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withdraw from the Council Board, and leave a Majority of the whole Council sitting, and of such Majority shall be of opinion that it may be necessary, and for the good of our Service, to proceed to the Dispatch of Public Business, We hereby direct, that he continue to sit so long (and to adjourne from time to time) as they shall think it expedient and for our Interest so to do; and that their Minutes, Resolutions, and proceedings, shall be recorded in the same Book, and form, as would have been the case, no Member had withdrawn.

19 It is our further Command, that all Orders which shall be issued by such Majority, so assembled in Council, as aforesaid, to any of our Servants, in Bengal, Civil or Military, be implicitly obeyed, in the same Manner, to all intents and purposes, as though such Orders had been Authorized and signed by all the Members of our said Council

Above Extract

J. P. Sumbe

Secy.

Ordered that a Copy of the above be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors by Swallow & Vice Sec.

Received the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, inclosing Copy of one to him from Lord Pigot

Salisbury in Madras Road

the 8th Day of September 1776

Sir

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Sir & Gentlemen

Having received a Letter from Lord Pigot,
I think it necessary to send you the Enclosed Copy of the same,
that you may act therein as to you may appear most proper.

I am
Sir and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes

To George Stratton Esqr. President and Governor
&c. Council of Fort St George &c.

Fort St Thomas's Mount
9th September 1776

From Sir Ed. Hughes
inclosing Copy of a
Letter to him from
Lord Pigot.

To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore and Commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Ships in India
&c.

Sir

As understand that Sir Rob.t Fletcher
hath applied to Messrs. George Stratton, Henry Brooke,
Charles Hoyer, Archdale Palmer, Francis Fowke
and George Mackay, for permission to proceed to the Cape
of Good Hope on the Ship Grosvenor now under Dispatch;
and being apprehensive in case such permission be
granted him, that he may thereby elude being brought
to Justice for the Crimes for which he was ordered in
Arrest the 23.d of August last by myself and the Presi-
dent of Council, and from which Arrest he has not
been

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been legally Released; I desire you will acquaint the said George Stratton, Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Nicholas Palmer, Francis Jourdan and George Mackay, that I shall deem them responsible for all the consequences that may ensue from their permitting Sum, Jer Robert Fletcher, to remove out of the Jurisdiction of the Military Authority established by Act of Parliament, for the better Government of the Company's Troops in the East Indies, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, & in the present situation of myself and the other Legal representatives of the Company on this Coast It is not in our power to bring him to his Trial.

I have the Honor to be
With the greatest Esteem
Sir
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Pigot

A Copy
E. H.

Received the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 8th day of September 1746

Sir and Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of yesterdays date with the Inclosures, and in Answer thereto, acquaint you, that the Governor General and Council at Bengall in their Letter to me, Express themselves in the following Words Regarding

From Sir Ed. Hughes acknowledging the receipt of the Letter from Bengall and informing that it is his Intention to act agreeable to the Contents thereof.

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"Requesting that you will Hinder nothing
"affording your Assistance and Support to the Actual
"Government of Madraſs, if any Change of Circumstances
"should render it necessary for them to direct it.

And that it is my intention to act as they have requested,
of which I mean Immediately to forward information to
them, as I now do to you.

I am Sir
and Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servant
Edw Hughes

The following Letter was this day wrote to Sir Edw.
Hughes

To Sir Edw. Hughes
Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships
in India

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 8th Instant and cannot but express our concern
that after having perused the Letter from the Governor General
and Council, of which we sent you a Copy expressing their
approbation of the late Measures and enclosing Copy of
Orders of the Company of Lions, and after the Letter you
informed us you also have received, you should transmit
to us a Copy of the one from Lord Pigot disavowing our
Authority, We hope Sir, you will be pleased to take this
Subject

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Subject into your consideration and we doubt not but
you will see the Impropriety of your receiving such Letters
from you.

We have the Honor to be with the Utmost

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servants

George Stratton &c.a Council

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Received the following Letter from Sir Edw. Hughes

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 10 day of October 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

I Think your favor of yesterday claims
from me one word of Reply

I was not my meaning to put your Authority in the least degree of Doubt, by forwarding to you the Letter which I had received from Lord Pigot. his Lordships Opinion is, that in his Situation, he has no other Method of placing any subject before you. The Station in which I serve seems to have pointed this way out to me. I thought I could not refuse his Lordship, but I do not Interest myself in the Subject, or had I any Option in the mode of it's being done his Lordship chose to use. The Board will do with the Letter whatever seems best to them

I take this opportunity to acquaint you,
Sir and Gentlemen. that I shall leave this place on Tuesday
next, to proceed for Trincomally to attend the Ironsides. and more-
to return the first Week in January

I am to give me pleasure to be in any way
serviceable to this Presidency on this occasion, I should
on every occasion offer, being

With esteem and regard
Sir and Gentlemen
your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Edw Hughes

George Stratton Esq.re President
and Governor &c.a Council, of
Fort St George

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you will see the Impropriety of your receiving such Letters
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Sir
Your most obedient Humble Servant
George Stratton &c.a Council

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9th Oct.r 1776

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the 10 day of October 1776

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I take this opportunity to acquaint you, Sir and Gentlemen, that I shall leave this place on Tuesday next, to proceed for Tinconomally to avoid the Monsoon, and return the first Week in January

I shall give no Utterance to be in any way Inimicable to this Presidency on the enlarged, I should, occasion offer, being

With Esteem and regard
Sir and Gentlemen
your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Edw Hughes

George Stratton Esq.re President
and Governor &c.a Council, of
Fort St George

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13. Received the following Letter from Major Horne

The Honble George Stratton Esqre
President Governor &c.a Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

My Lord Pigot intending to write to the Company by the Ship Greenwich has desired me to write to your Honours, That Captain Matthews may be charg'd with his Dispatches; I am with great respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Mount Oct.r the 13th 1776

your most obedient humble Servant
Matw Horne

To which the Secretary was directed to make the following Reply—

To Major Horne
Commanding at the Mount
Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of this days date, and in Reply to desire you will inform Lord Pigot, That Captain Matthews has their permission to take Charge of his Lordships Dispatches to the Company

I am Sir
your most obedient Servant
P.S.
Secty

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H.

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At a Consultation, Present.

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r &c &c &c presid.t

Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer, Francis Fowke
George Mackay
Sir Robert Fletcher Bart. present.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Draft of General Letter to Court of Directors by the Greenwich read and approved.

The President acquaints the Board that yesterday Morning he received a Message from Sir Robert Fletcher by his Aid Du Camp acquainting him of his Sons indisposition being so much increased that his Physicians deemed it absolutely necessary for him to make Trial of a Voyage to the Cape, and therefore requesting that Order might be given Captain Carr for his Reception on Board the Greenwich. The President further informs the Board, that he in consequence of this Message from Sir Robert Fletcher, as the Ship was on the Eve of Departure, thought it necessary to send the Secretary to give the necessary Orders to Captain Carr.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to the Governor &c Council

October 10.th 1776 — or 26.th Shabaun 1190.

Your Message delivered to me last Night, in the following Words "The Governor acquaints the Nabob that he waits on him at the request of the Council to tell him that

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"It was taken into consideration by them this day to release
"Lord Pigot from his Confinement, but before they came to any
"Determination thereon they would first know the Nabobs Sentiments,
"as they would not wish to come to any Resolution on this
"important Subject until they know what the Nabobs
"Opinion is"

I declare upon my honor that I was entirely unacquainted with the determination of seizing Lord Pigot till after it was done; Had I even known of it, I should not have interfered. because I never have interfered in the Business of the Company's Servants, nor have I any Right or Intention to do so; Nor do I know the Dangers that induced you to put his Lordship confined, nor do I know how far you have been relieved from those Dangers that you should release him, nor can I tell what Instructions you have received from the Governor General on this Subject; My Complaints against Lord Pigot are Public Complaints, for what he did done, was contrary to the Promises of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, the Company and the English Nation, Prejudicial to my Country, Rights, Honor, and Person; My Complaints I made against his Lordship when he was Governor, and have laid them before the Governor General and Council, the Company and the English Nations, and I have yet received no Redress, but expected from the English, You and your Councellors are well acquainted with the Conduct of Lord Pigot, and his personal Enmity to me and my

Government

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Government, and that tho he is out of Power he has continued his Efforts to hurt me I can only say in Answer to you that you'll please to do whatsoever you think necessary for the Honor and safety of my Person, and the Tranquillity of the Carnatick

Read the following Letter from Capt. Carr

To Mr Secretary Sullivan

Sir

In consequence of your Orders to receive on Board the Greenwich and transmit to England Mr Francis Russell Purser Timothy West, and Lieutenant Robert Nicholas Brownrigg, I am under the necessity of representing to you that from the Number of Passengers who have already obtained Permission to go home upon the Greenwich, it is impossible for me to accommodate these Gentlemen

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Robert Carr

Fort St George
12th Oct. 1776

Mr Jourdan delivers in the following Minute

Mr Saunders Minute

The Company being at a most enormous Expence for House and Godown rent

Mr Jourdan begs leave to propose, that as Messrs. Dalrymple and Stone who were of a Committee for that purpose are no Longer in the Council, the Engineers be

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be directed forthwith to lay before the Board an account of all the Company's Houses

An Account of all their Godowns with their Dimensions & whether dry or any

And that the Paymasters do expose an Account of all sums paid on Account of Houses and Godown rent

Also that such Gentlemen in Employ as have and may Godown rent do deliver in Accounts of the Sums paid

And that these several Accounts be delivered in on or before the 25th of October

Ordered Accordingly

Resolved that the following Letter of Indemnification be given to those officers who were immediately employed in Arresting the Person of Lord Pigot

Sir

As We deem it necessary that you should be indemnified should any Action at Law be commenced against you for having Acted in Obedience to Our Orders, in arresting the Person of the Right Honble Lord Pigot, We do hereby in the name of the East India Company, and as their Legal Representatives, Indemnify you for any Loss or Damages you may Sustain by those

actions

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caution or otherwise, for having carried into Execution the Orders you received from Us.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Lieutenant Gibson with a Memorial addressed by him to the Court of Directors

To the Honble George Stratton Esqre
President & Governor &c Council &c
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Take the liberty to lay before your Honor &c. the Inclosed Memorial, which I have addressed to the Honble the Court of Directors Hoping by their Honord & Honest Justice and Impartiality, that the grievance I suffer in Point of Rank, in their Service will be redressed, and I beg leave to observe to your Honor &c. that I would have forwarded my Memorial, when the Grenville was under Dispatch, but would not give trouble at a time when I was confident, your Honor &c. had under consideration many Dispatches of a much more Important Nature; and having wrote by the Grenville to my Friends in England, to use their Interest in Support of my Memorial, I am now to request that your Honor &c. Will be pleased to Order your Secretary to forward it To the Honble the Court of Directors, by the Ship Greenwich under Dispatch

I am

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Sam

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servt

James Gibson

Ordered that the Memorial be transmitted
a Summer in the Packett by the Greenwich

Read the following Letter to Sir Robert Abercrombie
with a Memorial from the Field Officers of Infantry & Engineers

To Brigadier Gen.l Sir Robert Abercrombie
Commander in Chief
Sir

In consequence of the Thanks that was
been given to com
on this Establish
sent on us to pres
to the Right Hon
leave to solicit
to obtain Rec.
to the Corps
sed Promo
ent on the General Line of the Army
We flatter ourselves you will see the particular Hard
ships of our Situation, the Justice of our Claim,
and the Co
nduciveness of adopting it as it will place the whole of
the Com
and Engineers Military Servants on a Level in point of Rank
to Destroy the partial Distinction of Corps so Destructive
and Hereby render Military Merit the only
foundation

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Recommendation to the highest Stations of our Profession
- We rely with the greatest Confidence on the Support you will
give us, and Subscribe Ourselves with the greatest respect

Sir

your most obedient and
most humble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer
Edward Fanning
Mat.w Horne
Maj.r Artillery
Wille.m Stevens Engr.

Fort St George
25th July 1776

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

Memorial of the Field Officers of Artillery
and Engineers

My Lord & Gentlemen

If the Alarming Prospects of limited Pre-
:ferment, and of circumscribed Honors, of ambitious hopes
:bled, and disappointed; and of long Services unrewarded,
be allowed to be causes adequate, and sufficient for the just,
and laudable apprehensions of a Soldier, the officers of the
Corps of Engineers and Artillery, are fully assured that they have
to make no apology to the Right Honble the Governor & Council
for the address which they now present, with a degree of respect,

not

not inferior to the anxiety which they feel for their Situation

Colonel Brathwaite, Inferior in the Service
to several of us in Rank, and Seniority, has found means to
Supersede us by a Brevet obtained from the Honble Court of
Directors; and three Gentlemen have been appointed to do
Duty with the Engineer Corps at this Presidency, but on hope
these appointments of the Honble Boards, are only meant
to operate in the Corps to which they belong, and that on
all General Duties when we act together in the Field and
Presidency cannot thereby be affected.

It is these Circumstances
anxiety, and concern, and which gives
on account of what we hold [illegible]
Character, and Rank in the Service
determined us to lay before the Right
and Council a representation of
we suffer, and to solicit earnestly
influence, with the Honble Court
a decree which affects us so
Possessed of the
which becomes us as Men
individual a preference to ourselves, As Servants we have
been tried, and proven in the Time of Trouble, and
Danger, and who are ever conscious of the Ties by
which we are bound to extend ourselves in the Service of our
Honble Employers, We can admit of no Superior in Fidelity
fidelity, and attachment, and as Officers Superior in Rank

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[illegible] Soldiers has
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[illegible] to which
[illegible] Assistance, and
[illegible] Court of Directors, on receiving
[illegible] Confidence, and support
[illegible] we are no

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to Colonel Brathwaite &c. We cannot Silently resign our Right to command, without incurring the Imputation of a Supineness that should be speak us unworthy of the Rank which we now bear.

The Right upon which we rest our cause is founded upon Justice. It is supported by the Example and practice of the Kings Service. And the advantages which must arise from it being adhered to, and observed, and the pernicious consequences that would ensue were it disregarded and infringed render it highly necessary and Expedient.

To take from one Man what he has obtained by a Prior Claim, and greater length of Service, and be-stow it upon another who has no such Right, is a case which includes a proposition so clearly and self Evidently inconsistant with the very notion of Justice, that we renounce any attempt to prove it by Argument, least we should impose upon the time, and patience of those whom it is our Duty, our Interest, and Inclination to treat with the highest respect, and to serve for our Friends.

When the Honble the Court of Directors following the Model of the Kings Service, Were pleased to Direct, that the Officers of Artillery and Engineer Corps should not take Rise in any other, They made a provision that was highly Sensible, and Judicious, for it is Here Customary for all Field officers to have their Seniority in the General Line of the Army, preserved to them by

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by Brevet, or their Regimental Promotion be ever so slow as will fully appear by the annexed List of Officers now commissioned in his Majesty's Service, and all the variable and formal Routine of General Duty in the Army can be readily acquired, and easily performed, by any Engineer, or Artillery Officer, without the smallest Interruption to his particular Duty in his Corps, yet the Duties of an Artillery Officer, or of an Engineer, which require so much Study, and Knowledge, so much Science, and Experience, could be but ill executed by the Officers of the other Corps of the Army, taken indiscriminately. But as this precaution confines us to Corps in which the allowance is inferior to that of any other, We are hopefull that this Consideration will suggest to our Honourable Employers an additional Argument for assuring us against every Supercession in the General Line of our Employment.

That Gentlemen bred and educated from their youth in the principles, and well experienced in the practice of a Science, which Exhibits the most perfect model of the process of the human understanding, and Suggests the most unerring Rules for the conduct in all the transactions of life, should be deemed incapable of acquitting themselves well in the General line of Command, the profound as well as the superficial and formal Duties of which, entirely depend upon, and are inseperably connected with that very Science, is a position by far too interested, illiberal, and absurd to merit an appeal before our Honorable Masters.

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The concern which we feel as Individuals upon this occasion, however severe, may not be considered of much Importance to the Service, but when the hopes of impartial Preferment, and distinction, when the General & prevailing Motive of every Sentiment that is esteemed laudable, and of every Exertion that is held valuable, is smothered and extinguished, we cannot then expect that ambition, Emulation, and Enterprize will be found to flourish in the desponding breast of a Soldier.

But if the Officers of the Corps of Artillery and Engineers be not inferior as Men to the Officers of other Corps, if our Officers are equal in the Experience of Military duties, and in the Science of the fundamental Principles of our Profession, necessarily superior — if our allowances be not higher, but on the Contrary considerably lower than those of other Corps. Altho there are three Colonels of Infantry on the Establishment no allowances are made the Gentlemen Commanding the Corps of Artillery and Engineers more than are to every Lieut. Colonel on the Establishment. The Engineers are without off Reconings, which are granted to all other Officers of the Army holding a Certain Rank. If our duty be not less severe, and our Service less Important. If Equity pronounces no Objection against us, plead strongly in our favor. If the Things Usages from which we have been originally modelled, and which we always imitate, supply us with an argument the most analogous and applicable. If the unbiased distribution of Equal honors cannot fail to diffuse a General unanimity and Emulation, whilst partial preferment must infallibly create discontent & sap the

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ainty spiring of Enterprize, and Actions of fo. sum up all Justice, Example, and Expediency vindicate our Complaint, and warrant our Claim; where is the cause that should cast us also great a Distance from the favor of your Noble Masters.

It is upon the Solution of this Question, that Candor, and Equity, would chuse to rest the Decision of our Cause, and it is to this point that we beg leave to call the particular attention of the Honorable Court of Directors.

The particular Nature of the Establishment, and the Restrictions of the Service, together with a variety of other circumstances having till of late prevented the Subject of Rank from becoming a Matter of Public dispute, and from the same causes few Examples having occurred to Establish the Right which we assert, a deficiency of Precedent in our favor, has been assumed by our adversaries as a Precedent a-gainst us, and urged by them as an unquestionable Prescription, and Exclusion of our Claim.

This is the cause by which we are at this day deprived of a Right which we ought to enjoy in common with every Soldier. And although our adversaries by converting an Accidental deficiency of Precedent into the Argument of an Established Custom, prevailing against our Title, and by heightening the imperfect, and confined Veneration that is too often inattentively, or superstitiously paid to that argument, have found means to defeat all our Endeavors. Yet we shall still hope that the Honorable Court of Directors having once more considered our Case with a degree of Candor, and Liberality

becoming

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becoming their high Station, will discern and decree that the plea of a new Custom, or precedent, did it really exist as no just cause for depriving us of a Right which we ought to hold upon every principle of Justice, and Expediency, and upon the Authority of the Example of that Source from which we were originally Bodied, and which we still Endeavour to imitate, And that we may not seem to demand an Indulgence that has been hitherto unprecedented and unthought of in the Service of the Honorable Company, we beg leave to observe, that Sir Robert Barker Rank was presumed to him, and he was appointed a Colonel by the Court of Directors as he stood originally on the list of Officers; and Colonel Pemble an Artillery Officer, at Bombay, was promoted in the same manner; Colonel Call received his promotions at Madras on the same Principles, and a Brevet for maintaining his Rank in the General line of the Army was promised to Colonel Butler upon his coming out of India, But from causes already Explained, that engagement was never fulfilled to him, nor to his Successor.

From the sum of these Reflections we are induced to hope, that the Honorable the Court of Directors, as well as the Right Honble the Honble the President and Council, will procure the Injury that has fallen upon us by the Brevet that has been given to Colonel Braithwait, and the appointments made here, and that they will not there be inclined to sacrifice to the Interest of Individuals, so Judicious, so just and so important a Rule for the promotion of their Military Servants, from which alone, we humbly conceive, they can expect to support that Attachment, Emulation and Activity, which has hitherto been

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able not only to protect them, but even to extend their Conquests in spite of all the Arts and Efforts of the subtle, and formidable foes that surround them, and therefore that we may not feel the Effects of a suspension so destructive of our Spirit, and prejudicial to our Interest & Prospects, We most solicitously intreat, that the Right Honble the Governor and Council may be pleased to grant us Brevet according to our Seniority, by which we may preserve our original Right of Precedence, and that they may likewise be pleased to represent to the Honble the Court of Directors, the Hardships of our Situation, and the Justice of our Claim to a regular and uninterrupted promotion in the General Line of the Army, in common with the every other Officer, agreeable to the Rule of the Kings Service.

