laborious task of long continuance which cannot be attended with any pecuniary advantages, and I think the appointment of Mr. Mackay, who is Ship Master to be a Member of the Committee of Circuit by the Court of Directors is a clear testi-mony that they are of this opinion.

" Dalrymple

Mr. Brooke ag.st the Question.

I give my opinion against the Question, becaus I think it is contrary to the Company's Order that a Member of the Circuit should at the same time be a Chief of a Subordinacy; for had the Directors conceived that the knowledge which a Chief in the Circars had acquired rela-tive to the value of the Lands & rents of the Farms could be depended upon, they would availed them-selves of that knowledge, and appointed the Chief

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in each, a Member of the Committee of Circuit;
but not having done so, plainly indicates that
they meant the Committee to be a Check on the
Chiefs by naming certain Gentlemen for that
Service, who ought to proceed to the execution thereof, before they accept of any other appointments

" Henry Brooke

Mr. Dawson for the Question.

My Idea of the Compass Orders in appointing a Committee of Circuit was chiefly to be a check on the Administration or influence of the Chiefs, but as on further consideration, a Chief will act jointly with other Members of the Committee, & thereby acquire great influence in the Revenues of the Circars, I therefore see no objection why such Member may not be a Chief.

" Geo. Dawson

S.r Rob.t Fletcher agt. the Question.

I think the intention of the Court of Directors in appointing a Committee of Circuit was to have a Check upon the Chiefs & Subordinates, & therefore it is inconsistent with the Spirit of that appointment, that the Chief shd. & the Management of the Circuit, should be in the same person at the same time, I do not see how the Chiefships are now to be otherwise filled by Members of Council without reducing the Government to too small a Number of Members, for among the Members remaining at the Presidency, a difference of opinion may arise, & it appears inconsistent with my Idea of this Government, that a Majority of three at the Presidency, should control or send Orders to five Gentlemen, who are Members of the same Government

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Government, formed into a Committee of Circuit, who may upon their return to the Presidency, receive such Orders upon the whole as may be agreed upon appointing the Members of the Circuit to be Chiefs.

Resolved by a Majority of the Board, including the President, that the nomination of those Gentlemen appointed by the Court of Directors a Committee of Circuit, do not preclude them from being Chiefs of Subordinate Settlements.

Read the following Letter which was received last Night from Lt. Col. Harper

Carried, that Members of the Committee may hold Chiefships

To the Right Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the pleasure to inform You that I took possession of the Fort of Tanjore this Morning, & have Quarter'd the Troops in the large & small Fort in the best manner I could, but after all I am obliged to pitch many Tents for want of Quarters to accomodate the Officers, & thought it now prudent to do so, than to take Houses from the Inhabitants; there is remaining in the Fort one Battalion of the Nabobs Sepoys with three Companies of the Killedars People the latter of which have always attended them, in all not many more than a Thousand.

Mahomed Yacuph Cawn who commands the Place deliver'd every thing up in the most polite manner.

Letter from Lt. Col. Harper, on possession of Tanjore the Presidents Letter delivered to the Rajah.

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After settling the Troops I waited on the Rajah & delivered him the Right Honble the President's Letter which seemed to afford him great satisfaction — I am with Respect —

Tanjore 9th Febr. 1776.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
H. Harper.

General & Separate Letters pr. Antherwyke signed.

In consequence of the General & Separate Letters pr. Ship Antherwyke, to the Honble the Court of Directors of this Day's date, are read and signed. ——

Ordered, That the Packet be closed —

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Lisbon
Geo. Harrison
Henry Brooke
Claude Russell
Dalrymple.
J. Wynch
Archdale Palmer
Thomas Rumbold
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Govr.
George Stratton Genl. S. R. Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
John Whitehill Claud Russell
Alexr. Dalrymple Jno. M. Stone
Archd. Palmer Franc. Sourdan
George Mackay

Monday 19th February

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from the Senior Surgeons.

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To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council

My Lord & Gentlemen

Report from Mssrs. Parley & Anderson of the Examination of Mssrs. Turing Mallet & Crocar

Agreable to the Orders We received the 9th Ultimo from the Honble Board, We proceeded to the Examination of Mssrs. Turing and Mallet and Mr. Crocar who had been recommended to the Service as a Surgeons Assistant.

Their Examinations being now finished We have to report to Your Lordship &c. that Mr. Turing has had an Anatomical & Physical Education, has been several Years Surgeon in the Service & has been under Men in Hospitals & the Field where he has performed different Operations, We are therefore of opinion that he may be employed in the charge of Hospitals.

Mr. Mallet having also attended Anatomical Lectures & dissections — having been Surgeons Mate in the Navy and regularly

examined

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examined at Surgeons Hall with four Years experience under Us, We find him fit for promotion to a Surgeon.

Mr. Crocar having also attended Anatomical Courses, dissections & London Hospitals— having been first Surgeons Mate to a Ship of the Line & properly examined at Surgeons Hall. On our examination of him, We find him very fit to be received into the Service as an Assistant Surgeon and as he has been doing duty here since the Month of September and his appointment protracted only by different Recommendations, We beg leave to recommend him to receive his Subsistance from the time he acted in the Service.

The resignation & departure of Mr. Hinchley makes a proper Vacancy for Mr. Mathie the Senior Assistant. The next in Seniority Mr. Simpson is a Man of very general Abilities in his profession & equal to any Charge— He has been three Voyages Surgeon of Indiamen & some Years under Us in this Hospital.

As Mr. Davis has some time since quitted the Hospital he had charge of, to act as Surgeon to his Excellency the Nabob Clive's Son; We take the Liberty to recommend Mr. Simpson to fill up this Vacancy of an acting Surgeon from a conviction that his Services as Surgeon would be now essential to the Service than as an Assistant.

We have the honor to be with all due respect—

My

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My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Gilbt. Pasley
Jas. Anderson } Surgeons.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from the
Chief Council at Ganjam.

Military Department

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreably to Our Letter of this Date
to the Revenue Department, We have directed
Captain Baudinel to march with the Troops
under his Command & encamp for the present
at the distance of two, or three Miles from Aska
towards the Guntoor Country, holding his Det-
achment in readiness to enter that Territo-
dary as soon as he shall receive Our Order for
that Purpose

We have the honor to be very respectfully
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Charles Smith
Rt. Maunsell
Thos. Dyneley
Robt. Hughes
J. Huddleston

Gen.l Letter from Ganjam rec.d

Ganjam
8.th Jan.y 1776.

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Military Department

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot.

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort S. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

General Letter from Gayaud respecting a General Order to Capt. Bandinel and Handler for Sepoys to join the Marksmen.

We received a Letter from Capt. Bandinel a few Days since informing Us, that agreably to a General Order dated Dec. 4th he had ordered one Naig and three Sepoys from his Battalion to join the Marksmen at Head Quarters and that as those Men were to do Duty out of the District, he thought it his Duty to acquaint Us thereof. We also received a Letter from Capt. Candler to the same purport.

On taking the Subject of these Letters into Consideration it appeard to Us that We could not be justified in permitting any part of the Troops doing Duty under our Authority to be detached from this District by a General Order from the Commander in Chief to the Officers Commanding them, unless We are advised that such General Order has been issued with your Sanction; and as We have received no advice, or Information whatever relative to the General Order in question, except what is containd in the Letters above mentioned, We judge it incumbent on Us to direct the Captains Bandinel & Candler not to suffer the Sepoys to proceed until they should receive Our Orders for that purpose.

We hope Our Conduct herein will meet your approbation, & We have the honor to be very

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very respectfully
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
Charles Smith
Rt Maunsell
Tho.s Dyneley
Robt. Hughes.
I. Huddleston

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read Letter from Capt. Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

Ganjam
12th Jany 1776.

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

My Lords,

Letter from Capt. Duncan Hyder besieges Moraroa in Gutte.

I have Intelligence, of ten days date from Hyder Ally's Camp, before Gutté. That his Demands not having been complied with by Mora Row, he had eleven Days before, commenced Hostilities against that Fort. That tho' the Place was well provided, for a vigorous defence, Yet it was not to be doubted that Hyder would soon make himself master of it, & that his Artillery had already made a considerable impression on the Walls of the lower Fort. Hyder is attended by the Cudapah Nabob with a considerable Body of his People, & certainly has altogether, a very formidable Army there, at least in point of Number.

My Information from Adoni, only mentions

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mentions that Bazalet Jung is positively employd
in augmenting his Troops & putting his Capital
in a State of defence — I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect

My Lord

Ongole
17th Jan. 1776.

Your most obedient & most humble Servant.

Alex. Duncan

Read Letters from the Governor Gen.l &
Council of Bengal as entered hereafter

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Gov. Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

General Letter from Fort Willi= -am — congratu= -lations on the arrival of Lord Pigot.

We have been favored with your Letter of the 13th Ulto.

Your account of the safe arrival of your President & the other Members of your Board who came with you by them by the Grenville, has given us great pleasure, And We beg leave to congratulate them & Them on the appointments which the Honble the Court of Directors have been pleased to confer on them.

If you should not have forwarded the Packet which came under our address by the Grenville before the receipt of this Letter & that no early conveyance should offer by Sea, We request that you will open it & transmit the Letters by successive Ports, as many at a time as they may be able to carry.

We are

My

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

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

Fort William
the 3d Janr 1776.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President &c Council
at Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

General Letter from Fort William acknowledging the receipt of Letters from hence

We have received two Letters from Your late President & the Gentlemen of your Council, dated the 7th & 8th December, which contain Intelligence of the Defeat of Bazalet Jung's Forces at Bellari, in an engagement with the Troops of Hyder Ally Cawn; who consequently took possession of that Fortress: The Letter of the 8th also enclosed a proposal of the Nabob of Arcot desiring the Company's Aid in the protection of Cudapah, which he calls an ancient appendage of their Government, against any projects that may be formed by Hyder Ally for attacking it & likewise for entering into an alliance with the Soubadar of Curnoul, Morarow & Bazalet Jung, to defend their Countries also against Hyder

We shall suspend giving any opinion on these Matters, until We are furnished with your further Sentiments respecting them, & the General Letter from the Court of

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of Directors which arrived by the Grenville Packet, as We are in hopes that it may contain their Special Commands, relative to the political interests of the Company in the Carnatic.

Fort William
the 8th Jany 1776.

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

Read Letter from Alexander Wynch Esqr Dated the 7th Instant, as entered hereafter.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
Prendent & Governor & the rest of the Council
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Mr. Wynch — on the Subject of his Dismission from the Government & in Defence of his Conduct —

I was duly informed by the Right Honble the Prendent, that the Governor General & Council of Fort William had given Orders to Captain Preston to call here with the Hillsborough to afford me an opportunity of going to England — I have the fullest sense of the polite attention which the Governor General & Council have shewn me on this occasion; but being acquainted in a Letter from Captain Preston himself that he has already disposed of his Great Cabin, & finding that I could have a convenient Accommodation in the Ankerwyke, I have therefore taken my Passage with Captain Barwell

By

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By the Coventry Frigate which arrived here six Weeks before the Dispatch of the Nottingham, I received advice that the Court of Directors, had been pleased to remove me from the Company's Service. — The Injury that I felt I had sustained, at first prompted me to resign it immediately, and embrace that opportunity of returning home; but on a little more reflexion I determined to await their Orders & declare upon the Government to whoever should be appointed to receive it from me. I thought it, as was a Duty I still owed to the Company, notwithstanding what had been done to me by the Court of Directors, & being fully confident in the uprightness of my intentions I thought it was a Duty I owed to my Character in the World, and to the Satisfaction of my Friends & my Children. —

The only instance of my Conduct that the Court of Directors have pointed out as reprehensible, is that part of it which relates to the last Expedition against Tanjore. It would however in my opinion, have been but well in them, to have recollected, that it was a measure of the Government here, not of the Governor alone. —

The Subject of that Expedition was first considered in the Select Committee, were all the Members were present; it was unanimously recommended by the Committee to the Council, & there also, it was resolved on without one dissenting Voice — a very short & simple investigation of the Company's Records, will prove, I think, to the entire Conviction of

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of every one who may be candid & impartial enough to be open enough to conviction, that the Select Committee and Council could not have done otherwise than they did.

In 1769 the Court of Directors thought proper to appoint a Select Committee & did me the honor to nominate me one of the Members on their Letter of the 17th of March of that Year, they wrote as follows—

Para 7th "It appears most unreasonable "that the Rajah of Tanjore should hold possession "of the most fruitful part of the Country which "can alone supply our Armies with Subsistance "& not contribute to the defence of the Carnatic—We "observe the Nabob makes repeated complaints "to You on this Subject in his Letter entered on the "Book of Country Correspondence, wherein he takes "Notice that the Tributaries of the Carnatic have "been supported & their Countries preserved to them "by the operations of Our Forces and pledges for his "Cause & that nothing was more notorious than "that those former Provinces of the Carnatic had re- "ceived from the Tanjore Rajah Seventy, Eighty "nay even an hundred Lacks of Rupees a piece "that to the proceeding Nizam he had paid a con- "tribution of fifty Lacks, & the Jumeah if he had "met with success against our Army would not "have been content with less than a Crore of Rupees "from this Rajah — However just this demand might "that he should be made to bear some part of the "Expences of those Measures, to which however his

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security, & the Peace of this Country? We therefore enjoin you to give the Nabob such support in his pretensions on the Rajah of Tanjore as may be effectual — & if the Rajah refuses to contribute a just proportion to the Expences of the War, you are then to pursue such Measures as the Nabob may think consistent with the Justice & Dignity of his Government." —

In 1771. the Nabob made application to Mr. Du Pre & the Council to assist him with the Company's Troops against the Rajah, for various reasons which are set forth in the Records of that Time; & he was strongly supported in this Demand by his Majesty's Plenipotentiary in India, Sr. John Lindsay. The President & Council, after a good deal of Correspondence upon it with the Nabob & Plenipotentiary, concluded with the Nabob's desire, & issued Orders for the Army to march against the Rajah. The Nabob's Eldest Son, Umdut Ul Omrah accompanied it. He was furnished with Powers from his Father who to proceed to the final Reduction of the Rajah, or treat & make Peace with him, as he should find most expedient; and Gen.l Smith had Orders to prosecute or suspend the War, as the Young Nabob should recommend — It was resolved both in the Select Committee & Council that in Case the Fort & Country of Tanjore were reduced, they should be left in the Nabob's hands. (Vide appendix No. 1). The Fort was invested a Breach was made in the Wall, & the Troops were

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were on the point of making this assault when
Hyder Ally Cawnah, in consideration of a large sum
of Money offered by the Rajah, came to an accommo-
dation with him — The Select Committee
in their Letter to the Court of Directors dated 20th
Feby. 1772 stated very fully to them the difficulties
& Embarrassments they had found themselves under
while deliberating on this Subject, from what
on one hand, seemed to them to be the part the
Company ought to take, & on the other what ap-
peared to be the Spirit & Intention of their Orders
added to the requisitions of the Nabob supported with
all the Arguments that could be urged by the Plen-
-potentiary — they painted out the Danger of leaving
the Rajah in possession of all the Power disputed
as he then was, & the precarious situation they
stood by being continually liable to fresh attacks
from the Nabob — they represented the probability
of misunderstandings soon arising again between
them, wherein the Governor & Council would
be constrained to act; & they requested to be furnished
as soon as possible, with such directions & Instruc-
tions as should not leave any doubt what they
were to do —

In April 1773. a Letter from his Ma-
-jesty to the Nabob (Vide appendix No. 2) was pre-
-sented to him by Sr. Robert Harland, wherein His
Majesty is pleased to express his Satisfaction at
hearing the President & Council had sent the
Company's Troops to assist the Nabob in reduc-
-ing the Rajah to Obedience.

Early in June 1773. the Select Com-

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Committee received a Letter from Mr. Montgo the Company's Resident at Poonah, advising them that the Tanjore Vackeel there, a person well known to be such, had applied in the name of the Rajah for leave to raise ten thousand Horse, which he said were to be employed by him against the Nabob Mahomed Ally. ——— (Vide Appendix No. 3).

In the same Month the Nabob represented that the Rajah had not performed his Engagements with him — that he was ten Lacks of Rupees in Arrear — that he had intelligence of his having applied to the Marattas & Hyder Ally for Troops to act against him, that he had encouraged the Colleries to plunder & lay waste some parts of the Carnatic — that he had entered into dangerous connexions with the Dutch, to whom, and the Danes he had alienated some Districts in the Tanjore Country — That on his (the Nabob's) writing to the General of Battavia complaining that the Gentlemen at Negapatam had assisted the Rajah during the late Expedition against him, the General wrote to him in reply, that those Gentlemen had done no more than they were bound to do by their Engagements with the Rajah, & that in conformity to them they had done right — the Nabob for all these reasons, called upon and required the Governor & Council to assist him with the Company's Troops to reduce the Rajah, and acquainted them that it was indispensibly requisite they should do so not only to enable him to obtain his Revenue, but for the Security of his possessions. ——— The

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The President & Council had every reason to believe, that the connexion which the Nabob alledged to subsist between the Rajah & the Dutch was no more than true — that he had made overtures to the Dutch, was certain — the Nabob affirmed that he was greatly exasperated to hear & that he had instigated the Colleries to ravage his Country — Allowing that his application to the Marattas & Hyder Ally would not likely to prove efficacious, or even, that it would doubtful whether he had seriously made such, while his Assiduity in strengthening Fortresses, in purchasing Warlike Stores, & entertaining European Foreigners in his Service, seemed to portend a hostile intention — The President & Council had before them the Orders of the 17th March 1769. the Example of Mr. Dupre' & the Council on the late Expedition; the Arguments thereon both by the then President & Council and Plenipotentiary; His Majesty's Approbation of that Measure as expressed in his Letter to the Nabob of the 7th April 1772. and by the Court of Directors not having replied to the Letter from the Select Committee of the 22d Feby 1772, it might surely be inferred, that they had approved also — The President & Council therefore after having used every possible means for obtaining further information, & after having very maturely reflected, thought themselves under the necessity of again complying with what the Nabob required, & of adhering to the former resolution

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resolutions of the Select Committee and Council respecting the Fort & Country in case they should be conquerd — But so far from this latter part being a matter of choice with me, the Company's Records will shew that I have always ever used my utmost efforts to restrain the Nabob in all his attempts to encroach of Power and Independancy, being convinced that they were incompatible with the Interest & Security of the Company — My Sentiments & Endeavours on that Subject, have the very contrary to my inclination, engaged me in disagreable Controversies with some of the other Members of the Council, who were of opinion that this Government had no Right or Authority to interfere. ——

From the Nature and Matter of this address, Your Lordships &c. will be sensible how unpleasant it has been to me, it must doubtless have proved to you, but I hope you will forgive me for it. — I have confined it merely to Justify & explain that part of my Conduct, which the Court of Directors have condemnd. There are other parts I could point out particularly the very great Increase of the Investment, & having obtaind Security & Payment of the whole of the Nabobs Debt to the Company, which I flatter myself would claim their approbation. But in these I pretend to no further merit than in that part they have disapproved — In both, I meant to discharge my Duty. ——

The Attachment I have to the

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the Company, of which I never can divest myself, and the particular Interest I take in the Prosperity of their Affairs under this Settlement make me feel infinite Satisfaction in the choice they have made of their President in these delicate & Critical times. — Be assured that Your Lordship &c.a have my warmest Wishes for your having a prosperous & Successful Voyage in your Councils & Success abroad, being with much regard and Esteem

Fort St. George
7th Feb.y 1776. —

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
and very humble Servant
Alex.r Wynch.

No. 1.
Appendix.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Select Committee 10th August 1774. —

We are therefore further of opinion that of two Evils We ought to chuse the least & that it is less dangerous to let the conquest, if any be made pass of course into the Nabobs hands and prosperous than that the Rajah should be left dissatisfied as he must certainly will be & with Power to become dangerous, which as aforesaid We think must be the consequence of any Compromise made by the Nabob under the Influence of his Fears & Jealousies of Us. —

In delivering this Opinion We do not forget the Opinion We gave on Our Address to the Honble Court of Directors under Date the 31st Jan.y 1770 Par. 4th — We remain fully and clearly of the same Opinion, neither do We see cause to change our

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one little the opinions We have expressed in Our former Minutes particularly those of the 9th July of the propriety of keeping the Fort of Tanjore in Our own hands, should it be taken — We are clearly of opinion that We ought not to yield the point to the Nabob of greater apparent Dangers were not incurred by keeping it — but, as We think a present acquiescence with the Nabobs Proposition the least of the dangers which surround Us, though it leads to danger, so We are of opinion it ought now to be complied with as an Act of Political Necessity.—

We deliver it further as our Opinion that although it leads to danger it is not immediately dangerous, for there is no doubt but that while We have Garrisons in the principal Forts of the Carnatic, & have on Foot such a Military Establishment as the present We may with great ease controul the Nabob; should it be necessary, and should We be authorized to do so, at present We have no Authority to controul him — It is not necessary here again to state the Sense of the Court of Directors on the Subject or the Spirit of the Military, or to say any thing more of the 11th Article of the Treaty of Paris being over our Heads in Council, We have been sufficiently explicit in former Minutes particularly those of the 29th of July with Extracts annexed as Proofs & Justificatives if we may be permitted to use the French Phrase — The State of Affairs here will be clearly before Our Superiors at home, they will also have our Opinion of what may be

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be expected as natural Consequences of encreasing the Nabobs Power; if they & the Ministry shou'd continue of opinion that the Nabobs Fidelity & attachment is such that the encrease of his Power is the same as an encrease of the British Power on the Coast, the Revolution of leaving the whole Conquests, if any be made, in his Hands must be approved, and We shall only be liable to censure for having doubted of the propriety of doing so — Now on the other hand it should be thought that such an Encrease of Power in the Nabob may become dangerous, the remedy is at home & there only; By Legal Orders to the British Delegates of the National Power on the Coast, may model and restrain it within such Bounds, as shall be thought fit.

Extract from the Proceedings of Select Committee 10th Augt 1771

That We ought not to receive that or any other Sum, or any Consideration of that Kind however by way of compensation, Consistent Agreements for resigning to them the said Conquests should they be made, because we mean to leave the Company at full Liberty to make what Arrangements they shall think best in their Respects but if we were to receive any Consideration for resigning the Conquests, the Public Faith must be pledged for the performance of the Agreement, & the Company could not deviate therefrom without an apparent and dangerous Breach of the Faith — We are therefore of opinion, that if it be

be necessary to take the Fort & Country of Tanjore that the Nabob be to acquainted with the whole in the same manner as has been done before, when Warriar Pollam, Triarloor & other Polygars were reduced as a Matter of course & without any declaration respecting the same and that if the Nabob shall think proper to give the Company any ten Lacks of Pagodas or any other Sum as a Voluntary Gift for their friendly Aid, it be received, subject to the future Pleasure of the Court of Directors.

Extract from the Consultation in the Military Department, 15th Augt. 1775.

The Select Committee communicate to the Board the Substance of the Conference between the Nabob & the President: as recited in their Minutes of the 10th Inst. on the Subject of suffering the Fort & Country of Tanjore, to fall into the hands of the Nabob, in case they should be reduced, together with the reasons which induced the Committee to think it expedient to comply with the Nabobs requisition now in this Instance, and with which the Board acquiesce.

No. 2.

George the Third by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Christian Faith, Duke of Brunswick & Lunenburgh, Arch Treasurer & Prince Elector of the Holy Roman Empire and Sovereign of the Seas &c.

To

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To Nabob Wallajah Ummeer Ul
Hind Omdit Ul Mulk Serajah Dowlah
Anver Ul deen Khan Bahauder Munsoor
Jung Sepoy Sardar Nabob of Arcot and
the Carnatic.

This Letter was in reply to one that Nabob wrote her Majesty by Sir John Lindsay and by Sir Robt Harland at Bombay by the Prudent Ship of War & delivered to the Nabob after his return here the 30 of April 1773 & (Copy) of it was shewn to the President the night before he presented it by Sir Rt Harland; the Troops of this Garrison assisted on this occasion, as the Military Constitution of that day shews.

We received with pleasure Your Letter in which you express to Us your Gratitude for the additional Naval Force which We have sent for your Security as well as that of Our East India Company & the confidence that We shall tread in the Steps of our Royal Grandfather by granting Our protection to you & your Family. We have given Our Commander in Chief and Plenipotentiary Sr. Robert Harland Our Instructions for that purpose, And We flatter Ourselves that he will Reconcile the Differences which have arisen between You & the Company's Servants against your mutual Interest; It gave Us satisfaction to hear that the Governor & Council of Madras had sent the Company's Troops with yours to reduce your Tributary the Rajah of Tanjore to obedience in which We hope by the Blessing of God they will be successful and so We bid you Farewell, wishing Health & Prosperity to You & Your Family

Given at our Court at St. James's the seventh Day of April One thousand, seven hundred and seventy two — In the twelfth Year of Our Reign

Your affectionate Friend
George R.

(Copy)

No. 3. Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mostyn the Company's Resident at Poonah dated 14th May 1773

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I had the honor of your Commands of the 3d Ulto. the 22 following; and this is purposely to advise You that some Days ago a Gosawmie by name Mohunguer (who has been here some time applied to this Durbar as Vackeel from the King of Tanjore, for leave to raise ten thousand Horse for the Service of his Master, and which he made no secret, were to be employed against Mahomed Ally Cawn; That first by means of Presents to some of the Ministers had a promise of leave, of which I advised my Superiors at Bombay under date the 6th but since the Durbar has started objections, and I believe he will not succeed, tho' was he to obtain permission, he would find it very difficult to raise Men, as the Durbar are enlisting people for themselves — Should he hereafter procure leave and any probability of his getting the Troops I will not fail to advise Your Honor &c. ——

A Copy of the aforegoing Letter from Mr. Wynch, went agreeably to his desire, a Number in the Packet to the Honble the Court of Directors for Amherwyke. ——

The following Letter to the Governor & Council at Bombay omitted in the Diary, is now ordered to be entered. ——

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have had the pleasure to rec-
-eive

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Gen.l Letter to Bom-
-bay, advising of
Major Sears's
Appointment

receive your Letters of the 23d. August & 31st. October last
the former communicating to Us the Sentiments
of the Governor General & Council of Bengal on the
Maratta Alliance, & the latter enclosing the Arti-
-cles of a Treaty said to be in Agitation between
Hyder Alby & the Dutch.

We have appointed Major Samuel
Sears to the Command of the European Infantry and
Sepoys detached from hence to your Presidency
& he takes his Passage on the Grenville accord-
-ingly.

We are with the Esteem

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants

Fort St. George
6th Feby. 1776.

Pigot &c.a Council

Read Letter from the Council at Masu-
-lipatam

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot M.D.
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter from Mas-
-ulipatam de-
-siring Directions
regarding the Ele-
-cars at Ellore

We have received your Secretarys
Letter of the 23d. Ulto. and in Obedience to your
Orders contained therein, have given the necessary
Directions regarding the second Fourth Circar Bat-
-talion, and for removing hither the Battering Cannon
and all the Stores which may not be required for
the Sepoys at Ellore.

We request to be favord with your
Lordships & Hons. Directions concerning the Ellore Ele-
-cars; whether such of them as may not be wanted
for the use of that Garrison are to be disposed the

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the Service or sent to Madras — The Paymaster has represented to us that they are mostly Southern People and old Servants of the Company.

We are very respectfully

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hble Servts

Charles Desvoeux

James Hodges

Manulipatam
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to be sent hither the Sick at Ellore & the Artillery to be removed to Manulipatam

Agreed, that such of the Ellore Lascars as may not be wanted for the use of that Garrison, be ordered to the Presidency with all convenient Expedition. And as an Hospital is still kept up, tho very few Europeans are at Ellore, it is Resolved, that the Artillery & sick be removed from thence to Manulipatam that such charge may be discontinued in that Garrison in future.

The following Letter from the Assistant Secretary at Bengal is now read.

To Mr. Charles Oakley

Secretary to the President & Council

at Fort St. George

Sir,

Letter from the Assistant Secretary at Fort William with a receipt for Money advanced Lieut. Reid —

On the dispatch of the Hillsborough Lieut. Reid an Officer belonging to the Madras Establishment represented his Distresses to the Governor General & Council for want of Money, they have in consequence granted him three Months Pay (viz. 180 Dollars) for which your Presidency is Debited. One of Lieutenant Reid's receipts I forward you that the amount of it may be recovered from his Arrears of Pay.