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer
Edward James
Lieut. Col. of Artillery
Mat. Horne
Maj. Artillery
Willm. Stevens Engineer

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A List of the Officers of the Army on full Pay whose Rank in the Army is higher than in the Regiment they do Duty in and are Commissioned for taken from the Court Calender for 1775

Officers Names	Rank in Regiments they Belong to	Rank in the Army
		Lieut

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Earl of Ancram	Lieut Col: 2 Troop Horse Guards	Col in the Army
H Sloper	Lieut Col: 1st Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
R Manners	Lieut Col: 2d Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
F Mocher	Lieut Col 3 Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
J. Salter	Lieut Col: 1 Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
J Thomas	Lieut Col: 2 Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
H Hudson	Lieut Col 3 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
H Prescot	Lieut Col: 5th Regiment Foot	Colonel
Willm Taylor	Lieut Col: 9th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Robertson	Lieut Col: 16 Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Darby	Lieut Col: 17th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Fletcher	Lieut Col: 32 Regiment Foot	Colonel
S Frazer	Lieut Col 24th Regiment Foot	Colonel
A Rigby	Lieut Col 25th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Townsend	Lieut Col 35th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Calcroft	Lieut Col 37 Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Vaughan	Lieut Col 46th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Dalling	Lieut Col 50th Regiment Foot	Colonel
Wm Jones	Lieut Col 52 Regiment Foot	Colonel
J. Montrisore	Lieut Col Engineers	Colonel
W Phillips	Major Artillery	Colonel 10 Oct. 1765
J Pattison	Lieut Col Artillery	Lieut. Colonel
C Hamilton	Major 1st Reg.t Dragoon Guards	Lieut Colonel
Arnot	Major 2 Reg.t Dragoon Guards	Major General
J Sherard	Major 1st Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
N Sutton	Major 1st Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
B Lancelot	Major 1st Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
H Sister	Major 2 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
D Jones	Major 3 Regiment Foot Guards	Lieut Colonel
J Campbell	Major 36th Regiment Foot	Lieut Colonel
J Callendar	Major 67th Regiment Foot	Lieut Colonel
W.m Bishop	Major Artillery	Lieut Colonel
Sr Broome	Major Artillery	Lieut Colonel
J Stratton	Major Irish Artillery	Lieut Colonel
Mackellor	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Bramham	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Grun	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
H Dixon	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Wm Roy	Captain Engineers	Major
Lt. Archer	Captain Engineers	Major
G Weston	Captain Engineers	Major
H Gordon	Captain Engineers	Major
J Bruere	Captain Engineers	Major
H Dibbing	Captain Engineers	Major
R Dawson	Captain Engineers	Major
Wm Martin	Captain Engineers	Major July 23 1772
Forbes Macbean	Captain Engineers	Major
J J Buchanon	Captain Engineers	Major
D Hay	Captain Engineers	Major
J Winter	Captain Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Wm Blackden	Captain Engineers	

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Besides the above Officers who are on Employ the Half Pay Officers have received the Benefit of this great Regulation and their Rank is mostly preserved in the Army though they received the Half Pay of that Rank they had when put on the Half Pay List.

Read the following Letter from Lieut Col Pots and Major Stevens

To Colonel James Stuart Commander in Chief &c &c

Sir

Having considered the State of the Corps of Engineers and its Capacity to render Service to our Honble Employers. We think it our Duty to inform you that from the Sudden promotion which has lately happened in that Corps and Consequently from the want of experience in those who now enjoy the Rank of Captains in particular. that their Services we apprehend must be unequal to such important Stations; and we are further of opinion that not merely from this cause but from the insufficiency of the Establishment in point of Number. it will not be possible for us to conduct the Business of our Department (particularly in time of War) to the advantage of the Company or to our own Credit.

We think that Sixteen or Eighteen Engineers are necessary in the Attack of any tenable fortification. though Officers from the other Corps were to be occasionally employed. We therefore humbly conceive that the Establish-

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:ment ought to be considerably increased

Having thus given you our Opinion fully and freely on the Subject, We submit it entirely to your consider:ation, and to recommend to the Honble Board what you may see necessary to put the Corps on a footing adequate to the Service that may be expected from them

We are with the greatest Respect

Sir

your most Obedient

humble Servant

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16th October 1776

Patrick Ross
Lieut Colo and Chief Engineer

Willm Stevens Engineer

Sir Robert Fletcher being unable to attend Council from indisposition Colonel Stuart is called upon for his Opinion on this Subject

Colonel Stuart accordingly gives in the following Opinion in Writing

The Board having done me the Honor to ask my Opinion on the Subject of this Memorial and Letter of the Field Officers of the Corps of Engineers and Artillery belonging to this Esta:blishment, I give it, with all Submission and Deference, as follows

That the Chiefs of their Corps, who are now limited in their Ranks not to arise higher than Lieut. Colonels, do in future, as is the practice in his Majesty's Service, rise in Rank in proportion with the other Lieut. Colonels

Colonels

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Colonels upon the Establishment, but that Rank is to be understood as Honorary or Brevet Rank, and that the Company is to be put to no extraordinary expence, nor their Allowances increased on that Account.

That with respect to the Majors of Engineers and Artillery, it is my Opinion that they also should have with the usual rise in the Army from that Rank, the additional Rank to be Brevet or Honorary, and on the same footing as the Chiefs.

And as Major Stevens, whose singular merit is so well known to the Board and to every Officer who served with him, both from motives of Public Duty, and to the prejudice of his own private concerns, gave up his original design of returning to England this season, I beg leave to make it as my Request to the Board that, in addition to the Paragraph already made recommending this Officer to succeed to the Command of the Corps of Engineers when Vacated by Lieut Colonel Pope; the Board do also recommend him to have the Rank of Lieut Colonel, by Brevet, from hence.

In order to put the Officers of the Corps of Engineers according to their respective Ranks (on which they are mustered and paid in that Corps) on the same footing as Officers of the same Ranks in the European Battalions, I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion, that their pay and Allowances be also made equal, with the European Officers of Infantry, and placed on the Account of General Expences of the Army, and that the Board recommend this to the Court of Directors.

Mr

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With the Board's permission, I think my Duty calls upon me to say that after a very strict scrutiny, and the best information that can be had on the Subject, the Publick Service will suffer for want of Officers of sufficient Experience in the Rank of Captains of Engineers; this is not founded at any particular Officer in that Corps, but as a General observation in which I have the best Authority to represent to the Board. I am at a loss to point out the Remedy without loading the Establishment, but I think it my Duty to recommend it to the Board that the Court of Directors be made acquainted with this circumstance, and that if it is their pleasure to add to the present Number, particular attention be had to the Occasions where such Officers may have acquired practical knowledge of their Duty, certified by the General Officers or Engineers under whom they served.

The Board approving of the Matters recommended in the above Opinion of Colonel Stuart Resolve, that the papers upon the Subject be transmitted Home as Number on the Packet and that they have recommended to the particular attention of the Court of Directors.

A Certificate from the Acting Comd.

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Commander in Chief recommending Lieutenant Archibald Ramsay as a proper Object to partake of the Military Fund being laid before the Board, and the usual Oath administered to him, Ordered that he be furnished with a Certificate accordingly

Fort St George 14th October 1796

Wrote the following Letter to Commodore Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore and Commander in Chief of his
Majestys Ships in India

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes thanking him for the offer of his Services

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 10th Instant, acquainting us of your intentions to leave this place for Trincomalee, and of the satisfaction it will afford you, to be in any shape serviceable to this Presidency should an occasion offer during your absence.

We are happy to acknowledge the attention which you have always paid to the Interests of our employers and at the same time to assure you, that if necessity should require it, We will not fail to request your aid and assistance in such manner, as may conduce to the prosperity of their Affairs.

We wish you a pleasant Voyage and a safe Return, and

Fort St George
15th October 1796

are with Esteem and regard
Sir
your most obedient humble Servant
G. Stratton Honble

At a Consultation Present.
The Honble George Stratton Esq. 2d Gov. & President
Henry Brooke.
Archdale Palmer Francis Fourdan
George Mackay

Tuesday 15th October

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an actual Vacancy which the present is not, in Duty to the Company, and in Justice to Colo. Stuart I am of Opinion that the Subject ought to be taken into consideration before the Dispatches of the Government that the Court of Directors may be acquainted with the Sentiments of the Board and that if necessary we may be furnished with further Orders as soon as possible

On this Subject the Court of Directors say

"And as Sir Robert Fletcher during the time he was formally in the Command of our Forces, held a Seat and Vote as Third in our Council and Committee it is our Pleasure that he do resume the same whenever he shall again succeed to the Chief Command But it is our absolute Order that no succeeding to that Post after Sir Robert Fletcher be admitted to this Privilege as we are determined such succeeding shall only have a Seat and Vote as Third in our Council and Committees when Military affairs are under Deliberation in the same manner as we have directed with respect to our Comm. in Chief at Bombay

And respecting General Clavering

"That whenever the Commander in Chief of our Troops in India shall be absent from Bengal, and on Service at any of our other Presidencies he shall have a Seat as Second of Council at every such Presidency but a Vote only when Military or Political Affairs shall be under Consideration

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And Relative to Colonel Stuart, that

"Having fully considered the State of our
"Army upon the Coast of Choromandel we think it absolutely
"necessary that it should be put upon the most respectable
"Footing and therefore have accordingly appointed Colonel
"James Stuart Our Officer who from his general good Char.
"acter and Distinguished Services in His Majesty's Army
During the War we have the highest Opinion of to be a
"Colonel of Infantry on the Fort St. George Establishment
"next to and immediately after Colo. Sir Robert Fletcher
"And as in our Letter of the 28th Decr. last
"we directed that upon the day Sir Robert Fletcher should
"succeed to the Command upon its being relinquished by Genl.
"Smith that he Sir Robert Fletcher should have a Commn.
"given by you as Brigadier General so we also now direct
"that whenever such Command shall be vacated by Sir
"Robert Fletcher, that Colonel Stuart do succeed thereto
"Accordingly and that on the day he succeeds to that post
"you do likewise give him a Commission of Brigadier
"General

Respect to the advantages and Emolu-
ments to be enjoyed by Colonel Stuart We Direct that he be
allowed such as are usually annexed to the Situation and Rank
in which he is hereby placed either regarding his present
or future appointments

From a Consideration of the foregoing
Orders will appear that the Company have Committed
the Commanders in Chief of Madras and Bombay to

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Sent in Council in Military affairs only, for the Commander in Chief of India, who is to succeed to the Governor General is appointed expressly to a Vote in political affairs also, which if inserted in the General Orders relative to Military Commanders would have been unnecessary and it will also appear that in the Orders relative to Colonel Stuart, the respective Orders are not countermanded to which I beg leave to add that it seems to me, the Company adverting to the great Power thrown into the Hands of the Military Commrs by the late regulations, Judged it consistent to prevent any Increase by preventing them from obtaining the Influence Seats in any Department except when Military Matters were in Consideration, would give them

At the Board having not sufficient time to discuss the Subject of these Minutes before the departure of the Greenwich, Resolved that they lie on the Table for further Consideration. But as Mr Jourdan is desirous that the Company should be acquainted therewith, Ordered, that they be transmitted to the Court of Directors, Number in the Packet by the Greenwich.

The above Minutes to go home Numbers in the Packet

Ordered likewise that Col Stuart be made acquainted with the Contents of the Minute delivered in by Mr Jourdan wherein he is mentioned, and that he at the same time be informed, that whatever he may have to say on the Subject shall also be transmitted home, a Number in the Packet by the Greenwich.

Sir

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Extracts of Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr. Jourdan respecting the Confinement of Lord Pigot

Sir Robert Fletcher having given it as his Opinion at the Board, that Lord P. might be released from the Restraint he is at present under without Prejudice to the Company's Affairs, and Mr. Jourdan coinciding in the same Opinion, he moves that Lord Pigot may accordingly be released.

Ordered to lie upon the Table until the Departure of the Greenwich now under Dispatch for England.

Consult Letter to the Court of Directors of this Days Date Read and Signed.

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

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15 Came in the following Letters

To Richard Sulivan Esqre

Sir

Letter from Col Harper

I have received your Letter dated the 6th Instant accompanied with the Copies of a Letter & Extract from the Governor General & Council at Bengal and according to the Directions of the Honble the President & Council I have Read and fully Explained them to the Rajah and am now getting them Translated into the Manatta Language for them

I am

Sir

your most Obedient Servant

H Harper

Tanjore
14th October 1776

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 15th day of October 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

Letter from Sir Edw. Hughes with Copy of a Letter from Lord Pigot

You will see that I am under the unavoidable Necessity of Transmitting the Enclosed to you, which I have this Moment received, and though the shortness of my stay here, at this critical Season, may not admit of my having your Answer in time; I hope nevertheless, that your determination will be such as may give satisfaction to his Lordship. I have authorized Mr Pybus my Secretary, to open and communicate your Answer to him, and am,

Sir

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Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Edward Hughes

George Stratton Esqre President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

To Sir Edward Hughes.

Commodore and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir

After all the trouble which I found myself under the necessity of giving you, & am concerned that on the last, I have now the Honor of receiving from you, you should meet with further requests; But I cannot help calling your attention again to my situation; My Health & Spirits thank God are good, altho' separated from my family, but I have been used to much exercise and this I cannot take ask the Gentlemen in the Fort (if I am to continue under a Guard of Horse as well as Foot) whether it would not be more decent that the Company's Troops of Horse should be ordered on that service in the room of the Nabob's Black Cavalry, sent hither by those Gentlemen the Morning after my Confinement Seven Weeks ago, which you saw arrive and now see continue here; for so Guarded I appeal to you whether it is advisable for me to move out of sight of the European Guard.

Letter from Lord Pigot to Sir Edw. Hughes, representing certain circumstances of his situation and his Apprehensions of the Government being distressed for Money

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I am under very great concern to tell you that I understand these Gentlemen two days ago broke open the Company's Treasury to get at about a Sack and half of Pagodas, A little Nest Egg which We had been saving up these Eight or Nine Months; This Ill afford me such a melancholy Reflection that I cannot avoid telling you, I fear the most fatal Consiquences from a want of Money which these Gentlemen will certainly experience: Their Dependance being wholly on the Nabob, nothing could have furnished them with so good an excuse for keeping Him so Supplies, as my keeping from them the Key of the Treasury, If they can get nothing from him now I know not where they will either on the Company's Account, or in Discharge of his Debts to his old Creditors, the Payment of which has been so often and strongly mentioned by the Company and me particularly recommended by the Directors to my attention when in England, It is a long ago as the Month of January that we Mentioned to the Governor General and Council of Bengall the State of our finances and the precariousness of our Resources, in hopes they would have been so good as to have added to our little Store for exegencys; but we were so unfortunate as to have them pay no attention thereto, This is a Subject foreign to my intention when I took up my Pen to address you, but the Importance of it is such that it dwells on my mind Having no other Channell than yours left open for Representation, I Do now readily embrace it being persuaded that you have a pleasure in

affording

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affording me an opportunity of acquitting myself of what I conceive to be my Duty to the Company

Permit me now to thank you for all your attention to me and to say how happy I should have been made had the rules of your Service made it proper for you to have remained here and entrusted the Charge of the Establishment to Captain Walters

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Pigot

St Thomas's Mount

14th October 1776

In Consequence of which the following Letters were immediately wrote

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commodore & Commander in Chief

of his Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

Letter to Sir Edwd Hughes that 6 Black Cavalry only had been Stationed at the Mount to be removed

We have just now had the Honor of your Letter dated Thursday accompanying Copy of a Letter to you from Lord Pigot

We think it necessary to inform you that there were only Six (6) Black Cavalry stationed at the Mount and five (5) on the Road from thence to the Fort which were intended only for the purpose of conveying Letters and Intelligence to us, of which we concluded his Lordship was acquainted from Major Monro we however at his desire

have

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have ordered them to be removed

We cannot help expressing our surprize at that part of his Lordship's Letter wherein he says he is separated from his family — you well know Sir that not only them but all other persons who chose to see them have free access to them —

We are with much Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

George Stratton & Council

To Major Horne

Commanding at the Mount

Sir

Fort St George
the 15th October 1776

To Major Horne ordering the five Black Cavalry stationed at the Mount to be removed

I in a Letter Sir Edward Hughes has transmitted to us Lord Pigot mentions his being under a Guard of Black Horse, which he desires may be removed

You well know Sir that the five (5) stationed at the Mount were only intended for the purpose of conveying Intelligence to us, of which we imagine you must have long since acquainted his Lordship, but since he desires their removal you will order them to Madras —

We were always desirous of rendering Lord Pigot's situation as agreable as may be consistent with the Publick security, and we therefore repeat our desire you will shew him every Indulgence which the nature of his Situation will admit of —

Your

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We are

Sir

your most Obedient Servant

Fort St George
the 15th October 1746

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The Honble George Stratton Esqr
President Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir &c

Letter from Major Monro in reply

I received your Commands of the 15th Instant and have in obedience to them Ordered the Cavalry at the Mount to Madras I informed Lord Pigot at the time they first arrived at the Mount the purpose they were sent for, and have more than once repeated the same His Lordship has constantly seen them dispatched with Letters whenever I had Occasion to write to your Honour or your Secretary, and they have never once been employed on any other manner whatsoever

I have ever made it my study since Lord Pigot has been at the Mount to make his Situation as easy to him as I possibly could consistent with the Change I had. He walks all about the Village whenever he chuses, Accompanyed by myself or the Officer of his Guard; I have more than once intimated to his Lordship that if he chuse at any time to take an Airing in a Carriage I would with pleasure accompany him; But he has hitherto declined; If any part of this restraint

may

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may be omitted I must request your Orders, and Instructions. I am with the greatest Respect

Mount
16th October 1776

Honble Sir Gods
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Matw Horne

The Honble George Stratton Esqre
President Governor &ca Council

Honble Sir

From Major Horne his Application and Lord Pigots reply respecting the Removal of his Papers

I have again applied to Lord Pigot about the removal of his papers and intimated to his Lordship the inconvenience you laboured under for want of that apartment. his Answer is, As his papers are of the greatest Consequence they may remain where they are, untill he himself goes for them; and further observed he had no place prepar'd to move them to; that there were not only the Apartments below were those papers were; But the Admiralty House which you had also

I saw the intent of the Board's Letter of the 25th August in the light it is mentioned in the Extract to Bengal; I said it on those very Ideas and I thought it Right to apprize Mr Russell I had such a Letter the day I received it when Peons minds were in such

agitation

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agitation as they then appeared to be
I will write to your Honor on the Subject
of the other part of your Letter soon - But should much rather
have an opportunity of Personally speaking to you on it
when I can be admitted to come down to Madras
I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir
your most Obedient Servant
Matw Horne

Mount
16 October 1776

To George Stratton Esqre
President &ca Council at
Fort St George

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters dated the
24th 29th & 30th August and 1st Instant, with the Extract of
your Proceedings and the other Papers which you have been
pleased to send to us

Letter from Bengal with Copy of their Letter to Masulipatam and Vizagapatam

Having already made you a tender of our
assistance and support in Establishing and maintaining
the Authority of your Government, in our Letter of the
which has been transmitted to you in Duplicate
we can only renew the assurances therein contained and ac-
quaint you that we judged it expedient to communicate
our Resolutions to your Subordinate Councils of Masuli-
patam, Vizagapatam and Ganjam we therefore enclose
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a Copy of the Circular Letter that we wrote to them on that Occasion.

We are Gentlemen

your most obedient Servants

Warran Hastings

J. Clavering

Rich. Barwell

Francis

Fort William
23. September 1776

P.S. Since writing the above your Letter of the 6th September is arrived by the Duke of Cumberland

W. H.

J. C.

R. B.

P. F.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Bratton Esq. Gov. Presid

Saturday
19th October 1776

Henry Brooke

Nicholas Palmer

Francis Fowke

George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from Cob. Stuart, a Copy of which agreable to the Orders of last Consultation, was transmitted a Number in the Packet to the Honble Court of Directors by the Gravesend

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To the Honble George Shatton Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council
Fort St George

Letter from Col. Stuart in consequence of Mr Sourdans Minute and Claiming a Seat at Large!

Honble Sir & Sirs

I think myself obliged to the Honble Board for having thro' the President, acquainted me of Mr Sourdans Minute, and for their allowing me now the shortest time that remains before closing the Packet to state my case, which I request may be made a Number in your Dispatch by the Grunwich

The words annexed to my appointment making part of the General Letter by the Royal Army paragraph 22 Mention. "That I should be allowed every advantage & Emolument as are usually annexed to the Situation and Rank on which I was placed, either regarding my present or future appointment" The natural construction of which words, I ever understood to be, that in the Event of my succeeding Sir Robert Fletcher in the responsible Situation of Commanding the Army, I was during that time to have every advantage which he enjoyed, I do not apply this in the present case to any Right to Sir Roberts emoluments or Rank - but I certainly esteem it to be an honour and an advantage necessary even to enable me to do my Duty properly, that if I am to be in any Person responsible for the Army during Sir Roberts absence, I should also be admitted at the Board on the same footing as he was - And here I think it necessary to observe to the Board, that as they cannot possibly have the advantage of Sir Roberts advice & assistance in

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in Council, while he resides at the Cape. Therefore during his absence the Command of the Army is absolutely and officially vacated by him.

Having already stated what is, in my opinion, the natural construction of the words annexed to my appointment, I trust the Board will allow some confidence in what I shall now say; when I declare upon my honor, that not only the present Chairman (Mr Roberts) who was in the Chair the Day the Paragraph passed the Court of Directors did explicitly tell me, That in the future contingence of the Command of the Forces falling to me I was by the words of the Paragraph alluded to entitled to a Seat and Voice in Council at large on the same footing as my Predecessors in but also every Gentleman in the Direction with whom I had the honor to converse did clearly understand it in the same sense, & Proceeded step by step in the committee of Correspondence without consideration Debate and the Gentlemen in the Direction had at the time in view (and according to my information directed to be read) the Resolution immediately following Sir Robert Fletcher's last appointment, which resolution, they meant, in my case, to dispence with.

I shall conclude with assuring the Board that I have not a wish for more Power or Privilege than, in my conscience, I think necessary to enable me to do my Duty, and I hope from the part I took in the late occurrences they will be convinced, that all my Power and Privilege will ever be exerted in the support of their legal authority.