Jam

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Fort William
20th Jany. 1776.

Sir

Your most obedient Servant
W. Bruere

Minute thereon.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the Secretary at Fort William, that Lieut. Reid does not belong to this Establishment; — that he belongs to Balambangan, which Settlement must of course be debited for the three Months pay advanced him by the Governor General & Council.

Letter from the Nizam ordering Payment of his Draught in favor of Capt. Pigot for 2 Lacks of Rupees.

to be complied with.

Read Letter from the Nizam Ally Cawn as entered in Co: Corr: No 7. denoting that two Lacks of Rupees of the second Instalment in Pharaley 1186, may be paid Captain Pigot for an Hydraulick Machine, Ordered that the Council at Masulipatam be furnished with a Copy of the aforegoing Letter, & directed to pay the Amount of the Nizam's Bill to Captain Pigot for two Lacks of Rupees when it shall become due in Pharaley 1186.

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Gayam.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

General Letter from Gayam advising the Settlement made with the Governor Rajah of Measures taken

We have now the honor to inform Your Lordship &c. of our further proceedings relative to the affairs of Government, and of the success with which they have been attended.

The Company's Dubash returned from Government on the 13th Instant, with an

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with the Zemindar of Burragur &c Pretaumbering being confirmed Zemindas of Sourratah —

an answer from the Rajah to the following. Effect— That he was not able to send at once the whole Balance of 50,000 Rupees but would pay 20,000 Rupees in ready Money, and give Hautmaram's security for 30,000 Rupees, payable in three Months— That he was also willing to sign his Agreement for the present Years Tribute, but that it was not in his power to give Hautmaram's security for it at present, because he had not yet satisfied him for the last Years Ballance — That with respect to his paying the expences of the Troops, it was never before required — that the Company might keep as many Troops as they judged necessary, but he was not able to pay their Charges — That he hoped the Company would shew favor to the Zemindars, & exempt them from this demand — that Mr. Cotsford several times sent Troops to Vizeaderum, but never made such a demand — and he therefore hoped the established Custom would be observed. — That as to Lachema Bungi Jaghire, he had given Ballakistna an Answer on that Subject. —

Ballakistna informed us, that the Rajah expressed himself satisfied with the assurances given him respecting the Jaghire Villages — that he also offerd him the Money, and Security mentioned in the Letter, and on being told that they could not be accepted unless the other demands were at the same time complied with proposed sending Hautmaram to offer them at Ganjam, and that he (Ballakistna) believed Haut-

maram

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Hautmaraam was then on the road from Gooty.

Upon taking the foregoing into consideration We thought there was reason to hope that matters might yet be accommodated without proceeding to extremities, & that nothing on our part might be wanting to effect it, We resolved to accept of the Rajahs Offer of 20,000 Rupees ready Money and Hautmaraams Security for 30,000 payable in three Months, instead of awaiting on our first demand, & to give up entirely the demand of Hautmaraams Security for the present Years Tribute, upon condition however that the Rajah should immediately convert to remburse the Company and give Hautmaraams Security for the expence of the preparations which had been made for taking the field against him, which it was found by a Calculation would amount to about 12,000 Rupees

The Company's Dubash was accordingly again dispatched to the Governor Rajah with a Letter from the Chief to the following purport.

That being unwilling to proceed to extremities with him unless compelled to it by his obstinacy, We consented to accept of his offer of 20000 Rupees in ready Money, and Hautmaraams Security for 30000, payable in three Months, & to wave our demand of Hautmaraams Security for this Years Tribute in the hope that he would henceforward be punctual in discharging his Visits — but that We absolutely insisted on his immediately giving Hautmaraams Security for the

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the expence of the preparations which We had made for taking the field against him amounting to 12,000 Rupees, that instead of objecting to the Payment of the Expence he ought to esteem it a mark of Indulgence from the Company that they would accept of such an Atonement for his Misconduct, Finally that the loss of his Tuncanary would be the consequence of his delaying any longer to comply with this demand.—

The Company's Dubash having proceeded to Goomsur with the foregoing Letter on the 14.th Instant returned the 22, and informed Us, that after much delay the Rajah has consented to pay the Company 12,000 Rupees as a present but not as a Reimbursement for the Charge of the Troops & had accordingly given Hautmaraini Security for that Sum payable by the 30.th April next— that he had also given the same Security for his Ballance of 50,000 Viz.t 20,000 Rupees in ready Money, & 30,000 in three Months, & signed his agreement for the present Year's Tribute payable in the usual Rite.—

The Rajah having consented to pay & gave Hautmaraini Security for the Remainder as the amount of the charges of the Troops, we were of opinion that his refusing to consider it in that light was not a circumstance of sufficient importance to prevent our coming to an accomodation with him

We therefore agreed to accept of Hautmaraini's Security

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Security for 12000 Rupees, as well as for the amount of the Ballance as abovementioned, and have in consequence directed Captain Brandwel to march the Troops back to Arkat, and immediately to Order the Detachment from Vizagapatam, to return to its Station in that District.

We were the more inclined to come to an accomodation with the Goomsur Rajah in order that we might resume the Consideration of the affairs of Burragur which had necessarily been postponed on account of the connection subsisting between them Zemindaries.

Your Lordships &c. in your Letter of the 7th March last directed Us to confirm Gopenada Sing in the Zemindary of Burragur upon condition of his discharging the Ballance due from it, We was accordingly directed by the Chief to send a Packet to Gangam, that his Business might be settled, but Juggaut Sing (who in conjunction with Wossaumroo has the entire management of Affairs in that Zemindary) paid no attention to this Summons, and as it was well known that he was countenanced and supported by the Goomsur Rajah, We judged it prudent at that juncture to forbear taking notice of his disobedience, The Troops being at present unemployed, We are in a situation now to enforce a compliance with our demands, & have therefore desired the Chief to write a Letter to Gopenada Sing, insisting on the immediate discharge of his Ballance, as the only condition on which he can

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can be conformed in the Burragur Zemmendary.—

We have received from Pretaumber Sing 6000 Rupees in ready Money and Hautuna rami Bill for 6000 payable the 31st March— he has also given the engagement We required for the discharge of the remainder of his Ballance, in consequence of which We have confirmed him in the Sovereah Zemmendary, and directed Captain Bandinel to withdraw the Detachment stationed in that Country.—

We have the honor to be very respectfully.
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.—

Ganjam
31. Jany. 1776.

Charles Smith
Rt. Mansell
Tho.s Dyneley
Rob.t Hughes
I. Hudleston.

Read the following Letters from Mr. Reid.

The Right Honble Lord Pigot
President, Governor &c.a Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from D.r Reid setting forth his Case & distress.

Since the unfortunate loss of Balambangan, John Herbert Esqr. Chief of that Settlement gave me the Charge of a Packet which I was to deliver to your Honor &c.a Council upon my arrival at this Presidency, & to answer any particulars that might be asked relative to the Capture of the said place, being Commander of the

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the Military at the time the Settlement was sur-
=prized & taken by the Sooloons the 26th Feby 1775
in the Morning have been ever since the 15th April
on my Passage to this Presidency, the Eagle Packet
which Vessels I was on board of, in a Gale of Wind
near Borneo, sprung her Main Mast: the Captain
put in to Bencoolen in order to repair it; from
whence she was ordered by the Governor & Council
of that Presidency to Europe; & I was ordered to pro-
=ceed to Bengal on another Vessell, from whence
the Supreme Council ordered me to this Presidency
, having arrived here & delivered the Packet safe
Your Honor & Co. Council has been pleased to
order me to proceed to Europe in the Hillsborough
that I might give the Honble Court of Directors a
distinct account of the loss of Balambangan

From the first setting out of the
Expedition to Balambangan, I have undergone
a deal of toil & trouble also at the Settlement
itself; at the Capture of which place, I have lost
my all — from whence I have had a long fatiguing
Passage of eleven Months to this Presidency, during
which time I have suffered many inconveniences
from the different Climates ——

If my Service merits any attention
after what is here mentioned I humbly request
your Honor & Co. Council will be pleased to grant
me a favorable Letter to the Honble Court of Directors
in order that I may come abroad again, as it is the
Honble Company's business I am ordered upon. —

And as I have occasion for some
Money

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Money, humbly beg Your Honor &c. Council will
consider & grant me a supply having due me
from the Honble Company five Months Pay

Feby. 13th 1776. I am with the Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient hble Servant

John Lewis Reid
Lieut.

The Right Honble Lord Pigot

President, Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I humbly request your Honor &c.

from the same on the same subject. — Council will be pleased to take my Case into your more mature consideration, as it concerns my welfare nearly: My Orders from Mr. Herbert & Co were to see the Packet delivered to this Presidency, which has been done, & you are pleased to order me to Europe, without giving me an Order for that purpose, as also the Captain of the Ship with whom you have been pleased to order me, refuses to take me on any other footing than a Charter party Passenger; my being an Officer in the Hon.ble Company's Service, I humbly conceive entitles me to another kind of treatment, particularly as I am ordered home on their Service, & not my own. My distress from the loss of the Honble Company's Settlement, puts it out of my power to pay the Captain for a seat at his Table, therefore requests your Honble Board will cause my Conduct to be enquired into, by granting me a Court Martial at this place, or allow me to remain on this establish.
ment.

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Establishment, tile the pleasure of the Honble Com-
pany is known, or otherwise order me a Passage to
Saboaw, where the Troops are without an Officer
a Copy of the Packet I was ordered to bring to this
Presidency was taken by the Governor Monsr. Bourdonnais and
sent to Europe in the Eagle Packet. Therefore my
going home will avail nothing, & is only dis-
tressing me more & more, who has already suffer'd
so much by the loss of my all: but if your Honor
are resolved on sending me home, beg your Honble
Board will be pleased to give me an order for that
purpose, as also a place at the Captains Table,
as is suitable for an Officer in the Honble Com-
pany's Service —

Febry. 14th 1776

I am with all submission
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
John Lewis Reid

The aforegoing Letters from Mr. Reid were
received some days ago, & the Board being of opinion
Minuted thereon: they had no Authority to bring him to a Court
Martial, as he does not belong to this Establishment.
An Order was agreed for his receiving five Months
Pay amounting to Pags. 181.30 — Captain
Preston was likewise directed to receive him on
board the Hillsborough, leaving it to the Court of
Directors to satisfy him, for his Passage to En-
gland. —

Read Letter from Captain Duncan
Commanding at Cugole. —

To

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

My Lord.

Letter from Captain Duncan, matters accomodated between Hyder & Morarow —

I have had the honor to write You of the 17th Ulto. no Material Intelligence of any thing on this Quarter, has occurred to me. —

I am now informed, that Hyder Ally, after continueing the Siege of Gutti, till the 2, or 3, of this Month, had then come to Terms of Accomodation with Mora Row & that all Hostilities between them had ceased. That a large Body of Hyderi Troops (about 12,000 Horse) had immediately marched, & taken their Route to the Southward; that Hyder with the rest of his Army, & the Cudapah Nabob remain'd near to Gutti, waiting it was supposed the ratification of the Treaty — It is reported that he intends to proceed next, to the Nabob of Savanore's Country & lay them also under Contribution — I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect —

My Lord

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant.

Alex.r Duncan

Bngole 14th Feby.
1776.

The following Letter was dispatched on the
17th Inst. to the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.a of Bengal —

To the Honble Warr.n Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c.a Counsil
at Fort William

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Honble Sir & Sirs

General Letter to Bengal advising of the Company's Orders regarding Tanjore & of the Steps taken in Consequence.

We have had the Honor to receive Your Letters of the 7th & 11th Decr & the 2d & 8th Instt. By the Granville Packet to Your Honr &c. from the Court of Directors. You must have been informed that we had their Special Orders to set the Rajah of Tanjore at Liberty, & to station an English Garrison into the Fort; Upon certain conditions to restore him to his Government.

The Rajah being a Prisoner in Tanjore & that Fort garrisoned by full 2000 of the Nabob's Troops it has taken time to enable us to comply with the directions We had received from the Company & we hope We shall stand excused for not having troubled You upon this Subject untill We could acquaint You with some Degree of Certainty how this Business would end.

It is with the greatest pleasure that We now inform You of the Company's Troops relieving those of the Nabob in Tanjore the 9th Instant, & We enclose the President's Letter to the Rajah together with his Answer received only this Morning. We are on very friendly terms with the Nabob, who professes that he will be entirely guided by our Presidents Advice.

We esteem this a good beginning & shall use our utmost endeavours to carry the further Orders of the Court of Directors into execution ——

Our Employers have been pleased to

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to direct that a Committee of Circuit consisting of 5 Members of our Council shall visit the Northern Circars, we shall recommend to their attention the State of the Guntoor Circar & hope you will agree with us, that it would be improper at this time to create any disturbances in those parts. —

The Anthony Pye, on which Ship &c. Wynch embarked, sailed the 15th Instant, and the Hillsborough got under weigh this Morning but the wind being unfavorable she has been obliged to come to anchor again. —

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Pigot &c. Council

Fort St. George
17th Febr. 1776.

Full & half Batta to be discontinued to Officers & Men at Out-Garrisons & the Paymasters allowed only 10. pr. Day —

The Board taking into Consideration the great expence of the Military Establishment both to the Company & the Nabob, It is Ordered, that full & half Batta be forthwith discontinued to all Officers & Men stationed in Out-Garrisons, except the Batta usually allowed the respective Commandants; — and this likewise to extend to all Paymasters of Out-Garrisons, who are to have only ten Shillings Pr. Day allowed for executing that Office. —

Lt. Young apt. Adjutant of Cavalry —

General Fletcher recommends Lieutenant William Augustus Young to be appointed Adjutant to the European Troop of Cavalry in the room of Lieut. Tempest Thornton deceased.

Approved & Ordered accordingly. —

Sir

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Sir request in the Memorial of Lt. Durand not complied with.

Sir Robert Fletcher reports that he has made enquiry into the grievances set forth by Lieut. John James Durand in his Memorial delivered in Consultation 5th Instant and that he is of opinion it would be prejudicial to the Service to comply with Lieut. Durand's request. Ordered, that the Secretary inform Lieutenant Durand his request of having Superior Rank to that he now possesses cannot be complied with. Lieut. Durand's Memorial to be entered in the Miscellany Book.

Memorial of Lt. Barton not complied with.

General Fletcher reports to the Board, that he has received an application from Lieutenant Richard Barton, praying for Rank above several Officers as set forth in his Memorial entered in Miscellany Book. Resolved, as the Officers named by Lieutenant Richard Barton received Commissions while he was a Volunteer in the Service, that his request cannot be complied with. That the Commander in Chief be desired to signify to them.

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence &c. &c. acknowledging the Receipt of Our President's Letter of the 2d Instant, expressing his great Joy, & Thankfulness to the Company for restoring him to his former Dignity, & to the Throne of his Ancestors; and declaring, that he shall

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shall chearfully resign his Concerns into the Presidents Hands, & willingly acquiesce in his Determination. —

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
Saml Russell
Dalrymple
J. Wray
Archd. Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo. Mackay

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20th Sent off the following Letter to Lieut. Colo. Harper Commanding at Tanjore.

To Lieut. Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

Letter to Colonel Harper — No Batta to be allowed the Garrison of Tanjore.

The General Orders of to day will inform You, that no Batta is to be allowed the Officers or Men stationd in Tanjore, except to you as Commandant of the Garrison. In order therefore that the Troops under your Command may subsist themselves comfortably with their Pay, the Right Honble the President and Council are pleased to direct that you give every attention to the Bazars. The accompanying Letter from the Nabob to his Hillidar which you will deliver, Orders him to keep the Markets constantly supplied with good Provisions at reasonable rates. I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

R. Sulivan Secy

Fort St. George
20th Feby. 1776.

24th Conformably to the Minutes of last Consultation, the following Letter was this day wrote to the Council at Manulipatam.

To Mr. Quintin Crawford
and the Council at Manulipatam
Gentlemen,

Order to Manulipatam to pay the Nizam's Bill in favor of Capt. Pigou for two Lacks of Rupees.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Council to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Nizam Ally Cawn & to acquaint you, you are to pay the amount of the Soubah's Bill to Captain Pigou for two Lacks of Rupees when it shall become due in Phagaley 1180 Fas

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21st Febr. 1776.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant.
R Sulivan Secy.

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Pres.t
Thursday 22d. Febr. 1776.

George Stratton	Genl. F. Robt. Fletcher
George Dawson	Henry Brooke
Claud Russell	Alexr. Dalrymple
John M. Stone	Archi: Palmer
Francis Sourdain	

M.r Mackay indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read

Lt. Parry to be tried by a General Court Martial.

Sir Robert Fletcher reports, that Lieut: Parry of the Corps of Artillery has behaved unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, and recommends that a Court Martial may be held upon him.

Ordered, accordingly, and that the Chief and Council at Cuddalore be desired to send up such Witnesses as may be necessary.

Three Pounders ordered from Conjeveram to Chingleput.

Sir Robert Fletcher reports, That there are two Three Pounders at Conjeveram, and that a Conductor is charged for them; Ordered, That they be sent to Chingleput

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Chinglepunt, and that the Charge be enquired into. —

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
W. Fullarton
Hugh Barwell
Henry Brooke
Paul Russell
Dalrymple
A. Wood
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fowke
Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r Pres.t
George Stratton Gen.l Sr. R.t Fletcher
George Dawson Henry Brooke
Claud Russell Alex.r Dalrymple
J.n M. Stone Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan George Mackay

Friday 23d. Feby. 1776.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Ordered that the following Appointments do take Place.

Appointments

Lieutenant John James Durand to do Duty as Captain with Lieutenants Pay, in the room of Capt. Chatrisp deceased.

Lieutenant Walterhouse Adair to do Duty as Captain with Lieutenants Pay in the room of Capt. Corby, England on leave.

Ensign Thomas Leighton doing Duty as Lieutenant to be full Lieutenant in the room of Lieutenant Chatrisp doing Duty as Capt. Deceased.

Ensign James Oliver to be full Lieutenant in the room of Lieut. Littleton deceased.

Ensign Richard Eastland to do Duty as Lieut. with Ensigns Pay in the room of Lieutenant Durand doing Duty as Captain.

Ensign James Russell to do Duty as Lieut. with Ensigns Pay in the room of Lieut.t Adair doing Duty as Captain.

Ensign George Stuart to do Duty as Lieut. with Ensigns Pay in the room of Lieut. Scott England on leave.

Read

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Read Letter from Mr. George Baker

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Mr Baker on the Subject of his Contract with the Company

I beg leave to apply to your Lordship Council, that when your Attention can be spared from Matters of greater moment, You will please to consider, that the Stipulations of my Contract with the Honble Company cannot be carried into full effect, without one or more large Receptacles for Water within the Fort, for supplying the requisite quantity to Ships from the Sea Gate, and securing a sufficient reserve in cases of exigency, which are express Articles of my Contract; No case like them attempt conveying it to the Beach the Surf; which, though no part of my Engagement has always been an object in contemplation with me. I am with very much respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

and most humble Servant

George Baker

Fort S. George
26th Jan. 1776.

Resolution of the Board thereon.

Captain Baker's Contract with the Company stipulates that he shall have for 21 Years the exclusive Privilege, of conveying Water by an aqueduct or other means into one or more receptacles capable of containing water for 6000 Men for four Months, within the Fort for the Supply of the Factory & Garrison; of supplying Water for the Company's Ships at the same Rate they have usually paid

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said; and supplying the Company's Ships & Vessels from the Receptacle or Receptacles within the Fort.

Agreed, that the commencement of Captain Baker's Term, shall not take place till such receptacles are furnished, but that in the meanwhile He shall enjoy all the other Benefits of his Contract.

Agreed, that Messrs Dalrymple & Stow together with the Engineer & Captain Baker visit the Wells & settle what Space will be proper to enclose, to prevent all impurities from affecting the Water.

Agreed that the Engineer do forthwith give in a Plan & Estimate of such a Receptacle or Receptacles as shall contain the stipulated quantity of Water & serve the purposes of Captain Baker's Contract.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
M. Fisher
Geo. Dawson
Henry Brooke
David Russell
J. Dalrymple
Wm
Archdale Parsons
Jonathan Scurrah
Geo. Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 26th Feby 1776.

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Pres.t
George Stratton — Sir Rob.t Fletcher
George Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alex.r Dalrymple
J.n M. Lane — Archv.e Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Co. of Vizagapatam.

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
Prendent & Governor &c.a Council
& My Lord & Gentlemen,
of Fort St. George

Letter from Vizagapatam

The Chief & Council at Ganjam have advised us, that they had directed the four Companies of Sepoys sent them from this District, to be returned to us, having no further occasion for their Services; & the Detachment is since arrived at Chicacole.

We are with Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
M. Williams
W.m Crawford
Fath.e Barlow

Vizagapatam
17th Feby. 1776.

Read also the following Letter from Mr. Robert Spearman Bale. Jo

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To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
Governor, Prendent & Council &c
of Fort S. George

Honble Sirs.

from Mr Bate claiming a Title to his former Rank in the Service.

Altho' my late request to this Hon-ble Board, has not met with the wished for Succeſs yet must I once more trouble them with my Situa-tion, as I can but still look on myself as a Com-pany's Servant; the two enclosed Papers will I flatter myself make appear, a sufficient ground for my present application, & by a reference to the Dates, will I hope be an ocular proof that when I left the Coast, I left it with Liberty: & not by re-signation: how it is I was put in Order as resigned, but entirely without my knowledge or consents 'tis after I had enquired the reason, from our late General & was given to understand; that it was a form necessary, as he had procured me the half Pay, on account of my long Servitude, & the invalid State I was then in, contracted from the fatigues I had undergone in the Service, that if I returned to the Coast, that Order would be no ob-struction to my obtaining my Rank & Standing. The enclosed Ticket will testify a part of the General's Sentiments. On my unexpected recovery, how great was my Joy! to think I could then return & dedicate the remainder of my Youthful days to a Service in which, I had met with so much en-couragement; But on the contrary, when I thought of being commended for my good intention, how severe doubly severe must the late resolution of the

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the Honble Board appear to me; however if it is entirely fixed, I cannot trespass on your Lordships & the Honble Councils time by a further detail of the affair, I have only to rely on your humanity for a grant of Pay, which I think the Ticket in some measure entitles me to, a Custom in the like Cases; and I must also further recommend to your notice, the unavoidable expence my late Travelling must of course have created & the source from whence they proceeded.

I have the honor to be with profound respect

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Your Lordships & the Honble Boards
Obedient humble Servant
R.t Sp.r Bale.

Minute thereon.

The Board seeing no Reason to change their former Resolution respecting Mr. Bale, are unanimously of opinion, that his Request shall not be complied with.

Pigot
Geo. Stratton
Jno Kelsall
Geo. Darrah
Henry Brooke
Chas. Ruffell
Dalrymple
J. Wynch
Archd. Palmer
James Summers
Jer.h Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Presd.

Monday 4th March
George Stratton
George Dawson
Claud Russell
J. M. Stone
Francis Sourdan
Sir Robt. Fletcher
Henry Brooke
Alexr. Dalrymple
Archd. Palmer
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from Ensign Tho. Jones.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Ensign Jones complaining of being aggrieved by Mr. Brodnell's Appointment to the Cavalry.

The sole Power of hearing and adjusting all Complaints in the Military Line being vested in your hands & confident that you want no other inducement to redress any grievance than having it laid before You I take the Liberty of representing to You the hardship I have suffered by the late Appointment of a Cornet of Cavalry, of which that you may form a just Idea, it will be necessary for me to state my case fully before you, which not to engross your time with further Preamble, is as follows.

In December 1774 my Friends made application to General Smith in my behalf for an Appointment in the European Cavalry, to which they received an Answer intimating, that it was out of his Power to comply with their request, as Ensign now Cornet Darley

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Darley had an undoubted Right to succeed to
the first Vacancy in that Corps, having been acting
in it a considerable time as a Volunteer, which
was & would continue to be, the mode of filling
up any Vacancy's that might happen on it.
availing myself of this information I requested
my Friends to obtain permission for me to join
that Corps as a Volunteer, that I might be the next
in succession after Mr. Darley. The General was
so indulgent as to comply with this request &
in April 1775 (agreeable to my Order from Gov.
Smith for that purpose) I joined the European Cav-
-alry at Cuddalore, where I remained as a Volunteer
doing the Duty of Cornet, 'till January 1776, at
which time a General Order was given out for
me to join the Regiment at Vellore. During the
time I was doing Duty with the Cavalry, a Va-
-cancy happened, by the decease of Cornet Willock
which was filled up by Mr. Darley. Then an
Ensign acting on the same footing with me.
Gov. Smith's declarations on that head, induced me to
look upon the Succession to the Vacancy occa-
-sioned by the Death of Lieut. Thornton, to be indis-
-putably my Right, the infringement of which
by appointing Mr. Boudenot, who was not in
the Company's Service, but came out to this
Country, solely as a Adventurer, even without
their Permission, cannot be considered in any other
Light than as a great Injury done to me, whom
am a Company's Servant, have done many

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Month's Duty in the Corps, & in purchasing the necessary Accoutrements have been at a consider-=rable Expence: If there are any advantages accru-=ing from the Company's Service, no one surely can lay so just a claim to them, as the Servants of the Company; I would beg leave to urge, that I have a Superior Claim to a Ca-=valry Appointment to any other Servant of the Company, from my knowledge of that Service resulting from having done that Duty several Months, consequently I must have a far Su-=perior Claim to the Gentleman appointed, the Violation of which is the grievance I complain of & for the Redress of which, I make this Appeal to you & request to be appointed a Cornet of Cavalry, with Rank of prior Date to Cornet Brudenell, which I am entitled to by my standing in the Servic. I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

with the greatest Respect

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

Thomas Jones. Engrs.

Suz.
Feb.y 26.th 1776.

Minute of Sr. Robt. Fletcher thereon.—

Sir Robert Fletcher informs the Board that he thinks Engr. Jones's Letter irregular & improper, that Engr. Jones was ordered by him to join his own Corps in the Infantry on the 30.th of December last & that Cornet Brudenell was proposed by him to the Board at the recommendation of the Governor not till the 15.th of January — Sir Robert Fletcher further informs the Board, that he cannot find any Publick Order for

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for Ensign Jones's doing Duty on the Cavalry — that many Officers have long been lost to the Service of their Corps by improper indulgencies & that he has found it necessary to order others as well as Mr. Jones to join the Corps to which the President & Council have thought proper to appoint them — Sir Robert Fletcher adds, that to the best of his recollection, he had never heard of Mr. Brudenell before or at the time of Ensign Jones being ordered to his Proper Corps at Vellore. —

Ensign Jones Censured. —

The Board are thoroughly satisfied with the reasons given by Sir Robt. Fletcher for ordering Ensign Jones to join his Corps at Vellore, and this is to be signified to him accordingly. Ensign Jones is likewise to be informed that the Board deem his present application irregular & improper —

Minute of Sir Robert Fletcher with

Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board the following Paper from the Commanding Officers of Seapoy Battalions. He informs the Board that he is too sensible of the truth of the representations, both as to the bad consequences attending the present mode of supplying the Cloathing & Staff Mounting, & the good that would accrue to the Service, from making them alone responsible who are under his Orders & Subject to Military Law. He therefore moves the Board "That the Prayer of the Officers Petition be complied with."

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To the Right Honble the President & Co
of Fort St. George

The Humble Petition of the Captains Comm-
-manding Sepoy Battalions on the Coast
of Coromandel

Sheweth,

Petition of the Captains Com-
-manding Bat-
talions to have
the Cloathing of
their Men. —

That Your Petitioners actuated with Zeal for the Service and a desire of gaining Credit to themselves beg leave to lay before the Honble Board their humble Address, praying that they may in future have the Cloathing of their Bat-
-talions which as Commandants of Corps they humb-
-ly conceive themselves entitled to, it being the prac-
-tice of every Service as well Foreign as British, & likewise that of the Bengal Establishment and for the following reasons they presume it will ap-
-pear to the Honble Board greatly for the good of the Servica. —

From the present mode of cloathing Sepoys (which is by two Agents one to make up the red Jackets the other the half Mounting) it is out of the Commanding Officers Power to give them that smart appearance a Soldier ought to have, & certainly would have, had they the cloathing of their own, as Captains Comman-
-ding Battalions would vie with each other in the dress as well as discipline of their respect-
-ive Corps, It would be needless to observe to the Honble Board how detrimental a practice must be that in any degree damps emula-
-tion which is the Soul of an Army — It is

is impossible for a Soldier to perform the common motions of the Exercise with any Dexterity, when Cloaths do not exactly fit him. To remedy this as much as in Your Petitioners Power they are obliged to have the Coats taken to pieces & new made which is putting the Battalion to a double expence besides from the ill cut of them at first being without a Seam down the back & but one in the Sleeves having no Slope for the Elbow it is after all impossible to make them look like Coats. In regard to the half Mounting it is well known that it has been Yearly growing worse, & at present does not wear half the time it did when furnished by the Captains & the Sepoys are obliged to provide themselves with others to do Duty in.

The Honble Board's complying with the Prayer of their Petitioners will be the means of introducing a very great reform in the Service & a considerable saving will accrue to the Sepoys with[out] being an additional Charge to the Honble Company.

For these and many other reasons that might be urged, Your Petitioners beg the Honble Board will comply with their humble Request. And they as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Resolved that the Consideration of this Subject be deferred till next Monday's Consultn.

Read the following Letter & Paper from the Chief &c. at Cuddalore.

&c

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Pursuant to your Orders of 23d Inst.

Letter from Mr. Shaw with the examinations of Francis & Sommers.

notified to us by the Military Secretary; and conformably to the list of witnesses furnished us for that purpose, we now send you the undermentioned persons to appear as witnesses on the trial of Lieut. Parry.—

Richard Anthony. — Gunner
John Gabriel. — Do —
Verapah — Sarcar
Alexandro — Cook
Amurdeen — Do. Cooks Brother.

The other Persons called upon as witnesses, & whose names are inserted in the aforementioned list, which are the following, the reason for their not being sent up now, is wrote opposite to their respective Names. —

Joseph Lawrence — very sick in the Hospital
Tho.s Fran.s Stow, Sergeant — his presence in the Garrison represented to be absolutely necessary at this time —

Alexander Cooper, Gunner — deceased
James Sommers, Pensioner — not able to march
Chinah Moto Cook — at Tanjore

But we have enclosed the Questions that were put to Sergeant Thomas Francis, and James Sommers Pensioner, by the Court of Enquiry held at Cuddalore the 14th Inst.t to enquire into the past conduct of Lieut. Parry, with the answers

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answer they have deponed to them on Oath before the Chief. —

Cuddalore
28th Feby. 1776.

We are with Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Richard Lathom
Edw.d Saunders
Will.m Maitland
C. W.n Tallofield

Court of Enquiry held at Cuddalore the 14th of Feby. 1776.

Captain Lieut.t Andrew Running President
Ensign Osborne — Member — L.t F. W. Webb
To enquire into the part Conduct of Lt. Henry Parry

Question — From George Cartwright to Serj.t Tho.s Francis.
Did you hear Lt. Henry Parry say with his own mouth he allowed his Writer 5 Pag.s p.r Month

Answer. Serj.t Francis replies. Yes in July last. 1775.

Question. From Lt. Parry to Serj.t Francis — Did you ever see any Money, or Bills pass between me and Geo.g Cartwright?

Answer. Serj.t Francis replied No. he never saw any.

The above Questions were put to Serj.t Francis by me Richard Lathom, and the Answers to them as above written were given & sworn to by Serjeant Francis in my presence — 27th February 1776.

Richard Lathom Pres.t

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1. Question — From George Cartwright to James Sommers Prisoner.
James Sommers, did not Lieut.t Parry give you a
written obligation, to subsist you with all neces-
saries 'till the time of your departure from this
World?

Answer — James Sommers says that he did receive a
Paper from George Cartwright, and in the presence
& by order of Lieut.t Parry, but does not know the
contents, and that the Paper is either torn or lost.

2. Question — From George Cartwright to James Sommers
Prisoner — and did you not receive 12 Fanams
that you sent Lieut Parry before in the Month
of November?

Answer — I did receive 12 fanams from Alex.r Cooper which
I sent him, but don't know it was for the use of
Lieut.t Parry.

3. Question — From George Cartwright to Ja.s Sommers Prisoner
— and did you not receive one Rupee worth of
Ria from me, by Lt. Parry's Order in November?

Answer — Yes, I did receive some Ria in November and
believe it to be one Rupee worth —

The above Questions were put to Ja.s Sommers
by me Richard Lathom, and the answer to them as
above written were given and swore to by James
Sommers in my presence —
1776. 20.th February.

Richard Lathom.

Ordered, that Copies of the
foregoing be given to the Judge Advocate General
and

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and that Lieutenant Parry be brought to a Court Martial as soon as the Watchpus arrives from Cuddalore.

Pigot

Geo. Stratton

Wm Fletcher

Geo. Barwell

Henry Brooke

Tho. Russell

Dalrymple

Wm

Archd. Palmer

Geo. Mackay

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5. Came in the following Letter from Lt. Colonel Harper, commanding at Tanjore.

To the Right Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Colonel Harper, respecting the Price of Provision in Tanjore.

I have been honord with your Orders dated the 20th Instant, and beg leave to acquaint you that I have given all the Assistance in my Power to have the Troops supplied with good and wholesome Provisions at a reasonable Rate; but cannot get them to lower the Price of Mutton which is as follows, Viz. two Sheep upon an average to the Officers & three to the Men for one Star Pagoda, which I cannot help observing I think too dear; I shall therefore hope the Right Honble the President & Council will be pleased to direct that Mutton shall be supplied in the same manner as at Vellore, otherwise as to them shall seem most fit — I am with Respect

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant.

H. Harper.

Tanjore
26th Feby. 1776

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Pres.t

Tuesday 5th March.

George Stratton
George Dawson
Claud Russell
John M. Stone
Franc.s Sourdan
Sir Robt. Fletcher
Henry Brooke
Alexr. Dalrymple
Archd. Palmer
George Mackay

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At Fort St. George 5th March 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The Board having set apart this Day for the Arrangement of the Office of the Commissary General the following Papers are now read.

Paragraphs 29th & 30th of the Compas Genl Letter 7th April 1773.

Paragraphs 19th & 20th of the Compas Genl Letter 12th April 1776 fr. Gren[illegible]

The Office of Commissary General arranged

Extract of the Company's General Letter to the Governor General & Council of Bengal relative to the Office of Commissary General now that Establishment.

And Extract of Minutes of Consultation at Fort William 30th October 1773, relative to Colonel Macleane's Appointment, and approved of by the Company.

From which it appears, by the Company's Orders

That the Commissary General is to be allowed the Salary & Emoluments annexed to the Station of Youngest Counsellor.

That in order to give him Rank on the Field, he is granted a Brevet Commission as Colonel, but is not to perform any Military Duty, or receive any Pay, Batta, or other Emolument whatever in consequence of such his Military Rank

That he is to have no Deputies, Assistant Commissaries, but only such Civil Servants as are employed in any other Department, as appear to the Board necessary for keeping the Accounts & transacting the Business of the Office &c

who are to have the same Allowances as usual in the Accountants Office.

That the Commissary General is not to have the provision of any Contingent Stores. By the Bengal Regulations as approved of by the Court.

That the Commissary General shall have Authority to controul and regulate all Paymasters & Contractors.

That he is to audite & Certify all Bills for Military Charges of whatever Nature.

That the Commissary General is to propose for the approbation of the Board, reformation & reduction of Military Charges.

And as there is here no Committee of Inspection as at Bengal where the Regulations for the Office of Commissary General were made, at which he can have a seat, with liberty of recording his Dissent but no Vote. It is Agreed that Colonel Capper be appointed a Member of the Committee of Works, of the Committee of Stores, & of the Committee of Accounts, as far as relates to Military Accounts.

Col. Capper appointed a Member of the Committees of Works, Stores & Accounts.

Ordered, that a Copy of the foregoing be sent to Colonel Capper, & that he be desired to acquaint the Board what number of Civil Servants of the Company he thinks he shall require to enable him to execute the Duties of his Office.

Five Pagodas pr Month allowed at Vellore, Pondamalle and the

The Commander in Chief proposes to the Board, that an Allowance be made for performing the Duties of a Clergyman to the Troops at Vellore, Pondamalle & the Mount. Agreed by a

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the Mount for officiating as Clergymen.—

a Majority that an Allowance of five Pagodas p Month be made for reading Divine Service in each of the above mentioned Garrisons.

Mr. Dalrymple dissents.—

Mr. Dalrymple dissents from the foregoing Resolution of the Board.

a Committee appointed to enquire into the Report of the Company's Houses & Quarters.—

Agreed, that Mssrs. Brooke, Dalrymple & Stone be appointed a Committee to inquire & make a Report of all the Company's Houses and Quarters in the Fort, and how they are at present occupied.

The Commander in Chief acquainted the Board that Thomas Nicholls Private in Capt. Tongue's Troop attempted to desert from Trincomalee to Pondicherry, but was prevented by the Serjt. of Guard posted at the Barrier which leads to that Settlement. That he endeavoured to cut the Centinel down which caused the alarm. That he was taken Prisoner half a Mile beyond the bounds of Cuddalore & is now under Confinement.

Thos. Nicholls Private Trooper to be tried for desertion.—

Resolved, that Thomas Nicholls with the necessary Witnesses be ordered up from Cuddalore that he may take his Tryal at the next General Court Martial.

Read Letter from Eurgine Shore Somewhere entered hereafter.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Eurgine Shore signifying the

Having some particular Business in England that requires my immediate

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the Service. — personal attendance I request your leave to resign the Honble Company's Service; And as the Season in which the European Ships Sail, is now far advanced, I entreat your Answer as soon as possible, that I may proceed on my Voyage without loss of time. I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect,

Your most Obd.t humble Servant.

Thomas Jones. Engrs.

Agreed that Engrs Jones's resignation be accepted of.

Pigot

Geo. Stratton

Wm Fletcher

Geo Dawson

Henry Brooke

Fras Russell

Dalrymple

Wm Wilson

Archd.s Palmer

Geo. Mackay

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March the 3. 1776.

At Fort St. George 8th March 1776

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r Pres.t

Friday 8th March.

George Stratton — Sir Robt. Fletcher
George Dunsan — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alex.r Dalrymple
John M.r Stone — Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consn. Thursday read.

Sr Robt. Fletcher's motion for an Alteration in the Gen.l Order restricting Soldiers to two Drams a Day.

Sir Robert Fletcher proposes that the following Alteration be made in the General Orders of the 2d September 1775. "That no Soldier in any "Garrison or Cantonment on the Establishment be "allowed more than two Drams p.r Day on any pre- "tence or occasion whatsoever. That he may be "obliged to drink those Drams in the presence of a "Commissioned Officer, at the Place where the Arrack "is served out. Or if the Commandant shall in any "particular Case with leave to carry the Arrack "to their Barracks, it shall first be mixed with at "least a Pint of Water in the presence of a Commissioned "Officer, & the Commandants shall be responsible for "the strict execution of this Order."

Upon reference to the General Order 2d September 1775, it appears that it may be necessary to take the whole of the Orders & Regulations issued at that time into Consideration.

To lie on the Table & the Agent to give in an Abstract of the Arrack Acct & Extraordinary drams.

It is Resolved that this Matter for the present do lie upon the Table, in the meantime the Secretary is to call upon the Agent for an Abstract of the Arrack Account, from the commencement of the Office of Agent to the present time,

that the Profit & Loss may appear and how it has been applied, and that he further require of him a particular Abstract of the Extraordinary Drams which have been issued to the Troops on the Establishment, during the last six Months.

Read Letter from Mr. Robt. Spearman Batt.

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot

Governor, President, Council

of Fort St. George &c.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Mr. Batt requests to be furnished with Money to defray his expences to Europe.

I must once more beg leave to trouble you with a few more lines on the Subject I have before addressed this Honble Board. It is my intention to go to Europe on a French Ship that sails about the 1st of May in order to solicit the Honble Court of Directors for the recovery of my former Rank in this Service, in which I flatter myself the humanity of this Board will induce them to give their Assistance, by a favorable mention of the unhappy incidents that reduce me to go so far for redress. But to effect this I find my circumstances so straightened, that I am necessitated to apply for your indulgence in advancing me three or four hundred Pagodas, on my Pension, as necessary for my support 'till then & Provision for Voyage, untill my arrival in England. I can make no other excuse for this trouble than real necessity and depend Solely on your goodness for relief.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Vizagapatam advising of a Deserter from the Foreign Legion being sent to Madras

We have sent by the Ship Betsy Captain Carne, a French Deserter named Le Coeur, taken by Captain Mathews some time since in the Port of Sayapour and sent down to us by him. His Man formerly belonged to the Corps called Foreigners Legion, from which he deserted; and having heard a very indifferent Character of him, we do not chuse to entertain him. —

We are with respect
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants.
Sam.l Johnson
Henry Crawford
Nath.l Barlow.

Vizagapatam
27th Febry 1776.

The Right Honble the President lays before the Board the following Letter received from the Nabob, together with the answer he had sent him in Consequence. Entered in Cr: Corr: Nº 9 & 10

Translation of a Letter from his Highness to Lord Pigot dated 26th Febry 1776.

Letter from the Nabob, declining to send an Acct. of the Orders on the Sayapour Country & requesting to wait for

Before the Reduction of Sayapour I was not much loaded with Debt, but there remained a little due to my Old Creditors, and I was obliged to pay ten Lack of Pagodas on Account of Mysore.

On the first expedition against Sayapore my Eldest Son settled matters there & took a great deal for

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for the Company's further Commands.

for the Payment of Money, which I assigned to my Creditors, but Tulyagee was totally deficient in the Payment, whereby they suffer'd delay. — For this reason and the other bad conduct of Tulyagee, which I have mentioned in my former Letters, We were induced to send the Company's Troops, Ernest to take Tanjore from Arcot, Nellore, Trichinopoly Trinevelly, & from all my other Countries, Fighting People were quantities for the use of the Army were provided for this expedition.

In carrying on this business, I contracted heavy debts, by raising Troops for the defence of the Forts & Countries, which were weakened by the Old Troops being drawn from them, to go against Tanjore, by paying Batta to the Army, & to them who brought assistance. By paying Prize Money to the Army on both Expeditions & other expences and by paying Money to the Dutch to release the Districts possessed by them. As all the Countries belong to me, I gave Orders on such places, as I thought proper for the Payment of the said Debts, & the Pay of the Troops &c. Now your Lordship requires a particular Account of the Orders I gave on Tanjore — If I give you only an Account of the Orders on that Country, all the Debts that lie upon me & my Country for the two Expeditions against Tanjore & the money paid to the Dutch will be lost. In this case how Can I to write you, only an Account of the Orders given on the Tanjore Country — Should any hindrance happen in the affairs of that Country, the Clamours of my Creditors, & my Troops will be very loud; con-

sidering

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the other various Duties of my Office, as visiting the Hospital, and inspecting into the Provisions; attending on the Works; numbering Cafrs and Artificers occasionally employed, making out the Returns; examining the Accounts &c. As the European Regiment & Artillery have been withdrawn from Ellore, I imagine one of the Company's Servants at Masulipatam, & another in the Chicacole District, will be sufficient for the Circars. ——

As your Lordships &c have pleased to order that no Deputy shall be allowed; I flatter myself you will condescend to permit the Senior Civil Servant at the Presidency, to have charge of the Office during my Sickness or Absence; otherwise the Business of the Office will be totally neglected; when I take the Field with the Army, or shall happen to be indisposed. When your Lordships &c. consider the Business that must fall to the Share of those Gentlemen stationed at Tanjore, Vellore, & the Senior at Madras; and also the Expence that must necessarily occur, in their travelling from one Garrison, to another, I am in hopes you will vouchsafe to make them some further allowance than what is given to the Gentlemen of the Accountants' Offices, who constantly reside at the Presidency. The Junior Civil Servant at Madras; & the two acting in the Circars being precluded from holding any other employment in the Company's Service, whilst they act in the Commissary's Department; I am in hopes they will be indulged with the allowance specified in the Minutes of your Consultation of the 5th Instant. ——

In order to lessen the Expence

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of appointing the Civil Servants under the Commissary General; Permit me to recommend that they may be allowed to do the Duty of Inspectors of Stores, which in all Services is deemed a very important Branch of the Commissary's Department. The Storekeeper, and Commanding Officer of Artillery, will attend to the Quality of the Stores; whilst the Civil Servant acting under the Commissary will act as a Check upon the Quantities, in a short time he may become even a Judge of their Goodness, especially if assisted by a careful Invalided Non-Commissioned Officer of Artillery. Another advantage arising from this Arrangement, will be, that the present Inspectors of Stores may join their own Corps, from which they cannot be spared without some Inconvenience to the Service.

Fort S. George
March 8th 1776.

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Jasper.
Comm.y General.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

To lie on the Table.

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Petition of the Captains, Commanding Battalions of Sepoys to have the Cloathing as well as half Mounting of their Battalions, together with the request of the Commander in Chief that their Petition may be complied with, as entered in last Consultation.

Of the Petition of the Officers Commanding Battalions taken into Consideration.

The Board after due attention to the reasons set forth by the Commander in Chief, as well as by the Captains for altering the present Mode of furnishing the

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Deliberations of the Board thereon —

the Sepoy Battalions with Cloathing and Half Mounting, are of opinion, that the Method proposed of each Captain supplying his own Battalion with those Articles, is not so eligible as that of employing Agents under the immediate inspection of the Board. The Cloth for the Jackets is issued by the Company, & made up in such form & manner by the Agent, as the Board shall think proper to direct. For this purpose the Board in the Month of August each Year, are to have an approved Coat of each denomination, made up & kept as a Muster: and before any cloathing is to be delivered, the whole is to be examined, & reported if agreable or not to Muster, & for this the Agent is to be allowed 5 per Cent on the Net Cost. By this the Cloathing is made up under the Strictest Check, nothing being left at the discretion of the Agent. The Board furnish him with a Muster, the Company with the Cloth, & being constantly resident at the Presidency, the Officer Commanding Battalions, & the Commander in Chief have it at all times in their Power to have him called to Account, if any abuses shall appear in the provision of the Cloathing. And the Commander in Chief being himself a Member of the Board, can at all times take care that the Muster Coat is proper, & that the rest of the Cloathing is made conformably to it. As to the half Mounting, the same reasons weigh equally now that they did in 1770, when the Board was induced to take it from the Captains of Battalions, & give it to an Agent at the Presidency. The Mode seems the best calculated to prevent Abuses, but, should any creep in, the Board

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Board are at all times ready to rectify it, and punish the Agent who shall be found Guilty.

The Petition not granted.

Upon the whole it is agreed by a Majority of the Board 8 to 3, that the Petition of the Captains be not complied with.

The Captains of the Sepoy Battalions having represented in support of their Petition, that the Sepoys are frequently obliged to be at an extraordinary expence to make the Coats fit them, after they are received by the Battalion; which arises that other Stoppages are made, than those authorized by the Board — To prevent which it is ordered when any Coats are found not to fit the Men, that the Agent be advised thereof, & that he do send directions to have the Coats altered, and that the Expence attending the same be carried to the Debit of the Cloathing Fund.

Sr. Rob. Fletcher dissents to the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Robert Fletcher dissents from the aforegoing Resolution, and will give his Reasons at a future Council.

The Chief and Council at Cuddalore to be informed that Sepoys to relieve the Effectives at Cuddalore.

Agreed, that the Chief and Council at Cuddalore be informed that Orders will be issued for all Invalid & Pensioned Officers & Sepoys to repair forthwith to Cuddalore, where they are, conformably to a former Resolution of Council, to relieve a proportionate number of Effectives belonging to the 4 Independant Companies, and that the Commander in Chief will give the necessary Orders

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Orders for the Effectives being incorporated into the Brigade Battalions.

Brigt
Geo. Stratton
W. Fletcher
C. Darrow
Henry Brooke
Lind. Russell
Dalrymple
Wm Wood
Archd. Alex. Palmer

Gen. Stuart

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot Gov.r & Pres.t

Tuesday 12th March — George Stratton

Henry Brooke

Claud Russell

Alex.r Dalrymple

John M.r Stone

Arch.d Palmer

Franc.s Sourdan

George Mackay

M.r Dawson indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Counsil at Gingaim.

Military Department

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c.a Counsil

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Gingaim with Indents of Military Stores & Stores for Sale.

Enclosed We have the honor to transmit you an Indent of Military Stores wanting to complete the quantity which Your Lordship &c.a have resolved to be necessary for the defence of this Garrison, as p.r Statement transmitted to us by the Military Secretary in April last; also an Indent of Military Stores wanting over and above the quantity expressed in that Statement, and an Indent of Stores for Sale.

The Military Stores which were consigned to us last Year from Manelipatam, and conveyd to Bengal in the Salisbury, We lately received from thence by the Terrible but they do not correspond to the Manelipatam Invoice, as appears by an Account laid before us by our Store-

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Storekeeper which We have directed him to for-
ward to the Military Storekeeper General.

Agreeable to Our Letter of
this date to the Revenue Department, We have
directed Captain Barnewell to send a Detach-
ment consisting of three compleat Companies to
take possession of the Fort, or Pettah of Durraguer and
wait there for further Orders.

We have the honor to be very respectfully.
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Charles Smith
Rt. Maunsell.
Tho.s Dyneley.
Rob.t Hughes.
I. Huddleston.

Ganjam
26th Feby. 1776.

Ordered that the Indents be referd
to the Storekeeper.

The Commander in Chief
recommends that the following may be given
out in General Orders.

Sir Rob.t Fletcher recommends certain General Orders respecting the Payment of Invalids & Pioneers.

It is ordered by the Right Hon-
ble the President & Council that after the expira-
tion of the Month of May no Pay be issued to
any of the Black Officers and Sepoys now upon
the Invalid & Pension List but at Cuddalore when
they are ordered to repair except to those who have
lost Limbs, or are otherwise rendered incapable of
marching to Cuddalore, by Wounds, Infirmities
or extreme Old Age; these are to be paid as they
are at present, on producing their Certificates, but
Lists

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Lists of their Names, Rank, Time of Service, and
No. of their Certificates, are to be taken before such
Payments are made & transmitted to the Secretary
of the Military Department, and the Comman-
-der in Chief is desired to strike off from the List
all such Persons either Officers or Men who have been
improperly admitted or are endeavoring of being
continued upon it. And the Certificates of all
such as shall be so struck off the List are to be
transmitted to the Secretary of the Military
Department.

Approved — Approved & Ordered accordingly.

Pigot

Geo. Stratton

J. B. Fletcher

Henry Brooke

Lieut. Colonel

Dalrymple

Lt. Col.

Archd. Palmer

Geo. Mackay

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13th Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief and Council at Cuddalore.

To Richard Lathom Esqr. Chief & the Council at Cuddalore.

Gentlemen,

Letter to the Chief & Cl at Cuddalore

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Council to acquaint you, that Orders are this Day issued for all Invalid & Pensioned Officers & Sepoys, to repair forthwith to Cuddalore, when they are to receive a proportionable Number of Effectives belonging to the 1st Independant Companies. And further I am directed to inform You, that the Commander in Chief will give the necessary Orders for the Effectives being incorporated into the Brigade Battalions.

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
R Sulivan Secy.

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Presdt.
George Stratton — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Monday 10th March. — George Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alexr. Dalrymple
John M. Stone — Archd. Palmer
Francis Sourdan — George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from the Council at Masulipatam.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St. George.

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My Lord & Gentlemen.

We have received Letters from the Secretary for the Military Department, of the 20th & 21st Instant; the last accompanied by a State of row to the Right Honble the President from the Soubah of the Deckan. The several Orders therein contained, shall be duly attended to.

from Manulipatam the Number of Lascars necessary in the Circars one hundred & thirty sent to Madras.

Captain Smith with two Lieutenants four Serjeants, six Corporals, & forty five private Men of the 2d Battallion of the 2d Brigade, arrived here yesterday, and We shall send them to the Presidency by the first fit Sea conveyance.

We are of opinion that a Syrang four Tindals, & seventy Lascars, are necessary for the Service in the Circars. A Tindal & fifteen Lascars are stationed at Condapilly, the like number at Samalacotah, and We propose to appoint the rest to Ellore, from whence the other Services may be supplied. Sixteen are now employed with Mr Keir on a Survey in Nizamspatam. — We have sent directions for one hundred and thirty with three proper Officers to proceed immediately to Madras the Syrang will have a Letter to the Paymaster General.

As there still remain a number of Europeans in Ellore, Samalacotah and Condapilly, that belong to the Sepoy Battallions &c. We have taken upon us to detain Mr Carcer, till your Lordship &c. are pleased to send down a Surgeon or Surgeons Assistant for the Purpose of attending the Sick of those Garrisons. Mr Lamey who was stationed at Samalacotah, is gone to Pondicherry for

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for the recovery of his Health.

We are very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Quintin Crauf
Charles Desbrowe
James Hodges.

Masulipatam
27th February 1776.

Read Letter from Nizam Ally Cawn as entered in Co: Corr: No. 11 desiring that Orders may be sent for the Payment of the 7th Kist of Phazaly 1185 to Benn Dass & Sett Damoodar Dass, Sircars, each one Lack & twenty five thousand Rupees.

Ordered, that the Council at Masulipatam be furnished with a Copy of the aforegoing Letter from the Nizam, & directed to pay the 7th Kist of Phazaly 1185 when it shall become due, to those who produce the usual Customary receipts for it.

The Secretary lays before the Board Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Sangor by the Sentence of which Lieutenant Duncan Rankin is Cashiered the Service.

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Cuddalore.

To the Military Department

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

from Cuddalore
Thos. Nicholls sent
under Guard to Madras

In Obedience to Your Commands of 6th Instant, notified to us by the Military Secretary we now send to Madras Thomas Nicholls Private in Capt.

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Captains Youngs Troops, and two Sepoys who are to appear as Witnesses at his Tryal, under an Escort of Sepoys.

We have the honor to remain with respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient humble Servants.

Cuddalore 10th March 1776.

Richard Lathom.
Edwd. Saunders.
Willm. Maitland.
Thos. Cooper.
E. W. Fallofield.

to be tried by the Genl. Court Martial now sitting at the Mount.

Ordered, that Thomas Nicholls Private in Captain Youngs Troops, confined the 2d Instant by Lieut. Will. Young, for Desertion be tried by the General Court Martial now sitting at St. Thomas's Mount.

Read Letter from Lieut. Wood as entered hereafter.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Lt. Wood requesting to resign his Commission.

I did myself the honor of writing to You through your Secretary the 19th Jany. last; giving You my thanks for the Indulgence granted me in a further leave of Absence: Since which I have received Advices from England, that makes my Stay in this Country uncertain; & having some Affairs to settle in Bengal. — I beg leave once more to give You my thanks for the great

Indulgencies

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Indulgencies that have been granted me, & to request leave to resign my Commission as Lieut.t in the Honble Companys Military on the Madras Establishment

I am with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Hble Servant

R.W. Wood.

Agreed that Lieutenant Woods resignation be accepted of.—

Read Letter from Vizagapatam

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot

President, & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Vizagapatam with two unfinished Plans.

Herewith We have the honor to forward to You, two unfinished Plans of part of the Havaily Lands, and Wooratlah, delivered to us by Mr. Charles Maxtone & Engineer Johnstone; agreeable to Your directions communicated to the Chief by Mr. Secretary Sullivan.

The small Plan, was done by Mr. Maxtone; whose frequent illness during the Survey, prevented his finishing more of the Wooratlah Country: he has lately recovered his health & returned to his Duty.

We are with Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants.

Vizagapatam
10th March 1776.

Sam.l Johnson
Hy. Crawford
Nath.l Barton.

Read the following Letters from Lieut.t

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Colonel Harper Commanding at Tanjore, & Lieutenant Colonel James Commanding at Trichinopoly.

To the Right Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter from Colonel Harper — a Surgeon, the Hospital Cloths & Cloathing removed from Trichinopoly to Tanjore

There being no Surgeon yet Apptd to this Garrison and having in the Hospital here ninety Men besides some Officers sick and only a Surgeon's Apistant to attend them, and there being a Surgeon and an Apistant at Trichinopoly with all the accomodations of the Hospital and but few Sick, I took the liberty to write to Lieut: Col. James to afford me some Apistance, to whom it was agreable to let Mr. White the Surgeon come with the Sick that remained there with the Cloathing, Cloths &c. for which purpose I have sent off Dooleys and Larcars to remove them here & hope it will meet with your approbation — I am with perfect Respect.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

H. Harper.

Tanjore 15th March 1776.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Colonel James on the same Subject.