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But my Duty obliges me to declare to the Board, that in the present Situation of the Company's Affairs, their Political and own commercial concerns are so closely interwoven with their Military, that it seems to me impossible for any commander in Chief to do his Duty from proper information and full Conviction of the rectitude of the Political measures, which may induce the Board to direct Military operations to be executed by him — Neither will he be able to afford and maintain the Rights peculiarly annexed to his Station, according to the Company's Instructions 1774, Upon any occasion, He, as Commander in Chief whether really so, or equally responsible, as acting in that Station in the present case, is to be refused admittance into Council —

I trust that the Intents of the Question, which is of the greatest Importance to me, will not be precipitated by this short sketch, which I have been hurried to finish, lest your Packet should be delayed — for I had no Idea that any Intimate respecting my future Situation would have been offered to the Board to be forwarded to the Court of Directors, until the Business came before them, and had been deliberated upon —

I have the Honour to be with the most profound respect, Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient and
most humble Servant
James Stuart
Brigadier

Sunday afternoon
the
15. October 1776 —

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Minute and Resolution of the Board thereon

Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher having left this Settlement, on the Greenwich in order to proceed to the Cape for the Recovery of his Health. The Board in consequence of these Resolutions. the 15th. Instant. now take into Consideration. the Minute delivered in by Mr. Joundan and entered on that days Consultation; likewise the Letter from Colonel James Stuart. the Orders of the Court of Directors by the Salisbury and by the Royal Henry. and agree so far in Opinion with Mr. Joundan that it is necessary to the Letter of the Orders by the Salisbury to give Colonel Stuart a Seat in the Council at large. but when they consider at the same time the present Posture of the Company's Affairs under this Presidency particularly whilst Lord Pigot remains on this Coast. the impossibility of receiving any Advice or assistance from Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher for Eight or Nine Months. and how much must depend in case of alarm or Danger, on the Officer at the Head of the Troops. and when they likewise consider the abilities and Zeal shown by Colonel Stuart in the late Services he rendered to the Company and to this Settlement. and in which he risqued his Life and Fortune so freely in support of the Constitutional Rights of this Government. they cannot but be of Opinion that it will be for the good of the Service to give Col. Stuart during the absence of Sir Robert Fletcher. or until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, a Seat and voice in all their Deliberations, and in doing so they flatter themselves that their Honble Employers will not look upon this Deviation from their Commands as

and

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any mark of a Wilfull Disobedience on Servants, who have already done so much, to enforce a Compliyance with their Orders —

Resolved therefore that Col. Stuart have a Seat in Council, the same as Sir Robert Fletcher had, and that he be Summoned Accordingly —

The following Letter is therefore Wrote to Colo Stuart

To James Stuart Esqre
Acting Colonel & Commander in Chief of the Army

Sir

Letter to Col. Stuart communicating the Resolution of the Board to grant him a Seat at Large

The Honble the President & Council have been this Day pleased to Resolve, that you shall have a Seat as 3d at their Councils at large, during the absence of Sir Robert Fletcher, or untill the Pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known

I am Sir

your most Obedient Servant

P. J. Sullivan
Secry

Fort St George
19th Octr 1776 —

Mr Jourdan delivers in the following

Mr Jourdan's dissent to the Resolution respecting Col. Stuart's Seat at the Board —

Dissent to the Resolution for admitting Col. Stuart to a Seat at the Board —

I have already acknowledged the most favourable Opinion of Colonel Stuart, I have fully expressed my Sentiments on this Subject, I cannot admit the Opinion or even assertion of any individual Director seperately in Opposition

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Opposition to a positive Order of the Company for the Reasons already given vide minute 15 Octr. 1776 do dissent to the Resolution then taken by the Board.

J. Sourdan

A Minute having been delivered in by Sr. Robert Fletcher and Mr. Sourdan at the last Consultation, proposing for the Reasons therein Advanced that Lord Pigot should be released from his Arrest, the Board proceed to take the same into their most

Minute of Sr. Robert Fletcher and Mr. Sourdan proposing the Releasement of Lord Pigot taken into Consideration.

Serious Consideration. Previous however to their coming to any Resolution, the President acquaints them, – that having deemed this a Matter of Real importance to the Peace and tranquility of the Settlement, – he had thought it expedient to require from Colonel Stuart the Acting Commander in Chief, his Ideas on the Subject, – who had accordingly favored him with his Sentiments in the following Letter – clearly expressive of his Opinion, on the impropriety of releasing his Lordship at this Juncture from his Arrest.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs –

Being just now favoured with your Secretary's Intimation of the Boards having been pleased to grant me a Seat, and Voice at large in their Councils, I am to request that you will accept of my sincere thanks for this honorable Mark of your favour; I esteem it the more, because however in my own reasoning I had a right while responsible for the Army, to be in the same Situation as Sir Robert

Letter from Col: Stuart stating his objection to Lord Pigot's Releasement and recommending that he be sent Home.

Fletcher

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Fletcher was, yet as there is no precedent of the Commander in Chief's leaving India, and continuing upon the Establishments, so there can be none of the next in succession (as in my case) entering fully into that Station; I say therefore, that my thanks are due to your Honors &c., for the latitude you have been pleased to take, and I can with great truth assure you, that I shall with unwearied Zeal and Attention co-operate to promote peace and harmony both within and without the Walls of the Council Chamber, I shall trust to the indulgence of the Board for information in Matters which I cannot be supposed to be Master of, and in respect to the Business more particularly connected with my Station, and Profession, whatever I may have to propose shall be with becoming deference to the Board. I shall only add that esteeming freedom of debate essential to the Constitution of the Council, I shall therefore never suffer any Motive but the public good to influence me in my Conduct, or behaviour towards any Member of the Board, who may perchance differ in Opinion with me, This declaration of my own accord, I have judged proper to make, and I desire when at any time the President observes me unguardedly deviating from this Rule, he will recall it to my memory

As my present indisposition prevents my attendance at this days Council, and understanding from the President, that it is your intention to take under consideration the expediency of releasing Lord Pigot from his present confinement, and that you wished to have my sentiments on that Subject, I use the freedom to state the following Reasons why in my Opinion the restraint ought not to be taken off his person 1st Because in every public Act of Lord Pigot

Communicated

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communicated to the Board, from the Day of his Arrest, to the latest period, and even after the Resolution and Orders of the Court of Directors, and the Unanimous Opinion of the Governor General and Council at Bengal have been Regularly communicated to him from the Board, he still continues to assert his own right to the Station of President, and Governor, as well as that of the suspended Counsellors to be admitted of the Government, declaring the Government that now is, to be illegal, and usurped.

2. Because from certain Information, there is reason to believe his Lordship is interfering by himself or his Dubash, in the Rajahs Government at Tanjore and from the probable Accounts that have been received of his communication with Hyder Ally knowing also the influence of strong passions, over a person of Lord Pigots violent Disposition, it is natural to suppose that were he set at liberty, there would be greater latitude for his public, and private interference which might end in troubles, as the only chance he has to distress Government, and here I beg leave to remark, that as Commanding the Army and Responsible for it, I aware the Board, that I do not hold myself answerable for the consequences in case troubles shall arise in the Settlement, owing to Lord Pigots Release, which may render it necessary to call for Military Assistance, and may prove a source of Bloodshed or serious Disturbances.

3 Because as the Governor General and Council at Bengal have from your Representation very justly declared, not only that the public tranquility of this Settlement, and the Carnatic was endangered by Lord Pigots conduct while at liberty, but also that the honor and dignity of his Highness the Nabob, the Ally of the Crown of Great Britain was thereby Materially injured, and as I firmly believe that

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Lord Pigot if he had his liberty, would to the utmost of his power in different Ways pursue the same Conduct. I am therefore of Opinion, that it would be not only an unsuitable return as Individuals, for the speedy and effectual support derived from that Board, but that we should be guilty of a breach of an Act of Parliament, and Responsible to the Company for the Consequences, if after the Resolutions and Opinions received from the Governor General and Council, the Board should take upon them to dispose of Lord Pigots person without their Advice.

4th Because I am of Opinion that in whatever Situation Lord Pigot is, his presence in this Country will tend more or less to embarrass Government, and take up too much of that Attention, which the Board owes only to the important Concerns of the Company, and not to any Individual; and as the Charges brought home to Lord Pigot are of the Nature of State Crimes, as well as flagrant Acts tending to subvert the Constitution of the Company; I am therefore of Opinion that both as an Act of Duty to the State, and to the Company and even of Lenity and justice to Lord Pigot, he ought to be sent home to England by the first Conveyance, provided the Governor General and Council of Bengal are of the same Opinion; but whatever the Boards Sentiments may be on this important Subject, they will I doubt not freely and communicate the same to Bengal with all convenient expedition.

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most devoted Humble Servant

Jno. Stuart

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Anxious

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Minute of the Board on the Subject of the preceding Letter and Resolution to defer the Release: ment of Lord Pigot.

Anxious as the Board have been since their assuming the executive Powers of Government, that Lord Pigot should have every degree of Attention and Respect paid to his Person, — they cannot but feel a great degree of uneasiness at the Necessity which hath compelled them, to keep his Lordship in Arrest. To continue him therefore in that Situation, may not Appear to the World in the same justifiable point of view that it hitherto has done, but, when the obstinate perseverance he has shewn in his claims of Right to the Government comes to be considered, as well as his positive Refusal to treat or acknowledge this Board, as the legal Representative of the Company on this Coast, in Contempt not only of the Opinion of the Governor General and Council at Bengal, so decidedly given upon the late Occurrences, but likewise in Opposition to the late Orders of the Company, transmitted hither by those Gentlemen, and immediately communicated to him, — We may, — when these Matters come to be considered, We have not a doubt, but they will afford the strongest Conviction that the attempts on the part of his Lordship to repossess himself of his former Station might not succeed, that he still is capable of such Acts of Rashness and temerity, as would unavoidably be the cause of much disorder, and probably of bloodshed, were he at this juncture released from his Confinement. We are well aware of the Cruelty of which we shall be accused, by the Adherents of his Lordship, and of the pains that will be taken to circulate an Opinion so injurious to our Characters as Men, — but as we have uniformly Acted on principles that being impartially considered cannot but support themselves, and as we conceive our Duty in its first and most important Object to be a careful attention to the Peace and Security of the

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Carnatic, We shall steadily pursue the Plan, We in the beginning adopted, and trust to the Candor of our Employers, for an Approbation of our Conduct. As a Public Body however We cannot but deem it our indispensible Duty to avail ourselves of the Advice and Opinion of the Governor General and Council at Bengal, in any Resolution so Critical as the disposal of Lord Pigots Person, because the decision may affect the Peace and tranquility of the Carnatic, which the Controuling Powers vested in them by the late Act of Parliament were intended to preserve. From the Reasons We have thus advanced, We trust it will appear to our Employers as it does to Us, that the Release of his Lordship at this Juncture would be fraught with innumerable evil Consequences, — this avowed Contempt of the Company's Orders, — and of the decided line taken by the Governor General and Council at Bengal as well as his invariable declarations that he and the Suspended Members of Council who supported him, are the legal Representatives of the Company, and that ours is a Gov.t of Usurpation, — these would be of themselves sufficient We should imagine, to point out the expediency of not giving him his Liberty, but, when his Lordships violence of temper and disposition come to be considered, and that it is remembered there are never wanting those who will join a desperate Man in creating tumult and disorder, We cannot hesitate in declaring it as our Opinion, that his Removal from this Country, so absolutely necessary for the future Peace and tranquility of the Carnatic

Resolved therefore for the above Reasons, as well as those Assigned by Col.o Stuart that Lord Pigot be not now Released from his Arrest as proposed by Sir Robert Fletcher and M.r Sourdan

M.r Sourdan delivers in the following Minute on the above Resolution —

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Mr Sourdans Minute on the above Resolution

I cannot see the necessity of a longer Detention of this Lordship because I do not apprehend, were he ever so much inclined to give Disturbance, it would be in his Power, especially after this Government hath been acknowledged by the Governor General and Council at Bengal. The detention of Lord Pigot previous thereto, will I doubt not be justified by the Necessity that forced us to it; but the Moment it becomes unnecessary, a very different Motive may be ascribed to it.

F. Sourdan

Minute of the Board in reply to Mr Sourdan

The Board taking the foregoing into consideration are of Opinion that as the Release of Lord Pigot may in its consequences affect the peace of the Carnatick and as they have already requested the assistance and support of the Governor General and Council of Bengal in this important Business; that they ought not to come to any determination without first having their advice and Opinion; Resolved therefore that a Letter be now Written to the Governor General and Council accordingly - That Lord Pigot submitted to the determination of the Governor Gen. and Council of Bengal every Member of this Board who have been equally ready with Mr Sourdan to have set this Lordship at Liberty: since they can have no other Motive for keeping him confined, but that of preserving the publick tranquility; if Mr Sourdan knows or believes they have any other Motives, he Ought to have explained what that Motive was or to have said Nothing about it. And here the Board cannot but Remark that it appears very extraordinary Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr Sourdan should

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out have given in their Minute for the Release of Lord Pigot until the day preceding the departure of the former for the Cape of Good Hope, when it was impossible for him Sr. Robert Fletcher to attend at the deliberation of so important a Question —

In consequence of the aforegoing Resolution the following Letter to the Governor General and Council at Bengal is now wrote and approved —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council of Bengal at
Fort William —

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Letters to Bengal respecting Lord Pigots releasement, and proposing to send him Home —

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 10. and 11th inst. acquainting us with the Sentiments and Resolutions you had thought proper to form upon our Proceedings previous and subsequent to the late Convulsion in this Government —

We feel the greatest Satisfaction in observing that your Opinions on the decisive Measures we were under the necessity to take, by the Arbitrary and violent Conduct of Lord Pigot, so fully and exactly correspond with our own; And we should be wanting in justice to your Vigilant Attention to the Welfare of the Company if we passed by unacknowledged the strong Instances you have been pleased to give us of it, in your speedy and clear decision on this Occasion, and in the Assurances you have afforded us of every support in your power towards maintaining Tranquility in the Carnatic —

Enclosed

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Enclosed We have the honor to transmit you Copies of the following Papers Letter from Commodore Sir Edward Hughes, enclosing Letter to him from Lord Pigot. Letter to Sir Edward Hughes in answer. — Also Letters to and from Major Horne on the same Subject, — and on the unsuccessful Applications made by him at our desire to his Lordship, for his Key of the Treasury, which We have since been under the Necessity to break open. From all which, — and from the Contents of some Papers that have been intercepted from Tanjore, you will plainly perceive that his Lordship still looks upon himself and the late Suspended Members of Council as the legal Representatives of the Company on this Coast, in Contempt not only of your Opinion so decidedly given upon the late Occurrences, but, likewise in opposition to the positive Orders of the Company, which, with your Letter, were immediately communicated to him.

Anxious as We have been since our resuming the executive Powers of Government, that Lord Pigot, should have every degree of attendance and Respect paid to his Person — We cannot but express to you the uneasiness we have suffered, in being compelled by his repeated violent declarations, to keep him in Arrest under the charge of Major Horne at the Mount. We still continuing him in that Situation, may not appear to the World, in the same justifiable point of View, that it hitherto has done, — but when the obstinate perseverance he has shown in his Claims of Right to that Government, comes to be considered as well as his positive Refusal to treat or acknowledge this Board

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as the legal Representative of the Company, even after your sentiments and the Company's Orders have been communicated to him, — We say, when these Matters come to be considered, We have not a doubt but they will afford the strongest conviction that tho' attempts on the part of his Lordship to repossess himself of his former Station might not succeed that he still is capable of such Acts of Rashness and temerity, as would unavoidably be the cause of much disorder, and probably of bloodshed were he at this juncture released from his Confinement —

We are well aware of the cruelty we shall be accused, by the Adherents of his Lordship, and of the pains that will be taken to circulate an Opinion, so injurious to our Characters as Men, — but as We have uniformly Acted on principles, that being impartially considered, cannot but support themselves, — And as We conceive our Duty in its first and most important Object, to be a careful attention to the Peace and Security of the Carnatic, We shall steadily pursue the Plan We in the beginning adopted and trust to the Candor of our Employers, for an approbation of our Conduct —

The Subject of Lord Pigot's Continuance in Arrest, or of the Measures necessary to be taken should he be released from his present Confinement, — has frequently come under our most serious Consideration, but, as We conceived the Nabob might be materially affected by the consequences of any Resolution we should come to We judged it expedient to inform him, that We should not come to any determination, until We were fully made acquainted with his Sentiments. The Nabob's Reply to our Pres.t by Letter,

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Letter, in consequence of this information, waits on you a Member in the Packet —

As a public body however we judge it our indispensible duty to Avail ourselves of the Advice and Opinion of your Honor &c.a in any Resolution so critical, as the disposal of Lord Pigots Person, because, the decision may affect the Peace and tranquility of the Carnatic, which the Controuling Powers vested in you by the late Act of Parliament were intended to preserve: — For these reasons We have thought it requisite to request your Sentements on this Subject, and we do not in the least hesitate to convey to your Honor &c.a our own firm belief that Lord Pigots' remaining in this Country, may be the cause of domestic, as well as probably of Foreign troubles, — whereas by his removal to England every apprehension of that Nature would be entirely at an end —

From what We have already said, your Honor &c.a will plainly perceive, that We look upon the Release of his Lordship at this Juncture, as a Measure that would be fraught with innumerable evil Consequences. His avowed contempt of the Company's Orders, — and of the decided line, you have thought it advisable to take, — as well as his invariable declarations that he, and the suspended Members of Council who supported him, — are the legal Representatives of the Company, — and that ours is a Government of Usurpation, — these would be of themselves sufficient, We should imagine, to point out the expediency of not giving him his Liberty at large — But when his Lordships Violence of temper and disposition, come to be considered, in

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and that it is remembered there are never wanting those who will join a desperate Man, in creating tumult and Disorder, We cannot allow Ourselves to hesitate in giving an Opinion, that his removal from this Country, is absolutely necessary for the future peace and Tranquility of the Carnatic and in this Opinion we are greatly strengthend by the Reasons We have to believe, that great pains have been taken, to sow disaffection in the Mind of the Rajah of Tanjore, and many of the Nabobs Collectors and Managers not only to our Government, but likewise to that of his Highness, a circumstance which might involve the Affairs of these Parts in the greatest Confusion and Disorder.

Notwithstanding what we have now said, we shall readily acquiesce in any Opinion your Honor &c may be pleased to favor us with on this Subject.

Brigadier Gen.l Sir Robert Fletcher having been obliged to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope on the Greenwich for the recovery of his Health, We have thought for the good of the Service, to give Colonel Stuart a Seat at our Board, during his absence.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Geo: Stratton & Council.

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Mr. Sourdan disapproves of the above Letter.

Mr. Sourdan disapproves of the Letter to Bengal as inconsistent with the Sentiments expressed in his Minutes entered on the Proceedings of the 15th and in this days Consultation.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Governor President

Hon.ble Brooke Sr.t Stuart

Arch.d Palmer Jan.s Sourdan

Geo: Mackay

Monday 21. Oct.r 1776

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works

Report from the Chief Engineer of the persons employed on the Works

Bricklayers	69
Tank Diggers	846
Coolies	474
Lascars	86
Stone Cutters	40
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all to	1521

We have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Col.: and Chief Engineer

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Read Letter from the Senior Surgeon

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Honble Sir and Sirs

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From Messrs. Pasley and Anderson

We have had the Honor to receive your Letter and in consequence have employ'd Mr. Briggs who you were pleased to appoint an Assistant Surgeon; Having also examined Mr. Adderton we can recommend him as a Young Man fit to be received into the Service. We have the Honor to be with great Respect—

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t and Most H.ble Servants

Gilb.t Pasley
Sa.l Anderson } Surgeons

Mr. Adderton appointed Assistant Surgeon

At the Senior Surgeons recommend Mr. Adderton as duely qualified Resolved that he be admitted into the Service as Assistant Surgeon

Read Letter from Captain Charles Clifton

To the Honorable George Stratton Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir and Sirs

From Capt. Clifton representing the Hardship of his situation and respecting permission to join his Company at the Mount or leave to come to Madras

When I was order'd from the Mount Major Horne urged my Departure with all possible expedition in so much, that I had not opportunity of making the necessary provision for moving my Family to so great a distance— Nor indeed am I to this Day able to Discover why I was so Unexpectedly and so precipitately order'd here; where my Duty as an Officer was already filled up in a Captain sufficiently capable to take Care of Little better than half a Company. My presence therefore being scarce required, Indicates that I have been Most unfavorably represented

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I know not who are my Enemies, or what they have alledged against me that I have thus fallen under the Displeasure of the Honble President and Council, I must deem it a Mark of their Highest Disapprobation thus to be moved from where I was so conveniently situated, to a place particularly disagreeable to me from the Unhappy loss of my Children. I am not Conscious to Myself Honble Sir and Sirs of having intentionally given offence, I would therefore hope, that you will be indulgent enough to direct my return: but if I should still be so unfortunate as to remain Under your Displeasure, to that degree, that My removal to my Company, can not be granted, in that case; I crave the Permission of the Honble President and Council to proceed to Madrass, for the More Convenient removal of my Family.

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Your Obedient Humble Servant

Chas. Clifton

Trichinopoly
14th October 1776

Colonel Stuart acquaints the Board that Captain Mackay, the only Captain of Artillery besides Capt. Clifton belonging to the Garrison of Trichinopoly, is now employed on Service at Adriapatnam, where his Attendance will be required for some time, and therefore that Capt. Clifton cannot be conveniently spared from his corps. Resolved in consequence that Capt. Clifton's Request be not complied with.

His Request not granted

Read General Letter from the Chief and Council at Tanjaur

Military

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Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We are concerned to inform your honor &c. of the Death of Captain Philip Bandinel of the 4th Circar Battalion which happened here on the 21st Instant

From Ganjam Capt. Bandinel dies - Mennidoo to be put in possession of Vizianagur

Lieutenant Francis Gowdie of the 3d. Circar Battalion who went to Calcutta with your permission for the benefit of his health arrived here some time since, and has applied to us thro' the Commanding Officer for his pay during the time he was absent. We request to be favored with your Orders on this subject

Agreeably to our Letter of this date to the Revenue Department, We have directed Captain Candler to order a Detachment consisting of such force as he shall judge sufficient to put Meennidoo in Possession of the Vizianagur Zemindary to be in readiness to march at a short Warning

We have the honor to be very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Charles Smith
F. Ramsell
Thos. Dymetey
Robt. Hughes
T. Rudlestone

Ganjam
23. Septr. 1776

Ordered

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Ordered, that Lieut. Gowdie do receive the Arrears of Pay that may be due to him

Read a Letter from the Chief and Council at Cuddalore

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Cuddalore representing Repairs necessary at Cuddalore and Triplicane

We have received your Commands of the 24th Instant and agreeably to your directions have made public the Proclamation you were pleased to inclose at this Settlement and its dependancies

In Consequence of a Representation from the Commandant that the inside facing of the North Curtain Wall of the Fort the Soldiers Barracks in Cuddalore, the Officers Lodgings and Horse Stables at Triplicane were in want of Repairs, and that if such Repairs were delayed till after the approaching Monsoon, the Wood Buildings would suffer very considerable damage – We ordered our Head Bricklayer to Survey them, and make a Calculation of the Expence of putting them in a proper Condition. – We have accordingly laid before Us an Estimate of what the Repairs would Amount to – which We now enclose, and wait your Directions how to proceed

Cuddalore
30th August 1776

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Edw. Saunders
Will. Maitland
Thomas Cooper
E. Wallosfield

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To Repair the Inside Wall of the Northcurtain at Cuddalore Viz.t

Bricks			2 .. ..
Shell Chunam	379 Para		15 .. ..
Jagary	190 ℔		6 .. 10 .. 40
Bricklayers Coolys &c.a			12 .. 21 .. ..
Small Materials			.. .. 21 .. ..
		Pagodas	36 .. 10 .. 40

To Repair Soldiers Barracks at the Brahminy Gate

Flatt Tiles	15000		3 .. ..
Oxenhire			.. 30 .. ..
Tiles	2500		1 .. ..
Oxenhire			.. 10 .. ..
Wall Bricks	1000		.. 28 .. 10
Oxenhire			.. 8 .. ..
Shell Chunam	130 Para		5 .. ..
Jagary			2 .. 17 .. 50
Bricklayers Coolys &c.a			10 .. .. .. 23 .. 5 .. 60
Mangostanks	150 f.t		4 .. 5 .. 40
Palmeiras	50		6 .. 23 .. ..
	1100		22 .. ..
Reepers			13 .. 15 .. 40 46 .. 2 .. ..
Carpenters Work			5 .. 30 .. 60
	1708		
Iron	198		1 .. 23 .. ..
Roof Nails	568		1 .. ..
Reepers d.o			
Smiths Hammermen Bellows boys, Charcoal and Paddytusk			3 .. 43 .. .. 18 .. 12 .. 60
		Pagodas	87 .. 14 .. 40

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To Repair the Companys House at Cuddalore					
Tiles	5000	2p			
Oxen hire		20			
Shell Chunam	5 Para	R. 40			40
Jagary		4			
Chunampots	10	20			
Bricklayers, Coolys and boys		3		6.	10. 40
To Repair 5. Officers lodgings at Trepapulore Viz.t					
long Straw	20,000 bundles		17.	21.	
Straw	560 do		13.	14.	
Country Sticks	82 do		3.	36.	
Narr	56 do			28.	
Matts	100		4.	32.	
Shell Chunam	28 Para		1.	3.	40
Chunampots	70		3.	14.	
Thatchers and Coolys			10.	7.	
Bricklayers & Coolys			6.	37.	40
Jagary				21.	
Palmeira Cadjans	4000			12.	
Twine			6.	10.	40
Small Materials				21.	
Iron	36 lb		1.	9.	
Smiths, Hammermen, Bellows boys, Charcoal and Paddy husk			1.	28.	
Palmeiras			2.	21.	
Mango planks			5.		
Carpenters Work			5.	26.	
				79.	5. 40

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To Repair the Horse Stables at Trepapilore Viz.

Straw	500 bundls	11.	38. —
Narr	20 dc.	—	10. —
Country Sticks	20 dc.	—	10. —
Thatchers and Coolys		3.	24. —
Carpenters		2. 21. —	19. 7. —

To Repair the Bridge of Trepapilore Point

Palmeiras	20	2.	35. —
Country wood		—	21. —
Carpenters		1.	21. —
Nails	4lb	21. —	5. 14. —

To Repair Prisoners Room at Trepapilore

Shell Chunam	26 Para	1.	— —
Jagary	—	—	20. —
Chunampots	3	—	6. —
Bricklayers Coolys &c.		—	38. 40
Palmeiras	5	—	27. 40
Carpenters		1.	31. 40
Nails	10lb	1.	10. 40
Iron for Window Barrs	50lb	1.	30. —
Smiths, Hammermen &c.		31. 40	8. 26. 40
			112. 11. —
Wall			36. 10. 40
Barracks at Brammy Gate			87. 14. 40
Commandants Quarters at Cuddalore			6. 10. 40
		Total Pagodas	242. 4. 40

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If absolutely necessary to be made

Ordered as the Repairs are represented as absolutely necessary at Fort St. David and Proposalare that they be made accordingly

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam –

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Vizagapatam recommending that Mr. Martin be joined with Mr. Pringle in the Care of the Sick there enclosing the objections of Messrs. Perring and Williams

We are there are a Number of sick in the Hospital there, and forty Invalids just arrived; we think the care of these People, and of the Patients in the Settlement, is more than Mr. Pringle can well attend to; We therefore request your Permission for ordering Doctor Martin, who is at present unemployed, to act in conjunction with Mr. Pringle at this Place, as, from twenty one years experience he has had in this Country, and our Knowledge of him, we believe he is well qualified for this Service –

We are, with Respect –
Honble Sir and Sirs –
Your most Obedient humble Servants –
Sam.l Johnston
P.r Perring
Wm Williams
Hen.y Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Vizagapatam
26th Sep.r 1776

P.S. Messrs. Perring and Williams having objections to this Letter their Minutes on the occasion are transmitted herewith

Henry Crawford

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Henry Crawford Esqr.

Secretary

The Honble the President and Council when they Ordered here the additional forty Invalids, would at the same time have Ordered another Surgeon or an Assistant, had they thought such assistance necessary. — The Europeans of this Garrison, including the late reinforcement do not much exceed one hundred and ten; a number, I believe, far short of what other Surgeons have the care of. — I do not see that Mr. Pringle has applied for assistance or informed the Chief and Council that this Garrison or the Patients in the Settlement are more than he can well attend to; and whether they are, or are not, I cannot be supposed to be a proper Judge: I am equally ignorant of Mr. Martin's qualifications and experience. — If the Chief and Council determine on Transmitting the Letter you have sent me it is my duty to Sign it, but I request that this my Opinion may be sent with it.

Your Obed.t Servant
(signed) Peter Perring

Vizagapatam
20th. Sept.r 1776

A true Copy
Hen.y Crawford Sec.y

I am of Opinion we cannot with propriety apply to the Honble Board for another Surgeon to attend this Hospital, unless Mr. Pringle should apply to us for one, to assist him in the duty of his Stations; because the number of Invalids are few in comparison with other places particularly Masulipatam, where I believe there

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there is only one Surgeon to attend to three times the number we have in this Garrison; if Mr. Pringle has been in any shape inattentive to his Duty, or if he is really incapable of attending the sick in the Hospital, were Sixteen or two thirds of the Invalids were in it, I should be for having him removed and another appointed in his room; for one Surgeon is certainly sufficient for this small Settlement; but as it does not appear in the Letter sent for me to sign that he is incapable of, or inattentive to his Duty or that he has applied to us for an assistant, I think it will be doing Mr. Pringle much injustice to apply for one without his knowledge; besides it will have the appearance of prejudice against him although we might not have any. — If the Honble Board should think proper to appoint another Surgeon to assist Mr. Pringle I shall have no manner of objection to the appointment of Mr. Martin to that Station. — I beg this my Opinion might be transmitted to Madras with the General Letter. —

Vizagapatam
20th Sept. 1776

(Signed) Morgan Williams

A true Copy
Henry Crawford Sec.

Mr. Martin to proceed to Aska

As Mr. Martin has been lately appointed to Aska, where his Services are required, It is Resolved, that he be directed to proceed thither accordingly. —

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

To

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

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Forwarding Plans with Estimates of Barracks and Hospital and communicating Capt. Powels representation respecting Dustucks for the Supply of the Bazar at Ellore

Conformably to your orders communicated to us by Mr. Secretary Sullivan in his Letter of the 31st. ultimo, we herewith have the honor to transmit you Plans and Estimates of the Expence of Building an Hospital for 100 Men, and Barracks for 300 Europeans, also a List of such Materials as we have remaining in Store here, necessary for these Buildings, with their amount.

Upon receiving your Orders, directing that the Troops in the several Garrisons should be supplied with Rice at 6 P.s 70 P.r Garce by the Company, when selling above that price in the Bazars, We judged it unnecessary to continue any longer the Dustucks that had been issued for supplying the Troops in Ellore with provisions free of Duties, and accordingly wrote to Capt.n Powell to have them called in — He in reply represented to us, that as the Sepoys of his Battalion lived chiefly upon Jowarlee, and could therefore derive no benefit from the Indulgence intended them by the late orders respecting Rice; he requested to have a few Dustucks continued for the the supply of his Bazar with that, and other Articles, otherwise his People would be greatly distressed

We so far agree in opinion with Capt.n Powell, as to conceive it necessary, that in those Garrisons, where Jowarlee is used as the principal part of Diet, upon its rising in the Bazar above M.rs 5. 36. 12 P Candy of 16856 which is in proportion to Rice at 70 P.r Pagodas P Madras Garce of 9256 1/4 lb the difference should be charged and the Troops supplied, in like Manner as

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as in those where Rice is the Staple Article — We therefore submit to your Honor &c. whether such indulgence ought not to take place, in which case, We think that the Troops being prevented from a possibility of distress in the price of grain, could never be materially affected by an occasional rise in that of small articles, and that it would therefore be unnecessary to give new Dustucks, which is attended with many inconveniences, and has already given great cause of complaint to the Zemindars —

We are with respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
your most Obed.t Humble Servants
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
1st Sept.r 1776 —

Estimate of the expence of Building an Hospital to Contain One Hundred Europeans. Masulipatam 17th August 1776 —

				P	A			
Wall Bricks	1240.000	@	1.	8.	₱ M.	1455.	30.	—
Terrass d.o	270.000	@	..	2000	₱ Pagoda	135.	..	..
Flat Tiles	200.000	@	..	12	₱ Thousand	52.	8.	..
Tiles	55.000	@	..	2500	₱ Pagoda	22.	..	..
Stone Chunam	56 56	candy	@	3.	15 ₱ candy	1870.	11.	—
Pattah Sand	570	d.o	@	..	12 ₱ d.o	148.	32.	—
Jaggree	28	d.o	@	10.	₱ d.o	280.	..	..
21 Feet long Pegue Teck Timber	76	@	5	each		380.	..	..
Rajamundery short d.o	d.o	48	@	2.	23 ₱ each	120.	..	..
15 Feet long Joists	..	..	312	@	1. 40. 20 ₱ each	585.	..	..

Sheathing

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Sheathing Planks	310 @ 30	₰ Hundred	93.	..	..
3 Inch Common Planks	20 @ 3	₰ each	60	..	..
Whole Palmiers	80		72	33	36
Palmiers Rafters	900 @ 3	₰ Hundred	27	..	..
Spike Nailes	280 ₰		14	6	40
6 Penny do.	120 do.		9	4	16
4 do. do.	180 do.		20	..	20
40 do. do.	180 do.		11	11	40
Iron	2¾ Candy		37	28	..
Tar	60 Gallons		18	8	29
Bricklayers, and Coolies, &c.			166	..	..
Bringing Bricks from the Glacis, into the Fort			320	..	..
Bringing Chunam			35	..	..
Carpenters and Sawyers, &c.			222	23	..
Smiths, and Charcoal &c.			70	..	..
Sundry Materials			60	..	..
Leveling the Ground, Cutting Foundations &c.			100	..	..
		Total Madras Pagodas	7.888	7	21

Mr. Mitchell Engr.

Estimate of the Expence of Building Barracks to contain three Hundred Europeans. Masulipatam 1st. August 1776.

			₰	₰	
Wall Bricks 1651.000 @ 1.	8 ₰ Mill		1938	6	..
Tarras do. 506.000 @ 2000.	₰ Pagoda		253	..	..
Flat Tiles 350.000 @	12 ₰ Thousand		91	16	..
Tiles 95.000 @ 2,500.	₰ Pagoda		38	..	..
Stone Chunam 861 Candy @ 3.	15 ₰ Candy		2.873	36	..
Pattah Land 900 do. @	12 ₰ do.		234	36	..

Jaggree

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Jaggree	45 Ds @ 10 Fs Candy	450	—	—
21 Feet long Pegue Teck Timber	134 @ 5 Fs each	670	—	—
Rajamundrey Short Ds do	84 @ 2 23 Fs each	210	—	—
15 Feet long Joists	516 @ 1 40 20 Fs each	967	23	—
Sheathing Planks	350 @ 30 Fs Hundred	105	—	—
3 Inch Comon Planks	35 @ 3 Fs each	105	—	—
Whole Palmiers	150	136	21	30
Palmier Reapears	1600 @ 3 Fs Hundred	48	—	—
Spike Nailes	500 ℔	25	11	49
6 penny Ds	150 Ds	11	16	60
4 Ds Ds	300 Ds	33	15	60
10 Ds Ds	400 Ds	25	—	—
Iron	3½ Candy	47	33	36
Tar	100 Gallons	30	13	75
Bricklayers, and Coolies, &c		2350	—	—
Bringing Bricks from the Glacis, into the Fort		430	—	—
Bringing Chunam		80	—	—
Carpenters, and Sawyers, &c		325	—	—
Smiths, and Charcoal &c		80	—	—
Sundry Materials		80	—	—
Leveling the Ground, Cutting foundations &c		180	—	—
	Total M. Pagodas	11818	41	70

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Engr

* In Account of such Articles now remaining in the Honble Company's Stores as are mentioned by Capt. Mitchill in his Estimate to be wanted in Building a Barrack and Hospital Viz.t —

Wall Bricks

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Wall Bricks	323,150	4423.	28.	19
Coping Bricks	93060	113.	17.	60
Jaggree	16m. m. 11/2 26. 17. 11/2	295.	18.	68
Stone Chunam	13586 Ct. 8 Par	4979.	12.	59
Kistna Sand	11600 Par	99.	2.	22. "
White Palmiera	100	90.	44.	74
Sheathing Boards	1300	390.	"	"
3 Inch Cowar Plank	112	336.	"	"
Long Teque Timber and Joist	528	2021.	11.	40
Rajahmundry Short Timber	60	150.	"	"
Spike Nails	20000 lb	101.	"	30
Bar Iron	90 Ct.	1227.	10.	40
		11224	147.	12

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer do Report his Opinion of the above Plans and Estimates

The Board approve of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam supplying the Troops in those Garrisons where Jumnaloo is used as the principal part of Diet with that Article at the Price they recommend

The Troops to be supplied at a stated Price

Diet

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel James commanding at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Col. James with Intelligence from Seringapatam

I have the honor to transmit to you my Monthly Returns for September which I hope will prove correct and be received in due time

I think it my Duty also to transmit to you the Intelligence just received from Seringapatam as interpreted by Mr. Swartz

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Trichinopoly
5th Octr 1776

Remain with true Respects
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obd.t and most Dutyful Servant
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From Colonel Wood with Intelligence from Seringapatam &c

Intelligence from Seringapatnam -

Hyderly resides in the Fort with his Son Tipo Saheb and his Younger Son Karam Saheb, the Garrison consists of 500 Seapoys, 10,000 Matchlock Men, 130 Guns 50 of which are very Large, 100 Elephants 300 Camels 40 Europeans 30 Topasses, Commanded by three European Officers -

Out of the Fort at the Distance of 4 Miles is Hyderallys Camp consisting of 40,000 Horse 45,000 Seapoys, 60,000 Matchlock Men, 4000 Spear Men, 30 Guns 90 Elephants, 14,00 Camels 160 Europeans, 1000 Topasses Commanded by 16 European Officers -

Hyderly is daily Recruiting and collecting of Troops from all Quarters, he has compleatly Repaid Seringapatnam in those places which were damaged by the Flood -

Hyderly has sent a Strong Detachment to Sunnoor, Bangawanam, and those Northern parts of this Country to keep the Marattas Quiet the Detachment is Commanded by Meir Saheb - There is Peace between Gobiadhaj and Rogoba, it is said they are joined Nizamally. it is also said that Murraraus Son whom Hyderly had taken Prisoner has made his escape and will join Nizamally -

It is Currantly reported at Dindegall, Carroor, Salem &c that Hyderlys preparations is for this place and Madura -

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Read Letter from Mr. Stockwell.

To the Honourable George Stratton Esqr.
President and Governor &c Council of Fort St. George

Honourable Sir and Sirs

From Mr. Stockwell claiming Paddy in the Tanjore Country to the Amount of 5,500 Pagodas.

I beg leave to inform you that in the Month of December 1775, I purchased from the Merchants and Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country Paddy to the Amount of 5500 Star Pagodas which was delivered to me by the said Merchants and Inhabitants, according to Agreement.

But on the Rajaw of Tanjour being restord he gave orders this my Property, as he says by order of Lord Pigot since which I have frequently made application to the Rajaw, but have always received Evasive answers from day to Day he to give orders for its being restored, but as yet have not been able to Obtain the least Appearance of Justice done me.

I beg leave also to Observe to you that some time ago I made the like Application to Lord Pigot (but had not the Honour of an Answer) when he was President of Fort St. George, wherein I represented my Situation and the Misery I should be Plunged into did his Lord: ship's not direct that my Property should be restord to me. As my all depends upon it, having borrowed money from my Brother and others to enable me to make this Purchase.

I therefore beg leave to request Hon.ble Sir and Sirs you will be pleased to take my Case into your serious consideration and be pleased to direct that the Rajaw may give orders for my Property being delivered to me, in the same order as when his Servants took possession of the Grain it being now the Season for dispersing to advantage

Depending

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Depending on your Equity Justice and Aid in this my Situation as a Widow, haveing no hopes the Rajaw will render me the least justice, while he is surrounded by a sett of low mean spirited fellows Capable of acting the most unthought for Cruelties and Oppressions, who take every method to distress the poor, who have it not in their Power for to applie for justice, and indeed from Experiance I can say Even then, if not in their Power to give a Bribe adequate to the Service Required, Justice is not Even thought of. I hope Honble Sir and Sirs you will be pleased to Pardon the incorrectness of my Style and mode of Expression but I have been very ill treated by both the Rajaw and his Servants, which I flatter myself you Sir, and the Gentlemen of the Council will see justice done her who is with Perfect Respect —

Tanjoure
29th Sept. 1776

Honourable Sir and Sirs —
Your most Obt. and Humble Servant
Elizabeth Stockwell —

As it is necessary for the Board to have every information on the Subject of Mrs. Stockwell's address, before the Rajah of Tanjore is written to, Ordered, that the Secretary do desire she will be particular as to the Place her Grain was lodged, the time and Manner it was taken from her Agents, and the Reasons that were assigned for dispossessing her of it in the Manner she Represents —

Particulars to be required —

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel James —

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

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From Col. Lames for Instructions respecting Assistance required by the Nabobs Manager

Honble Sir and Sirs

In doubtful Cases, where I am at a loss how to act, I look upon it, as my Duty to get information from those whom I have the honór to call my Superiors.

From the very time of my arrival here I wished to have proper Instructions by which I might direct my conduct with Respect to the Nabobs Managers.

Some Days ago the Renter of this Country made application, to me to let him have a Company of Seapoys; I replied, that if the Seapoys should be imployd in gathering the Tribute Money, I might, consistently with my Duty, assist him: But as he meant to employ them to more serious Services, I could not take it upon myself to comply with his desire; Soon after I was informed that One of the Nabobs Poligars was attacked by some of the Dindegall people; as the two Reports which the Markers brought to me will Evince; The Renter expects still Assistance from me; I take therefore the Liberty of addressing you Honble Sir and Sirs begging to have your Instructions in this Affair, whether I am to give, or refuse the desired Assistance to the Renter

I remain with, all due respects

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Humble Servant

E. Lames

Trichinopoly
16th Octr 1776

Resolved, that Colonel Lames be informed, if any of the neighbouring Polygars come into the Trichinopoly Province to attack the Inhabitants or carry away the Cattle or Grain, that it is his Duty to repel such Invaders, but, that no Troops are to be ordered out

Assistance to be given

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of the Province without directions from hence, which will be given on proper Application from the Nabob. The Board at the same time cannot help remarking, that they cannot give Credit to the information Colonel James has received from Carrur and Dindegal, as the Nabob has not communicated to them any Intelligence whatever on that head.

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

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

From Vizagapatam transmitting plan of the Bomally district and Letter

Honble Sir and Sirs

Herewith we inclose your Honor &c. Copy of a Letter to us from Engineer Johnston, accompanying his Plan of the Purgunah of Bomally, which we this day forward to you.

We are, with Respect,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obd.t humble Servants
Sam.l Johnston
P. Perring
W.m Crawford
Nath.l Barlow.

Vizagapatam
11 Oct.r 1776

To Samuel Johnson Esq.r
Chief and Council, of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

From M.r Johnson Engineer

Herewith I have forwarded a Survey of the Purgunah of Bomally, with an Explanation affixed to it as directed in your Letter

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Letter of Instructions to me dated the 8th of April, together with the Field Book

The famine that lately subsisted in that Country has greatly depopulated it, and several Villages are entirely deserted, as represented in the Plan

This Country is in General flat and even, and the Soil fertile, tho there is but a very small part of it cultivated, owing, I imagine to the vast indolence of the Inhabitants and mismanagement of Renters, the greatest part of it being overrun with close thick Jungles as described in the Plan, which renders the Country exceeding unhealthy to those who are not inured to it — I am

with much Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obt. Humble Servant

Ja.s Johnstone

Vizagapatam
3. October 1776

Attested by
Hen.y Crawford Sec.y

Read the following Letter from Mr. Halliburton

Mr. Secretary Sullivan —

Sir —

Mr. Holland having been appointed a Member of the Committee of Circuit, and thereby vacated the office of Persian Translator I beg you will lay before the Gentlemen of the Board the superiour claim I have to succeed him in that station —

It is now upwards of three years since I have given a constant application to the Study of the Persian and I now esteem myself a sufficient proficient in that Language to undertake any task

imposed

Form.d Mr. Halliburton desireing to succeed Mr. Holland as Persian Translator

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imposed upon me.