Lieut: Colonel Harper having represented to me the number of Officers and Men Sick at Tanjore, and only an Apistant Surgeon to attend the whole, I have in consideration of the Service directed Mr. White to proceed to Tanjore as I have only a few Sick remaining of the Regiment

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and Artillery, and then I shall be able to move in a few Days. This proceeding I shall be happy if approved of. I am &c remain with the greatest Respect.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very obedient

most faithful Servant

C. James.

Trichinopoly
15th March 1776.

The Secretary lays before the Board Proceedings of a Committee of Offreckonings, together with a Memorial of Captains Nixon & Campbell as entered hereafter.

Proceedings of a Committee held by Order of Brigadier General Sir Robt. Fletcher Commander in Chief &c to settle the Infantry Offreckonings for the Year 1775 held in Fort St. George the 9th of March 1776.

Major Horne, President

Major Cook, Capt: Alcock } Members { Capt. Nelson, Capt: Rumley.

Proceedings of a Committee of Offreckonings with the Claims of Capt. Rumley & Clifton.

It appears to the Committee, on Inspection of the Agents Account Current with the Military Stoppages, and Disbursements for the Year 1775 — That there remains in his Hands a Ballance of Pagodas Current 21270. 22. 60. which the Committee Judge should be divided by the Agent to the following Field Officers and Captains at the usual rate of Six hundred Pagodas P. Annum.

	M. D	P. F		M. D	P.
General Smith	9. 14	473. 14	Capt. Searle	4. 16	230. 0
Fletcher	6. 8	313. 14	Richd. Hayward	10. 10. 1/2	430. 23
Carried Over		786. 28	Carried Over		660. 23

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		Brought over	706.28			Brought over	660.23
Colonel	Lang	12	600	Effective Capt.	Stoat	5.27	295.4
	Flint	12	600	Invalid	Do	6.3	254.6.40
Lt. Colonel	Bonjour	9.14	473.14	R. Black Inv.d		12	500
	Sawyer Inv.d	12	500		Clifton	6.3	305
	Braithwaite	6.4	306.28		Kennedy	12	600
	James	12	600		De Morgan	12	600
	Bellingham	6.10	316.28		Murphy	12	600
	Harper	12	600		Keating	5	250
Major	Horne	12	600		Rumley	23	38.14
	Fitzgerald	12	600		Douglass	12	600
	Baillie	12	600		Frazer to Nabob Service		
	Nixon	12	600		Wood	12	600
	Browne	12	600		Ruffle	12	600
	Marcellin	12	600		Cheshyre	12	600
	Scott	22	36.28		Barclay	12	600
Capt.	Meyer	4.18	230		Bridges	12	600
	Corby	6.4	306.28		Macharel	12	600
	Davis	4.2	203.14		Long	12	600
	Short	12	600		Johnston	12	600
	Cotgrave	7	350		Geo: Nixon	12	600
	Nelson	12	600		Don.d Campbell		420.35.20
	Alcock	22	36.28				
					Pagodas		21,278.22.60

Captain Rumley having laid in his Claim for Off-
reckonings for the whole Year 1775 and expressed his
intention of renewing his Claim to Offreckonings for several
Years past from the time he thinks himself entitled
to them from his Standing; but as it appears to this
Committee that he resigned the Nabobs Service on
the 8.th December last, a Majority are of opinion that
he ought not to share more than from that Day;
they at the same time think it equitable that 1200
Pag.s

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Pagodas to be lodged in the Agents hands till it is determined by the Honble Board whether he and Capt.o Frazer are entitled to it or not.—

To Major Horne, President
and the Members of the Committee
for Offreckonings

Gentlemen,

As from the late General Order appointing me to Rank next below Major Horne, I am become entitled to a Company of Artillery from November 1771. and consequently to the Offreckonings from that Period, or when a Company became Vacant by decease of Lieut.t Col. Butler at which time I commenced Pay as Captain — viz.t from the first day of November 1771 and tho' another Company became Vacant by the decease of Captain John Little in December following and tho' my arrival in the Country was known; yet from a misunderstanding of the Intention of the Honble Court of Directors, I have been deprived of my just Rights as appears by the eighth Paragraph of their General Letter of this Season, Confirming me in my Rank, Now it is immaterial whether my Claim to Offreckonings commences from the 1st Day of November 1771, when my Pay as Captain commenced, or from the 17th of the same Month, at the decease of Colonel Butler when a Company became Vacant, — but I flatter myself, and I do not doubt, but the Gentlemen of the Committee will acquiesce in the propriety of this my Claim, and take such Measures for the Recovery of the same as may put it beyond a doubt, I am

March the 9th
1776

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
Signed Chas. Clifton

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The above Letter from Captain Alston claiming Offreckonings for the Year 1772. 1773. 1774 & 1775. The Committee also refer to the Honble Board as they conceive they have no Business with the Offreckonings shared any former Year & can only give their Opinion on the Fund now to be divided; And as it appears by General Order that Captain Clifton was appointed to Captain Stouts Company of the 27th of June last the Committee have put Capt. Stout down for 5 Months & 27 Days Offreckonings as Effective Captain and from that Period have put down Capt. Clifton for Offreckonings to the end of the Year

Math.w Horne
Major. President.

To the Right Honble the President & Council of Fort St. George

The Memorial of Captains Nixon & Campbell —

Humbly Sheweth.

Memorial of Capt. Nixon & Campbell re Offreckonings

That your Memorialists are informed, that Captain Rumley has claimed a Share in the European Offreckoning Fund for the Year 1775, and that the Committee appointed for regulating the said Fund, have set apart the sum of twelve hundred Pagodas — until the opinion of the Honble Board may be known as to the Merits of the said Claim; Although the Majority of the said Committee are of opinion that Captain Rumley's Claim is not equitable.

That the said Captain Rumley has, for these several Years past, enjoyed a Post of considerable Advantage in Offreckonings, & other Emoluments in his Highness the Nabob's Service, which have induced

induced the several Committees of Offreckonings that have sat from time to time to exclude Captain Rumley from any share of the said fund; and one of those Committees were honord by Brigadier General Smith's approbation of their opinion. —

That Captain Richard Mathews whilst in his Highness's Service, never made any such claim; and Capt. Frazer now in the same Service never demanded or received any of the said fund. —

Your Memorialists therefore humbly hope that the advantages which accrued to Capt Rumley from the Command of a Regiment of Cavalry in his Highness the Nabob's Service; will be judged by your Honble Board, a sufficient recompence for any claim Captain Rumley can make on the Offreckonings, and which therefore in justice devolves to the Officer who did his Duty during his absence in his Highness's Service. —

Your Memorialists being therefore next in Rank hope to have Your Honble Board's approbation for receiving such a dividend of the said Offreckoning Fund, as may be adjudged them as shares by the Committee. —

And your Memorialists shall ever be in Duty bound to pray. —

The Commander in Chief &c. lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Captain Rumley.

To General Sir Robert Fletcher
Commander in Chief &c.
Sir.

I now beg leave to enclose a Copy of

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Letter from Capt. Rumley on the same Subject

of the Order by which I stand upon a General Court Martial in Fort St. George while I belonged to his Highness the Nabobs Cavalry, also, to acquaint you that during the time of my serving with the Nabobs Cavalry, I have had the honor to command different Detachments of the Honble Company's Troops upon Service notwithstanding which I may bring a Captain in the Honble Company's Service since the Year 1770. I have had the mortification to see Captains Juniors to me receive Offreckonings for some Years, tho' I have never yet received any, for the justice of which I appeal to your Candour, & have the honor to remain

March 11th 1776.

Your very Obedient
and humble Servant
Chas. Rumley.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read Letter from Capt. DeMorgan

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Letter from Capt. DeMorgan claiming Superior Rank to Capt. Clifton

Having with the most serious attention considered what appears to me the causes leading to the late honor conferred upon Capt: Clifton, I humbly request Your Lordship's favor to bestow a few Minutes, on what, my feelings as an Officer hath urged me to trouble You with.

The Orders of the Honble Court of Directors dated in April 1771 direct, "that Capt. Clifton should upon his Arrival at this Presidency, be the Youngest Captain of Artillery, & to succeed to the first Vacant

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Company; which amplied their consideration that Vacancies might happen; and as they were pleased not to give him the Rank he would have had he remained on this Establishment, nor to name the Person that he was, upon his readmittance, to be next to; it seems that it was not their intention to supercede any particular Officer, but to leave the Succession open and free until his arrival at this Presidency, as is expressly pointed in the Commission that he obtained at Leadenhall in 1771.

It appears by his Memorial to the Court of Directors of 26th July. 1772. that he understood it in the same light — in which memorial he urges his disappointment in coming under the Captains Lieut.ts who had got full Captains Commissions which he says, is contrary to the intentions of the Honble Court of Directors who meant he should come in next to the Youngest Captain, according to the establishment of Company! In the same letter does he speak in a subsequent Representation to the Board of June 1772. and enforces his Claim by the promulgation of the Company's Disapprobation of the full Commissions granted to the Capt.s Lieut.ts and of their Orders that those Commissions should be revoked and only Brevets given to Rank in the Army: He avoided a noting in either of these Remonstrances, so material a fact as that the three first of the so appointed Capt.s Lieut.ts viz. Stoud, Hennedy & De Morgan had actually succeeded to Companies before his arrival.

By the 8th Paragraph of the General Letter

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Letter D. Granville The Honble Court of Directors seem to found their Opinion that Captain Clifton should have the Company Capt: Stout had, upon a supposition that it was the first vacated after his arrival here." But it will appear by the Records of this Presidency that Captain Stout got his Company near a Year before Captain Clifton was readmitted into the Servia even in England — that Capt: Kennedy & myself had both succeeded to our Companies in the common course of the Service some Months previous to Capt. Cliftons arrival and before the Orders of the Court of Directors could be known here that disannulled the full Commissions granted us when Capt Lieut.— consequently could not affect our right to Companies — Therefore I humbly conceive that it was not the intention of the Honble Court of Directors that he should Rank next to Major Horne — & this was the opinion of the Board when they considered the sense of the Orders from England in their Consultation of the 22. June 1772. a time when I was ignorant that my right to a Company had been controverted. —

Capt. John Kennedy who is next above me in the Corps & whose Services & professional abilities the Right Honble Board cannot be strangers to, being detained at Ellore by bad state of health & feeling much also upon the occasion of what he terms a Supersession has requested that I would join him in a Representation to your Lordship &c.a — Being perfectly convinced that his reputation as an Officer is so well established as not to require my saying any thing further of him. —

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The motives of my quitting the Civil Service in 1761 to embrace a Military Life in time of War arose from a desire of distinguishing myself as an Officer. Having gone thro' the several Subaltern Stations, it is not unbecoming 15 Years experience to be ambitious of whatever an Officer in the same time can obtain. Let me then entreat your Lordship &c. to reconsider the Orders respecting Capt Clifton and if it appear that he should resume an employ in the Corps of Artillery by succeeding to the first vacant Company after his Arrival at this Presidency, that Your Lordship &c. would be pleased to restore me my proper Rank —

I am with due Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very Obedient
humble Servant
A. D. Morgan

The Mount
18th March 1776.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board a List of 20 Non Commissioned Officers & Sepoys belonging to the 6th Carnatic Battalion of Sepoys recommended to be Invalided or Pensioned. Ordered that they repair forthwith to the Presidency for Examination. —

The Chief Engineer to report the Repairs necessary to the Artly Barracks at the Mount.

The Commander in Chief reports that the Artillery Barracks at the Mount not only leak at the Tops, but by reason of having a Mat flooring are in wet Weather very Unhealthy & inconvenient: Ordered, that the Chief Engineer & the Commandg

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Commandant of Artillery be directed to examine and
Report the Situation of the Artillery Barrack at
the Mount, & of the Repairs that may be necessary.

Pigot

Geo. Stratton,
W Lisher
C Dalrymple,
Henry Brooke
Paul Russell
Dalrymple
Wm
Archdale Palmer

Geo. Mackay

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19th Conformably to the Minutes of Consultation this fore-
noon Letter was this Day dispatched to the Council
at Masulipatam

To Mr. Quintin Crauford
& the Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

Letter to Masulipatam directing the Payment of the Nizam's Tribute

I am directed by the Right Honble the President &c. to furnish you with the ac-
companying Copy of a Letter from Nizam Alley
Cawn, & to acquaint you, that you are to pay the 1. Kist
of Phazaley 1185 when it shall become due, to those who
produce the usual & customary Receipts for it.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
R. Sullivan Secy.

Fort St. George
19th March 1776.

At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Gov.
George Stratton
George Dawson
Claud Russell
John McStone
Franc. Sourdain
Sir Robt. Flet
Henry Broo
Alexr. Dalrym
Arch. Palmer
George Macka

Friday
22d. March.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Sir Robert Fletcher now declar
Dissents from the Resolution of the Board, refu
Petition of the Captains Commanding Ba
of Sepoys for the Cloathing & half-Mounting of

Fort St. George 22. March 1776

Battallions.

Minute of Sir Rob.t Fletcher dissenting to the Resolution of the Majority respecting the Petition of the Sepoy Captains.

1.

Because the rejecting of this Petition, grounded upon reason, warranted by the Practice of all Services (that of this Coast excepted) authorized as I conceive by necessity and long wished for by General Smith, myself, and the whole Army, may & probably will, prove a detriment to the public Service, by continuing a Mode of Cloathing too often complained of as a grievance to the Sepoys & a hardship upon their Commandants who are obliged, notwithstanding, to keep their Men dressed like Soldiers, & who have the best Claim to any advantages that may arise from the Cloathing of their Men.

2.

Because, as I said in the debate, proper pattern Coats were made in 1774 by Order of General Smith & approved by him, but the Agent, estimating the difference at five or six thousand Pag.s which he wanted in addition to the present expence, they were laid aside — But the Commandants offer not only to make the Cloathing equal to those Patterns without the additional expence, but even to give their Men a larger proportion of half mounting, & of a quality far superior, so that, the Sepoys may be well cloathed throughout the Year, which upon the present footing they are not.

3.

Because the reasons assigned for rejecting the Petition appear to me ill founded, & if they were well founded, they would notwithstanding, be insufficient for

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for whose the Commandant to punish the Delinquents
-ing if any Complaint was made against any one
of them, for having acted improperly to the Sepoys
or unduly to his Majesty, enquiry into the merits of
the case ought to have been made by his Superiors
a proceeding so just & necessary, that no innocent
Man, would wish to avoid it, & no guilty one ought
to have it, whereas at present the innocent suffer
with the guilty, & both labour equally under the
same imputations.

4th

Because at all times, when I as Commander in
Chief shall think it necessary for the better Order of
the Army to propose measures in which I am not sup-
-ported, I shall think it, as I now do, an indispensable
my Duty, to record my Dissent, that it may appear
to my Masters, I was Zealous to listen to the complaints
of the Army, & to do every Justice to the Troops by
exerting my best endeavours to put them on a footing
not worse than that of those in the other Settlements
of the Company. —

5th

Because I hold the Commandants of Sepoy Corps
from whom the Petition came, to be of great
consideration in their own personal Characters &
in their influence over by far the greatest part of the
Army & in their Abilities to perform great Services
to their Country, to whom We are indebted for many
eminent Services, never to be forgotten, on which, and
many other Accounts I sincerely wish their Petition had met
with another fate.

Wm Pitcher

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Read Letter from the Council at

Manulipatam

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Manulipatam with Draft of Plans.

In compliance with your direc-tions of the 9th Ultimo, We have the honor to transmit You all the Draft in Our Possession, excepting one on a very large Scale that was done by the Brick layers Mistry, which, as it cannot, on account of its size, be sent by the Tapsy, shall be forwarded by the first opportunity.

We are very respectfully.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and

most humble Servants,

Manulipatam
17th March 1776.

Quintin Crawford
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges.

The President lays before the Board a Letter he has received from the Nabob dated the 19th Instant as entered hereafter together with the draft of his Answer to that Letter, which meeting with the Approbation of the Board, he is desired to send the same to the Nabob

From the Nabob.

Dated & received the 19th March 1776

Letter from the Nabob urging his Claim to Sayors &

The Letter you sent me of Date the 6th Instant in reply to my Memorandum of the 10th I have received & understood the contents. I am

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Representing his distress at the Company's Orders being executed.

am obliged to you for what you express with regard to your observing the Distress of my Finances, my turning my Thoughts towards a Remedy, and Your affording me every Assistance, that is consistent with the Orders of your Masters, to relieve me from every kind of difficulty. If You, Sir in Opposition to the Representations & Intreaties which I have written to yourself and the Company relative to the Dependencies of Tanjore, are desirous of giving it to the Rajah, to what Remedy shall I turn my Thoughts? Believe me, it has not been by a needless expence in superfluous Show & Parade that I have fallen under the Burthen of a Debt, but formerly in the national War, in the expences of Madras, and the taking of Pondicherry, on Occasion of the Madura Expedition, and the War with the Nizam which has specially in Consequence of seizing the Circars, & after that from the taking of the Dewanney of the Mauvre Country, the War waged against it, & the defraying the Expences of my own Forces as well as the Company's therein, & finally from the incursion of Hyder Ally Cawn in consequence of that & his laying waste my Country according to his Pleasure, none of which occurrences did their Existance, as I have written in mine of the 30.th of January 1770. My falling under a Penalty of Ten Lack of Pagodas for the Mauvre War, also increasing my Debts. Yet all these Expences have been incurred in Order to assist my Friends. I am however happy in the Thought, I have paid a great part of those Sums, & but a very little remains. If the above cannot found

mentioned disturbances had not occurred, I had not been incumbered with Debts, and as for that which I was under a necessity of contracting for the taking of Tanjore, it was with a View to the tranquility of the Carnatic and the Ease & Welfare of my People in general. For otherwise what Disorders would there not have arisen in this Country from the ill conduct of Tulgangie & his soliciting succours from the Marattas, the Dutch &c. as I have explained in my Letter of the 22d of January last and in my Memorandum dated of the 26th of February. The Tanjore Debt I can easily discharge provided I be undisturbed in the Management of the Revenues of that Country. —

You write that the Orders you have received from the Company are, to restore the Country of Tanjore to Tulgangie, but that you have such a desire for doing every thing in Unison with me, that this has not yet been put in execution though Two English Garrisons has been near a Month in Tanjore. — This I have understood, I consider the Company as my warm Friends, in as much as it is by their Favor & Assistance, which I have always experienced in my Affairs, that I have got a Power over that which is my Right, & this I continually acknowledge with gratitude. Hence I did not hesitate to receive a Garrison of my best Friends into the Fort of Tanjore by way of security as in other Forts, that there might be a strong Proof of my sincere friendship for the Company, If however notwithstanding this, any one shall think that, in putting

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-ting the Fort under the Protection of the Company's People, in agreeing to defray the Expences of the Garrison, in giving a proper Sagueer to Tulgaugu and also to the Company whatever they might be put to from Tulgaugu as I have written in mine of the 22. of Janry. I have not applied myself to execute the Company's Pleasure, it is my Misfortune Now seeing that by my bad Fortune the Company have not had a compleat & perfect Account of the true State of the Case, I were able to vindicate with it as certainly to believe that Tulgaugu was in Friendship only, whenever the King of Great Britain, the Parliament, & the Company shall understand the real & certain State of the Affair they will approve of the conduct of their Ally & Friend in this Country, in not agreeing to give his consent to the Dishonour of himself & the Ruin of the future Interests of the Company & the English Nation by setting up a Subject of his in the Carnatick which must prove the Source of a Variety of Mischiefs & Disturbances. I have written allmy Circumstances and my right to my Favourers the Company, I have reminded them of their former Order relative to Tanjore, & I do not expect from them who are Men of reason and Justice a Deprivation of my Right and I have accordingly written You in mine of the 22 January last that You do not interfere in the Management of the Districts of Tanjore which is my Right till an Answer from the Company shall arrive. Why should I not write to You, my Friend the Sujery that my Affairs will suffer by a com-

-plaint

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compliance with your Desires, for it is not only the Loss of the Tanjore Country I must sustain, but all the concerns of my Government will be ruined by it. I therefore write You again, with abundance of sincerity in the Name of the King of Great Britain the Nation, the Parliament & the Company, that you do not interfere in my Management of the County of Tanjore till an Answer arrives from the Company. And you will please to attend to the preservation of the Honor of an Old & true Friend of the English Nation, who have never found such a friend in Hindostan; By shewing me this Favor & by permitting to make known to the Company how much their Interests are concerned in the Confirmation of my Rights, you will not only act a candid Part in respect of me but will gain the Applause of the King of Great Britain and your own Nation, For by the Favor of Heaven I am the first Prince of Hindostan & the King of Great Britain & the English Nation have pledged their Honor for my Protection & the Preservation of my Rights I are my Guarantee. ——

You write that pity towards the distressed Inhabitants, who on Account of the present confused State of that Country, having no regular Government either on the Part of me or the Rajah are miserably situated, candour towards Sulyangee who may be said to be yet a Prisoner and publick Faith require that the Company's Orders be put in Execution without delay. This I have understood. As to the distressed situation of the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country & their Dispersion, I must acquaint you

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English Nation, who have never found such a friend
in Hindostan; By shewing me this Favor & by
permitting to make known to the Company how
much their Interests are concerned in the Confir-
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you, that before ever Tanjore came into my Possession
Numbers of the Inhabitants were dispersed by
reason of the various Oppressions of Tuljaingue in
which no Tyrant, even exceeded him; after which
he seized the Cattle & Effects & destroyed their Houses
in Hopes of finding hidden Treasure in them. Nor
other did he for Years repair the Watercourses, the
Banks, or the Reservoirs — But after the taking
of Tanjore by sending my Second Son Ameer Ul
Omrah Behauder, by making considerable Advances
to the Inhabitants by supplying them with Cattle
for the Plough & engaging to give them Shares, &
conciliated their Minds, (repairing at the same time
in an ample manner the Watercourses and Banks)
that the Inhabitants that had fled to Malavar
Marava & other Parts returned & settled again.
that very time the Cauvery overflowed its Banks
such a manner as had not been known for many
Years before, insomuch that the cultivation was
entirely destroyed by the Water and the Ducks and
Banks were all broken up; upon this Amer Ul Om
-rah Behauder went himself upon the Banks, lived
entirely in his Tent, repaired in the compleatest manner
-ner all the Watercourses & Banks & made a second time
Advances in Money & Seed Grain to the Husbandmen
who by this means suffered no Loss & carried their Agri
-culture again beyond what it had been in Tul
-jaingue Time; & this the whole World is acquainted
with. Now that the Grain is ripe & ready, & the
time of their Profit is come, as they are now to give
me my Share & take their own to themselves, the Reason
of

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Reasons of their Dispersion is plain & evident, to wit—
that they must be alarmed with the Apprehension
of Tulgangee's former Oppression being renewed.—
Tulgangee when under the Power of my Servants
lived more at his Ease than he had done during his
own Government, at present also agreable to your
Pleasure there is no Scantiness in his Expences. & from
the time of the Company's Garrison entering Tanjore
he is in the Power of the Company's People.

You write that You again request
of me an Order directed to all my Inhabitants in the
Tanjore Country, to relinquish all manner of Author-
-ity, in case they are required by You so to do, and
and to account with the Persons you shall name
for all sums collected since the Day I received the Com-
-pany's Letter and You also desire to know the Amount
of the Orders on the Tanjore Country This I have
apprehended— from the first conference I have had
with You on this Subject 'till now, I have told you
my Pleasure in Respect of my Right to the Country
of Tanjore which is a Part of the Carnatic in one
uniform manner, and I have entreated You in the
same manner in the above Letter. What should
I write more.

To the Nabob.

Letter to the Nabob in reply.

I have had the honor to receive
your Highness's Letter dated the 19th Instant and
after having paid the most respectful attention
to every Argument You have been pleased to enforce,
I find myself obliged to observe that the Business of Tan-
-jore has been well deliberated by my Masters & my

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been by them condemned and their Orders in consequence, were not delivered to me, 'till after they had been laid before His Majesty's Ministers for their Approval. —

Let me entreat Your Highness to call to your remembrance the difficulties you were able to encounter when Your Friends Power was United to your own, remember that Union was in the cause of Justice, and in that cause only can they be united. What consequences may attend even the appearance of a division?

My Masters gave you their Support when you were like destitute of Money and Power, they will continue their Support to you, but the public Faith is pledged to the Rajah of Tanjore as well as to your Highness. And the Orders to me are — "That the Country of Tanjore shall again be put into the Possession of the Rajah." — What words shall I use to induce Your Highness to make this your own Act. Shall the Arguments I have been able to suggest have not had their proper force? And with what an aching Heart, after acting in concert with You through so many difficulties shall I now carry the Company's Orders into effect by their Authority alone. The World will justify me in the Obedience I shew to the Commands of my Masters, and having never failed in the Part of Friendship, Interest, and in propriety of Behaviour towards You, what I shall now stand accused, after the pressing Manner I have so often urged Your Highness to do that which I might not foresee

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proper as well respecting your Interest as your Dignity.

I have the honor to be

Your Highness's most Obedient

and most humble Servant

Pigot.

Fort St. George
22d. March 1776.

Ordered that the aforegoing Letter be entered
likewise in Co: Corr: No 12 & No 13

The 6th Batt.n of Sepoys at Conjeveram to march to Chinglepute

Ordered, that that part of the 6th Batt.n of Sepoys now at Conjeveram do proceed immediately to Chinglepute & wait there 'till further Orders. That the Sepoys now at Pondamallee & the Mount hold themselves in readiness to march at a Moments warning, & that two Companies of the 7th Battalion be in readiness to march to Pondamallee & the Mount.

Ordered, likewise that the European Troop of Cavalry be directed to hold themselves in readiness to march.

Pigot

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C. Dairon
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W Fletcher

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Dalrymple

Wm Hay

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Geo: Mackay

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At a Consultation Present

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

Sir Robt. Fletcher
George Stratton
Henry Brooke
George Dawson
Alex.r Dalrymple
Claud Russell
Arch.d Palmer
John M.c Stone
George Mackay
Fran.s Sourdan

Friday 25th March

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Minutes of Sir Robt. Fletcher recommending Promotions & Removals

The Commander in Chief recommends that the following Promotions & Removals do take Place.—

Ensign Rich.d Eastland doing Duty as Lieutenant to be full Lieut. in the room of Lt. Sam.l Sefferes Resigned. Date of Rank 6th Feby. 1776.—

Ensign James Rupele doing Duty as Lieut. to be full Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Stuckey deceased date of Rank 7th Feby. 1776.—

Ensign George Stewart doing Duty as Lieut. to be full Lieut. in the Room of Lieut. Rankin Cashiered, Date of Rank 6th March 1776.—

Ensign James Burn to be full Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Wood resigned Date of Rank 8th March 1776.—

Promotions.

Names	From Where	To Where	In the room of
Lieut. Leech	1st Circar Bn. Sepoys.	5th B.n of Sepoys.	Lieut. Rupele Resigned
Rupele	5th Circar Bn. Do.	1st Circar B.n Do.	Leech Do.
" Burn	Late Promotion	2d B.n 1 Brig.e	Adair Promoted
Ens.n Radford	Do	1st B.n 2d Brig.e	Ens.n Halibarton dead
Mong.n Macnoshie	Do	1st B. 1 Brig.e	Chevi Prom.d

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Colo. . . . Do 1.st B.n 2.d Brig.e Montague Removed
Montague 1.st B.n 2.d Brigade 2.d B.n 2.d Brig.e Grant. Do

Approved & Ordered accordingly

The Commissary General to be furnished with Copies of all Contracts

The Secretary acquaints the Board that the Commissary General has made application to him, for the Originals or attested Copies of such Contracts as the Company are at present engaged in. Ordered that the Commissary General be furnished with attested Copies of all Contracts, agreeably to his Desire.

Read Letter from the Commissary General as entered hereafter.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Letter from Commissary General with a General Return of Hospitals

Agreeable to your Orders of the 13.th Instant, signified to me by your Secretary, Mr. Sulivan, I have the honor to lay before you a Return of the Sick in the several Hospitals on this Establishment, for the Months of Nov.r December & January but as I have great Reason to believe that the Paymasters of Trichinopoly & Ellore acting as my Deputies, have not mustered the Troops regularly I do not imagine the Returns are correct, although they have been made out from the Muster Rolls transmitted to my Office.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
with great Respect
Your most Obedient Servant
J. Casper Com.y Gen.l

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to be called upon for an explanation

Resolved, That the Commissary General be called upon to explain the reasons he has to believe that the Troops at Trichinopoly & Ellore have not been mustered regularly.

Read Letter from the Council at Masulipatam 7th March entered in Civil Consultations mentioning their having received a Letter from the Paymaster in the Circars, representing that he conceives his Situation to be different from that of any other Paymaster. That he is Paymaster of the three Circars of Rajahmundry, Ellore & Mustaphanagur, that in each of them there is a Garrison, besides which he pays such Detachments as may be in the Field; that he is therefore obliged to keep an extraordinary Number of Palankeen Boys & other Servants, & hoping from their Considerations his Monthly Batta may be continued to him

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Minute of the President representing the necessity of executing the Company's Orders by proposing to provide Tanjore for that Purpose

The President judging from the Letter of the Nabob entered in Consultations, that he will not give his consent to our carrying into execution the Orders of the Company with respect to Tanjore, and the State of the Country not admitting of any further delay, He, the President, has ordered Palankeen Boys on the Road, and, with the Approbation of the Board, will set out for Tanjore on the 30th inst. to carry the Orders of the Company into effect by placing the Rajah of Tanjore in the possession & Management of the Country.

The Safety of Tanjore & the Security of the Rajah & his Family appearing to make it

it necessary not only that an English Garrison should be in the Fort but that the Country also be protected by the Company's Troops, Resolved therefore to send another Battallion of Sepoys to the Southward, the better to enable the Rajah of Tanjore to collect in his Revenues, if this measure proves agreable to him.—

The Safety of the Carnatic depends upon a well disciplin'd Force regularly paid being kept up; the particular safety & quiet of every Individual seems to require that no other Force should be kept up, and these Consideration induce the Board to wish that the Rajah of Tanjore may join them in their endeavours to place the Country in this situation.

Motion in Consequence.

The President then moves that the following Question, —— Whether it is proper & necessary for him to go to Tanjore for the reasons set forth in his Minute"?

Agreed Unanimously in the affirmative.

Agreed unanimously.

2. Motion, the Govr. to take whomsoever he chuses to Tanjore.

2d. Motion from the President, "Resolved, that the Governor may take whatever Servants of the Company he chuses with him to Tanjore either Civil or Military"?

Carried in the affirmative

Carried for the motion.

Mr. Mackay and Mr. Souradaes against the Motion.

Mess.rs Mackay & Souradas

Sir Robt. Fletcher having no objection to the Governor carrying any Servants of the Company with him to Tanjore as Assistants, provided they are not Members of the Board.

Sr. Robt. Fletcher's Minute.

The Commission of Government

as well as that of Commander in Chief, being now
Resolution rel.ve to the Authority of the Governor in any Fort, Factory or Settlement
read, Resolved, that in Virtue of that Commission
"of Government, the Governor holds the same Au-
"thority when present in any Fort, Factory or
"Settlement under this Presidency, that he does when
"present in Fort St. George."

Carried in the Affirmative

Mr. Mackay & Mr. Sourdeau against the Resolution.
Mr. Mackay & Mr. Sourdeau ag.st the Resolution.

S.r Robt. Fletcher. — I think it contrary to
S.r Rt. Fletcher's Minute against the Resolution.
the Constitution of the Service & Subversive of the
Powers & Authority of the Commander in Chief of
the Army set forth in his Commission, that the Governor
of Fort St. George should hold any Military
Command out of the Garrison of Fort St. George
excepting over his own Guard which is to attend
him, agreably to the Company's late Orders

Resolved, that such a Guard as the
Governor thinks necessary shall attend him.

Sir Robt. Fletcher thinks, that his Lord-
S.r Rt. Fletcher's motion for a Deputation from the Board
ship ought not go without a Deputation from the
Board, he therefore moves, "That at least two Members
"of the Council be join'd with the President in a Depu-
"tation"

Mr. Mackay, Mr. Sourdeau & Mr.
Mess.rs Mackay Sourdeau & Palmer for the motion.
Palmer for the Motion.

Carried in the Negative by a
Carried ag.st the Motion.
Majority of the Board.

Mr. Mackay & Mr. Sourdeau will
give their reasons for the Votes they have given. Jo.

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Sir Robt. Fletcher dissents from the afore-going Resolution, & will give his Reasons in writing.—

Ordered, that the Governor be furnished with such Parts of the last Letters from England as relate to Tanjore.

In consequence of the aforegoing Resolutions the following Letter is now wrote to Col. Harper

To Lieut Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir.

Colonel Harper ordered to put himself under the Command of Lord Pigot in Tanjore.

You are hereby directed on the arrival of the Right Honble Lord Pigot at Tanjore to put yourself under his Command, & follow all such Orders as you shall receive from time to time receive from him.

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We are
Sir
Your most humble Servants.—
Pigot &c. Council

Sir Robert Fletcher objects to the above Letter.—

Minute of the President respecting the Fortifications.

The President recommended to the Board's attention the unfinished state of the Works and in Order to ascertain their Progress from time to time, proposes that the Engineer be directed to deliver a Plan of the Fortifications, distinguishing by different coloured Lines the intended Works — The Parts completed in Dec.r last & those actually in hand And that in future a Plan of the State of the Works be

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be laid before the Board every three Months beginning on the first of April from which time a Weekly report of the Workmen employed should also be laid before the Council every Monday Morning.

Approved & Ordered accordingly

Pigot

Geo. Stratton

W. Lukin

E. Darrell

Henry Brooke

Hugh Russell

Dalrymple

R. Wm

Archd. Alex. Palmer

Geo. Mackay

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to transact such a variety of Business with that Precision & Regularity that was necessary for them all; and as I had some Reason to suspect that the Muster Rolls transmitted to my Office, were not properly marked, as to the Sick, absent with leave &c. &c. I enquired of different Officers who came from those Garrisons, who told me that the Troops &c. had not been regularly Mustered. When Your Lordship &c. called upon me to lay before you a Return of the Sick, for the Months of November December & January, I mentioned that I was apprehensive that the Returns were not correct, not by way complaint against the Paymaster; but because I would not deceive your Lordship &c. by giving you an erraneous Account; and I thought it incumbent on me to justify myself, by shewing that the Irregularities did not proceed from any Inattention to my Duty. I do not immediately recollect the Persons of whom I obtained the Information, but if Your Lordship &c. will condescend to cause an Enquiry to be made of the Commanding Officers of the several Corps in the Garrison of Trichinopoly & Ellore, I flatter myself that you will find those Suspicions of the Troops at those Garrisons not having been regularly mustered, are exceedingly well grounded.

I am very much concerned to have given your Lordship &c. so much trouble upon such a trifling occasion, but I flatter myself you will excuse me, when you are pleased to consider that if I had acted otherwise; I must have

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deceived you, and thereby have very deservedly incurred your displeasure.

I am
My Lord & Gentlemen,
with great Respect
Your most Obedient Servant,
S.r Caspar, Com.y Gen.l

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The Surgeons having represented the Service as in want of Surgeons Assistants It is agreed that Mr. Thos. Howell be appointed a Surgeons Assistant, if upon Examination he shall be found duely qualified. Ordered that the Secretary signify the same to the Senior Surgeon.

The Adjutant General to be a Member for examining Invalids & Pensioners.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieut. Col. Eidington Adjutant General be appointed a Member of the Committee for examining Sepoys & Officers recommended to be Invalided & Pensioned. Approved and ordered accordingly.

L.t H.y Malcolm appd Secretary to the Comm.r in Chief in the room of Mr. Th.s Lewis.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Lieut. Henry Malcolm be appointed his Secretary in the room of Mr. Thomas Lewis who is desirous of resigning. Approved & Ordered accordingly. Sir Robt. Fletcher at the same time informs the Board, as Brigade Majors in the present dispersed Situation of the Troops are of no kind of use whatsoever, that he does not mean to recommend any Officer to fill up Lieut. Malcolm's Vacancy of Brigade Major, & recommends that the Office of Brigade Major be abolished for the present which is approved &

The Brigade Majors at present unnecessary be struck off

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& ordered accordingly. —

Read Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Governor &c. Council
at Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from the Govs. Genl. &c. — Col. Upton's negociation at Poonah broken off. the War to be prosecuted in conjunction with Ragunauth Ros. two Batt.s of Sepoys to be detached by way of Anjengo —

By a Letter received from Col. Upton, under date the 7th Feby. we are informed that the Ministers at the Poonah Durbar have peremptorily refused to accede to the terms of accommodation, which he was instructed to propose to them, that they positively insisted on the restitution of Salsette, & a renunciation of the four small Islands adjacent to it, & would not agree to wait the result of a reference of this point to Bengal. In short, that they were determined to hear of Peace on no conditions, that should not be exclusively honorable & advantageous to themselves; Col. Upton's Negociation is therefore entirely broken off. He was to receive his dismission and return to Bombay within six Days from the Date of his Letter, that the farther interval, to be allowed before the renewal of Hostilities, was not then determined. The Ministers having resolved to send their Army again into the Field, we have no alternative left but a vigorous prosecution of the War against them, in conjunction with Ragonaut Row; On the presumption that the Revolution of the Ministerial Party was finally We have agreed to support the pretensions of that

Chief

Chief, and have taken every preparatory step, that has occurred to us, for providing means to carry on the War with vigour and success.

We recommend it to you to succour them immediately with a reinforcement of 2 Battalions of Sepoys or more if you can spare them either by the way of Anjengo, if the Season be not too far advanced, or by what other route you may think more eligible; and to obviate any danger which you might apprehend from being deprived of so large a Body of your Military Force, you will if you deem it advisable, raise new Corps to supply the place of such as you may send on this Service, during their Absence, and We are willing to defray any extraordinary Charge that you may occasion on this occasion.

We have written to Nizam Ally Cawn, Hyder Ally, Morari Row, Moodajee Bosscala, Tuckojee Holcar & Madajee Sindia, with a view of engaging their Assistance in favor of Ragobah or at least to secure their Neutrality. We request that you will open a Correspondence with the three first & concur in using your joint efforts with us to induce them to second our Views for the restablishment of Ragobah in the Government of Poonah. Our Resident at Poona has been ordered to open a like Correspondence with Madajee Sindia & Tuckojee Holcar, & in order to keep them firm to Our Party we have removed the Brigade from Poona to the Frontier of Corah nearest Cutjee, under the pretence of affording them any assistance that

that the exigency of the case may require.

While we lament the necessity which has compelled us to undertake this War and which has frustrated Our endeavours to maintain a general peace in India, so strenuously recommended by the Company; We rely on your efforts to cooperate heartily & effectually with us in bringing it to a speedy conclusion.

Fort William
7th March 1776.

We are
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Warren Hastings
J. Auvering
Geo. Monson
Rich. Barwell
P. Francis.

the 2 Batt.ns of Sepoys at Palamcotah & Madura ready to march.

Resolved that the two Battalions of Sepoys stationed at Palamcotah & Madura under the Commands of Captain Hopkins & Captain Povey be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march to Anjengo. But considering the lateness of the Season the Board are doubtfull whether the Battalions can reach Anjengo in time for any Sea conveyance to Bombay.

Resolutions of the Board on the Subject of the Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l &c.

The Board having paid the greatest attention to the contents of the Letter now read from Bengal and the consequences the transactions at Poonah may lead to, cannot avoid taking into Consideration the distress this Presidency must be in for Money upon every extraordinary Occasion.

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It is allowed that the Revenues & other Receipts are sufficient to defray the Current Expences, as well as for the prosecution of the Investment, but at the close of the Month, there is seldom more than a small surplus. This State of the Treasury leaves us too much at the Mercy of the Nabob, as our Chief Dependance is on his Payments, So situated We shall have it little in our Power to afford assistance to the Gentlemen at Bombay; It is Agreed, therefore to represent this to the Gov.r Gen.l & Council of Bengal & to recommend it to their consideration whether it may not be advisable to send one of the Pilot Sloops hither with such a supply from their Treasury as they may judge proper which shall be reserved for cases of Exigency. ——

The President lays before the Board the following Letter which he has received from the Nabob, together with his Answer in consequence.

From the Nabob.

Dated 25th March 1776

Received 28th ditto

Letter from the Nabob in reply to the President's Letter of the 22d Inst. continuing to urge his former Argumentat.s delivering up the Country of Tanjore.

I have received your favor of the 22d Instant & been made acquainted with its contents. You say that the Business of Tanjore had been well deliberated by your Masters, & that their Orders were not delivered to you, like they had been laid before his Majesty's Ministers for their approval — In my Letter to you of the 22d January last, I gave you a very circumstantial account of the bad conduct of Suljauga, of his connexion with Hyder Ally Cawn & the Marattas, & his selling Districts to the

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the Dutch & other Nations, with a view of supporting his independence, by their assistance, all which were detrimental to my honor & the peace of the Carnatic — this Letter has not yet reached the Directors, by which they could have been informed that Tulyaugee had no right to act in the manner he did, as the District he disposed of, were appendages of the Carnatic — How then could the Directors give you such Orders? if after being fully informed of all these particulars, they had made this demand, from their Old Friend and Ally, I should have been convinced, that it was the result of a mature deliberation & knowledge of facts but this has not been the case — If the Company are not made acquainted by their Agents abroad, of the transactions that happen here, how is it in their power to lay an account of them before his Majesty's Ministers for their approbation?

You say that You are determined to execute the Orders, your Masters have entrusted you with relative to Tanjore — I have already wrote to them on this Subject, & rely upon their equity & Justice for the determination of it — All I have to request from You is that you will not interfere or act in any manner, which may be detrimental to my Affairs in the Tanjore Country 'till an Answer is arrived from Europe — the Revenues of that Country, have been made over to those Persons, who lent me Money on account of the expedition against that place — You entreat of me, to call to my remembrance, the difficulties

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I was able to encounter when my Friends Power was united to my own — you desire me to remember, that union was in the cause of Justice, & that in that cause only, they can be united, & you beg of me to reflect what consequences may attend even the appearance of a disunion" — "I do remember, that my Father assisted the Company, in times of difficulty, that my friendship for them and the English Nation has never altered, & that I have shared with them, both good & bad fortune — The remembrance of these things ever gives me pleasure — The Company, it is true, have ever considered my alliance & friendship for them, and have favor'd me with their Assistance — and my Children shall never as long as we are established in this Country, forget our Obligations to them, and we shall on our part give them all the Assistance in our Power — the friendship shewn me by the Company, and English Nation totally overcomes my heart is full of the sense of the Obligations I am under to them, and of the reliance on their future favors; What I dread can I form of the bad consequences which may attend the appearance of a disunion between us — Ever since the beginning of my Alliance with the Company, the fame of our mutual friendship has been so universally established, that no thing can destroy it —

You say "Your Masters gave me their support, when I was alike destitute of money & of power — that they will continue their support to me but

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that the publick Faith has been pledged to the Rajah as well as to me, & that your Orders are, that the Country of Tanjore, shall be again put into the possession of the Rajah" — It is very certain, the Company did grant me their Assistance, at a time I had expended all my treasures & power in their support & I and my Children acknowledge our obligations to them for it & still hope for the continuance of their friendship, which they have solemnly promised in their Letters to me — I depend to know on the assurances of support made to me by the King of Great Britain under his hand, — wherein he informs me that I am one of those included in a treaty amongst other crowned Heads — This has also been confirmed to me by his Majesty's Plenipotentiaries who had Orders from him to do so. — In my Letter of the 22d January last, I told you that Pursaub Jung had forfeited his Right to the Guranteé & that Lal Dow Sahyauge never could plead a right to that treaty — As to that part of yours, where you mention your Orders to put them in possession of the Tanjore Country, it has been fully answer'd in the first paragraph of this Letter. —

You say "that if all the Arguments you have been able to suggest, have not had their proper force, that you know not what words to make use of, to induce me, to make this my own Act, and You ask with what an aching heart, shall you be obliged after acting with me, through so many difficulties, to carry the Company's Orders into execution by their authority alone".

I am

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I am really at a loss how to answer this — After having laid before you, as I have done the disgrace & loss which must be the consequence of my complying with your request, & entreated you in the name of the King & Parliament of Great Britain, the English Nation & the Company, to wait till an answer is received from Europe, before you put your Orders into execution; I know not how I am to make you sensible of the sorrow that I felt in my heart.

You conclude by saying, "the World will justify you in the obedience, you shew to the Commands of your Master & that having never failed in the part of friendship, respect, or propriety of behaviour towards me, you trust you shall now stand acquitted, after the pressing manner, you have so often urged me to do, that which is right & proper as well respecting my Interest as my Dignity."

When I consider the Justice & upright disposition of the English Nation, I am led to hope that as long as you my friend do not act in any way contrary to Justice, or attack the rights of an old Friend of the Company, and do not distress an Ally of the King of Great Britain, but on the contrary shall preserve my right & honor, which may be considered dear to you King & Nation, I say that I am led to hope your conduct will stand excused before them. —

Since the assurances the King of Great Britain & the Company, have made to support & defend me, are well known to all the Princes of Hindostan, your preserving their good name in

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on this respect, will be the source of new honor &
Dignity to you. I hope therefore you will have no
kind as ever to consider Me in the same light of a
friend to the Company?

What shall I say more?

To the Nabob.

May it please Your Highness.

Letter to the Nabb in reply to the above

The Honor I have in acknowledging the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th gives me another opportunity of expressing my desire to execute the Orders of the Company, as conformably to your Wishes, as the Faith of my Nation & my Duty to my Employers will admit

I am with the greatest Respect and Esteem.

Your Highness's most Obliged
Obedient humble Servant
Pigot

Fort St. George
27th March 1776.

Since reading the aforegoing the following Letter has been received from the Nabob.

From the Nabob

Dated 28th March 1776

Received 28th Do.

From the Nabob. he persists in refusing to resign the Country of Tanjore till further Orders arrive from the Company

I received your Letter of the 27th Inst. which I have answer'd already, & given you every argument I can Suggest in my favor. I now once more beg leave to repeat, that I can never give up what is my Right, but as my whole dependence is upon the English Nation & Company whom I look upon as my best friends I consent to set apart, after

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after discharging the Debt I have contracted, & paying the Troops Garrisons, besides the other Expences necessary a peace of Government, whatever overplus may arise from the Collections in the Tanjore Country, which shall remain untouched 'till an answer is received from Europe — the difference between Your request & mine is this — You insist on executing the Company's Orders forcibly & against my Consent, whereas I am willing to wait 'till an answer is received from them before I give it up. You will therefore listen to the request of an Old friend.

What shall I say more?

The Recruits for Grenville for Bengal embarked on the Sophia.

Ordered that the Recruits arrived here on the Grenville for Bengal be embarked on the Sophia Capt. Dibden for that Presidency, & that the Gov.r Gen.l & Council be advised thereof accordingly. —

Ens.n Edw.d Frayerman dies.

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Ens.n Edw.d Frayerman 27th Inst. at the Presidency

Read a draft of a Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l & Council of Bengal as entered in the subsequent Diary, which is approved & ordered accordingly. —

Pigot

Archdal Palmer

Geo.e Stratton

W.m Fullarton

Geo.e Mackay

C. Dawson

Henry Brooke

Paul Russell

Dalrymple

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At a Consultation Present

The Right Honble Lord Pigot, Govr. Presy.
George Stratton — Sir Robt. Fletcher
George Dawson — Henry Brooke
Claud Russell — Alexr. Dalrymple
John M. Stone — Archd. Palmer
Frans. Sourdan — Geo. Mackay

Friday 29th. March

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Mr. Mackay, Mr. Sourdan, Mr. Palmer & Sir Robert Fletcher now deliver in the following Dissents to the Resolutions of Council Monday 25th. Instant.

Mr. Mackay's Minute & Dissent to the Resolution on the Questions put by the President at last Consultation —

The following are my reasons for the Vote I gave on the several Questions put by the President to the Members of the Board at the last Consultation.

I assented to the first Question; "That it was proper & necessary the President should go to Tanjore to carry the Order of the Court of Directors into execution by putting the Rajah in possession of his Country; in hopes that another Question would be carried in the Affirmative Viz. that a deputation of the Council would accompany them & I explained myself at the Board. I thought that a Business of so much importance, as taking a Country of about a Million Sterl. a Year from the Nabob & giving it to the Rajah required such a deputation, & as a Military Force might be necessary to put the Rajah in possession & the principal part of the Treaty to be made with them was Military Arrangements. I was of opinion that the Military Commander in Chief ought to be a Member of that Deputation. Had the Court of

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of Directors judged it necessary to leave the manage-
-ment of this Business solely to the President; their Orders
I imagine would have expressed it, & therefore Our giving
him greater Powers than the Court of Directors have
done; is in my own opinion inconsistent with our
Duty to the Company & with what We owe to ourselves
the precedent is dangerous & may be used to bad purpo-
-ses; Could the President by going above, render any
essential Service to the Company which he could not
do at the head of a deputation; I should not have
objected to such extraordinary Powers being given him
for a time; but as I am certain he cannot I am against
his going without a Deputation.

I put my Negative on the 2. Question That the
President might take whatsoever Servants of the
Company either Civil or Military he chooses with
him to Sangore. Because it is too general; This Board
having determined that the President shall go on this
Service; it would be absurd to suppose that any Ob-
jections could be made to his having every proper
Assistance; but by this Resolution; he may if he
chuses, carry with him Members of the Council and
the Commander in Chief. The first I think should
never be employed on a Service, where they have not
a share of the management, nor the last where he
does not command.

My Objections to the 3. Question That the President
has the same Authority when present in any Fort,
Factory or Settlement under this Presidency, that he has in
Fort St. George Are, that it appears to me, by the late
Orders & Regulations; the President cannot have any

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any Military Command out of this Garrison except over his own Guard & that Same of opinion was given him out of compliment to his Station but not to give any Military Operations. By the resolutions of the Board which comprehend Tanjore within the meaning of the words of the Commission of Government, in any Fort Factory or Settlement under this Presidency, & by the President being allowed to take with him such a Guard as he thinks necessary to attend him, Our Battalion of Europeans, three Battalions of Sepoys, a Troop of Horse, & a Company of Artillery, are put under his command. At any time hereafter when a Majority of the Board may think it proper that the President should go to any place on this Coast whether belonging to the Company, the Nabob or the Rajah of Tanjore, the same reasons will hold good for putting every part of the Army under his Command that appear to myself contrary to the Orders of the Court of Directors & to the Commission they have given to their Military Commander in Chief.

Mr Sandars Minute & Dissent to the Resolutions on the Motion of the President

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Gov.r Stracey

I agreed to the first Question in the Idea the Idea that the Right Honble the President would have had some Members of the Board added on deputation by a subsequent Motion.

I objected to the second, because I thought the President ought to have applied for the particular Persons in which case I did not imagine any objection could have been made.

I explained myself in the debate touching the third Question, that I thought in such Places as

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as any Civil Servants of the Company exercised Military Authority, the Military Authority of the Govr. ought to supercede that of the Chiefs; but that in all other Places where the Military Authority of the Chiefs, could not extend, that of the Governor could not exist, & consequently that the Governor could not exercise a Military Authority in Sangor &c. &c. Grounded this opinion upon the Orders of the Company, which confer the Military Power of the Governor to Fort St. George, & that of the Chiefs to their respective Forts. —

I dissent from the Resolution of the Board for rejecting the appointment of a Deputation to accompany the Governor, because the measure appears to me unconstitutional. — because every Member of the Government, consenting to the present mode, is thereby rendered accountable for measures, on which he cannot even advise, much less vote; & because such a Precedent may be thereby established as may be hereafter quoted & may influence future Councils to the Danger & Detriment of the Service. —

I have only to add that as I have not consented to the present Resolutions I cannot hold myself responsible for any proceedings to which I have not given or cannot give my Assent.

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Mr. Palmer dissents to the Resolution of the Board that no Deputation shall go with the President

Although I entertain the highest Opinion of his Lordships Abilities, I was for a Deputation of the Board accompanying him; Because I think the Business his Lordship is now going upon is of such consequence as may require the assistance &

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to Tanjore. — and advice of some of the Members of the Board I therefore consider myself as not answerable for any measures that may be taken by this Mode being adopted.

Archdale Palmers

Sir Rob.t Fletcher's dissent to the Resolutions of the Board last Consultation rel.g the Embassy to Tanjore. — I dissent from the resolutions of the Board respecting the Embassy of Tanjore as they stand recorded in the Consultation of Monday the 25.th Inst.

Because although I assented to the first "That it is proper for the President to go to Tanjore for "the reasons set forth in this Minute" yet I declared in the debate, that I did so, upon the Idea, that more Members of the Council would, upon a subsequent motion, be joined with the President, under certain particular Instructions, signed by the Board; but the mode which the Board has finally resolved upon, is without example, & should it be drawn into a precedent hereafter, it may, in its consequences, serve more to forward the pernicious schemes of individuals than the honor & interest of the Public, I think myself bound to declare my Opinion that We cannot, legally & constitutionally vest in a Deputation an undefined & unlimited Power, nor shall I ever hold myself justified in consenting to a delegation of the Powers of the Board, but in a case of evident necessity, which the present is not.

By the second Resolution, the President may carry with him, as subordinate Stations, Members of the Government, who are by the Company's Orders, specially & by name joined with him as Principals in the Business of the Commission, which

which he is going to execute, & are bound, in my Opinion either to act as Principals at Tanjore, or at the Board, by holding a regular correspondence and sending Orders to the Deputation as circumstances may require.

The third revolution seems to me totally to subvert the present constitution of the Company, at once to frustrate & elude the late Orders and regulations of the General Court, and to supercede the Commissions of the Commander in Chief of the Forces in India, as well as that of the Commander in Chief on this Coast; The Commission of Government is the Commission of the whole Board, and gives no seperate Authority whatever to the Governor; the only Military Authority, which by the Company's Orders, the Governor can hold when he shall be absent from Fort St. George is the Command of his own Guard, which is particularly and positively enforced in the late Orders of the General Court, but the present revolution, & the Letter to Lieut. Colonel Harper, which follows and is grounded upon it, supercedes those Orders and gives an unlimited and absolute Military Power to the Governor over every part of the Army in their different Cantonments, Whereas even in Fort St George Where & where alone, the Governor has a Military Commission, his Military Power is limited and defined by the 42d. Article of the late Orders.

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Mr. Dalrymple informs the Board he shall find it necessary to deliver in some Observations on

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on the aforegoing Minutes.

The Right Honble the President acquaints the Board that he means to take Mr. Dalrymple Sole Mr. Sourdaw, Mr. Chambers as Interpreter & Captain Woodhouse Town Major to Fort George.

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Geo. Stratton
Wm Fleeter
C. Darrell
Henry Brooke
Thos Rumbold
Dalrymple
Wm
Archdal Palmer

Geo: Mackay

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29th Agreably to the Orders of this day's Consultation the following Letters were dispatched

To Captain Hopkins
Commanding at Palamcotah

Sir.

To Capt. Hopkins to hold his Batt.n ready to march.

On receipt hereof you will hold yourself in readiness with the Battalion under your Command, to march at the shortest Notice

We are,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants.
Pigot &c. Council.

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To Captain Povey
Commanding at Madura

Sir,

To Capt. Povey to the same effect

On receipt hereof, you will hold yourself in readiness with the Battalion under your Command, to march at the shortest Notice

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient, Servants
Pigot &c. Council

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To Lieut.t Col.o James
Commanding at Trichinopoly

Sir

To Col. James, to send 3 Companies of Sepoys to Madura.

On receipt hereof you will be pleased to Order the three Companies of Sepoys which reinforced you lately from Vellore, to Madura, where they are to wait further Orders,

We are Sir

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Sir.

Your most Obedient Servants
Pigot &c. Counail.
Military Department

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Counail
at Fort William

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter to Fort William
two Batts. of Sepoys
under marching
Orders to reinforce
the Presidency of
Bombay — re-
presenting the
State of Our Treas-
ury Requesting
a supply to be
reserved for cases of
exigency.

We have received your favor
of the 7th Instant, and are much concerned to learn
that there is so little prospect of an amicable
conclusion to your Negotiations at Poonah: We
are very doubtful from the lateness of the Season
whether a Detachment from this Coast can reach
Surgengo in time for any Sea conveyances to
Bombay, but We have ordered two Battalions
of Sepoys, stationd at Palamcotah & Madura to
be to themselves in readiness to march, & then Or-
ders shall be followed by others to proceed to Sur-
gengo, if in a day or two we Advices should be
received from Poonah that may make it
unnecessary, as a Letter from Sir Edwd. Hughes
to Our President, dated at Bombay the 2d Inst.
mentions a prospect of Peace & the Nabob has
sent us the enclosed Account from Poonah dated
the 1st March.