In the Year 1774 Mr. Stracey thought me sufficiently qualified to recommend me to the Committee of Revenue to translate the Summons and other papers which came before them I was employed in this way for several Months during which time I never received any Salary or allowance whatever thinking my services well requitted if they were the means of recommending me to my superiours and I appeal to Messrs. Brooke and Sourdan Members of that Committee whether I acquitted myself under them to their satisfaction.

I was sometime after appointed Assistant to the Persian Translator under Mr. Chambers who recommended me for that purpose to the late Governor Mr. Wynch, and in this Station I have remained ever since during which I have had an opportunity of improving myself in the language and at same time acquiring a knowledge of the Company's records in that office.

The Board were at that time pleased to continue to me the same allowance which had been given to Mr. Chambers while he acted under Mr. Stracey. This allowance is only 20 Pags. p Month and it is the only gratification I have ever received for the expence and trouble I have been at in attaining the Knowledge I have of the Persian Language.

Should the Gentlemen please to attend to this representation and appoint me in the room of Mr. Holland, I trust I shall merit the confidence reposed in me in acquitting myself in that station to their satisfaction I am Sir

Your most Obed. Servant

David Haliburton

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Ordered

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Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Col: Stuart communicates Sr. Robert Fletchers recommendation that Capt. Candler be removed from the Wishapore district - and that Captain Lysaght be appointed to command there

Colonel Stuart acquaints the Board that Sir Robert Fletcher before his Departure, deeming it for the Advantage of the Service, Recommended that Capt. Lysaght should succeed to the Command of Aska, in the Room of Capt. Bandinele deceased, - that Capt. Candler should be removed to Masulipatam, and that Captain Chesbyre should be appointed to Command in Capt. Candlers present Station, leaving it to the Judgement of the Board whether this could be done by a removal of the Battalions, or of the Captains only -

Capt. Chesbyre to command the vacant Battalion

Resolved that the above Officers be appointed to command in the respective Stations to which they have been Recommended by Sir Robert Fletcher but, that the Consideration of the removal of the Battalions be deferred -

Resolved accordingly

Read the following Letters from the Nabob. Under date the 4th. Instant, - Entered in Country Correspondence &c. Agreeing to an Abatement of 2085 Pag. 15 Anas of the Customs heretofore paid by the Company's Weavers which the Board deeming Moderate, the President is desired to acquaint the Nabob therewith, and to inform him the Abatement is to commence the 31. July 1776, the day on which the Jaghire was Relet to him -

Letters from the Nabob agreeing to an abatement in the Customs paid by the Weavers

accepted

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton -

In Answer to your favor of the 4th. September, in which you requested Copies of two Letters I wrote to the Governor and Council, and which Lord Pigot had kept himself, I wrote to you a Letter the 3rd. of October 1776, from which you will know the Cause of Lord Pigots kindness to me, in not laying my Letters which he did not approve of before the Board. I now write for your Information -

Letter from the Nabob with paper sent by Lord Pigot to him - and a letter in reply to his Lordship -

On

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On the 26th February 1776 in the morning, Lord Pigot delivered a Paper written by himself in English to Mr. Saunders the Company's Mauncheic and Persian Translator, Condatut Omrah and Annee ut Omrah my two Sons whom I desired to go and visit Lord Pigot at the Company's Garden, Sent it me with this Message, "That his Lordship would lay that Paper before the Board that day, and whatever that Paper contained, whether I consented to it, or not, he would do it by force." This very much astonished me, and I immediately told Mr. Chambers and my two Sons, that I had never said any such things to Lord Pigot, and how could he write in this Manner in my name; afterwards Mr. Chambers took a Copy of Lord Pigots Paper, and carried it to his Lordship. As Lord Pigot had taken the Liberty of writing such things without my Knowledge, I did not know what Falsities he might tell of me in Council; For this reason in Answer to that Paper, I wrote a public Letter to the Governor and Council dated 27th February 1776. As I suspect that Lord Pigot has never laid before the Board either his own Paper, or my Letter, I have sent you enclosed Copies of both in English; I have also sent a Copy of my own Letter in Persian, to explain this to you From this Business you will understand all his Actions

Dated 21 Shawaun 1190 Hegira.

5th October 1776.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob has delivered to him a Paper containing the amount of the orders he has given upon the Tanjore Country. That the Nabob has likewise given him an Order directed to all his Amildars &c. commanding them to Account with such persons as the the President may name, for all the Dues collected in the Tanjour Country since the 9th Instant, and directing the

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the said amildars &c. to relinquish all manner of Authority, should there be required by him so to do.

The President thinks therefore the Company's orders may now be carried into effect, and that the Rajah should be placed in the full possession and management of the Country by a publick order to all the Amildars &c.

The safety of Tanjore, and the security of the Rajah and his Family appearing to make it necessary that an English Garrison should not only be in the Fort but the Country also be protected by the Company's Troops, The President recommends that the Rajah be requested to permit the same and to allot for this purpose, a sum not exceeding the amount of what he formerly paid to his own Troops.

The safety of the Carnatick depends upon a well disciplined Force regularly paid being kept up; The particular safety and quiet of every Individual seems to require that no other force should be permitted to be kept up, and these Considerations induce the Board to wish that the Rajah would join them in their endeavours to place the Country in this Situation.

In Order to induce the Nabob to assent hereto the Raja may be desired to allow the Amount of the several Orders the Nabob has given upon the Tanjore Country to be discharged out of the Revenues thereof.

The Provision thus made towards the support of the Army by the Rajah of Tanjore, will render it unnecessary for the Nabob in time of Peace, to be at a greater expence than the sum The Company now charge him with, and such of his Regiments of Horse as have been long in his service, and he is desirous of having continued in pay, may be

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be kept up without putting him to that expence.

The President adds that having explained this to the Nabob, His Highness in testimoney of his sincere Friendship to the Company readily Assents thereto.

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Lord Pigot dated 7th Moharrum 1190 Hegerie or 27th February 1776.

In answer to Your Lordships Request of the 23d February 1776, or 3. Moharrum 1190 Hegerie, to be informed, what Orders I had given on the Tanjore Country, and what Person I wish'd to be sent on a Deputation thither, —

I sent You by my two sons a Paper, containing my Opinion, on the 26th February, Upon this Your Lordship sent me by Mr Chambers a paper wrotten in your own hand for my Perusal — The contents of that paper surprized me much — From the time in which a Garrison of my Friends has been put in Tanjore I have repeatedly explained to your Lordship, as in my Letter of the 22d January, my Sentiments Relative to my Rights and the Difficulties that would arise from interfering with the Affairs of the Country, I now write your Lordship that I did not explain to you my Sentiments in the Manner You have been pleased to write in the Paper sent by Mr Chambers. I beg your Lordship may write me what you Propose to say on this Subject, I will in return write your Lordship my Sentiments fairly, I always regard my good Friends the Company as the protectors of my Honor my Reputation and my Family —

The Board having repeatedly expressed their Sentiments with Respect to Lord Pigot's oppression and unconstitutional Conduct towards the Nabob, it is now unnecessary for them to Remark on the above extraordinary procedure of his Lordship —

Minute thereon

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From the Nabob under Date 5th October, inclosing Copies of Papers

From the Nabob representing Disturbances occasioned by the Inhabitants of Tanjore

from Sonderman and Ally Neuby Cawn entered in Country Correspondance No , complaining of frequent disturbances created in the Nabobs Country by the Inhabitants of Tanjore

Resolved, that the above Complaints be Represented to the Rajah, and that he be Requested to give such Orders as may prevent the like in future

Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore desiring the Assistance of Sepoys to collect his Revenues expressing his Apprehensions on hearing that Col. Harper was to be removed and requesting that a new Commandant may not be sent to Tanjore, containing the Behaviour of Mr. Benfield and his people, and representing the State of the Country, and a Report by him

Read Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore under date the 7th 10th 12th and 16th Instant, entered in Country Correspondance No. 91 No. 92. No. 93 No. 94

To which the following Answer is now Read and Approved, entered in Country Correspondance No. 95

To the Rajah of Tanjore

Returning the Letters

To the Rajah of Tanjore in reply to the above mentioned Letters

I have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 7th 10th 12th and 16th Instant, to each of which I shall now Separately Reply

As you Represent the time of Cultivation to be drawing Nigh, and that it will be necessary some of the Companys Sepoys should be employed in the different Districts of your Country, the better to enable you to collect in your Revenues, I have wrote to Colonel Harper directing him to give you every Assistance in his Power

The very singular attention to your Person and Rights shewn by my Employers the Company, is a proof so strong of their good disposition towards you, that every Idea of Suspicion should vanish from your Mind, and you should look upon them as your best of Friends. After having given you these assurances, I cannot help expressing

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expressing my Surprize that you should in such terms request, that no New Commandant should be sent to Tanjore. Hope you will be convinced that your Interests and the Safety of your Country will ever be particularly attended to by this Government, and that no Officer shall hold the Command of Tanjore, who shall in any Respect interfere with your Affairs or those of the Inhabitants of your Country.

Concerning Mr. Benfield's Claims on your Country, I beg leave to refer you to the Letter written by Lord Pigot in consequence of the Resolution of Council, of which Copy is inclosed. You will therein perceive that it was recommended to you, that Justice only be done to him, leaving the manner and time entirely to yourself.

I have communicated to Mr. Benfield what you say respecting him in your Letter dated the and you may be assured that no Servants of the Company shall be permitted on any Account to interfere or disturb your Government.

In consequence of your desire, I have Represented to the Nabob the difficulties that your People have met with, in Repairing the Annacut, and at the same time have Requested his Highness to give such Orders as may be necessary, that the same Assistance may be given you in the repair of the Annacut as was customary in the time of Pretaub Sing.

The Nabob having informed me that he has received Complaints from Tondeman and Ally Nuwab Cawn, of frequent disturbances having been created in his Country by the Inhabitants of Tulcottah, I am to request you will enquire into this Affair, and give such directions as may prevent the like complaints in future.

I am

prevent/

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I am sorry to acquaint You that the Company's affairs will not allow of their making you the loan you Request of a Lack of Pagodas, but, for the Grain You People have delivered, so soon as the Accounts are received it shall be settled to your Satisfac=tion.

Mr Charles Edwards Jones appointed Paymaster at Tanjore

Resolved that Mr Charles Edward Jones be appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper at Tanjore.

Minute of Board on Mr Forster proceeding to Tanjore without Leave —

The President acquaints the Board that Mr George Forster has proceeded to Tanjore without his permission, where he is informed, he intends remaining some time

Resolved, as Mr Forster has taken the Liberty to go to Tanjore without the leave either of the President or the Board that he be ordered to the Presidency immediately, and

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and that Lieut. Col. Harper be directed to signify to him, that it is expected he will leave the Garrison of Tanjore forthwith & repair hither agreeably to Orders. —

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The following Letters were this day dispatched Conformably to an Order of Council

To Lt. Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

To Col: Harper desiring him to deliver the inclosed Letter to Mr. Forster and to desire him forthwith to quit Tanjore

Sir

The accompanying Letter to Mr. George Forster desiring his immediate attendance at the Presidency, you will be pleased to deliver to him, and should he decline Compliance with the Orders, I have the Commands of the President and Council to acquaint you that you are not to permit him to reside any longer within the Fort or Garrison of Tanjore

Sam. Sir
your most Obt. Humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan Sec.

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To Mr. George Forster

To Mr. Forster ordering him to return immidiatly to the Presidency

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President and Council to acquaint you, that your immediate attendance is required at the Presidency,

Sam Sir
Your most Obt. Humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan Sec.

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2d. Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works

From the Chief Engineer with Report of the Number of People employed on the Works

	47
Bricklayers	736
Tankdiggers	303
Coolies	

Lascars

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Lascars 57
Stone Cutters 35
Sundry Artificers 6
Amounting in all to ... 1184

I have the honor to be with Respect &c
Honble Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obt. and most Hble. Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieu.t Col.o and Chief Engineer

Fort S.t George
27.th October 1776

At a Consultation Present.

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r President
Hen.y Brooke .....
Jno.s Palmer ..... Franc.s Sourdain
Geo: Mackay

Monday
28.th Octob.r 1776

Colonel Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter he has received from Mr. Sykes Notary Public

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Sykes regarding to be furnished with Extracts from the Records relative to the Contract entered into by Capt.n Cowley for furnishing the Troops

My Client Mr. Buchanan, who is Executor of the deceased Captain Wireker, being Apprehensive that there may be something on the Records or Consultations of the Honble Board about the time Captain Cowley Contracted for the Troops which Captain Wireker afterwards Commanded, that may tend to clear up the Dispute between My Client as Executor, and Capt.n Cowper, has desired

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Desired me to request the favor of The Honble Board to Indulge him with such Extracts from their Records or Consultations as may appear to have that Effect, Which Indulgence I flatter myself the Honble Board will be Pleased to Grant.

I am Sir

Your Most Obt Humble Servant

Jn.o Sykes

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Ordered, that Mr. Sykes be furnished with such Extracts of the Records as he may be in want of.

his Request Complied with

The President acquainted the Board that he lays the following Letters now before them, at the particular desire of Mr. Turing the Mayor of this Settlement.

Sir

From Mr. Turing Mayor to Sir Elijah Impey requesting his Opinion upon some Matters of a Public Tendency

You fill a conspicuous Station with such approved Abilities, so much to your own honor and the general satisfaction, that I flatter myself you will excuse the trouble of this address, and comply with my Request in favoring me with your opinion and advice upon some Matters of a Publick Tendency.

I happen at this time to be Mayor of Madras, but must acknowledge I have too much reason to be conscious of my inability to discharge the duties of so important an Office. — As we are made Judges by necessity and not inclination, We act upon our conscience according to the best of our Judgment, which is doing all that can reasonably be expected. — In points of Law we are frequently at a loss, and have wished to apply to your Court for information, but were doubtful of the propriety of such a Measure, until lately speaking upon the Subject to Mr. De Maistre he assured me you would readily afford us any assistance &c.

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The Mayors Court has hitherto confined their decisions to Civil Suits and Actions between party and party, and granting probates of Wills — The Receit of Presents and Usury are made Misdemeanors by the late Act of Parliam.t and are expressly therein directed to be prosecuted in the Mayors Court. — In case an information should be prosecuted for a Misdemeanor against this Act. — I wish to be informed Whether such Actions are to be determined by a Jury, or by the Judges themselves?

Whether Actions brought for damages for false Imprisonment or upon any other account, are to be tried by jury or not.

Whether Actions for Crim: Con: can be brought before the Mayors Court?

Whether the Court has Authority in particular Cases to demand Publick Records?

The Clerk of the Market who is appointed by the Court has hitherto exercised an authority over Bakers only — I wish to be informed whether this power may be extended to every Article sold in the Markets of this Settlement. and whether this Court has a legal right to settle the Price of Provisions?

Whether the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature at Calcutta, will on a Publick application from the Mayors Court give their opinion Judicially upon any general point?

In case you should be of opinion this Court has a Legal right to appoint Juries, as the process will be new, we shall be at a Loss in regard to the regular Forms, therefore I should be exceedingly obliged, if you would be so kind as to let me know your mode of proceeding in such cases —

The Charter authorises the President and Council to fill up vacancies, accept the resignation and upon sufficient complaint to dismiss the Members of the Mayors Court — a

Resolution

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Revolution has lately happened in this Settlement which may occasion in the Mind of the Court, Doubts of the legality of the present Government. — I shall be happy if you can consistently give me your opinion and advice Whether the Court ought to admit a Member nominated under such authority —

These Sir are the most material points I wish to submit to your consideration. — Upon a review of our Charter you should be of opinion I have omitted to state any other case wherein the Court can lawfully extend their authority, I doubt not but your regard for the Publick Welfare will induce you to point out the Means, the better to enable us to answer his Majestys gracious intention in granting the Charter. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir —
Your most Obed.t Humble Servant —
John Turing —

Madras
13th Sept.r 1776 —

Sir Elijah Impey

To John Turing Esq.r —

Sir

From Sir Elijah Impey in reply to Mr Turing's Letter to him —

I yesterday received the favor of yours and as far as my private Opinion will go, shall ever be ready to Obviate any difficulties that may occur in the execution of the important trust committed to the Mayors Court, not deeming it improper so to do on general Questions which cannot come before me in judgment. My Opinion must be understood not as carrying any authority with it from my Station, nor have any greater weight given to it than that of a Counsel in England on a Case laid before him. That being premised,

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I will answer the Matters stated in the order in which they are arranged, according to the best of my Judgement &c

1st. The Mayors Court have very properly confined their decisions to Civil Suits and actions between party and party, and to the granting of Probates of Wills. (I presume administration to intestate Estates is meant to be included in the powers exercised by the Court) It is a Court of mere Civil Jurisdiction and no Criminal Authority whatsoever either expressed or implied is granted to it by the Charter by which it is erected, and as the Charter erecting a Corporation and defining its Powers is the sole Law and Rule of Action for that Corporation they cannot execute any Powers not granted to them by the Charter. The Mayors Court therefore cannot assume any Criminal Jurisdiction.

2. Tho' the receipt of Presents and taking excess of Usury is made penal by the late Act of Parliament, that act will not in my Opinion Authorize the Mayors Court to proceed by indictment. Before the Act it could not impannel a jury and the act gives them no authority so to do, Suits for those Offences must be carried on exactly in the same manner as the Civil Suits which the Court now entertains. The Judges of the Court as in all other Cases and not a Jury must determine them.

3. By the Words of the Charter the Mayors Court is authorized to try all Civil Suits Actions and Pleas between party and party "these words comprehend all Actions on contract expressed or implied and for all injuries to the person, property, or Charater, whether in those Actions a Specific Sum be to be recovered or discretionary damages for an injury. I mention damages particularly because when I was at Madras a Member of the Mayors Court informed me that an Idea had prevailed that the Mayors Court had no Jurisdiction in Cases where

damages

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ought to be given understanding it to be the province of a Jury not a Judge to assess damages.

In England that position is true. There in Trials by the common Law, the province of the Judge and jury is kept distinct, by this Maxim, The Judges are to answer to Questions of Law, the jury to Questions of Facts. To what amount a Man has been injured by a Contract not being fulfilled, by having been beat and assaulted, by false imprisonment or by Criminal Conversation with his Wife is only to be collected from the particular facts and circumstances of the case, and can by no means be resolved into a Question of Law. Wherefore (according to the above maxim) can only be determinable by a jury; but the Reason of this is because of the Seperation of the Office of a Judge from that of a Jury; a Judge in England cannot more determine on the fact of the execution of a Bond, whether a Contract has or has not been executed, whether an assault or Battery has or has not been committed whether a Man hath or hath not been imprisoned whether the Act which constitutes Criminal Conversation hath or hath not been committed, than he can Judge of the extent of an injury and assess damages for the recompence of it. In the Mayors Court the province of the Judge and jury are united; the Members of the Mayors court are Judges both of Law and Fact, were they not, there must be a total failure of justice. They are ordered to try all Civil Suits, Actions and Pleas; no Civil Suit action or plea could be determined did they not take upon themselves to determine Matters of fact, as well as Matters of Law, without that, the execution of a Bond could not be proved before them. There is Nothing more peculiar or sacred, in finding forth Facts what damages or in other Words compensation, ought to be given to endemnify an injured Person, than to draw any

other

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conclusion from Matters of fact. The Mayor and Aldermen of the Mayors Court suppplying the place both of Judge and Jury are as competent to give damages by their judgment, as any specific sum demanded in the Original action.

4th. Actions for false imprisonment, Assaults and Battery, and other actions for personal injuries must be tried by the Judges, without Jury, and they by their Judgment should give such recompence for the injury as under the particular circumstances of the case and of the Parties they may think reasonable.

5th. An action of Crim: Con: comes within the general discription of the words Civil Suit in the Charter and may most clearly be brought in the Mayors Court: they must be proceeded in, in like Manner as other Actions where damages are to be given by the Judges without a Jury. Tho' the Answers to the 4th. and 5th. Articles are involved in what I before said, to avoid mistakes I answer them seperately.

6th. The Court has a right to be furnished with all Evidence necessary for the determination of Matters in dispute before them: of that Evidence be the contents of any Publick Record, a Copy of it examined with the Record will be sufficient. To such Copy the parties interested praying for the same, having first obtained a proper Order or Process of the Court will be entitled. But the Court should be cautious that such order or Process be only made use of for the purposes of Justice.

7th. I cannot see any Power given to the Mayors Court with respect either to the Clerk of the Market or the regulation of the price of provisions, I cannot therefore see any right the Court has either to extend the powers of the Clerk of the Market or regulate the price of provisions; as I know of no other Law or Rule of Action for the Members of the Court than the

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It contains special powers delegated by the Crown, which powers must be strictly pursued.

8th. And I believe the other Judges of the supreme Court will ever be willing to render such assistance to the Mayors Court as is consistent with our Judicial Authority, but any advice we give must be understood private and not ex officio. The Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal is not a Court of Appeal from the Judgment of the Mayors Court and no Court of Law can give a judicial Opinion except on Appeal on a Cause originally instituted before it.