The Company's Revenues and
Receipts on this Coast are sufficient to defray
Our Current Expences as well as for the provi-
sion of Our Investment, but at the end of the

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the Month, there is seldom more than a small Over plus. By this State of our Treasury We are left too much at the mercy of the Nabob, as Our chief dependance is on his Payments, and We must be in the greatest distress for Money on every extraordinary occasion. We therefore wish You would please to take it in your Consideration, whether it may not be advisable, to send one of the Pilot Sloops hither, with such a supply from your Treasury as you may judge proper which shall be reserved for cases of exigency.

In the Letter We had the honor to write to You, on the 17th of February, You were acquainted that an English Garrison was put into the Fort of Tanjore & Our President wrote set out for that Place this Evening, to carry into Effect the Orders of the Company on this head.

We cannot say that the Nabob very heartily concurs in this Measure, at the same time We have his Assurances, that it shall not lessen his Friendship

We are with Esteem

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Pigot &c. Counal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Counal
at Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

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Letter to Fort William with Recruits.—

We have embarked on the Sophia Captain Dibdin the Recruits for your Presidency that arrived here on the Grenville. A Return is enclosed.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Pigot &c. Council

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To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President & Governor &c. Council
at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Letter to Bombay advising of Troops being under march & asking Orders for their Assistance.

In consequence of an application from the Governor General & Council of Bengal for us to send two Battalions of Sepoys to your Assistance We have ordered those stationed at Madura & Palamcotah to hold themselves in readiness to march to Anjengo, but as the transportation of them to Bombay must entirely rest with your Honor &c. We give you this early Intelligence, that you may make provision accordingly.

On the 9th Inst. the Fort of Tanjore was garrisoned by the Company's Troops and this Evening Our President proceeds thither to carry into effect Your Honble Masters Orders to restore the Rajah.

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We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs. Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Pigot &c. Council at

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Lord Pigot sets off for Tanjore.

30.th This Evening the Right Honorable Lord Pigot set off for Tanjore accompanied by Mess.rs Dalrymple & Jourdan, Mr. Chambers and Captain Wood.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 1.st April 1776.

George Stratton Esq.r President
Sir Robert Fletcher
Henry Brooke Claud Russell
J.n M.c Leane Arch.d Palmer
George Mackay.

Lord Pigot, Mr. Dalrymple & Mr. Jourdan absent on Service.

Read the Minutes of last Consultation.

Brig.r Gen.l Sir Rob.t Fletcher offers himself to command the joint Forces of the three Presidencies ag.st the Marattas.

A Letter from the three Presidencies may act in Conjunction on the expected War with the Marattas, Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher on the supposition that General Clavering may not be spared from the avocations of Government begs leave to offer his Services for conducting it in case the Board should think his Presence may be dispensed with. Yet should meet with the approbation of the Governor General Council of Bengal.

Agreed, to communicate to the Governor General Council of Bengal the Offer made by Sir Robert Fletcher of his Services, & that in case Hostilities commence, should the Situation of Affairs in the Carnatic admit of his Absence, the Board will be happy to afford so able assistance in the general Council

Read

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Read Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at St. Thomas's Mount Colonel William Flint President.

Court Martial on Lt. Parry.

Crime..... Lieutenant Henry Parry of the Artillery ordered under Arrest by Major Horne on complaint of George Cartwright his Servant, for refusing to pay him Sundry Debts he owed him, for which Lieut. Parry when examined by Major Horne his Commanding Officer declared wou'd not nor would not pay them, which demands & refusal to discharge them, but, which on further examination appeard to be due to the said Cartwright, and part of them of such a Nature as were unbecoming an Officer to contract.

Cashiered.

Sentence..... Guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge which being a Breach of the 20th Article of the 12th Section of the Articles of War, he is thereby discharged from the Service.

Sentence approved, altho' not properly expressed.

The Board Approve of the Sentence of the Court passed on Lieut. Parry as they understand, they thereby meant he should be dismissed the Service, but the Board are at the same time of Opinion that the Sentence is improperly expressed, as it does not contain a full & precise Judgement on the Prisoner, for which the Board cannot but think it was the Duty of the Court to have pronounced.

Court Martial on Thos. Nicholls for Desertion.

Crime..... Thomas Nicholls private in the European Troop of Cavalry, confined by Lieut. Younge for Desertion.

Sentence

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Sentence . . . . Guilty, — To receive one thousand Lashes of a Cat o' nine Tails upon his bare back from the Drummers, in front of the Troops to which he belongs.

Sentenced 1000 Lashes.

The President acquaints the Board that the President of the Court Martial in the name of the Court begged leave to recommend the Prisoner to Mercy.

The Board approve of the above Sentence but in consideration of the good Character given of the Prisoner Thomas Nicholls in the Proceedings & the recommendation of him by the President of the Court, they are pleased to remit the Punishment.

The Punishment remitted.

The Commander in Chief is against the Lenity shewn by the Board, & thinks that such Instances of forgiveness in cases of Desertion, is not the most effectual way to deter others from the Commission of so Capital & so dangerous a Crime. The Commander in Chief cannot be influenced by the recommendation which the President of the Court Martial has addressed to the President of the Council, because such recommendations appear to him irregular thro' any Channel but that of the Proceedings of the Court.

Minute of the Commander in Chief thereon.

Read the following Letter from Captain Macharel.

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

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My Lord & Sirs,

From Capt. Machaell. I beg leave to acquaint the Right Honble Board, that seven Companies of the sixth Battalion of Sepoys, marched from hence this Day under the Command of Captain Mackenzie. I am

My Lord & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Chingleput 29th March 1776.

Tim.y Machaell, Capt.

Read Report from Lieut: Colonel Roch & Major Horne.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c.a Council

For St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Col. Roch & Major Horne Exporting the State of the Artillery Bungalow Recommending certain Improvements.

We have been at the Mount and examined the Artillery Bungalow agreable to your Order. It has an Earthern Floor well rammed & raised above the level of the Ground, which it is difficult to keep free from Dust, that is raised by so many People walking there on. If it was paved with Brick, this Inconvenience would be removed, and it could be watered occasionally when necessary. —

The heavy Monsoon that followed after the Bungalow was finished, & before the Chunam had time to harden, penetrated the Roof in several Places; but as immediately thereafter, the Mat Tyes were changed over and the Pan Tyes pointed, we are in hopes it will be now

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now be water tight, as the roof stands wide.

The Cot on which the Men lie are extremely inconvenient, difficult to keep clean, & so slight, that on shaking to get the Vermin out of them, they go to pieces. We would therefore recommend that some more substantial and less liable to the before mentioned Inconveniencies be provided, or that you would permit a Pyal faced with Bricks & Chunam'd over, to be made on each side of the Bungalow the whole length.

Some Racks for the Men's Arms and pins to hang their Accoutrements on are also wanted.

We are
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servants.
Patrick Ross.
Lieut Col. & Chief Engineer
Math.w Horne
Major Artillery.

Fort St. George
27th March 1776.

Approved.—

Ordered, that the Floor of the Artillery Bungalow at the Mount be paved with Brick, & that a Pyal faced with Brick and Chunamed over be made on each side of the Bungalow the whole length. And as Racks & Features are represented as necessary that they be put up as soon as possible.

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Proceedings of the Committee of Accounts together with the Memorial of

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Minute of the Board on the proceedings of the Committee of Oeconomicks—the Claim of Capt. Rumley & Clifton & Memorial of Capt. Nixon & Campbell.

of Captains Nixon & Campbell & the Letter from Capt. Rumley to the Commander in Chief as entered in Consultation 18th Ultimo. And after due attention to the Claim of Captain Rumley & the reasons set forth against its being admitted, as well as his having remained in the Nabobs Service since the 27th March 1773 when the Board decided against him, which appears a tacit acquiescence in that decision, now Confirm their former resolution that Capt. Rumley is not entitled to Oeconomicks during the time he was in the Service of the Nabob. The Board are also of Opinion that Captain Frazer is not entitled to Oeconomicks during the time he has been in the Nabobs Service. With respect to the Claim of Captain Clifton the Board approve unanimously of the Division made by the Committee of 5 Months & 27 Days Oeconomicks of the last Year to Capt. Woods as Effective, & of the remainder from the 27 June to Captain Clifton who then succeeded to his Company.

Sr. Robt. Fletcher's Minute in support of Capt. Rumley's Claim

Sir Robert Fletcher thinks that Capt. Rumley cannot be deprived of his Rights to the Oeconomicks by being sent to the Nabobs Service. Capt. Rumley never applied for the Nabobs Service, & whilst he was employed in that Service, he was frequently ordered on Duty in the Company's Service. Capt. Rumley does not derive any Oeconomicks to be suspended, but only to receive his Oeconomicks for the last Year from the Agent for Oeconomicks. The Argument of the

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the Board that others have been doing his Duty, appears to Sir R.t Fletcher to be no argument at all unless those Officers were to receive Capt. Rumley's Effrechonings, which is not the case, those Officers being Subaltern Officers who receive no Effrechonings — If Capt. Rumley himself is deprived of his Effrechonings, they go to other Captains who have been doing no part of his Duty, & if the Argument of other advantages goes against Capt. Rumley, it ought likewise go against those Captains in the Company's Service who I have reason to believe have advantages equal, if not superior to Captain Rumley's.

Agreed that the Committee be furnished with a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution of the Board.

C. Dawson

P. Pendarves Aldby

Wm

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2d Dispatched the following Letter to the Governor General & Council of Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council
of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs

To the Govr Genl & Hs making Offers of Lt Col Fletcher's services to command the Forces agt the Marattas.

On the 29th Ultimo We had the honor to advise you of our having Ordered two Battns of Sepoys to hold themselves in readiness to March to Anjengo should no fresh Intelligence from Poonah render it unnecessary.

Being however uncertain as to the turn Affairs may take from Colonel Upton's Negociation We have resolved to defer a few days longer giving Orders for the Battalions to March, but in the mean time We have advised the Gentlemen at Bombay of our intentions to reinforce them if needful, in order that timely provision may be made for transporting the troops from Anjengo to that Presidency.

As Forces from the three Presidencies may act in conjunction, in case of a Rupture with the Marattas, & on a Supposition that General Clavering's avocations of Government may require his presence in Bengal, Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher has begged leave to offer his Services for conducting the War, should it meet with your approbation, & his presence there can be dispensed with.

We are at all times happy to yield every Aid in our Power towards the prosperity of

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the Company's Affairs, and We heartily acquiesce in the proposal; If Hostilities therefore should Commence & the Situation of Affairs in the Carnatic admit of his Absence, We shall be happy to afford such able assistance in the General Cause.

Fort S.t George
2.d April 1776.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
and most humble Servants
G. Stratton & the Council.

3.d Came in the following Letter from Lt. Col. James.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot
President & Governor &c.a Council
of Fort S.t George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from Col. James, Lieut. Duncan proceeds to Madura w.th two Comp.s of Sepoys

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you the Returns of the Troops under my Command, for the Month of March, also those of the Hospital, which I hope will be found correct; Last Night I was honor'd with Your Commands of the 29.th Ult.o In consequence thereof I ordered Lieut. Duncan to proceed to Madura with two Companies of Sepoys, & there wait for further Orders from the Right Honble the President & Council, to whom I remain with the greatest Respect.

Trichinopoly
3. April 1776.

Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most faithful Servant
Edw.d James.

5.th Came in the following Letter from Captain Brace

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Bruce Commanding at Amboor
To the Right Honble Lord Pigot,
Presidt & Counct &c.
of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Capt. Bruce intelligence of Hyder Ally operations against Morarow.

I was last night informed by a Sepoy of my Battalion, that had been for some time Spark on Hyder Allys Army, that on the 18th of last March he took the Fort of Goote from Murra Row by Storm & sent him and his Family to Serringapatam, that he intended immediately attacking Chandergur & Murrichmera, one Commanded by Murra Rows Brother & the other by his Son, & that it is his intention to send a Detachment under the Command of Meer Saib to reduce the Ponganoor Polygar, who has refused to allow Hyder to put a Garrison into Coulgunda, notwithstanding he is tributary to him; Coulgundah is situated about eight Coss of Chittour, amongst the hills, & is thought a very strong place. I remain my Lord & Honble Sirs with due Respect

Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
Tho.s Bruce

Amboor
2d April 1776.

P.S. Coulgunda is also called Coulpalledurgam.

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 8th April 1776.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Sir Robert Fletcher
Henry Brooke Claud Russell
John M. Stone Arch.n Palmer
George Mackay

Mr. Dawson indisposed. Lord Pigot, Messrs. Dalrymple & Fourdaux absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of a Letter, a Copy of which as far as relates to the Treaty concluded at Poonah, he yesterday transmitted to the Governor General of Bengal.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. William Auburner at Tellicherry to Lord Pigot dated 21st March 1776.

Extract of Letter from Chief of Tellicherry Peace concluded wth the Marattas.

This Morning I was favord with advice from Bombay, Part of the Presidents Letter is as follows — "The 7th Instant Mr. Upton concludes a Treaty "of Peace with the Maratta Minister Poorundar, I can- "not say an advantageous one, but far from an honorable one which you will observe "when it comes to your Hands as it shortly will be by the "Revenge that is coming to You — All Vessells may "proceed up the Coast with Safety from the Marattas."

The Granville sloop here the 19th and Major Sears came here Yesterday, whose stay was very short, he following her in a Pattamar Boat I gave him for that purpose, he told me he had given You some Advice of several French Ships being arrived at Mythie with Troops, this I must inform is not the

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the Cawnore having come but Merchant Ships with a vast quantity of all Sorts of Warlike Stores for Hyder Ally & the Country Princes & ready Cash to purchase the produce of the Coast — The above Mode of coming to Market, has ruined our Trade — for wherever we purchased a Thousand Candies of Pepper we cannot get a Hundred, nor is Hyder in good temper from our engaging to supply him by Treaty at Syringapatam with what he wanted, for which he was to supply us with Pepper & Sandal — the first Article we shall have a little this Season, the latter not a Stick, for the Chinese Ships, Our Neighbours the French are preferr'd for their Warlike Stores &c.

As this event may render it unnecessary for us to reinforce the Bombay Establishment with two Battalions of Sepoys as We intended, It is Agreed to suspend the Orders for the March of those Troops to Anjengo. And as Our late Letters may lead them to make provision for the conveyance of the Sepoys to that Presidency, unless timely advised to the contrary a Letter is ordered to be prepared to acquaint them of our present Resolution.

Read the following Letter from the Judge Advocate General.

To George Stratton Esqr.
President & Council
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Where the first part of the Proceedings of the late General Court Martial held at St. Thomas' Mount

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Letter from the Judge Advocate General remarking an Impropriety in the Sentence lately passed on Lt. Parry.

Mount whereof Col. Flint was President, was laid before the Board. I took the Liberty of remarking tho' then Officiating as Secretary that the Sentence was improperly expressed as the Words "he is thereby discharged" &c. did not convey the positive Judgement of the Court, & the Proceedings were accordingly returned to the President with a request that the Sentence should be reconsidered, & the word hereby inserted in the room of thereby.

As I observe however that the Words of the Sentence are still the same, I must request permission of the Board to enter this Letter on their Proceedings, in order that the Opinion I then gave may know conform as Judge Advocate General may stand upon their Records.

The Members of a Court Martial it is well known sit in a double capacity. First, as Jurors to find a Verdict; & secondly, as Judges to pass the Sentence of the Law, or the Punishment that appears adequate to the crime exhibited against a Prisoner: the latter of which is often left at the discretion of the Court.

In the first part of the Sentence in Question, the Court have agreeably thereto found Lieut: Parry Guilty of a Breach of the 20th. Article of the 12th. Section of the Articles of War, — but in the second they have deviated not only from the Spirit, but (in my opinion from the Letter of the Law, in not definitively passing Sentence.

The Article of War it is true determines the Punishment; but the Court in the

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the Capacity of Judges must pass the Sentence, that being left with them as their last & most solemn Act.

Nay the Article itself is clear and express to this effect for it says Whatsoever Commissioned Officer shall be convicted before a General Court Martial of behaving in a Scandalous infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer & a Gentleman, shall be discharged from the Service. In short the Proceedings of a Court Martial should in the above Respects be conducted in a similar manner to those of a Civil Court of Judicature, where the Jury find the Verdict — the Law declares the punishment, but, the Judge ultimately passes the Sentence.

I am sorry that the Court by conforming what they had done before, even after the impropriety of it was pointed out to them, should render it necessary for me to trouble you with this address. I mean not to reflect on their Proceedings, — all I wish is, that it may appear they had every necessary information to guide them in the execution of the Sentence.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient, and most humble Servant,

R. Sullivan

J. A. G.

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Read Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To George Stratton Esqr
Gov Council
of Fort St. George

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Gentlemen.

Letter from the Chief Engineer describing the present State of the New Works & the Number of Pieces of Cannon mounted thereon.

Agreable to your Orders of the 26th Ult.o Itay before You a Plan of the Fortifications of this Place, distinguishing the intended Works. The Parts compleated in December last & those now in hand, which are the Ravelins & Lunnets to the Westward and the Counterscarp of the Wet Ditch before them. Those are in the following condition on our closing the Works for the last Monsoon Viz.t

North West Face.

		F.t I.
Northern Lunnet raised all round above the Bank		6.. 3
Counterscarp before it	D.o on an average	3.. —
Ravelin	D.o	2.. 2
D.o Counterscarp	D.o on an average	3.. "
Southern Lunnet	D.o	3.. 8.
D.o Counterscarp	D.o	3.. —

South West Face.

Northern Lunnet Exterior Rev.t above its Bank		1/.. 11
Counterscarp	D.o	8.. 8.
Interior Revetment finished		
Casemates raised	above their Bank	4.. 6
Ravelin	above its Bank	11.. 6
D.o Counterscarp on the Side of the Drawn	D.o	11.. 3.
D.o D.o South East Side	D.o on an average	8.. 8.
Southern Lunnet, Exterior Rev.t above its Bank		14.. —
D.o Counterscarp	D.o on an average	8.. 8.
D.o Casemates above their Bank	D.o	4.. 9.

Since commencing the Works this Year, those on the Northwest Face have been raised to the following Heights Viz.t

Northern Lunnet Rev.t all round, above its Bank. 8.. 11.

Foundations of the Casemates brought to the same Level.

Counterscarp

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	F.	I.
Countercarp before the Curtain		5 7
Ravelin, Revt. all round above its Base		8 3
Such part of the foundations of the Casemates as are laid are likewise brought to the same level		
Countercarp before the Ravelin		5 7
Southern Curtain, exterior Revt. above its base		11 7
Interior Revetment finished		2 6
Casemates above their Base		5 7
Countercarp before the Curtain		

We have now employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers	191
Tank Diggers	939
Coolies	1104
Carcarts	99
Stone Cutters	63
Sundry other Artificers	15
Amounting to	2411 Persons

The Bricklayers are employed in raising the Revetments. The Stone Cutters preparing the blue Stone framing the Gateway on the Southwest Face. The Carcarts & Coolies in clearing away the old Foundations excavating the Ditches, filling in, Levelling Ground behind the new Works, & in carrying Earth to form the Glacis —

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7 April 1776.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
& most humble Servt
Patrick Ross.
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

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Mess.rs Crocar & Howell appt.d Surgeons Assistants. Mr. Crocar to receive Pay from Sept.r last.

The Senior Surgeons having reported Mess.rs Crocar & Howell as duly qualified, It is agreed, that they be appointed Surgeons Assistants. And from the favorable Representation of Mr. Crocar in their Letter of the 5th Inst. who has acted under them to their satisfaction since the Month of September last, It is Resolved, that he be allowed Subsistance as Surgeons Assistant from that time.

Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Mathews.

To Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher Commander in Chief

Sir,

From Capt. Mathews shewing his resigning the Command of his Battalion & offering his service until his Successor shall become acquainted with the Country.

The private report of troubles would prevent me from writing to resign my Battalion, did I not know that a worthy Man has hopes of succeeding me, who only requires a knowledge of the Country in respect to the Passes, the Forts, the manner of defending the Passes, the strength of the neighbouring Power who are capable of disturbing the repose of the Circars, also their Customs, & method of fighting, which are different from those used in any part of the Carnatic. These reasons induce me to offer myself to give every information and instruction that my experience suggests, to enable him to preserve the tranquility so essential for securing the Revenues, at the same time that I request permission to resign my Battalion — But as it would be disagreeable to me to be on public Service without authority, I hope to be permitted to retain the Command of the Troops in

in the Circar, untile I have given very proper infor-
-mation; And of the Marattas Threatning Invasion,
Or any other occasion offers for my Service, I shall
chearfully sacrifice all private Views should it be
deemed necessary by my Superiors, to employ me
there, Or in any other part of the Honble Companys
Possessions. I have the honor to be

Madras
April 7th 1776.

Sir
Your most Obedient
most humble Servant
Rick. Mathews.

resignation accepted.

Agreed that Capt. Mathews's resignation of his Battalion be accepted of.

Capt. Murphy to succeed to Capt. Mathews's Battalion & Capt. Mathews to command the Troops in the Chicacole Circar.

Sir Robert Fletcher recommends that Capt. Murphy be appointed agreeably to the Resolution of Council 14th October last, to the Command of the above Battalion, that Captain Mathews be ordered to proceed to the Northward with Captain Murphy for the reasons set forth in his Letter, & that he Captain Mathews be continued in the Command of the Troops stationed in the Chicacole Circar, untile he shall have given the necessary information to Capt. Murphy.

Approved & ordered accordingly.

Mr. Martin to be removed to Aska & Mr. Ferrier appointed to Chicacole.

Agreed that Mr. Martin conformably to a former Resolution of Council be removed from Chicacole to Aska & that Mr. Ferrier Surgeons Assistant be appointed in his Room.

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that his Secretary cannot possibly execute the Duties of his Office unless he

for

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two Monthly Writers.

Granted.

he be allowed two Monthly Writers as Assistants.

Agreed that the Commanderin Chief be allowed two Monthly Writers as Assistants to his Secretary.

Land Rusfully
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10th Dispatched the following Letter

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Governor &c Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Letter to Bombay advising that the intended Reinforcement of two Battalions of Sepoys will not be sent to Anjengo

In a letter from Mr. Ashburner Chief at Tellicherry to our President dated 21st Ult.o We are informed he had been advised by Mr. Hornby, that a Treaty of Peace was concluded on the 1st March by Colonel Upton with the Maratta Ministry at Poonah.

As this Event therefore may render it unnecessary for Us to reinforce You with two Batt.ns of Sepoys as We intended, We shall suspend Our Orders for the March of those Troops to Anjengo. This We take the earliest opportunity of communicating to You that our late Letter may not lead You to incur any unnecessary expence in providing Conveyances for the Sepoys to your Presidency.

We are with Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
G.e Stratton &.a Council

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Vizagapatam
Gentlemen.

Letter to Vizagapatam Mr. Hancock removed to Atcha Mr. Lewis

We informed You in Our Letter of the 7th November last, of our Resolution to remove Mr. Hartley from Chicacole to Atcha as soon as we could send another Surgeon to that Place. We have accordingly appointed

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appointed to the Chicacole Circar. Captain Murphy appointed to Capt. Mathews's Battalion.

appointed Mr. Senior Surgeons Assistant, in his room who will proceed thither with the first convenient expedition.

Captain Mathews having resigned the Command of the 1st Circar Battalion of Sepoys, We have thought proper to appoint Capt. Murphy thereto in his Room. As We wish however to avail ourselves as much as possible of the experience of Capt. Mathews We have appointed him for the present to the Command of the Troops stationed in the Chicacole Circar.

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10th April 1776.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
G. Stratton &c. Co.

12th came in the following Letter from Lord Pigot.

To George Stratton Esqr.
&c. Council
of Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Letter from Lord Pigot arrival at Tanjore

I arrived at this place about 9 o'clock this Morning, & have seen the Raja; I hope very soon to be able to acquaint you of my having executed my Commission in such a manner as will be satisfactory.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Pigot.

Tanjore
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14th came in the following Letter

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

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My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Lt. Dunkin arrives with two Compys. of Sepoys at Madura.

On the 3d Instant I received Orders from Lieut. Col. Innes to march with two Companies of the 8th Battalion of Sepoys under my Command to Madura, & there to wait for your Instructions. ——— I now take the liberty of informing you of my arrival here this Morning.

Madura
8th April 1776.

I am
My Lord & Gentlemen
with the utmost respect
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Arthur Dunkin
Lt. 8th Batt.n Sepoys.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Letter from Capt. Povery. Lt. Dunkin arrived with 2 Compys. of Sepoys at Madura

I have to acquaint you that Lieut. Dunkin with two Companies of the 8th Batt.n of Sepoys, from Trichinopoly, arrived here this Morning. I am with the greatest Respect.

Madura.
8th April 1776.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Hble Servant
Peter Jos. Povery.

At a Consultation Present
George Stratton Esqr. President
Sir R.t Fletcher . George Dawson
Claud Russell
J. M. Stone Archd. Palmer
George Mackay M.r

Monday
15th April.

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Mr. Brooke indisposed; — Lord Pigot, Messrs. Dalrymple & Sourdon absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To Geo. Stratton Esqr.
& Counci of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

There are now employed on the Works.

Letter from Dr. Col. Ross. acct. of the Pion. employed on the works.

Bricklayers	209.
Tank Diggers	989.
Coolies	1107.
Lascars	140.
Stone Cutters	57.
Sundry other Artificers	10.

Amounting to 2512 Pagodas

I am,
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& most Hble Servant
Patrick Ross.

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8th April 1776.

Read Letter from Major Horne Commanding at the Mount.

To Richd. Jos. Sulivan Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir,

Letter from Major Horne rcg. the Grant of the Ground on which he has

Agreable to the proposal I made, and the Honble Board's approbation signified by you to me, I have built convenient Quarters for Ten Officers at the Mount. The want of Lime has prevented my building as many more as would

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built quarters for the Officers.

would have been sufficient to have accomodated the remaining Officers that are in want of Quarters When that can be spared by the Contractor I will compleat the rest, In the mean time as I have laid out a very considerable Sum of Money; I request you to procure an Order that a Grant may be made out for the ground I applyd for.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Math.w Horne.

Mount

12.th April 1776.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Read the following Letter from the Presidency of Bombay, together with an Extract of the Treaty of Peace concluded at Poonah.

To the Right Honble Geo.e Lord Pigot

President & Governor &.c Council

at Fort S.t George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Bombay with Treaty of Peace concluded by Col.l Upton with the Mahrattas.

The last Letter We received from your Presidency was dated the 13.th of December, and We have not yet heard of the Grenvilles arrival upon the Malabar Coast.

On the 1.st Inst.t Colonel Upton concluded a Treaty of Peace between the Honble Company & the Ministers at Poonah, & for the information of your Lordship & Council, We enclose a Copy of the Extract transmitted to us by him.

We have given Orders for Our Troops

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Troops returning into Garrison, and as Opportunities offer We shall send round the Detachment of Europeans & Capt. Kelly's Battallion of Sepoys belonging to your Presidency

His Majesty's Ship Dolphin Capt. Pigott sailed for England the 22. of this Month.

We are with Esteem
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
William Hornby.
D. Draper.
Robert Gordon
Robert Garden
Andrew Ramsay.

Bombay Castle.
24th March 1776.

Extracts of the Treaty w. the Marattas.

Extracts from the Treaty concluded between the Honble Company and the Mahratta State at Poorundur the 1st of March 1776.

Article 1st Peace shall be established and take place from this Day, between the Honorable the English East India Company in general, and the Government of Bombay in particular, and Row Pundet Purdhan, & his Ministers Siccaram Pundet and Ballaje Pundet on the part of all the Mahrattas, and the following Articles are to be observed inviolably by both Parties.

Article 2. The Peace is to be forthwith Proclaimed between the Honble Company & the Mahratta State, at the Presidency of Bombay, & all its Dependancies

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dependencies, at the head of the English Troops encamped at Mandaire, & in every part of the Guzerat Province where there are British Subjects, The Maratta Government will also Order Proclamations to be made throughout all their Dominions.