9th. The Mayors Court hath no pretence of right to appoint Juries in any case it is therefore unnecessary to direct the forms of impannelling of them.

10th. The Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengall hath both Crimenal and Civil jurisdiction, when actions are brought either to recover specific Sums, Debts Penalties or Damages, it proceeds without jury. In case of Indictments it issues process for and impannels juries both Grand and Petty in the same Manner and form as Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery in England.

11th. As to the Appointment by the President and Council to Vacancies in the Mayors Court, was I a Member of that Court I should not think myself at liberty to judge of the legality of the Government — I would acknowledge the Aldermen appointed by the present existing Government, I would not enter into the distinction of de jure or de facto. I think it would be a dangerous precedent and subversive of the constitution should the Mayors Court take upon themselves to judge of the legality of the power under which the President and Council for the time being may act, this might be a pretence of rejecting an alderman appointed by the most unquestionable Authority

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must desire not to be understood to say any thing that may construed into the slightest Opinion of the Legality or illegality of the present Government at Madras — I have no materials to judge by, and if I had, it would be highly improper in me to intimate a hint one way or the other. — I have I believe answered all the Matters of which any doubt has been suggested to me, I have confined myself strictly to them except with Regard to giving of damages, as doubts had been entertained on that, which must create Manifest obstructions to that justice which you have a clear right and therefore ought to administer, I thought it proper as a Servant of the Public to obviate them as far as is in my power — As to any other Matters relative to the Charter, as no difficulties are particularly stated I do not know how to suggest any remedies, whenever those difficulties occur and the Nature of my Office will allow me, I shall ever be ready to give clear and explicite answers — As you mention in your Letter that a Revolution has taken place at Madras and some of your Questions may have some relation to the present Situation of Affairs there, that I may not appear to hold a partial correspondence or to give advice which both parties there may not be apprized of, I must take the liberty to request that both your Letter to me, and this my answer may be laid before the President and Council at Madras and before my Lord Pigot —

I am Sir

with great respect

Your very Obt. and very Humble Servant

Elijah Impey

Fort William
4th October 1776.

The following Appointments recommended by Colonel Stuart

Vacancies to be filled up — are ordered to take Place —

Consigned

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Ensign Oliver Wheeler to be Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Basil Monteith Resigned date of Rank 16th. Octo. 1776

Ensign James Foster to be Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Daniel Polson deceased - date of Rank 17th. Octo. 1776

Ensign Francis Cookson to be Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Archibald Ramsay Resigned - date of Rank 18th. Oct. 1776

Anthony Beale Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Oliver Wheeler Promoted - Date of Rank 25th Sep. 1776

Thomas Nash Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign James Foster Promoted - Date of Rank 26th Sep. 1776

The Honble Francis Andrew Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Francis Cookson Promoted - date of Rank 27th Sep. 1776

George Clarke Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Timothy West Resigned Date of Rank 28th Sep. 1776

Captain Donald Mackay to be Inspector of Stores at Trichy Tanjore and the Southern Garrisons

Agreed that Major Stevens, Captain Dugood, and Mr. Banks Practitioner Engineer, - be appointed Engineer at Tanjore -

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Geo: Stratton Esqr. Governor President

Hon.ry Brooke

Arch.n Palmer ... Franc.s Lourdan

Geo: Mackay

Colonel Stuart indisposed.

Tuesday 29th October 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter he has received from Mr. George Forster

To Mr. Richard Sullivan

Secretary to the Military Department

Sirs

From Mr. Forster requesting the Board will not insist on his immediate attendance at the Presidency, as such a Journey would be highly detrimental to his Health

I Have the honor of yours under date the 22. Instant, requiring my immediate attendance at the Presidency. I would with the greatest alacrity obey your Orders, If I could without greatly endangering my health

I have been, ever since my arrival here, much indisposed with the same disorder which afflicted me at Madras: And was I to proceed on a ten days Journey in the height of the Monsoons, I have the greatest reason to apprehend the worst of consequences. And I am confident that the Gentlemen of the Board have more humanity than to insist on my immediate proceedure

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I remain, Sir, your obedient Servant

George Forster

Mr Forster to proceed to Trichinopoly or Dindalore for the Recovery of his Health

As Mr. Forster seems to think his Health would be endangered by an immediate Journey to the Presidency, the Secretary is directed to acquaint him, that he is to proceed forthwith to

Trichinopoly

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Torichinapoly or Cuddalore, at either of which Places he has the Permission of the Board to remain for the Recovery of his Health

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of a Letter to the Nabob which is Read and approved. Entered in Country Correspondance No. 97.

To the Nabob.

To the Nabob informing him of the Resolution the Board have come to respecting Wannamantagoody and likewise recommending to him a Reduction of his Expences

I have had the honor to receive several Letters from your Highness, which I have been prevented answering, by the Multiplicity of Business the Board has been engaged in the Dispatch of the last Ships for Europe.

In the Month of last June your Highness was informed by Lord Pigot, with respect to Wannamantagoody, "that after the "Records had been Consulted it was found by your own Instructions "to Mr. Du Pré' when he went to Tanjore in 1762, that Wannamantagoody "was then in possession of the Rajah, and therefore in pursuance "of the Company's Orders, that it appeared to him and the Council, "it ought to be restored to the Rajah, and that they hoped it "would appear in the same light to your Highness". Since writing the above Letter, the Governor General and Council at Bengal have thought proper to communicate to us their Opinion on this head, — wherefore We have Resolved "That Commissaries "shall be appointed in any Manner, which shall be approved by "your Highness and the Rajah, to examine upon the Spot their "Respective pretensions and decide upon them, which Decision "ought to be binding on both parties".

Your Highness will be pleased to honor me with your Sentiments on this Subject, as soon as may be convenient.

With respect to the abatement of the Customs heretofore paid by the Weavers, mentioned in your Highness's Letter of the

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4th Ult.— I cannot but deem the Sum of 208575 Pa.s 15. Anns.— in every Respect Moderate,— The Abatement shall therefore be made accordingly, commencing from the 31st July of this present Year, the day on which the Sayhire was Paid to your Highness.—

I feel much concern in observing the Complaints which have been Made to your Highness by Tondeman, and Ally Nawaub Cawn, of the Disturbances occasioned in Districts of your Country by the Inhabitants of Tanjore. This Matter shall immediately be represented to the Rajah,— and at the same time point out to him the Necessity of taking such effectual Measures, as may prevent the like Complaints in future.—

The Rajah of Tanjore having Repeatedly represented to this Government the difficulties he has met with in Repairing the Annacut, I am under the Necessity of Repeating to your Highness my former Request, that you will be pleased to give such Orders as may be necessary, that no Assistance may be withheld from the Rajahs People in Repairing the Annacut in like Manner as was Customary in the time of Pretaub Sing.—

Now that your Dominions are in perfect tranquility, and that your Highness is freed from every Apprehension, of either Foreign or Domestic trouble, the harmony and unanimity that so happily subsists between your Highness and this Government, and the earnest desire I have, that not only your Revenues should be improved, but that your Country and Government should experience every Kind of prosperity and Success, induce me to believe your Highness will pardon the Liberty I take in Requesting your attention at this period, to the State and Situation of your Affairs.—

No Power or State can be in a Condition to make a proper exertion of their Force in times of Necessity and Danger, the expence of whose Peace Establishment exceeds their Annual—

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Income. The time of profound Peace is the proper time to form and execute Plans of Reformation. Your own Interest and dignity as a Prince, and your Peace and quiet as an Individual, depend upon your Calculating your Expences in proportion to your Revenues, and the more independant you are with Respect to finance, the more considerable you will appear, not only in the Eyes of the Company, but of the Crown of Great Britain, and also of the neighbouring European and Country Powers.

I do not presume to dictate or interfere in the precise mode of this wished for reform; — Your own Wisdom will suggest, that what is not absolutely necessary, ought to be retrenched And this Conduct, believe me Sir, will show real Magnanimity.

Your Highness knows my Sentiments with Respect to you so well, that I trust I shall need no Apology for having said so much. In the Station that I have the honor to hold, there is nothing I wish more Sincerely than your happiness. Believing this reform a Necessary Step towards your attaining it, my regard to your Highness, as well as Duty to the Company have prompted me to be thus explicit.

The Secretary lays before the Board the Proceedings of the Committee for the Examination of Invalid and Pensioned Sepoys wherefrom it appears, that 27 are Recommended to be discharged and that 39 are Reported fit for Service, and Recommended to be Ordered to join their Battalions.

Resolved, that the Recommendation of the Committee be Approved, and that the above Number 66, be Struck off the List of Invalid and Pensioned Sepoys.

Agreed

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Agreed that Mr. Colin Bowerbank Dent be appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper to the Garrison of Chingleput

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Agreeably to the Orders of Yesterday's Consultation the following Letters were this day dispatched.

To Lieut. Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

To Lt. Col: Harper directing him to deliver the inclosed Letter to Mr. Geo: Forster

I wrote to you on the 22. Instant by Order of the President and Council, to which I have not yet received an Answer. The enclosed, under a flying Seal for your perusal, you will be pleased to deliver to Mr. George Forster

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan &c.

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To Mr. George Forster

Sir

To Mr. Forster ordering him to proceed either to Cuddalore or Trichinopoly

I have laid your Letter to me of the 26th Instant before the Honble the President and Council who are pleased to direct that you forthwith proceed either to Cuddalore or Trichinopoly, where you have their permission to remain for the Recovery of your health.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan &c.

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31st Came in the following Letter from Lt. Col: Harper Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

From Colonel Harper advising of his having delivered the Letter inclosed to him for Mr. Forster. and also of his having set at Liberty the Foreigners

I have received your Letter of the 22 Instant, enclosing one for Mr. Forster, which was delivered to him, who said he should immediately leave

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leave the Fort, and that I should see him no more: I have also received yours of the 23.d and according to the Board's directions have let at liberty the Foreigners who were detained here

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I am Sir your Obl.d Servant
W.m Harper

To R. J. Sullivan Esq.r Military Secretary

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Pres.t
Hen.y Brooke
Monday 4.th Nov.r 1776 — Alex.r Palmer — Sam.l Sourdam
Geo: Mackay
Col. Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Mr. George Forster

To Charles Oakely Esq.r
Secretary to the Civil Department.

Sir

From Mr. Forster advising of his having left Tanjore, and declaring that his Journey thither was without the Knowledge of Lord Pigot

I request the favor that you will be pleased to acquaint the Governor and Council that, in consequence of an order issued by them to Lt. Colonel Harper, specifying, that he is not to suffer me to remain within the Fort or Garrison of Tanjour, I have this day taken my departure and mean to proceed to the Residency if the weather and my health, which are both very bad, will permit me

I beg leave to observe, that I am entirely unacquainted with the motives of the Gentleman at the head for their seemingly

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unreasonable riger towards me, but I submitt with all the deference becoming my station.

This reported here, that the reason of my sudden call is owing to a belief entertained of my being sent by Lord Pigot on business to the Rajah - I most solemnly declare, that so far from been sent by his Lordship, I am confident, his Lordship Did not know where I was going.

I think it incumbent on me to make this declaration, that the Shadow of a blame may not be throwen on the character of Lord Pigot on my account -

I remain your most obedient Servant
George Forster

Tanjour
3d Oct. 1776

Ordered, That the Secretary do inform Mr. Forster, that he has been directed to repair immediately to the Presidency, in consequence of his having proceeded to Tanjore without the permission of the Board.

The Sec.y to acquaint Mr. Forster that his being ordered to the Presidency was in consequence of his having gone to Tanjore without obtaining the Permission of the Board.

Read Letter from Mr. Stockwell.

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r
President & Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

In answer to the Letter I received from your Secretary Mr. Sullivan of the 23d. Instant I beg leave to transmit you an Account in which places the Grain was Purchased and Lodged at the 13th. of March, and taken away by the Rajaws People the 23d. of April and when I made Enquery of the People who took Possesion of the Paddy they said it was the Rajaw's orders, and when I sent my Agent to the Rajaw to know if it was by his Orders my Grain was seized, he sent for Answer that it was by Lord Pigot, and if I would bring a

from Mr. Stockwell, with Acct of her Concerns in the Tanjore Country -

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Letter from his Lordship to give up the Paddy, he would then give Orders for its being Delivered up &c

On which Reply I addressed Lord Pigot, but had not the Honour of an Answer thereto, and as I have already had the Honour to acquaint you Honble Sir and Sirs, I made several Applications to the Rajaw but to no Effect he not even Deigning to answer my Letters &c

I also beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board that I have been at a Considerable Expence in keeping People at the Different Villages and have now lost the Season for Disposing of my grain which I hope will be an Object worthy of your Attention, as also the Interest I am now Daily paying for the Money I was oblig'd to borrow.

As this is the Chief Information I can give of the time, Place, and by whose Orders the Grain was taken away from my Agents &c

I beg leave to subscribe myself

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and Humble Servant

Elizabeth Stockwell

Tanjore
28.th October 1776

A List of Merchants Names, Places and Quantity of Grain Bought by Elizabeth Stockwell in the Tanjore Country the 13.th of March 1776

					Coll.	ma.	m.s	Pag.s	Fs.	6.s
From Mrs. Stockwell enclosing a List of the Merchants Names, Places and quantity of Grain purchased by her in the Tanjore Country and requesting the Board will afford her their Assistance in the Recovery thereof	To Paddy Bought of Sopaul Naig at Carpoore				2429.	6.	5			
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Menar Saamedrum	1067.	11.	2			
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Coolure	5082.	8.	4			
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Mahanajaburam	1132.	9.	4			
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Malagarum	137.	.	2			
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Conaryspuram	24.	2.	2			
									Do.	

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" Do. Do. Do.	at Tulanary	397. " 3	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Wombiduwallygam	1889. 3. "	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Tirutcal pulley	455. 2. 2	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Codul Narrule	1143. 2. "	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Arunde Mallgarum	1313. 2. "	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Chandrakerum and prapan Agarum	3116. 11. 4	
To Paddy Bought of Vangubhilly at Pettukotty and Country		25000. " "	
	Collums.	43187. 6. 4	5500. " "

The above Mentioned Paddy were Deposited in the same place were the purchase was made and a proper Certificate was taken from the Inhabitants and Principalls of the said Villages for their Security.

The Grain purchas'd in the Pull Colla Country were Secured in the following Villages Viz.t

Some Paddy at Salu Cave Chettrum

Do. ... at Mannumalody Chettrum

Do. ... at Nennuma Chettrum

The President desired to furnish the Rajah of Tanjore with Copies of the Letters which have been Received from Mrs. Stackwell on the Subject of the Seizure of her Grain in the Tanjore Country

The Governor to furnish the Rajah with Copies of Mrs. Stackwells Letters to the Board on the Subject of her Claims in the Tanjore Country

The Secretary acquaints the Board that the Attornies of Capt. Wood Late Town Major, have desired he will lay the accompanying Bills before them, and in the Name of Captain Wood to request that payment may be ordered accordingly

The Attorneys of Capt. Wood request that Payment be made to them of the Charges therein contained in the accompanying Bills

Bill

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Bill for subsistance and allowances as Captain for the month of August

Bill amounting to Pag.s 52. 16. 6 for his subsistance and allowances for the Months of August as Captain.

Payment thereof granted.

Ordered that it be paid

Bill for procuring Intelligence for one Year

Bill Amounting to Pag.s 187. 6. — for Extraordinary Charges in procuring Intelligence for one Year

The Military to report to the Board whether or not such a Charge has ever been allowed of

Ordered, that the Military Paymaster do examine his Books if such Charge has been heretofore allowed

Bill for Six Months Batta as Town Major

Bill amounting to Pag.s 292. 33. 40. for Six Months Batta as Town Major for receiving, landing and reviewing the Military arrived this Season

granted

Ordered to be paid

Bill for erecting offices and making Repairs

Bill amounting to Pag.s 300 for building Offices and Making Repairs in the Company's House in Admiralty Street

This Charge not to be admitted

Ordered, as no Individual has a priviledge to make any Repairs to Houses of the Company, nor even the Commitee of Works to the Amount of more than 100 Pag.s without the permission of the Board, that these Charges be not admitted

Bill for Pay as Aid de Camp to Lord Pigot from 1. May to 23. Sept.r 1776

Bill amounting to Pag.s 192. 21. 2, — for his Pay as Aid de Camp to Lord Pigot from 1. May to 23. Sept.r 1776

This Charge not to be allowed

Ordered, as Captain Wood received both Pay and Allowances as Captain and Town Major during the above period, that this Charge be not admitted

The Amount of the Bills due to Capt. Wood to be deducted from Pa.s 1500 which Sum he is indebted to the Company and the Ballance to be paid to them by his Attornies

Resolved, that the Amount of the Bills now Ordered to be paid, be deducted from the Sum of 1500 Pa.s due from Capt. Wood to the Company, and that his Attornies be called upon for the Ballance

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

Report from the Chief Engineer of the Persons employed on the Works

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	51.
Tankdiggers	828.
Coolies	206
Lascars	68
Stone Cutters	36
Sundry Artificers	4
Amounting to	1193 People

We have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obt. and most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
3. Novr. 1776

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from
Mr. Saunders

Cuddalore 2. Novr. 1776

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Saunders advising of the Arrival of the Coventry Frigate with the Detachment of Troops from Bombay

This Morning the Coventry Frigate commanded by Captain Marlow came into our Road with a Detachment of Troops from Bombay and some Stores and Baggage — Captain Marlow proposes sailing for Trincomaley this Evening or tomorrow Morning

I am with Respect
Honble Sir,
Your very Obt. and Humble Servant
Edw. Saunders

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President and Govr. of Fort St. George

P. S. The Detachmt. Sunderland consist of 2 Dawes — 3 Ensigns — 1 Surgeon and 1 Mate 53 Rank and File — 1 Jemidar and 4th Sepoys — a Packet for Mr. L. Pine delivered me by Capt. Marlow goes by this Pattamar

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The Europeans from Bombay to proceed to Madras, and be the Sepoys to join their Battalion at Conjeveram

Resolved that the Detachment of Europeans from Bombay be Ordered to the Presidency as soon as the Monsoon will admit of their Marching, and that the Sepoys be ordered to join their Batt.n at Conjeveram forthwith

Read Letter from Bombay

To the Right Honorable George Lord Pigot
President and Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

From Bombay inclosing a Return of the Troops on Board the Coventry Frigate

My Lord and Gentlemen

By His Majestys Ship Coventry We now return the remainder of the European and Sepoy Detachment from your Coast as particularized in the enclosed Return

We remain with Esteem
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Ob.t Servants
W.m Hornby
John Carnac
Robert Gordon

Bombay Castle
4th Sept.r 1776

Wd.m Ramsay

Read Letter and Report from the Committee of Accounts

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

Honble Sir, and Sirs

We

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We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons, and the following are the Remarks that have occurred to Us

Trichinopoly

Lieut. North was paid at Trich.y for his Pay for February, and his Allowance as Adjutant for February and March. By the Regulations there ought to have been drawn for with the Battalion he served in

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To be sent to Trichinopoly

Vellum

There are 3 Bircarrahs continued at Vellum, as there are 4 at Trich.y and 4 at Tanjour we think those at Vellum may be dismissed

Ordered accordingly

Chinglepet

In this Garrison 1 Naigue and 1 Sepoy were paid in April 9 Days Batta from Cuddalore By the Regulations it ought to have been no more than 3

This to be explained

Conjeveram

The Paymaster has charged Batta for Lieut. North and 6 Men attending a Court Martial at Tanjore — Batta is not allowed to officers attending Courts Martial They are to draw travelling Batta and during their Stay in Garrison ought to have had the Allowance lately fixed for this Duty

No such Charge to be allowed in future

Cuddalore

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Orders of the Board

Cuddalore

Two Conicopolys are charged with the 4 Companys of Sepoys — 2 only are allowed to a whole Battalion and We therefore think one sufficient —

One to be discontinued

Sivagapatam

The Paymaster has paid 28 days Batta to Lieut. Davis from the Mount. By the Regulations he ought to have been paid only 20.

Copy of this to be sent to the Paymaster

Ganjam

The 4th. Battalion of Sepoys has to each Company a Vakeel contrary to the Establishment which allows 2 Conicopolys in lieu of the Vakeels —

The Establishment which admits of 2 Conicopolies to be observed at Ganjam as well as to the Southward —

There are in constant pay at Vellour ..... 3 Carpenters
Trichinopoly ..... 7 do.
Vellum ..... 4 do.
Madura ..... 5 do. and 2 Sawyers
Pallamcotah ..... 3 ... 2

we think it unnecessary that any be kept at Vellum, and that the others may be reduced to three for each Garrison —

Ordered accordingly

In the several Out Garrisons the Number of Puckalies charged appears to exceed the Regulations — We wish that an abstract were sent

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in with the Accounts, specifying how they are disposed of, that we may the better judge of the Necessity of their being employed

Ordered accordingly

We observe in the Vellore and Ongole Accounts in April upwards of an hundred Pagodas for Intelligence This appears considerable, but these are Charges on which we cannot with pro. priety pass Judgument – We however beg leave to remark that in the Report dated 9th August 1769 the Committee recommended to the Board that all Bills for Intelligence should be sent in to the Governor that his approbation might be a sanction for the charge We think this Method should be continued, and the Order of the Governor sent in as a Voucher

Ordered accordingly

From the Books of the Committee of Works it appears that the pay of such Lascars as are hired out to the Contractor or other is deducted from the Monthly Pay Roll – We think it would be more regular that the full pay be issued to the Paymaster that the Clerk do keep a daily Account of all that are so lent out, and Monthly pay in the same to the Military Paymaster to be carried to the Credit of the Head which is now debited for the Lascars

Ordered accordingly

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The Commissary General represents that Bills come to him for auditing which are countersigned by the Town Major and sometimes by the Adjutant General We take leave to remark that the Commissary General being the Check - there cannot be any occasion for the Bills to be countersigned by the Town Major, except in the Article of house Rent the Quarters being under the Direction of the Town Major

Approved

The Article of house Rent amounts Monthly to a very considerable Sum - We think a List of the Quarters should be Monthly given in to the Office of the Commissary General by the 25th that he may judge of the propriety of paying the Demands for Houses

The President is desired to direct the Town Major to give in such an Account Monthly

We have read Mr. Casamajor's Letter, and for the Reasons urged by him, the Artificers we think may be continued at Vellour - The Paymaster should however make a Monthly Return of the Number employed in the Storehouses to accompany the Monthly Returns of Stores that the Committee of Stores may be enabled to judge of the propriety of the

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Number

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Number unemployed.