Article 3 The Pashwa Row Pundet Purdhan and his Ministers being desirous of having Salsette and the smale Islands subdued by the English on this War restored to them, do offer to give in Exchange a Country of three Lacks of Rupees with its Chout & c in the Neighbourhood of Broach Colonel Upton having declared, that he could not restore the said Islands. It is therefore agreed, that they shall remain as they now are, & that they shall write to the Honorable the Supreme Counsil of Calcutta, & both parties engage to abide by their determination. If the Governor General & Council of Fort William, do not restore them They shall continue in the possession of the English, & the Marattas will then give up all Right & Title to the said Islands. Should the Governor General and Counsil of Calcutta restore Salsette with the said Islands, the English will accordingly deliver them over to the Pashwa.

Article 4. The Marattas do agree to give to the English Company forever, all Right & Title to their antient share of the City & Purgunnah of Broach, as fully & compleatly as ever they collected from the Moguls or otherwise, without retaining Claim of Chout or any other Demands whatever, So that the English Company will possess it without participation or Claim of any kind.

Article 5th

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Article 5th. The Marattas do agree by way of friendship to give forever to the English Company a Country of three Complete Lacks of Rupees near or adjoining to Broach, on which there is to be no Claim of Chout or any other Demand whatever. Two Perrons on the part of the Company, and two Perrons on the part of Row Pundet Purdhan, to proceed & determine the Place & Boundaries, when the Pethwa with give the Summuds. —

Article 6th. The Pethwa & Ministers agree to pay to the Company Twelve Lacks of Rupees in part of the Expences of the English Army in two Payments Viz. Six Lacks within Six Months of the date of this Treaty, & the other Six Lacks within two Years of the same Date. —

Article 7th. The English do agree that every part of the Guzerat Country, ceded to the Company by Ragunaut Row or taken possession of by them, shall be forthwith restored, with all the Forts & Towns, thereunto belonging, except what is settled by this Treaty; The Country ceded to the English by Seage or Setty Sing Guicawar, shall also be restored, when it is proved by their Letter, & Copies of the Summuds Granted by the former Pethwa (and now in their the Guicawars hands) that they do not possess power or authority to make such Cessions — The Purgunnahs of Chickley, and Coral, with the Towns of Verion, Three Villages of the Purgunnah of Chuncapey and the Village Batta Gang, are to continue as Pledges in the Possession of the English, till the Summuds for the Country of three Lacks, are made over

over... All Treaties and Agreements subsisting between the English & Ragaraud Row; are hereby annulled; and those of Suage, & Tehy Sing Gunicawar are to be also annulled, when the aforementioned Proofs are produced; & then Treaties are to be destroyd in the presence of the Perhwais Ministers when they come to hand.

Article. 8th The English do agree that the Troops now on the Field from the Presidency of Bombay, are to be marched immediately into their own Garrisons and Districts.

Article 9th It is agreed that Raganaut Row is to disband his Army within one Month of this date, His followers and Adherents (except the Servant Persons about his Person) are to seperate also within the same time. And Proclamation is to be made by the Maratta Government, granting a full Pardon to all the Adherents & Followers, and all such as have been in Arms with Raganaut Row. The four following excepted, Viz. Abaje Mahadw, Noor Cauw Gardie, Toola Rudmutgar, & Thurring Sing Chokydar, who for Crimes & misdemeanors committed against the State, are for ever banished the Maratta Dominions.

Article 10th If Raganaut Row refuses to disband his Army The English are to withdraw their Forces, and are not to assist herein.

Article 11th The Conditions of the Sixth Article being complied with, The Pashwa and Ministers then consent to Establish a Household for Raganaut Row consisting of one thousand Horse, and some Foot, who are

are to be paid, and relieved at the pleasure of Governe-
-ment; But to obey all legal Orders given them by
Raganaut Row. Also two Hundred Domesticks, to
be chosen by Raganaut Row, and paid by Government,
They will also cause to be paid to Raganaut Row, to
defray his other Expences, three Lacks of Rupees pr
Annum, by Monthly Payments, at the rate of twen-
-ty five thousand Rupees pr Month, conditionally that
he resides at Cooper Gang, on the banks of the Gung-
-ha Gudawry. — If at any time he may want to
change his place of Residence, application is to be
made to the Perhwa, without whose permission such
a change is not to take place, and he is not to cause
any disturbance, or carry on improper Correspondence
with any Person.

Article 12.th It is agreed that no Assistance is to be given by
the English to Raganaut Row, or to any Subject
or Servant of the Perhwa's, that shall cause distur-
-bances, Or Rebellion in the Maratta Dominions.

Article 13.th not sent by Colonel Upton.

Article 14.th It is agreed that in case of Shipwreck of any En-
-glish Ships or Vessells trading under their protection
on any part of the Maratta Coast, every assistance
shall be given by that Government, and the Inha-
-bitants, to save as much as possible, and the whole
that may be saved, shall be returned, all reasonable
Charges being defrayd by the Owners; In like man-
-ner the English Company engage their Assistance
should any Maratta Ships or Vessells be wrecked,
on any of their Coasts.

Article 15.th The Treaties between the Governments of Bombay
and

and the Marattas dated July 1739 and the 12th Oct.
1756, are to be held and continued, in as full force, as
when they were first entered into, unless any Article
or Articles of either of them, should in other manner
be provided for, by this Treaty, in such Case, such
Article, or Articles, are to be rejected, and those of
this Treaty abided by. —

Article 16th. All other Treaties or Agreements subsisting between
the Government of Bombay, and the Maratta Govern-
-ment, not having undergone Alteration, or other-
-wise provided for by this Treaty, are to be held and
continued, in as full force, as when they were first
entered upon.

Article 17th. It is agreed that if Raghunaut Row has lodged
any Jewels belonging to the Peshwa Row Pundit
Purdhan in the hands of the English, they are to
be restored, on the obligation being complied with
for which they were lodged. —

Article 18th. The Honorable the English Company shall
be considered as the Sole Lords & Proprietors of all the
places ceded to by this Treaty, from the Date of the
respective Sunnuds or Grants; and are thereon
accordingly to exercise their Laws & Authorities
and the Marattas are not to cause any Disturbances
in any of the ceded Countries; nor shall the English
occasion any Disturbance in the Maratta Dominions.

Article 19th. In the places hereby ceded to the Honorable Com-
-pany, and in all the places restored to the Maratta
Government, by the English: It is agreed that both
parties shall commence to collect the Revenues there-
-of from the Day on which they are delivered; and

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no Demand of Collections for any part time shall be made:

Translation
N.r Macpherson
Persian Interpreter.

Signed / Jn.o Upton /
A true Copy of the Extract
Edw.d Ravenscroft
Sec.y

Order in Consequence.

Ordered, that Copies of the above Letter & Treaty be forthwith transmitted to the Governor General & Counsil of Bengal. And as there is no prospect of its being expedient to reinforce the Presidency of Bombay that the two Companies of Sepoys detached to Madura under the commaind of Lieut. Dunkin be ordered back to Trichinopoly.

Read Letter from Lt. Brulé of which the following is a translate.

To Lord Pigot, President
and the Gentlemen of the Council of
Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Lt. Brulé claiming his Title to a Captain's Commission.

Permit me the honor of representing to You what is my Right in the Service of the Honble Company.

In the Order of the 24.th Feb.y last You have appointed Lieut. John James Durand & Walterhouse Adair Captains. Then two Officers were made Lieutenants after I was: It must of course be to my Prejudice If they become Captains before me.

In the Year 1767 the Governor & Council rewarded me with a Lieutenants Commission for Services which I had rendered the Honble Company. They then thought me worthy & capable of filling the Commission

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Commission, and I never have belied their good opinion, which is evident, as I have always executed my Duty & served with Zeal & honor.

There is a clause in my Commission which says, that I am not to command in any post or place without your Orders; but this clause does not deprive me of my Rank as Lieut. of Infantry, nor does it imply that I am not to be a Captain in my turn — My Commission may be examined, it is in Mr. Sullivan's Hands.

For these reasons I do myself the honor to request my Commission of Captain, which as I am convinced, it is lawfully my Right to, flatter myself I shall receive from Your Justice; & I shall all my Life, be with Gratitude & profound Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most humble and most Obedient Servant

Daniel Brute

Lieutenant

Sitka
26th March 1776.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Brigadier General Sir Rob.t Fletcher recommends that the following Appointment do take place.

Lieut. Fireworker Firme promoted to Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Fireworker Edward Firme to be Lieut. of Artillery in the room of Lieut. Henry Parry Cashiered — date of Rank 1st April 1776. Approved & ordered accordingly.

Read Letter from Lt. Colonel Fitzgerald Commanding at Vellore.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

&c

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My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Colo. Fitzgerald, communicating Capt. Lieut. Giels intention of draining the Ditch at Vellore.

Capt. Lieut. Giels who is carrying on some works at this place for the Nabob, informs me that he intends to drain the Ditch to clean it & repair the Batardeaus, as this may subject the Garrison to much Inconvenience from the Stench & a possibility should it prove a dry Season, of the Ditch not filling again: I beg leave to make known these his Intentions to you, which I shall prevent until I have the honor of receiving your directions: I am with much Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant.

J. Fitz Gerald.

Vellore
April 11th 1776

The President is desired to communicate the contents of this Letter to the Nabob, & to learn from him his Sentiments, with respect to the draining of the Ditch at Vellore.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Certificate for the Widow of the late Lieut: Tempest Thornton to partake of the Military Fund.

By Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher, Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Forces on the Coast of Choromandele.

Certificate of the Widow Thornton for transacting the business of the Honble Company's Military Fund, for the Relief & Maintenance of European Officers & Soldiers who by

Whereas it is Ordered by the Regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Company's Military Fund, for the Relief & Maintenance of European Officers & Soldiers who by

by Wounds or otherwise, are rendered incapable of further Service in India, or the Widows of Officers who die in the Service, that they produce a Certificate from the Commanding Officer, as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Fund &c.

I do hereby certify that Serjeant Thornton was a Lieutenant of Cavalry on this Establishment and that having served the Honble Company Six Years, he died at Cuddalore the 8.th Jan.y last - &

I do further Certify that he hath left a Widow, Mrs. Anna Maria Thornton now residing at Madras, who is hereby recommended to partake of the provision made by the said Fund.

Given under my hand at Fort S.t George this 15.th day of April 1776

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

Pension Granted.

Mr. Dawson acquainting the Board that Mrs. Thornton has taken before them the usual Oath on this Occasion, the recommendation is approved & a Certificate ordered to be made out.

The President acquaints the Board that the Members of the late General Court Martial held at P.t St. Thomas Mount have made application to them for Batta, for the time the Court was sitting.

The Officers order to the Mount on the late Court Martial to have Batta Allowance

The Commander in Chief proposes that such Officers as were not stationed at the Mount be allowed half Batta during the time the Court was in Order.

Resolved in the Negative 4 to 3 Ordered that

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ances as those on Colo. Wood's Tryal.

~~that the Officers have the same Allowance, that was~~ made the Number of the Court Martial which sat on Colonel Woods Tryal as ordered in Consultation 30th October 1769.

The President acquaints the Board that on the departure of Lord Pigot for Tanjore he received from him the following Bills on the Nabobs Account, for Acct. of his Debt & Current Charges Viz.ts

the President's Report of Bills left with him by Lord Pigot.

1 Bill on Tondiman dated 15th March & due this Month.	25,000
1 Bill on Dumeroyan dated 16th March & due this Month.	25,000
1 Bill on Tanjore dated 19th March due this Month.	100,000
1 Bill on Governdenoor dated 17 March due next Month.	50,000
	200,000

He also acquaints the Board that the Nabob has lately paid him in ready Money forty seven thousand Pagodas & has given him a Bill on Tanjore for one Lack of Pagodas dated 13th Instt. & due in two Months, both for Acct. of his Debt and Current Charges.

C. Darrell
Dan.l Russell
Alex.r Hall

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15th Dispatches the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General & Cou.l Council

of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter to Bengal with Extract of the Maratta Treaty rec.d from Bombay.

By the Swallow Sloop of War that arrived here Yesterday, We received a Letter from the Govern.r & Council of Bombay together with an Extract of the treaty concluded by Colonel Upton with the Maratta Ministry at Poonah, Copies whereof we now enclose.

As this event renders it unnecessary for us to reinforce that Presidency as We intended with two Batt.ns of Sepoys. We shall countermand the Orders we had given those Troops to hold themselves in readiness to march to Anjingo.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
Geo.e Stratton & Cou.l Council

For Fort St. George
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To George Stratton Esqr.

Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

& Cou.l Council of

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Letter from the Chief Engineer. Report of People employed on the Works.

There are now employed on the Works

Bricklayers	203.
Tank Diggers	1107
Coolies	1260
Sircars	136.
Carried over	2706 People.

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Brought over.. 2706 People
Stone Cutters . . . . . 58.
Sundry other Artificers . . . 9
Amounting to 2773 People

Sam

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant.
Patrick Ross.
Lieut. Colo. & Chief Engr.

19th Came in Letter from Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

To Richard Jos: Sullivan Esqr.
Military Secretary
Fort St. George

Sir,

Letter from Capt. Duncan a Straggling European stopt by him.

A European found straggling not far from hence, has been brought in here by some of my Sepoys. — He says he is a Portuguese came from Europe as a Sailor to Mozambique & of late to Pondicherry where being tired of the Sea He enlisted as a Soldier, upon having good encouragement offer'd him. That he with nineteen others of different Nations embarked at Pondicherry accompanied by a Person in Character of an Officer, & were landed some weeks ago, on this Coast, somewhere betwixt this place & Masulipatam, that after two Days March up the Country, he turned foot sore & unable to proceed, with the rest, so was left by himself. That he has been most of the time since, with a Rajah whose

Name

Name he knows not, & who has a Fort situated upon a Hill: that he had left that place three Days, when he was taken up by the Sepoys. — He adds that they were met upon their landing by three or four Guides or Hircarrahs, to conduct them up the Country. He is a middle Aged, stout made Man, but appears to be rather a stupid fellow, & it is difficult to get distinct answers from him. But he is very uniform in what he says of embarking with 19 others at Pondicherry, & landing again somewhere on this Coast. I beg to have instructions sent me relating to him, & I am

Ongole
15th April 1776.

Sir,

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Alexr. Duncan

2d Copies in Letter from the Chief & Co. at Ganjam
Military Department

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Letter from Ganjam. Burragur taken. Suggesting Instructions of accomodation.

In our Letter of the 26th Feby. We informed Your Lordships &c. of Our having issued Orders for taking the Fort or Pallaur of Burragur. On the 28th this Service was effected by Capt. Candler, & 3 Companies of Sepoys, with the loss of one Serjeant, & two Sepoys wounded.

The Hill People have since repeatedly insulted the out Posts, & one Day in particular were so very troublesome that Captain Candler

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Cavalier judged it necessary to detach a Company of Sepoys after them, who took & destroyed a strong Salt, or redoubt, in attaching which one Sepoy was killed, & a Serjeant & five Sepoys wounded.

Since that time the Hide People have been pretty quick, and as Suggauteling is now very desirous of coming to an accommodation & has offer'd terms for that Purpose, We think it necessary to keep so large a detachment at Burragur & shall therefore order one half of it to be withdrawn.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servants.

Ganjam
8th April 1776.

Charles Smith
Rt. Saunsell
Tho. Dyneley
Robt. Hughes
F. Hudleston

D
22d Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

To George Stratton Esqr
& Counsil of Fort S. George

Gentlemen.

On the 20th Inst. there were employed on the Works

Letter from the Chief Engineer Report of the People employed on the Works.

Bricklayers	199.
Earth Diggers	1272.
Coolies	1164.
Sawyers	128.
Stone Cutters	57.
Sundry Artificers	11
Amounting in all to	2831 People

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since which time the Rain has prevented the People from Working.

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I am
Gentlemen:
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engr.

Encloses a Letter from Mr. Biggers

To Rich.d Jos.h Sulivan Esqr.
Secretary to the Right Honble the President & Council
at
Fort S.t George

Sir,

Letter from the Resident at Anjengo.

Your favor of the 30.th Ult.o addressd to Mr. Stackhouse, accompanying a Packet for Bombay, reached this Place Yesterday Noon, & Immediately sent it per Express Ballocm to Tellicherry from whence the Right Honble the President &c may rest assured of its being forwarded with the utmost Expedition. Mr. Stackhouse left this Settlement for Bombay the 2.d Inst.t & his Majestys Ship Dolphin sailed hence for Europe the 3.d in the afternoon.

Anjengo
10.th April 1776.

I am
Sir,
Your most humble Servant
Geo.e Bigger

H

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At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 24.th April

George Stratton Esq.r President
George Dawson
Claud Russell
Arch.d Palmer
John M. Stone
George Mackay

Mr. Brooke indisposed. Lord Pigot, Mr. Dalrymple & Mr. Sourdan absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from Lord Pigot receivd on the 17.th together with the Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, & the Public Orders issued at Tanjore on the Day the Rajah went in procession around the Fort.

To George Stratton Esq.r
&.c.a Council
at Fort S.t George

Gentlemen.

Letter from Lord Pigot enclosing Copy of the Orders issued at Tanjore on the Restoration of the Rajah, & Letter from him on that occasion.

On Thursday last The Rajah of Tanjore went in procession around the Town and enclosed is Copy of the Public Orders I judged proper to issue that Day.

I have the pleasure to inclose also the translation of a Letter from the Rajah which I flatter myself will be entirely to the Satisfaction of the Company.

In the latter part of the Rajah's Letter He has remarked that Devy Cotah has no Country annexed to it, & has expressed a Desire that the Company will take what they think proper, but this being contrary to their express Orders I have

With

refused

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With respect to the Grain which the Rajah may collect more than he thinks necessary for the consumption of this Country, I doubt not but You will agree with me for the reasons He assigns that it would be quite proper to purchase the same for the Company's Account. He acquaints me he will convey it near to some of the Seaports.

Tanjore 13th April 1776.

Sam

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Pigot

Orders issued at Tanjore.

The Right Honble The Lord Pigot Prendent of the Council for Affairs of the East India Company on the Coast of Choromandel & Governor of Fort St. George &c

To all whom it may concern

Whereas a Treaty was concluded in the Year 1762 between the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore to which Treaty the English became Guarantee and Whereas, in direct violation of the above Treaty, The Troops of the East India Company at the instigation of the said Nabob, did remove the Rajah from his Government, The East India Company disapproving the Conduct of their Servants have thought proper to require that the Rajah be again restored: & in virtue of the Orders of the said Company, All Officers Civil & Military & all Persons under the protection of the said Company are hereby required to consider the Rajah of Tanjore as again restored to the Govern-

ment

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Government of the Country in the fullest extent of that Government at the conclusion of the Treaty in 1762 and to give him all proper Aid & Assistance.

Dated in Tanjore the 11th April 1776.

signed Pigot

From the Rajah of Tanjoor

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Lord Pigot

The Satisfaction I feel on Occasion as the Company have displayed towards me, is so great, that were I to begin to tell You what my Mind conceives on the occasion, the Subject would never have an End; Had I a thousand Tongues they could not express my Gratitude. When I had an Interview with Your Lordship I opened to You the Sentiments of my Heart, but as mere Verbal Declarations on this Head are insufficient I have thought it proper to write You a Letter.

I shall ever consider myself as nourished and protected by the Company, & shall therefore never assist or succour their Enemies; — no Measure shall ever proceed from me that is contrary to their Interests, nor will I ever set on Foot any Connection with other Powers without the Company's Consent. This I have written as a means of encreasing the Friendship that is between us. In the present condition of my Country, the placing a Garrison of the English Troops in the Fort & City of Tanjoor is exceedingly necessary, but besides this Garrison, if the Company will allow some more Troops likewise for the Protection of my whole Country, this also will be highly

highly proper. If by the favor of Heaven this be put
in Execution, neither I or any of my Family will
need to apprehend that the Calamities of War will fall
upon this Country again. & if the Company will only
favor me thus far, I will with pleasure spare them
out of my Revenues the Sum of four Lack of
Pagodas pr. Annum for their Military Expences.
For my Body Guard I shall keep a
Body of Men from one Hundred to five Hundred
& I want not to have one Man either of Horse or
Foot more than that Number.

As my Finances are in the Disorder and the Stake of my Country ale in Contro-
vers I must throw myself on the Company for my
present support, I therefore wish them to buy of
me at a reasonable Rate all the Grain of the pre-
sent Year excepting what my Country may be
in need of. By this Measure the Company will
not be burthend. & I shall be enabled to defray the
expences of my Government, without running
in Debt.

Finally as the Port of Divi Cottah
has no Country annexed to it, I beg the Company
will take what they think proper as a Dependancy
thereon.

The Country of Tanjore is the Companys
I have only to beg that they will preserve my Ho-
nour.

The offer of the Rajah of
Tanjore to allow four Lacks of Pagodas Annually
for the Expence of the Troops to be kept for the protec-
tion

* Nov. Pay. 20000
Decr. 40000
Jan. 40,000
Feby. 100,000
March 100,000
April 100,000.

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Minute on the Letter from Lord Pigot & the Rajah of Tanjore.

protection of this Fort & Country, does not in Our Opinion correspond with the Orders of the Company which direct, that the Garrison of this Fort of Tanjore should be ascertained & the Expence defrayd by the Rajah according to particular & regular Accounts to be delivered to him. We are therefore of opinion, the Rajah should be informed that when the strength of the Garrison shall be determined by the Board, no more of this Sum than is sufficient to defray the expence of it shall be required from him, But, that if he desires it such a Force for the protection of the Country shall be kept up by the Company as he chuses to provide Funds for.

Seperate Opinions respecting the purchase of Grain from the Rajah of Tanjore.

With respect to the last Paragraph of Lord Pigot's Letter, the President collects these seperate Opinions of the Members of the Board as follow.

Mr. Mackay's Opinion.

Mr. Mackay. — Has no Objection to purchase from the Rajah what Paddy he may have to dispose of, provided, it is not Grain Mortgaged by the Nabob to Individuals whilst he had the Government of the Tanjore Country. He thinks that Grain should not be disposed of, nor meddled with, until the Board have time to take the Matter into Consideration — & if it is, he does not think himself responsible for the Consequences.

Mr. Palmer's Opinion.

Mr. Palmer — Is of the same opinion with Mr. Mackay.

Mr. Stone's Opinion.

Mr. Stone. — Thinks that for the reasons given by the Rajah it will be proper to purchase on

on the Company's Account whatever Paddy he can collect more than may be necessary for the Consumption of his own Country.

Mr Russell's Opinion. — Mr. Russell. — Is of opinion that for the reasons given by the Rajah, as well as because there is great prospect of its being much wanted, it will be proper to purchase on the Company's Account as much Grain as the Tanjore Country can spare from its own consumption.

Mr Dawson's Opinion — Mr. Dawson. — Joins in opinion with Mr. Stone with this addition "And that he may have a right to dispose of."

Sir Robt Fletcher's Opinion. — Sir Robert Fletcher. — Is of opinion that the Grain Mortgaged or assigned by the Sabob to Individuals ought not to be disposed of or meddled with, either by Him or by the Rajah, until that Matter shall have been considered & determined in Council. Sir Robert have no Objection to the purchase of any other Grain on the Company's Account as far as the proper Officer is of Opinion that the Company want Grain. And further than this Sr. Robert Fletcher declares himself in no shape responsible for any Measures that may be taken respecting the Grain in the Tanjore Country.

The President's Opinion. — The President. — Is of opinion that it is quite proper for the reasons assigned by the Rajah, to purchase on the Company's Account whatever Grain the Rajah may collect more than he thinks necessary for the consumption of his Country.

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Lord Pigot conformable to the Opinions of the Majority

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Majority on the aforegoing Question

Sir Robert Fletcher informs the Board he has founded the opinion he has given upon undoubted information, that a great part of the Grain now in the Tanjore Country has been assigned by the Nabob to his Creditors some of whom are British Subjects. —

Read Letter from Mr. Paul Benfield.

To George Stratton Esq.r
&c.a Council of Fort S.t George

Gentlemen.

Letter from Mr. Benfield repre-senting his Claims upon the Tanjore Country for Money lent the Nabob.

I was in hopes I should not have had occasion to address You, on the Subject of my Claims on the Tanjore Country for Loans to the Nabob Wallajah, while that Country was under his Government, as I flatter'd myself no change occasioned by the Orders of the Company would have affected the concerns of Individuals entered into with good Faith and Confidence in the Government that subsisted at that time. —

I attended the Right Honble the President to Tanjore, to be at hand to explain to him any particulars he might wish to know regarding my Concerns. After Proclamation of the Rajah I thought it necessary to address his Lordship as follows.

My Lord, "Understanding that Your Lordship hath caused Proclamations to be made, directing all the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country to obey the Rajah as their Prince, I have the

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"I do myself the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder, for Money Lent to him, did assign over & Mortgage to me the Province of the Subah or District of Murmoorgoe &c, until the same "should be discharged; the Amount is about three "hundred & seventy thousand Pagodas; and as a further Security He ordered the Grain belonging to the Circar to be deposited with me as collected. "Also I have the Nabobs Orders for the Payment of Twenty thousand Pagodas on the Subah or District "of Papanasham and Fifteen thousand Pagodas "on Puttcotah; for Cash Lent him.

Likewise I have assignments of Debts of the Inhabitants in the several Districts for advances made them through the Circar, to the Amount of about One Hundred & Twenty thousand Pagodas, to enable them to carry on the Cultivation Payable from the Inhabitants Shares of the present Crop, according to the Customs of the Country.

I have moreover Grain in several Parts of the Country, and Debts due to me from many of the Inhabitants, amounting together to about Sixty thousand Pagodas.

I understand the People in Authority from the Nabob are not yet removed from their Stations in the several Districts; and I trust when a change shall take place, that the Justice of Your Lordship will secure to me the Recovery of my Money.

Sawyers Fort
13th April 1776.

I am with respect &c.

P.S. "I acquainted Your Lordship at Madras &c.

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generally my Claims on the Tanjore Country; but
for Your Lordship's more particular information
I have taken the Liberty of making this address."

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot,
President & Governor of Fort St. George
at Tanjore

to which I received the following answer.

Sir

Being authorized only to carry into Execu-
tion the Orders of the Court of Directors for restoring
the Rajah of Tanjore, & being by those Orders com-
manded to assure the Rajah in the Company's Name
That they will severely punish every
Military Officer or Company's Servant who
shall in any respect interfere in the affairs
of His Government: And to take especial care
that this Article be punctually fulfilled.
I am unable without the Aid & Assistance of my
Council to say more in reply to the Letter you have
been pleased to address to me under this Date.
Than that I will on my Return to Madrass lay
the same before them." I am

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
Signed/ Pigot

Tanjore
13th April 1776
Mr. Benfield

In reply it to his Lordship

My Lord.

I am honord with your Lordship's
Letter. I cannot conceive that my setting forth
to Your Lordship my Just Claims on the Tanjore
Country can be considered in any respect to inter-
fere

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interfered in the Affairs of the Rajahs Government
or that it could be the intention of the Court of
Directors, that by the Execution of their Orders I
should be deprived of my Right: The Method pro-
pos'd by Your Lordship will cause delay, and
would be hurtfull to my Affairs should the Re-
venues assigned to me be otherwise applied than
paid to my Servants who are on the Spot to receive them.

I am with Respect, &c.

Tanjore Fort
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To the Right Horible Lord Pigot
President & Governor of Fort St. George
at Tanjore

I take the Liberty of laying these before
You in full confidence that you will afford me
reasonable Aid & Assistance to secure to me the
Recovery of my Property, while the Right Honble
President under your Commission remains in Au-
thority over those Countries. — I shall at any
time be ready to lay before You an Account & Vouchers
&c. of my Claims.

The Urgency of my Affairs Claims will I hope
apologize for the trouble I give You

I am with Respect,
Gentlemen
Your very devoted
humble Servant
Paul Benfield

Fort St. George
22. April 1776.

The President moves that a Copy of
Mr. Benfield's Letter be transmitted to Lord Pigot, &

The President moves
to defer the consi-
deration of the

above Letter. & the consideration of it deferred until his return.

Mr. Mackay's Opinion. Mr. Mackay. — Agrees to the motion provided Lord Pigot is informed that the Grain Mortgaged to Mr. Benfield be not meddled with, either by him or the Rajah until the Board have come to a determination on it. —

Mr. Palmer's Opinion. Mr. Palmer. —— Is of the same Opinion of Mr. Mackay. — —

Mr. Russell Mr. Russell —— For the Motion.