On the Subject of the Letter from Cuddalore regarding the Troops - We have to say that the Regulations express that the Capt. shall have certain Allowances for the Troops but the present Number of Officers exceeding the Establishment we think the Supernumerary Officers do not come within the Contract, but ought to be supplied as Supernumeraries.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Francis Sourdan
Geo. Moubray
Andrew Majendie
Southward

Fort St. George
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Batta to be allowed from place to place prepared by the Commissary Genl

Southward

From Madrass to	Days
Poonamalee	1
Conjeveram	2
Chinglapet	2
Cuddalore	4
Vellore	4
Amboor	6
Tritchinopoly	9
Tanjore	9
Vellum	9
Madura	13
Pollamcotah	16

From Chinglapet to Madrass	Days
Poonamalee	2
Conjeveram	1
Cuddalore	3
Vellore	3
Amboor	5
Tritchinopoly	8
Tanjore	8
Vellum	8
Madura	12
Pollamcotah	15

From Poonamalee to Madrass	1
Conjeveram	2
Chinglaput	1
Cuddalore	4
Vellore	4
Amboor	6
Tritchinopoly	9
Tanjore	9
Vellum	9
Madura	13
Pollamcotah	16

From Cuddalore to Madrass	4
Poonamalee	4
Conjeveram	4
Chinglapet	3
Vellore	3
Amboor	5
Tritchinopoly	5
Tanjore	5
Vellum	5
Madura	9
Pollamcotah	12

From Conjeveram to Madrass	2
Poonamalee	2
Chinglapet	1
Cuddalore	3
Vellore	2
Amboor	4
Tritchinopoly	8
Tanjore	9
Vellum	9
Madura	12
Pollamcotah	15

From Vellore to Madrass	4
Poonamalee	3
Conjeveram	2
Chinglapet	3
Cuddalore	3
Amboor	2
Tritchinopoly	6
Tanjore	7
Vellum	7
Madura	10
Pollamcotah	13

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From Amboor to Madrass	Days 6
Poonamalee	5
Conjeveram	4
Chinglapet	5
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	2
Tritchinopoly	8
Tanjore	10
Vellum	10
Madura	12
Pollamcotah	15

From Vellum to Madrass	Days 9
Poonamalee	9
Conjeveram	8
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	3
Amboor	9
Tritchinopoly	2
Tanjore	1
Madura	5
Pollamcotah	1

From Tritchinopoly to Madrass	9
Poonamalee	9
Conjeveram	8
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	6
Amboor	8
Tanjore	2
Vellum	2
Madura	4
Pollamcotah	7

From Madura to Madrass	13
Poonamalee	13
Conjeveram	12
Chinglapet	12
Cuddalore	9
Vellore	10
Amboor	12
Tritchinopoly	4
Tanjore	4
Vellum	4
Pollamcotah	3

From Tanjore to Madrass	9
Poonamalee	9
Conjeveram	9
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	7
Amboor	9
Tritchinopoly	2
Vellum	1
Madura	4
Pollamcotah	7

From Pollamcotah to Madrass	16
Poonamalee	16
Conjeveram	15
Chinglapet	15
Cuddalore	12
Vellore	13
Amboor	15
Tritchinopoly	7
Tanjore	7
Vellum	7
Madura	3

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Northward

	Day.		Day.
From Madraſs to Ongole	7	From Chicacole to Madraſs	30
Masulipatam	16	Ongole	23
Vizagapatam	22	Masulipatam	14
Chicacole	30	Vizagapatam	8
Sanjam	22	Sanjam	2
Samulcotah	18	Samulcotah	12
Ellore	16	Ellore	14
From Ongole to Madraſs	7	From Sanjam to Madraſs	32
Masulipatam	9	Ongole	25
Vizagapatam	15	Masulipatam	16
Chicacole	23	Vizagapatam	10
Sanjam	25	Chicacole	2
Samulcotah	11	Samulcotah	14
Ellore	9	Ellore	16
From Masulipatam to Madraſs	16	From Samulcotah to Madraſs	18
Ongole	9	Ongole	11
Vizagapatam	6	Masulipatam	2
Chicacole	14	Vizagapatam	4
Sanjam	16	Chicacole	12
Samulcotah	2	Sanjam	14
Ellore	2	Ellore	3
From Vizagapatam to Madraſs	22	From Ellore to Madraſs	16
Ongole	15	Ongole	9
Masulipatam	6	Masulipatam	2
Chicacole	8	Vizagapatam	6
Sanjam	10	Chicacole	14
Samulcotah	4	Sanjam	16
Ellore	6	Samulcotah	3

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Mr. Francis Sourdan represents to the Board that the above Remarks were made previous to the late Change and that Col: Capper attended during the several Examinations but in the Multiplicity of Business that has occured they were omitted to be laid before the Board sooner —

Read Letter from the Council at Anjengo with Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Travencore to the Chief of that Settlement.

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs —

From Anjengo with Intelligence received from the King of Travencore —

The King of Travencore having received Certain Advice from his Carricars, to the Northward, that a Large Body of Troops belonging to Hyder Ally Cawn, Are now under the Direction of Saruda Cawn his General Besieging the Dutch Fort of Cranganore, in the Principality of Cochin; which is so Close upon his own Frontier that Several Shott have fallen within the Line to the Annoyance of his own Subjects: And being Sensible, as he imagines, all the World must be that the Possession of these Dominions is an Object Hyder has for many Years Resolved upon; He therefore, Cannot help being Apprehensive, Should the Least Success attend the Armament Abovementioned in their present Undertaking, that Saruda, Also, knowing his Masters Disposition, may be Induced to pay him a visit, which no doubt, would prove very troublesome, if not totally Subversive of that tranquility his Subjects have for a Long time and do at present Enjoy — And in Consequence of this Advice and these Suggestions his Majesty wrote us an Ola, Recounting the Proceedings of Hyders Jeneral, Concluding with a Request that we would forthwith Acquaint Our Superiors at Bombay, with

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the whole; And, in case Hyder Should Actually fall upon him, he Hoped the Honble Company, in Consideration of his long friendship and the Circumstance of his being admitted a Party in the Last Treaty with that Potentate, would be prevailed upon to Afford him Such Aid as would Enable him to Drive him out of his Dominions, before he had Suffered Much by his Depredations — We have Accordingly Complied with his Request: And as he has Also been very pressing with us to address your Honor &c. to back a Letter which he Says he purposes Writing you, on the present Posture of his Affairs, we thought we could not, without Disgusting him, give him an Open Passport, and, therefore, now Acquaint your Honor &c. to the same Purport, as we have done our Presidency — Not Doubting but such Measures will be taken by you, as shall seem Most Eligible on this Information; and in the Meantime, Should Saruda Cawn March his Troops into the Travancore, a Gentleman from Hence will be Sent to this General to Remind him of the Treaty, Subsisting between the English, the King, and his Master, and to Endeavor, as much as possible to divert him from Committing Hostilities; and shall Acquaint you with the Event as soon as the Knowledge of it arrives with us —

We Remain very Respectfully
Right Honble Sir and Sirs
Your very Obedient and Most humble Servants
Geo: Bigger
Arthur King
B. Carleton

Anjengo
26th October 1776

From the King of Travancore to the Chief of Anjengo —

The King of Travancore's Letter to Mr. Bigger 17th Oct. 1776 —

At the Sea Side of Chittun a Settlement of the Dutch Company's in Sircanamedalagette, the 28th of the Malabar Month, was encamped the

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the Army of Hyder Ally, the 29.th in the Morning after they had arrived at the Door of the Pagoda of Crangenore, they wrote to the Governor of Cochin by two Pattamars, that Euder Cauen without sufficient Cause did not come against the Company's Settlement, and perceiving the Governor of Cochin paid little attention to this his Information, he replied, that the Company had no Lands nor Villages, and as they were Merchants remaining in a place and carrying on their Trade, they ought to render an Account of the profits they had made all this time, and if to the contrary they did not consent, not one Person sho.d remain in Cochin to go to Europe alive, and with the like Expressions wrote on Ola and sent it by the same Pattamar after whipping them, immediately after this, two or four Horses and five or six Sepoys appeared under the Fort of Crangenore, those of the Fort Ordered, that they should not come nearer, that if they did, they should fire on them, not attending to this, the Fort fired one Gun, which they not minding two more were fired and they immediately retired to the same place. The second day at 3 Clock in the Morning about 300 Horse and 1000 Men by three divisions attached the Fort, but by the opposition they met with, 100 to 200 Men and Horse were Killed and Wounded and at 5 Clock in the Afternoon they retired, at Night they arrived and carried away at different times the principal of their Killed and Wounded and encamped again in the said Tircanarnaddelugas. — All this News was wrote by my Barricars who are in the Neighbourhood of Crangenore and that it was delivered up the 2.d of the Malabar Month. — As I have no better friend than the Honble English Company, I have wrote all the News that the President may be informed how the War happened and how some shall fall in the Neighborhood of my Fort, And Hyder Ally without Lawful cause has approached my Dominions; considering if he should do some damage here

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also and Shall approving of his proposing the Roads commanded by one Forts, hope the English Company will assist me — On account of which I shall want 2000 Arms, as Requested and hope you will use your diligence to send them as soon as possible — all the News as soon as it arrives with me, you shall be acquainted with it — God preserve &c.

The King of Travancore —

The President Lays before the Board the following Letter that he has received from the Rajah of Travancore —

To the Honble the Governour of
Fort St. George —

Honble Sir —

From the Rajah of Travancore requesting the Assistance of the Company's Troops in order to repel Hyder Ally, in case he should be attacked by that Power —

Hyder Ally's Troops on the 11th Instant entered the Dutch Limits of Cheltua where they destroyed every thing and the 13th they reached Cranganore and Burnt two Houses close under the Dutch Fort on the 14 they attacked the Dutch but after an Engagement of some Hours were drove back with the Loss of several Men the Place they Attacked is Close to my Dominions and some Shott fell close to my Fort — As I have Intelligence that his designs are Against me and As your Predecessors included me in the Treaty of Peace made with Hyder Ally and to a strict performance of which I have on my part ever adhered —

I am to request As the Honble Company Are my Old and Firm Allys that you will not permit of his entering my Dominions and to make War on me and rely on the Honble Company's Assistance and they may command my Troops whenever may have Occasions —

Wishing you Health and happiness —

I remain — Honble Sir —

Your Sincere Friend —
The King of Travancore

Teriwendaras
20th Octr 1776

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The President to advise the Nabob of the purport of the above advices, the Considerations of the Subject to be deferred until then

Resolved that the Consideration of this Subject deferred untill the President shall have Communicated to the Nabob the purport of the above Advices

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter, received this day from Lt. Col: Harper Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

I wrote you the 27th that I had delivered Mr. Forster the letter you inclosed me, and that he told me he should go off immediately, and I should see him no more, but to my surprise he concealed himself in the Garrison till yesterday, indeed I had intimation the day before that he had been seen, on which I sent people to search for him, and did intend to send him away with a Guard of Sepoys for presuming to stay after his receiving such positive Orders to quit the place, but he must have got intelligence of my intention, as I find he went off in a hurry Yesterday Morning, and I am informed proceeded thirty Miles before he stopped.

This you'll please to acquaint the board of - If you Judge necessary

I am Sir Your Obed.t Servant

W. Harper

Tanjore
1. Nov.r 1776

The Board cannot help observing that Col: Harper has misunderstood their Orders respecting Mr. Forster, - they did not Mean that he should be sent to the Presidency under a Military Guard, - they only directed Col: Harper not to permit him to remain longer in the Fort and Garrison of Tanjore, as he had proceeded thither without their permission

Read Letter from Nabob dated 2. Nov.r entered in Country Correspondance N.o 98 with Paper of Intelligence from Seringapatam, to the following Effect, That Sucharam Bauboo, Nana, Phaar N

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Letter from Hee Majesty with Intelligence from Syringapatanda

and other Chiefs were assembled at Poormdhar and Poonah, without Troops or Money — That Rajobah had quelled Surat, and intended going to Seringapatam, and that Sudabah had with a large Force taken many Forts and strong holds, and was advanced near Poonah. And lastly that Hyder Ally Cawn was making great preparations, and had ordered all his Vassals and Tributaries to hold themselves in Readiness to March, as it was imagined against the Carnatic.

The Gov. informs the Board that the Preparations making by Hyder Ally are not as it was imagined to go against the Carnatic, but against the Maharattas

The President acquaints the Board he understands from the best Intelligence, that the preparations now making by Hyder Ally are intended against the Maharattas, 20,000 of whom he is informed were advanced to the Banks of the River Kristnah, on their way to the Mysore Country.

From Hyder Ally Cawn to the Governor

Read Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn, to the President, congratulating him on his accession to the Government. Entered in Country Correspondance No. 800.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Govr. President

Wm. Brooke

Thursday 7th Novr. 1776

Arch. Palmer

Geo. Mackay

Colonel Stuart and Mr. Sourdan indisposed

The following Draught of a Letter to the Nabob is read and approved. Entered in Country Correspondance No.

To the Nabob

Letter to the Nabob advising the Measures necessary to be taken in Consequence of the Intelligence of Hyder ally's hostile intentions to disturb the Peace of the Carnatick

Your Letter of the Instant, with News of the intentions of Hyder Ally Cawn, I have received this Intelligence has given me much Concern.

As your Highness is of Opinion that the preparations making by that Power, are with a hostile intent to the Peace and tranquility of these parts, I cannot but deem it necessary; considering this Government as the Guardian and Protector of your Affairs in the Carnatic, to represent to you, that our ill Success and great losses in the late War with Hyder Ally Cawn - were amongst other Causes in some Measure owing to your Highness's not having laid up in the different Garrisons sufficient Stores of Provisions at the beginning of the War. This your Highness is well acquainted with, and it is therefore expedient I should take every precaution in my Power, to prevent the like Misfortunes, should this Country be again visited with trouble, and to ensure this, I must recommend the following Matters to your Highness's most serious Consideration.

First it is necessary that your Highness should immediately Order your Killedars in such Forts as are garrisoned by the Company's Troops, to shew to the Commanding Officers in those Forts, such Magazines of Powder and Provisions, as may be collected

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collected in them, and upon no Account whatever to expend any of those Stores without the Knowledge and Consent of the Respective Commandants.

Secondly To ensure success to our Operations, your Highness should order to be collected in those Forts abovementioned Provisions sufficient not only for the Expenditure of their Respective Garrisons, but likewise for our Army should it take the Field. The Provisions I would recommend to your Highness to have collected, are Sheep and Bullocks, Rice Salt and Curry Stuff, also Draught and Carriage Bullocks with their Bags. And that this may be accomplished with deligence and care, your Highness will be pleased to send proper Officers of the Circar to the different Garrisons, whom whole attention should be confined to that Object alone. At the same time your Highness will do me the favor to inform me, what quantities of Provisions are already in Store, and what Addition you may be enabled to Make to them.

Thirdly As Money is the great Spring of Action in times of trouble, it is essentially necessary for me to be acquainted with precision from your Highness, of the Mode you mean to adopt for the payment of the Companys Troops, and of the Expences of the Army should it take the Field. My Mind is anxious in this Respect, for without a Certainty before hand, how can I promise myself Safety to your Country in case of War, whose your Highness knows so well the Manner in which the Rents now in times of Peace are paid into the Companys Treasury.

The ineffectual Applications I have made to your Highness for some time past for Money, as well as the great Representations I have urged to you of the distress We have labored under, even for the Subsistment of our Troops, renders it at length necessary for me to lay before you a Statement of the large Arrears now due by

Your

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your Highness to the Company exclusive of your Old Debt &c.

Your Highness may Remember that a few days after the departure of Lord Pigot for Tanjore, — I took the first opportunity of Urging to you a punctuality in the performance of your Engagements with the Company. You then saw the necessity of following my Advice, and accordingly gave me every Assurance of making good the Payments you had entered into with Mr. Wynch in May 1775 — In consequence of which I received from your Highness in the Course of the Month of April last among other Bills two for 2,62,936 Pa.r payable at Certain periods, which Bills if discharged, with the Several Sums Mentioned in my Letter of the 3. May to your Highness would have completed the above Engagements —

I cannot express to you the happiness I felt at so Striking a proof of your Highness's attention to the Interests of the Company. — but, — how great was my Surprize and Concern to find, on coming to the Government, that there appeared due of those very Bills 125267 P.r

Exclusive of the above Sum of 125267 Pa.r and of your Old Debt, — there appeared due from your Highness to the Company &c.

On the 30.th September on Acco.t of the Sagbire 157000 Pa.r

31.st October on Account of Sondaiwallee &c.a ..... 7550 Pa.r

to which I must add on Account of your ... } 210000
Current Charges from the 1.st May to the 31.st Oct.r ... }

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and with the above 125267 makes in all 499817

From which indeed must be deducted Pa.r 23000

the only Sum I have yet received from your Highness —

I need not point out to your Highness the very Serious difficulties the Affairs of my Employers are reduced to, from this want of punctuality in the payment of your Bills, — but, as it is absolutely necessary that not only this Sum should be immediately discharged, but, that a Certain Mode of Payment should be adopted in future,

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future, I am in the strongest terms to desire your Highness will take such Measures, as will prevent my troubling you with any further Representations on this head.

As in regard to the Interests of my Employers, as well as to the prosperity of the Carnatic has led me to be there Explicit, — and as my Views are turned entirely to the Peace and prosperity of your Country, and to render you truely formedable to your Enemies, I made not a doubt but your Highness will excuse me, for communicatory to you my Sentiments so freely.

The Military Paymaster acquaints the Board, that in Consequence of the Orders of last Consultation, he had searched the Books in his Office, and found one Instance wherein the Town Major had drawn an Allowance for Secret Services. That this instance was in the Government of Mr. Wynch, — when Capt. Wood was Town Major.

As all Bills for Secret Services must be countersigned by the Governor who is alone to procure Intelligence, and as the Bill now before the Board from Capt. Wood on that Account, do not appear to have had the Sanction of Lord Pigot. It is Resolved, that it be not paid until it has the Signature of his Lordship.

Read Letter from Captain Hopkins Commanding at Palamcottah.

To R. J. Sullivan Esqr. Secretary to the Military Department at Fort St. George.

Sir

Letter from Capt. Hopkins acquainting the Board that application was made to him by the Nabobs Renter for a Military Force to go against a Polygar and which he refused to grant.

On the 25th Instant part of the Nabobs third Regiment of Cavalry that were in Cantonments between this Garrison and the Hills took the Field and joined other Troops belonging to the Nabob and are now encamped near to Trinaully, the Renter

sent

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sent me word they were going against the Polygars and Requested of me to let him have five Companys of my Battalion, the Request I told him cd. not be complyd. with without an Order from the Honble the Governor and Council, the great preparations they are making, I am induced to believe is nothing more than to frighten the Polygars, from the extraordinary season of taking the field as the Monsoons are just setting in, As it is a Military occurrance am to Request you will be pleased to lay it before the Honble Board for their information

I am. Sir

Your very humble Servant

Chas. Hopkins

Salam Cottah
28th. Octr. 1776

The Board approve of Captain Hopkins's Conduct in not having granted the Detachment of Troops required of him by the Renter. — Had the Force been necessary, the Nabob would himself have made the Necessary application for it

his conduct approved.

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

I am this Instant favord with yours of the 30th. Ulto. with the Accompanied Letter for Mr. Forster; your Letter of the 22. Ulto was Answered the 27th which I hope has ere this, come to hand. I wrote you yesterday of Mr. Forster's having left the Garrison, and in what manner, He took the Cuddalore Road, I have therefore sent the Letter to Mr. Saunders, desiring he will deliver it to him, if there

From Colonel Harper advising Mr. Forsters having left Tanjore

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

H. Harper

Tanjore
2. Nov. 1776

Read

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Read the following Letter from Captain Murphy to Colonel Stuart with Letters enclosed

To Colonel Stuart Commanding the Troops on the Coast &c.

Sir

I earnestly entreat you will lay the accompanying papers before the Honble the President and Council and obtain their opinion thereon as soon as possible. In my humble opinion the Gentlemen of Vizagh.m have on this occasion stretched the extract from the Honble Board in March 1775 far beyond its tenor, and so far from consulting the Company's Interest (which it expressly says) in the Steps they have taken, that it is rather endangered, as will fully appear by my Answer to them of the 16.th Inst.

From Capt.n Murphy complaining that his Rights as Commanding Officer of the Chicacole Circar have been infringed by the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam and requesting that such a Line be drawn as to prevent in future all Disputes

Since the Honble Company's instructions in 1774, the rights and priviledges of the Commanding Officer in this Circar were never infringed, and this being a very extensive District, with a Number of Tribes among the ajacent Hills, who have given me no small degree of trouble for some Years past, and my Authority being thus abridged by the Board of Vizagapatam, makes it the more necessary that a line be drawn between us, as well to prevent all future disputes, as to enable me to act with more ease, to prevent disturbances, which might affect the Company's revenue

For some time past there have been two Comp.s of Seapoys from this District doing Duty at Vizagh: who from being divided in to Standing Guards forget all the exercise, which is a prejudice to discipline. As there are above three hundred Gunners, Lascarlies, and Seapoy Peons already Stationed there, methinks, they are fully sufficient, for the commonduties of a place of so little consequence and no way tenable; When Request, you will represent this to the Honble Board and get them withdrawn

I

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most respectfull and Obedient Servant
Laur.ce Murphey

Chicacale
19th. Octr. 1776

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitree Dated 16th. March 1775.