Mr. Dawson. Mr. Dawson . . For the Motion

Sir Robt. Fletcher agt. the Motion. Sir Robt. Fletcher. . Would have no Objection to defer the consideration of Mr. Benfield's Letter untile the return of Lord Pigot, but as he thinks it may then be too late, he is against the Motion.

The President. The President. . . For the Motion.

Sir Robert Fletcher delivers in the following Minute.

Sir Robt. Fletcher's Minute on the Military Authority exercised by Lord Pigot; he lays before the Board

I lay before the Board the following Extract of Military Order issued the 16th Instant by Lord Pigot & sent to me by Lt. Col. Harper, however sensibly I feel my own disagreable situation I forbear for the present, to make any Remarks upon the Military Authority which is now exercised by Lord Pigot. The Injury done to my own Commission is immediate, & must in Consequence, equally affect that of the Commander in Chief of all the Honble Company's Forces in India, to whom therefore I consider it as my Indispensible Duty to report whatever relates to this important Subject.

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Copy

of the whole Body of the English Nation has been violated. — The People of my Country are confounded & perplexed and I cannot find words to express how much my Authority & my rights in the Government & management of the Affairs of my own Country have been Wounded & weakened I do not now know what my fixed & established Rights are, or what they ever have been or who among my People can have any reliance on my protection. — In a word I am so perplexed & uneasy that I am not able to write more — You are sensible that I am entirely ignorant of the nature & Extent of the Authority that has been Vested in Lord Pigot for conducting this Business, but I hope my English friends will assist & support me in asserting the Rights of my Government & will make my Heart easy by shewing their ever regard to the dictates of Justice. — What can I say more?

The President acquaints the Board that he has sent a Copy of the above Letter from the Nabob to Lord Pigot.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Messrs. William Bailey, Robert M.c Fernand, & James Forbes be appointed Cadets — Approved & ordered accordingly.

Cadets appointed

The President acquaints the Board that he has communicated to the Nabob

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Ag. The Nabob is of opinion the draining below Ditch should be deferred. —

The Contents of Colonel Fitzgerald's Letter relative to the draining of the Ditch at Vellore who is of Opinion that it had better be deferred for the present. —

Agreed that Colonel Fitzgerald be advised accordingly.

C Darroll
Chas Ruspell
Sec.

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24th Dispatched the following Letter to Lord Pigot.

To the Right Honorable Lord Pigot

&c.a &c.a

My Lord,

Letter to Lord Pigot, the Opinion of the Board on the Affair of the Rajah of Tanjore

your Letters of 7th & 13th Inst.t We have had the honor to receive The Offer of the Rajah of Tanjore to allow 4 Lacks of Pagodas Annually for the Expence of the Troops to be kept up for the protection of his Country, does not in Our opinion correspond with the Orders of the Company which direct that the Garrison for the Fort of Tanjore should be ascertained, and the expence defrayed by the Rajah according to particular & regular accounts to be delivered to them — We are therefore of opinion that the Rajah should be informed that when the strength of the Garrison shall be determined by the Board, no more of this Sum than is sufficient to defray the Expence of it shall be required from him, but that of the Troops it, such a force for the protection of the Country shall be kept up by the Company, as he chuses to provide funds for. —

We acquiesce in Opinion with your Lordship that it is proper to purchase from the Rajah on the Company's Account, the Grain he may collect more than he thinks necessary for the consumption of his Country. —

We have received a Letter from Mr. Benfield, Copy whereof We have the honor to enclose You; — We have resolved to defer taking the same into Consideration, until Your Lordship's

We

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Fort St. George
24th April 1776.

Wear
My Lord
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo. Stratton &c.

At a Consultation Present

Monday 29th April.

George Stratton Esq. President
Sir Rob.t Fletcher, Geo.e Dawson
Henry Brooke, Claud Russell
John M.c Stone, Arch.d Palmer
George Mackay.

Lord Pigot, Mr. Dalrymple & Mr. Jourdan absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter & Report from the Committee of Accounts.

To George Stratton Esq.
&c Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen.

We have examined the Accounts of the Out-Garrisons, & the following are the Remarks that have occurred to Us.

Report from the Committee of Accounts containing remarks on the Acct.s of Trichinopoly, Madura, Vellore, Chingleput, Conjeveram, Chucacole, Ankandaloor, Ganjam, Vizagapatam

Trichinopoly

Report.

Para. 1.

We observe in the January Accounts a Charge of three days Batta for 3 Men from Vellore to Madras, Also 1 Day's Batta to 1 Man from the Mount to Madras. These Charges

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The Paymaster at Trichinopoly to be called upon to explain this seeming irregularity.

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Storm general Observations.

Charges are irregular Shou'd have been drawn for at the Presidency.

2 —— Thomas Dennis Assistant Storek.r draws a Months only Allowance of 8 Pag.s the Regulations allow only 4. This & the following Paras to be explained by the Paymaster.

3 —— Edward Whitherton drawn Pay Monthly as an Assistant Surgeon. He is not on the list of Assistant Surgeons in the Service & it does not appear by whose Authority he acts.

4 —— In the Month of February Mr. Gordon Surgeon has drawn his Pay for the Months of August, Sept.r Oct.r Nov.r & December this Charge is irregular, as no Bills ought to be paid exceeding three Months without an Order from the Board.

This being a breach of Public Order the Paymaster is to be directed to be more cautious in future.

5 —— Twelve Draft Bullocks are charged as being employed in the Garrison to bring Firewood to the Carpenters Yard for 20 Days at 1/2 Pag.s per Month — Eighty Draft Bullocks being constantly kept in the Corps ought to appear by this Charge as

The Paymaster to be called upon to explain this & the following Paragraphs.

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to be unnecessary.

6th Pay. There is also a Charge of 26.39 for repairing Doolies but there is no Voucher for this Charge, we cannot judge of the propriety of it.

7th — Major Marcelle in the Month of January has drawn nine Days full Batta from Madras & 13 Days half Batta at Trichinopoly, he has also drawn 3 Days full Batta in January & nine in Feby at Tanjore — As Major Marcelle has only a Brevet Commission he is entitled to Captain's Batta only.

Major Marcelle by the Order of the Company is while doing Duty by Brevet, to have the Pay and Allowances of Captain only. What he has drawn over must therefore be suspended.

8th — Mr. Ferguson Assistant Surgeon has charged for the Sick in the Detachment under the Command of Lt. Col. Harper from Trichinopoly to Vellum, & from thence to Tanjore Pagd. 195.37.60. and for Servants Wages 68.21. 40. As Surgeon and Dan Officer were left to take care of the Sick at Trichinopoly it does not appear to us by what means so considerable a Charge could accrue.

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9.— By an Order of long standing Draft Carriage Bullocks are kept constantly in Pay at Trichinopoly and Tellore[y]. former are now removed to Tanjore — We submit to Your Consideration whether it will not be proper to Strike off that certain Expence by discharging the Bullocks, as the Number kept is by no means sufficient should the Garrison be ordered to take the Field. At the same time We beg leave to observe that when an Enemy has appeared unexpectedly it has been found difficult[x] to collect a sufficient Number of Bullocks for immediate Service.

The Consideration of this Paragraph is for the present deferred.

Madurah

10.— In their Account there is a Monthly Charge of Pag.s 14. 8. 60. for 1 Tarique & 12 Sepoys of the Sabob's Servants being their Subsist from Nattam to Tonnencotchy, also another Charge of P.s 53 for Coolies carrying the Subsist from Nat.m to Nattam — There appear extraordinary Charges for

As this charge appears very considerable the Paymaster at Madura must explain it. & at the same time specify the Number of People employed as Escorts who in like manner with others, he is to pay with his own Hand.

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for Escort only —

11th — Vellore.

11th — In the accounts for January there is a charge of Pard 386. the amount of 2 Picket Bills paid Capt. Jones. As it does not appear for what Service this Money has been drawn, We therefore submit to your Consideration whether it would not be proper in future that the particular Service, they are employed upon should be specified, & the Bills countersigned by the Commanding Officer. The Particular Service on which Pickets are employed should be specified & the Bills countersigned by the Commanding Officer.

12. — In January We observe that there are 5 Sergeants — quarter the Board that this is in Capt. Rumley's Company owing to a Number of Supernumerary Sergeants whom he found in Capt. Galbraith's Comp.y and 6 in Capt. Frazier's Comp.y in the Service when he came to the Command. That to avoid the inconvenience however he had long since given Orders to stop all Promotions to that Rank, until the Numbers are reduced to the proper Establishment.)

The Regulations allow but of 4 to each Company.

13. — Ensign Underwood has drawn the Gratuity of Mr. Stanhope who was given out in Orders but never join'd this Corps — We therefore recommend that Mr. Underwood should be ordered to refund such Pay & Allowances — Ensign Underwood to be called upon to refund the gratuity he has drawn for Mr. Stanhope as that Gentleman declined accepting his

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his Commission as Envoys when
visited in June 1775.

Chinglepitt

16 — In these Accounts we observe that the Paymaster has paid Lieut. Hale 46 days Batta from Madras to Conjeveram — 4 Days — A Serjeant returned on Command to Poonamalle 4 Days — A Serjeant to the Mount 4 Days, A Serjeant on Command from Madras to Conjeveram 4 Days — 1 Lascar with Stores from Madras 13 Days 1 Do. with Stationary from Madras 6 Days, whereas 2 Days Batta only is allowed by the Regulations.

The Paymaster at Chinglepitt to be called upon to explain these Charges.

15 — We further observe that since this Invalids have been Stationed at that Garrison there is a Monthly charge for repairing Tents, the Barracks being too small. We submit to your consideration if means may not be taken to render this Charge unnecessary.

The Commandant to explain this Paragraph as before.

Angole.

16 — In the Accounts for January, we observe that Capt. Barnes has drawn for the

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board, that the Officer mentioned in this Paragraph

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the Pay of a Sergeant Major, & Quarter Master Sergeant to the Detachment from Madras under his Command, if there were any Stores with the Detachment a Quarter Master Sergeant might be necessary, but we apprehend it would not be sufficient to require a Sergeant Major.

Para. were necessary for the Detachment under the Command of Captain Edmonds.

17. We observe also a Monthly Charge of 1 Havildar 1 Naique & 12 Sepoys employed as Gunners which we know of no Authority for. —

This Charge to be discontinued at Cngole.

Chicacole.

18. In the Paymaster Accounts Capt. Mathews the Rate of 4 Rs. 9 a. p. Day the Pay of a Capt. of Cavalry.

Aska

19. — In the Month of February the Batta to Sepoys on small Detachments is 2 Annas Pag. 12 1. 8. 40. We have further to Remark that this Paymasters Accts is not countersigned by the Commanding

As this charge appears very Considerable, a Copy of this Paragraph to be transmitted to the Chief & Co. at Ganjam & to be by them explained.

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Commanding Officer which is irregular.

20. — In ale the Out-Garrisons we observe a greater Expence for Oil than we think is necessary, if the Quarter Masters were ordered to make Indents to the Paymaster, specifying the number of Lamps necessary for Barracks, Guard &c. we should then be better able to judge of the quantity necessary for each Garrison.

The Quarter Masters to make out Indents to the Paymasters in the manner recommended in this Para.

21. — Four Writers at 10 Pagodas P. Month are discharged Monthly by the Town-Major, these were allowed to him before the Institution of the Adjutant Generals Office but since that Appointment has taken place, we apprehend he cannot have occasion for more than two, & We submit to Your Consideration whether an Allowance of 5 P. P. Month would not be sufficient, for each of those Writers as well as those belonging to the Adjutant Generals Office for we imagine those Writers are

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that there are no Invalids or Pensioners who are capable of transacting the business of the Adjutants Generals Office, & that those of the Effective Corps Officers who are qualified for that purpose, he is of opinion should not be taken from their Corps. Ten Pagodas P. Month being the Allowance that a good Black Writer will serve for, that Allowance is to be continued, but as there is no Business in the Town Majors Office that can ever require four Writers, two of the four are to be in

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are, or ought to be non Commissioned Officers or Private Men of the Effectives, or if possible taken from the Invalids or Pensioners.

22.... We observe that the Officers lent to the Nabob draw their pay in the Corps in which they are returned as by this Mode the Pay may by mistake be drawn twice first in the Corps in which they are returned, & afterwards at the Presidency, together with the Sepoy Allowances which they are not entitled to when not absolutely doing Duty in the Battalion — We therefore submit to Your Consideration, whether it would not be better to have the Pay of all such Officers & Men drawn from the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency under the Head of Officers &c. in the Service of the Nabob.

23d — In the Accounts of every Garrison we observe a very heavy charge for Artificers; we apprehend that this Expence may

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Ordered that the Pay of all Officers doing Duty with the Nabobs Troops be drawn in future from the Military Paymaster General at the Presidency. —

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may be considerably dimi=
nished, if the Paymasters
are ordered to dismiss such
as are not immediately
necessary — As the quantity
of work must differ Month
-ly we think it a skilful
Head Mastry of each Profes=
=sion be constantly kept in
Pay, that common Work=
=men may be hired when
they are wanted. This Ob=
servation relates particu=
-larly to Chickledars who
can only be wanted in the
Store, for a Soldier or Sepoy
should for many reasons be
made to clean his own Arms
and if they are broken; an
Armourer not a Chickledar
must mend them.

Ordered accordingly

24. — The Number of
Puckallies is limited by the
Regulations in the propor=
=tion of 3 to 100 Europeans
and 1 to every Company of
Sepoys; A dry Season and
other casual Circumstances
may cause a necessary increase
of Puckallies, but we apprehend
when any deviation from the

The Board cannot take
any Notice of this Article as
there is no particular abuse
pointed out by it.

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the Regulations becomes ne-
-cessary, that the Paymasters
should remark it on their
Accounts & explain the reason
of it. —

25. — By the Regula-
-tions every Officer on public
Service, & without a Party
marching from one Garrison
to another shall be allowed
Batta at the rate of 25 Miles
P. Day. Hitherto these Orders
have not been sufficiently at-
-tended to, we therefore submit
to Your Consideration, whe-
-ther it will not be necessary
to order the Paymasters to be
more attentive in future &
not to deviate from this Re-
-gulation, without inserting
the reason of it on their Acct.
Many Inconveniencies have
also arisen from no precise
Number of Days being li-
-mited for the march of De-
-tachments from one place
to another. We therefore sub-
-mit to Your Consideration
whether when a Detach-
-ment is ordered to march
from any place the Command-
-ing

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-Commanding Officer of
the Garrison should not
give a Route to the Officer
Commanding the Detach-
-ment, specifying each
Day march, & also whether
such Route ought not to
be delivered to the Officer
Commanding the Garrison
to which they are ordered and
any Deviation from it ac-
-counted for to them, & the
same specifyed in the
Batta Chits as a Voucher
to the Paymaster. —

26. — At Trichinopoly
there are 1 Head & 20
Common Hircarrahs
At Tanjore 1 Head & 10 common
Hircarrahs
At Vellore
Madurah } 4 common Hircar-
Palamcotah } -rahs each.
Cuddalore

There are not only a very great
expence on Account of their
Monthly pay, but there is
also a constant charge of
Batta for them — We submit
therefore to Your Consideration
whether

Ordered that the Hircar-
-rahs at Trichinopoly & Tanjore
be reduced to one Head & two
common Hircarrahs each,
but that those at the other Gar-
-risons be continued according
to their present Establishment
As Sir Rob.t Fletcher gives it as
his Opinion that no Sets of
should be employed on that
Service unless when particu-
-larly ordered by the Board
or the Commander in Chief.

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whether in Time of Peace, es-
-pecially when there is no pros-
-pect of a War, all or most Ha-
-carrahs may not be discharged
for two of them, Peons may
not be occasionally employ'd
if those are selected from dif-
-ferent Battalions who are
well acquainted with the
Country, the Information they
will give may be as much
depended upon as that which
can be obtain'd from common
Hircarrahs.

Cuddalore

27.— We observe the Pay-
-master has charged the Al-
-lowance of a Pensioner Lascar
to the Company which ought
to have been deducted out of
the Stoppages.

The Paymaster at Cud-
-dalore to rectify this Error.

28.— By the Regulati-
-ons 13 Coolies are allowed for
the Troop the Paymaster has
paid 15.—.

The Chief & Co. at Cuddalore
to explain this over Charge.

Ganjam

29.— The Storekeeper in De-
-cember has charged 8 Sheath-
-ering Boards for Coffins, if a
European dies before the 15th the
remainder of his Pay is appropri-
-ated.

The Charge mention'd
in this Paragraph to be re-
-funded, & the Extraordi-
-nary the Burial of a Sol-
-dier, to be in future disall-

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appropriated to defray the by the Officer who receives the
Expences of this Interment, remainder of the Month
if he dies after the 15.th his Pay. —
name is continued on the
Roll that his Pay may accrue
the same purpose. —

Vizagapatam
November there is a Charge not entertained by proper
of 2 Pag.s for the Pay of Mr Authority, he is to be dis-
chael Du Monte Topaze missed, & the Amount of
we know not by whose Order his Pay refunded.
he was so lately entertained. —

31 — We think it neces- And the Accounts of the
sary to remark to Your Honor Subordinate Settlements
for that the Accounts of Ma- are passed by the Chiefs &
suli patam, & Vizagapatam Councils before they come
are not accompanied by the to the Presidency, We are of
proper Vouchers. — Opinion it is unnecessary
for them to be accompanied
with Vouchers. —

We are with Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t &
humble Servants
Geo.e Dawson
J.s Cayley Com.r J.G.
C.B. Bent.
Geo.e Moubray
And.w Mayendie
Jno

Fort S.t George
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Mess.rs Stretch & Eastabrooke appd Ensigns.

The Commander in Chief reports to the Board that Mess.rs Lescombe Stretch & Christopher Eastabrooke have served their time as Cadets & therefore recommends that they be appointed Ensigns. Approved & Ordered accordingly.

The Company of Marksmen not included in the General Orders 18.th Dec.r 1775.

The Commander in Chief recommends that the Company of Marksmen be not included in the General Orders of the 8.th Dec.r 1775. as he wishes to recruit Men for that Corps as opportunities may offer & this Order he is of opinion is now the more necessary, for many of the Men belonging to the different Battalions who compose this Company have denied & obtained permission to return to their families. Approved & ordered accordingly, provided that no encrease be made thereby to the Sepoy Establishment.

The President acquainted the Board that he informed the Nabob he had received his Letter of the 21.st Inst.t & had sent a Copy of it to Lord Pigot.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Nabob.

Translate of a letter from the Nabob to Mr Stratton Acting Governor dated & received the 27.th April 1776.

Letter from the Nabob expressing now that Lord Pigot will put the King of Tanjore in possession of some Districts of

In my Letter to you of the 24.th Inst.t I informed You of the uneasiness I suffer'd. I now hear that some of the Company's Sepoys are on the point of marching to take possession of some districts of Ramnaut & Shokangaw on a groundless representation made by Tulgajee that they belong to Tanjore. The districts of Ramnaut & Shokangaw are grant

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Shoakungan. Sarjore, Tulgaujee thro' pride & want of Moderation attempted formerly on Mr. Dupre's Government to get possession of the abovementioned Districts & for that Reason was punished, he then disclaimed all future pretensions to them on writing. — I am astonished that Sifroys should now be sent on the Misrepresentations of Tulgaujee. Before Lord Pigot set out I wrote to abey my Standing in the Sarjore Country charging them strictly not to oppose any People that might be sent by his Lordship and my People accordingly notwithstanding they were a strong Party did not oppose any of Lord Pigot's Guards but submitted without resistance to Confinement altho' they suffer'd worse treatment than is shewn to an Enemy & some of my Principal People were confin'd with disgrace. — As it is notorious that the Ramnaad & Shoakungan districts do not in any manner belong to Sarjore every Child in the Carnatic knows it. I have not hitherto thought it necessary to send any Orders to my Standing on those Districts — I therefore have now recourse to you & shall write to them whatever you may direct — do me the favor to inform me precisely what Instructions I shall send them on the points that have occasion'd my writing You this Letter — What can I say more?

The President acquaints the Board that he has sent a Copy of the above Letter to Lord Pigot.

Agreed that the receipt of the afore-

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That he be acquainted, We expect Lord Pigot in a few Days, when We make no doubt he will clear every thing to his Satisfaction.

The Commander in Chief lays the following Letter before the Board.

To Sir Robert Fletcher
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief
on the Coast.

Sir

Letter from Lt. Col. Fitzgerald communicating Report of Hyder's having possessed himself of Malapaddy Fort belonging to the Nabob.

A Report has prevailed here since Yesterday Morning, that a Body of Horse & Foot are assembled at Ryadurgam, in order to possess themselves of Malapaddy, a Fort at the upper end of the Valley belonging to the Nabob, & depending on Vellore, & that Hyder has given Orders to the Barramal Amildar to lay up a large Stock of Grain at the former of those places. —

I immediately on hearing of this Intelligence dispatched a Couple of my People, to Malapaddy, for a Particular Account, who I expect as soon as possible, & shall inform you of the Event they bring. It is also reported, that Hyder intends to possess himself of Conjeeram a Strong Fort on a Hill about 22 Miles higher up the Valley, notwithstanding that Polygar, is tributary to him.

The Renter here only heard of this last night (and the same as I have) I ordered him to send out for Intelligence, as the Valley is under him, also wrote to Capt. Bruce at Amboor to do the same

I remain with Respect

Sir

Your

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Vellore
28th April 1776.

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Sal. Fitzgerald

The President is desired to learn from
the Nabob if he has had advice of the Intelligence
communicated in the above Letter.

Sir Robt. Fletcher remarking that it
appeared doubtful Whether the Opinion given by Mr.
Dawson at the last Council respecting the Grain
in the Tanjore Country, agreed in Opinion with the
"Mr. Mackay, Mr. Palmer & himself or that of the
"other Members of the Board," — Mr. Dawson declared
that his Opinion was that of the latter.

Mr Sir R. Fletcher's instance Mr Dawson's opinion on that Communication with the Grain in the Tanjore Country

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To George Stratton Esqr.
&c. Council of Fort St. George

Gentlemen.

Letter from the Chief Engineer Report of the People employed on the Works

The People employed upon
the Works during the last Week have been on an Aver-
-age each P. Day.

Bricklayers	156.
Tank Diggers	1180.
Coolies	1128.
Lascars	138
Stone Cutters	87.
Sundry Artificers	10
Amounting on an Ave. to	2663 People

I am Gentlemen, your

299 Fort St. George 29th April 1776

Fort St. George
29 April 1776

Your most Obedient and
Most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. & Chief Engr.

President &c. Re-
ceive a Bill
& Cash rec.d from
the Nabob —

The President acquaints the Board
that on the 25th Instant he received from the Nabob
a Bill on Sarjeing for 19,000 Pag.s payable in three
Months. And on the 27th that the Nabob paid him
in Specie 31,000 Pag.s both on Account of his Debt
& Current Charges.

C. Darrell
Daniel Russell
Wm Ely

300 Fort S. George 30th April 1776

30th Conformably to the Minutes of last Consultation a Letter was this Day dispatched to the Nabob as entered in Co. Corr: N°. 25.

Lt. Howard May. & Lieut. arrive from England

1st Arrived the Honble Company's Ship Royal Henry with Colonel Stewart, four Cadets & 80 Recruits on Board.

2d Received the following Letter from the President & Council of Bombay.

To The Right Honble George Lord Pigot
President, & Governor &c. Council
at Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Letter from Bombay. Enclosed is a Duplicate of our Letter dated the 8th Instant and We have since been favored with two from You dated the 6th and 7th February, the latter by the Grenville, Hermaya with Esteem

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient Servants

Bombay Castle
15th April 1776.

Wm Hornby
D. Draper
" Boddam
T. Mostyn
Robert Garden
Andrew Ramsay
Secret Department

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot
President, & Governor &c. Council
at Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen. &c

Fort St. George 2d May 1776

Letter from Bom-
bay advising of
the precarious
State of their
Affairs with
the Mahratta
Ministry &
intimating a
probability of
Hostilities
being renewed.

We have lately received a Letter from the Governor & Council wrote upon a Suspicion that Colonel Upton's Negociation was broke off & that Hostilities were renewed between us and the Ministerial Party — In this Case they have taken off the restraint they formerly laid us under, & seemed determined to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigor. It appear they have signify'd their Intentions on this Head to your Lordship & Council, & they have also declared to Ragoba in the most express manner their Resolution to support his Cause.

Tho' by the Treaty concluded by Col. Upton so contrary to their Expectations, the State of Affairs is become very different from what it was imagin'd by the Governor General & Council at the Date of their Letter, We think our Situation is still rather precarious — Their Declarations to Ragoba being very unreserved lead us to expect Applications from Him, which We shall be embarrassed how to answer, & the Overtures they have ordered to be made to Hyder Ally, Nizam Ally, Moodajee Bouncello, Mhadjee Scindia & Tookajee Holcar, will naturally alarm the Ministerial Party, & give them cause to doubt our Sincerity

We do not think the Ministers shew much inclination to perform their Part of the late Treaty, & indeed We doubt their Ability in some Points — Their Grabs have very lately made Prize of some Merchant Boats from under Convoy of a Company's Cruizer, & all Intercourse of Trade or Correspondence with their Dominions is still pro-
hibited

prohibited — Ragoba is so largely endebted to his Army, that he will find the utmost difficulty in disbanding them, & he has refused to accept the Terms stipulated for Him by Colonel Upton thinking his Life would be endangered by putting himself so entirely on the Power of his Enemies — He has claimed our Protection, which We esteemed ourselves bound by every Tye of Honor & Humanity to grant Him; & this the Ministers pretend to term an Infringement of the Treaty

There is also every appearance of further considerable Commotions in the Maratta State owing to a Party being formed in favor of Sadaba a Descendent of the ancient Peshwa Family, and next in Succession to Ragoba, with whom it is said He means to associate in opposition to the Ministers.

While affairs are in this uncertain Situation We think it highly imprudent to maintain a respectable Force & to be providing against the Events. We have therefore determined to defer returning the Madras Detachments as We at first intended until We can judge how far this Presidency is likely to be affected by any of the above Circumstances.

Bombay Castle, 15th April 1776.

We remain with Esteem
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servants
Wm Hornby
D. Draper
Rob.t Gordon
Bolddam
T. Mostyn
R.t Garden
Andrew Ramsay

303 Fort St. George 3d May 1776

Dispatched the following Letter to the Governor General and Counsil of Bengal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c Council
of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter to Bengal.

We have this day received a Letter from the President & Council of Bombay. Copy whereof We have the honor to enclose for your information

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servants
Geo. Stratton &c

Fort St. George
2d May 1776.

At a Consultation Pres.t

Friday 3d May.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Sir Robt. Fletcher, Geo.e Dawson
Henry Brooke, Claud Russell
John M. Stone Arch.e Palmer
George Mackay

Lord Pigot, Mr. Dalrymple & Sourdon absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation read.

2 Letters from the Nabob

Read two Letters from the Nabob under date the 29th Ultimo, one advising of having sent into the Company's Cash one hundred & fifteen thousand Pagodas one hundred thousand on Account of the Aid for the Districts of Trichinopoly &c. due the 31st January last, and fifteen

306 Fort St. George 6th May 1776

3. The following Letter was this day sent to the Nabob.

To the Nabob &c &c &c

May it please your Highness

Letter to the Nabob acknowledging the receipt of sundry Sums of Money & Bills.

I have had the honor to receive your two Letters dated 29th April — one accompanying a Letter for Lord Pigot which agreably to your Highness's request, I forwarded immediately to him. — The other Letter advises me of your Highness having sent into the Company's Cash one hundred & fifteen thousand Pags. that 100 000 of this Sum is on Acct. of the Rent of the Districts of Tripassore &c. due 1st Jan.y last and 15000 Pag.s Acct of Pownamallee Rent from 1st Jan.y last to 30th April 1776. — I have also had the honor to receive your Highness's Letter dated 30th Ultimo advising me that You have paid into the Comp.y's Cash from 1st May 1775 to the 30th April 1776 Money on Acct of the two Battalions of Sepoys, three Lacks of Pagodas — on Acct of the pay of three Battalions of Sipoys from 16th Aug.t 1770 to the 30th June 1773 Pag.s 266045.2.16. which which Your Letter to the Governor Council of the 25th Oct.r 1773. mentions to be given as a present to the Company in consideration of the Tanjore Expedition — on Acct of Extra Charges Pag.s 42685.21.64 in Bills Pag.s 262936, making altogether in ready Money & Bills Pag.s 871666.24 being the whole amount of your Highness's Agreement.