The Board are of opinion that it is evidently to be understood from the Spirit and Words of the General Order under date the 26th. October 1774, that all Officers Commanding Detachments or parties of Troops in the Circars or Districts dependant on the Subordinate Settlements, are to comply with all such requisitions as they shall receive from their respective Chiefs and Councils for Military Services, as delays, which might prove prejudicial to the Companys Intrest would frequently happen, were those Officers to wait for orders from the Superior Military Officer in the Circar or District before they complied with each particular Requision from the Chief and Council. — However, to prevent any misconstructions hereafter, I am Commanded to say, that the said Funeral Order is to be so understood and Complied with, and that all Officers Commanding Detachments and parties of Troops in the Circars or Districts dependant on the Subordinate Settlements shall Correspond with the Chief and Councils on all Subjects and Matters, wherein they Used to Correspond with the Chiefs alone.

A true Extract
(Signed) W.m Crawford
Secret.y

A true Copy
Laur.ce Murphey

To Captain Laurence Murphey
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circar

Sir

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Sir

We have received your Letters of the 6.th Ultimo, and 3 Instant, by the former your Hon.r Is to be unacquainted with the Orders of the Honble the President and Council, relative to Officers Commanding Detachments or Parties of Troops, We therefore inclose you a Copy of them that they may be transmitted to the several Officers on Detachment without Delay.

In your Letter of the 3.d you acquaint us, that you had ordered two Companies of the 3.d Battalion to relieve the Sepoys doing Duty here, also, that Ensign Bowser should remain here.

When we resolved on reducing the Number of Troops at Sallore to five Companies, we did not conceive any part of these would have been withdrawn without our permission, nor shall we in future, allow of your relieving any part of this Garrison, without our Consent first obtained, you will therefore in future Act conformably thereto and not relieve or withdraw any Troops Stationed by us, without first explaining the necessity thereof, except in Case of Disturbances when the Service would suffer by delay.

Whenever the discipline of the Troops renders a Change necessary we shall have no objection provided the Situation of Affairs will allow of it.

Vizianaram Rauze having occation for Three Companies of Sepoys at Vizianagaram for a few days, we have directed Lieu.t Roberts to March them thither.

We are, Sir

Your most Ob.t humble Servants

Sam.l Johnson

P. Perring

W.m Crawford

Vizagapatam
13.th Oct.r 1776

(Signed)

a true Copy
L.t Murphy

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I received your Letter of the 13th Instant accompanyed with an Extract from the Honble Board in March 1775, with which I was not hitherto acquainted, but as it literally says. "As "delays which might prove prejudicial to the Company's Interest "would frequently happen, were those Officers to wait for Orders "from the Superior Military Officer in the Circar or District, "before he complyed with each particular requisition from the "Chief and Council &c.a &c.a. I then conceive the true Spirit and meaning of it in a far more extensive light, and that it is only provisional, in times of trouble and necessity, when the Senior Officer is at too great a distance, and not in a direct line with those Detached parties. How wide is the difference now when we are in profound tranquility? when those very Orders you sent to Lieut. Roberts came here by the same Post, and were forwarded from hence? You inform me that you Order'd Lieutenant Roberts to March three Companys of the Rajas Sepoys from the Cumpsum Pass to Vizianagrum; any bad consequences attending this Step will fall upon you, as you have taken it without my knowledge. Those five Companys of the Rajas have hitherto been under the Direction of the Commanding Officer, who has occasionally Issued such Orders as might be necessary concerning them to the Subaltern Officers Stationed with them at the different Out Posts; nor have you until now interfered with the disposition of them. I must then remark that the present Innovation of sending your Orders directly to One of those Subalterns Officers, is extremely Irregular, and as you must be sensible of the impropriety of this manner of proceeding, I expect your future

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future Orders relative to any part of the Troops in this District, will be sent to me; She shall a right to on every occasion, except where such form may be detrimental to the Service.

The two Companys of Seapoys doing duty at Vizagapatam, have been relieved from Sallour and Chicacole a considerable time past by the Commanding Officer, without your previous consent; nor did you find the least fault, when I made the last from hence. Is it not then evident that your Chief aspires, is to lessen my Authority and thwart me in every Respect.

Sam Pc.

L. Murphy

a true Copy
L. Murphy

Chicacole
16th. Octr. 1776

The Chief and Council at Vizagapatam to furnish the Board with the Correspondence which has passed between them and Capt. Murphy relative to the Matter in question.

Ordered that a Copy of Capt. Murphy's Letter to Col. Stuart be transmitted to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam and that they be directed to furnish the Board with Copies of such Letters as have passed between them and Capt. Murphy relative to the Matters in question.

The President lays before the Board the following Paper of Intelligence that he has received from Poonah.

Intelligence from Poonah Dated 13th. October 1776

Ragobah left Surat and Marched along the Sea Side with 300 Mavaligers / or Seapoys / and halted at Nauserray in the Moratta districts. As soon as Sawey Madarow General Zuccaram Barsjee became acquainted with it, he thought it requisite to send an Army against Ragobah, but least Rajobah should run away, he first sent an Ambassadar with a Letter to him with the hopes of prevailing on him to agree to peace.

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In the Year 1757 Sadobah General of the Moratta Army Cousin to Nannah with one hundred thousand Horse marched against Delhi and possessed himself of all the Towns round that place. when Intelligence was brot to Meeran the Commander of the said place he sent his General named Abdalha with one hundred and fifty thousand Horse against Sadobah to relieve Delhi. Abdulha gave Battle to Sadobah and got a compleat Victory it was Reported that Sadobah was Slain in Battle and he was not heard of for about ten years, when a Man came to Ponah soon hearing that Nannah was dead and that the Son of Mahadeverow was in the Government, who pretended to be Soudabah the Uncle of the said Mahadeverow, Mahadeverow fearing that he would claim a part of the Country for his Share, sent him a Prisoner to Ruttanah Gursey Suddah, or Fort upon a Hill, where he remained till last year, when laying hold of the opportunity of Raimchundrah Row Killadar of said Place being absent with his Army, he made interest with his Wife, got out of Prison, usurped the Government, and the Treasure, raised an Army of fifteen thousand Horse, and thirty thousand Foot, with which force he conquered the Coacanah Desoham belonging to the Morattes being South West to Ponah about 120 Miles distance where he remains to this Day, and sent forces so near as fifteen Miles to Ponah selling Formanes or Signs that those Places were in his profession.

Zuccaram Bauboo General to Savoy Madavarow and Colonel Upton being then at Poarandarah Suddah about 30 Miles distance Northwest from Ponah heard this News and immedeately sent for four Officers or Surdars, Mullarjee Bear, Jayapah Sindah, Pillatjee Jaudoo, and Collajee Dumdare, with Order to get in readiness their Forces consisting of twenty thousand Horse to go and attack the pretended Sadobah before he became

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too powerfull.— The four Sardars made Answer that they could not proceed until their Arrears of pay were discharged. Tuccaram Bauboo prevailed on 10,000 Horse to march promising to settle their Accounts and pay them; in ten days, the 10,000 Horses did set out on their March and Halted at five Miles distance, the others were to join them as soon as they received their pay.

The reason of their not Sending Forces before now to Coancanah Dessaum was on Account of the hard Marches they had for four Months; and imagining that Sadahsiv forces being but small it lay in their power to drive him away at any time when they thought proper.—

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Governor President

Monday
11.th Nov.r 1776

Henry Brooke
Arch.d Palmer Jan.s Sourdan
Geo: Mackay

Colonel Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

Read the following Letters from the Nabob

From the Nabob with an Account of the Revenues of the Tanjore Country and the Ballances due to the Circar.s

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated

26.th October 1776

Lord Pigot in his Letter of the 25.th June last, mentioned that it was resolved on the 14.th June "That it is the Opinion of the "Board, that the Nabob had a Right to the Governments Share "of the Crops in the Tanjore Country, the Produce of the Grain down "in the time it was in his Possession, and that any Mortgages he "may have given on the same are good – and further that I was "the best Judge what Information was necessary to be given to his "Lordship from me on this Occasion".

This I fully understood, However his Lordship desired me privately not to give him any Information on this Subject, till he should receive a further Order from the Company. This I can prove by a Paper in his own Hand Writing in my possession, which he privately gave me, desiring I would Write according to it, and which occasioned my Silence on the Subject till now.

His Lordship strongly promised me, that he would, out of the Company's Treasury, pay the Arrears due to my Troops in the Tanjore Country, rather than I should have any Trouble to remove them. This I did not think proper. He also promised me that that the Orders I had given to my Troops and

Creditors

Creditors on the Tanjore Country should be paid, and when the Company's Garrison came into Tanjore, my Troops marched out and stayed at Cumbeconum, depending on receiving their Pay, in Consequence of my Orders and the Promises of Lord Pigot to me, and the Security of Mahomed Nejeb Khan, who had engaged to see them paid, and had for that purpose remained in the Fort of Tanjore—

Though Lord Pigot in the Presence of me and my Counsellors read and approved the Order that I wrote to Mahomed Nejeb Khan, translated by Mr. Chambers, and thought this Order was written fair in his Lordships Presence, and had my Chop affixed to it, and was enclosed in a Letter to Lord Pigot, and by him sent to Colonel Harper, and delivered by the Colonel to Mahomed Nejeb Khan, and Mahomed Nejeb Khan asked the Colonel if he knew the Contents of the Order, and he answered that Lord Pigot had sent him a Translation of it yet when his Lordship arrived at Tanjore, and desired Mahomed Nejeb Khan to quit the Fort, he was informed by him that he had my Orders to remain there, in Consequence of his Lordships promise to me, and therefore was surprized that his Lordship should give him Contrary Orders; his Lordship replied in the Presence of Mr. Chambers, that he did not recollect that he had given any such Promise— This will appear from a Letter of Mahomed Nejeb Khan which he wrote me at that time; a Copy of which I enclose. I have already set forth to his Lordship in my Letters of the 20th Souffra, and 10th Rabbaieul Awerl 1190 Hegira, or 10th and 29th April last, his Lordships Breach of all his before mentioned Promises. Do me the Favor to read all these Letters—

Lord Pigot not only deprived me of the Tanjore Country, and separated it from the Carnatic, but has also injured my

Honor

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Honor and Credit, and consequently I can raise no Money. For when I gave Orders on the Tanjore Country for the Payment of my Creditors, Soucars and Troops, I assured them that they shou'd be punctually paid, but by the Country being taken from me, my Credit is lost, therefore great Confusion is thrown into my Affairs, and I am very unhappy, and it is impossible for me to raise Money. It is even difficult for me to pay even the Company's Rents, but to pay them who are my Friends and have confined Favors on me I attend to above every other Business, and by the blessing of God I will by every means in my Power, raise their Money for them. I have made out and inclosed a List of the Expence of Grain &c. in the Tanjore Country during my Possession of it, of my Advances of Money under great Disadvantages to the Inhabitants, as also Seed Grain, Bullocks &c. for Cultivation, from the Countries of Arcot and Tritchinopoly or by borrowing from other Places. The Demands to my Creditors and Soucars amount to nineteen Lacks, eighty five thousand Pagodas, and the Demands to my Troops amount to fourteen Lacks of Pagodas. The whole to thirty three Lacks, eighty five thousand Pagodas. Do me the favor to obtain this Money for me from the Tanjore Country that my Business may be settle, and that I may be in Peace of Mind. The Necessity of paying off the Troops is above every thing because it is absolutely necessary to bringing my Affairs into good Order, and this Debt to my People attends my Government, and should be discharged according to the Honor of your Governor. Therefore I hope that you will immediately order the Rajah to become answerable to my Cawdy for it, who shall demand it for my Troops — There is nothing else but this Justice that can save my Affairs from immediate Ruin. I have Intelligence from my News Writers and public Report, that it is the Intention of Hyder Aly Cawn, to raise Disturbances in the Payenghaut, and I have Accounts from

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from Tanjore informing me of Sujajee's raising Troops and drawing Military Stores from Negapatnam. A Copy of this Intelligence I enclose. In Consequence of these Reports and to preserve the Tranquillity of the Carnatic it is necessary that my Troops should be cleared off, that they may be ready to join the Company's Troops when Service may require. As I am in every Respect a true Friend to the Company and a well Wisher to the Tranquillity of the Carnatic, I acquaint you early of these intended Disturbances, that you may not lose time in attending to these Matters.

Lord Pigot at the time of Marmet employed those very Troops which I pay under the Company's Orders, to take away by Force the Revenues of the Tanjore Country, though these Revenues were made over to my Creditors and Troops, and no part of that Money went to my Creditors, who had Assignments to the Company nor to Sujajee. I do not know where all this Money could go. If you do not give your Attention now which is the time that the Grain is collected in the Tanjore Country, the Produce will go into the same Channel that the former did. The Explanation of this I submit to the Superior Understanding of you and your Counsellors. — By the Company's Order in regard to Tanjore, and by the unjust manner of executing it, such Confusion has been thrown into my Affairs as I cannot remedy, but I expect the Company will restore me the Country of Tanjore, which is my Right. You are the Representative of the Company and should point out to me the method of settling my Affairs.

Told Lord Pigot a thousand times that his Intention of getting Possession of the Tanjore Revenues, would deeply affect the British Subjects and what I foretold has come to pass. I am convinced that the Company never had any Intention to prejudice my Rights, as I have fully and repeatedly set forth to you.

What can I say more?

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An Account of the Revenues of the Tanjore Country, and the Ballances due to the Circar, as also the Money advanced to the Inhabitants when that Country was in the Hands of the Nabob

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Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton. November 6th. 1776.

From the Nabob enclosing Copy of an Arzdasht of Mahomed Najeb Cawn, Copy of a Letter to Lord Pigot and Copy of an Order to dent to Najeb Cawn.

Since I wrote to you on the 12th. Ramzaun or 26th. October I have repeatedly received Advices from Sanjore Acquainting me that Sulsajee has collected considerable Sums from different Parts of the Country, besides those which in a former Letter I informed you of. Such extraordinary Conduct, in treating the Tenants with Severity in order to oblige them to pay the Revenues before they become due, is very alarming to them, and requires your immediate Care and Interposition. He either Means by so doing to prevent me from obtaining my just Demands on that Country or else has some evil Design to increase my Misfortunes, for I have Intelligence of the Malevolent Intentions of Sulsajee, Hyder Aly Cawn and others, our mutual Enemies. Ever since Sulsajee has been set at Liberty, he has been left to act as he thought proper, there is nothing to Controul him, nor has he considered our Welfare in any one Circumstance. Besides Anticipating the Revenues, he has begun to enlist Troops, and it has been often Reported to me that he keeps up a private Correspondence with Hyder Aly Cawn. From the late Indigestion I have suffered, my Cup of Sorrow was full, but when I receive such Intelligence, and Consider the great Power, and confirmed Enmity of Hyder, and that Troubles may likewise Arise from the Soubahdar of the Decan and the Mahrattas, I am almost driven to Despair and pray to that God to relieve me, who has supported and defended me in so many Difficulties and Dangers, but through all these Difficulties and Dangers I have gone hand in hand with the Company and never till this time had I an Idea that our Int.rs were different. So far as rests with me, they are not, nor ever shall be. My Friendship is deeply rooted, and with respect to what has lately happened I know that the Gentlemen in England will do me Justice.

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My Embarrasments were never so great as they are at present, and my Resources comparatively to those, were never less. Some Sepoys have Mutinied for Want of Pay, and have committed such Irregularities as never before happened in my Government. They pain me to my Heart and Afflict me bitterly. This has entirely proceeded from Lord Pigot taking Tanjore and withholding from me the Revenues thereof our Situation is such as to invite our Enemies to Come against us, and God only knows what will ensue, but be pleased to consider Sir, from whence these Difficulties arose. In the War with Hyder Aly the Carnatic was invaded, and the Loss of the Revenue then was immense. I likewise paid the greatest Part of the Expences of that War, though it was not a War of my seeking, nor entered into on my Account. They were extremely heavy on me, as I joined the Companys Troops in Mysore with a large Body of mine, and by supplying them with great Quantities of Provisions from my own Country, my Debts became very great, as I have before set forth to former Governors. Tuljajee during that time was in Peace and Plenty, and even assisted the Enemy with Money and Provisions to enable them to carry on the War against us. He sent a few Horse to the Assistance of Colonel Wood, but would not pay them their Expences, which the Colonel was obliged to advance, and the Money remains yet unpaid by Tuljajee. When the Colonel left advancing Money, the Troops would no longer serve, and went away.

The Charges of the first Expedition against Tanjore, including the Prize Money to the Army, and the Money paid by me to the Mahrattas, whom the Rajah prevailed on to Come to attempt the Distruction of the Carnatic and they penetrated as far as Wallaspaulk and plundered the Country, exceeded what was Stipulated to be paid me by the Treaty made between my eldest Son and Tuljajee, even had the whole of that Sum been

procured.

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procured, but sixteen Lacks remain unpaid at the time the second Expedition was undertaken.

When Stock Possession of Tanjore in September 1773 I found Subjects indebted to the Dutch, the Danes, and various Individuals to a vast amount. To the two former, but particularly to the Dutch the Raja sold some valuable Districts, a thing incompatible with his Situation as a Vassal. He likewise granted Dumonds to the French which as well as those granted to the Dutch came into my Hands, yet I paid his Debts and redeemed the Districts I also paid his other Debts and besides the Charges of the Expedition made other large Presents to the Army. The Receipts from the Tanjore Country have not even covered me the Money I paid to the Dutch, and the Presents to the Army. Every one has heard, and you must yourself be sensible of the Disadvantages we labored under, and the Misfortunes we were exposed to for want of a proper Body of Cavalry during the War with Hyder Ally. As the Neighbouring Power was considerably encreasing his Cavalry and endeavoring to raise Disturbances in the Carnatic. By the Advice of the Governor and Council I purchased Horses at a great Expence, formed them into Regiments, and gave the Command of them to English Officers, many of whom are in the Company's Service.

When Stock Tanjore in September the Revence of the Year Fezlee 1182 or 1772 An Dom. which ended at the 27th of that Month was entirely gone. I was at very great Expence on Account of the Grain of 1183 Fezlee or 1773 An Dom. The Inhabitants had gone away on Account of the War, I had to use Means to bring them back, and after they returned I had to purchase Cattle for them, and to advance Money to Buy Grain &c. for the Cultivation of the Country. Part of the Circar's Share of the Grain of 1184 Fezlee or 1774 An Dom was laying

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in the Country at the time Tulsajee was released and is still to be Accounted for, as well as the Corps of 1185 Fyzlee or 1775 An. Dom.

Every Endeavor in my Power has and shall be used for remedying the present Distresses, But I must entreat that you will also exert yourself, and Consider, Sir, that it is the Cause of the Company As well as mine, indeed I hope there is no difference between us. By dismissing a great Number of my Infantry, and lessening some of my other Expences, I shall reduce my yearly Disbursements my Considerably. The Revenues of the Carnatic for the present year I have appropriated for the Company so much, that even the Current Pay to my Troops can scarcely be defrayed. The Expences of my House, my Creditors, and the Arrears to my Troops can only be paid from the Tanjore Country. I therefore beg of you in the most earnest Manner I am Capable of, to take speedy Measures for the Payment of my Demands upon it, until we shall hear further from the Company, and no Method appears to me so clear, and in every other Respect so proper, as to assign over me three of the five Soubahs into which that Country is divided, the other two may be disposed of as you may think most proper.

Believe me Sir, the present times are full of Danger, and should a War break out with any of the Princes of India, or Powers of Europe, where are we to look for Money, Provisions, and the other necessary Articles for maintaining it? It surely cannot be to Tulsajee, for he never would Assist us before. On the Contrary, at a time when you were much distressed, and a Member of your Council was sent to apply for Assistance, he treated him in an improper manner, and refused to grant it. If it be on the Carnatic that you are chiefly to depend, is it wise or is it reasonable that I should remain under Wants that are already greater than I have Means to Supply, while one of my Vassals, upon whom I have the most just Demands, should be permitted to withhold them and either dissipate an immense Revenue in Luxury and Wickedness, or be using it to employ against us?

I have taken the Liberty to represent to you several Circumstances which you may be assured are true, and it will therefore be needless for me to say more.

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Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to Lord Pigot 3d. Inst.

From your Intimations I understand, that the Company wish to put an English Garrison into Tanjore; From the first I saw their firm Friend and Well-wisher, and they also have assisted to increase my Honor, and have preserved my Country, my Rights, and aided me in all my Business. I have delivered over all the Forts in my Country to the Care of my best Friends, and from the Steadiness of our Friendship there has never happened any Differences. I have therefore said no more than to explain my Rights. From my openheartedness and immense Friendship, I wrote the 22d. of January, to yield up the Fort to the Protection of my Friends, and I now send inclosed a Copy of an Order to give up the Fort, which I wrote to Mahommed Nuguib Khan Bahadur. From this Business all the World will see how repleate my Conduct with Friendship to the Company and the English Nation. And I am very Certain that when you see what Friendship I bear to the Comp.y you will commend me to them. And I ardently wish that you would desire the Commandant to give Orders in Tanjore that my Rank, and Servants be treated with Friendship and Respect, that the Business of this Country be not obstructed, but that they assist each other. What can I say more

Copy of the Order to Mahommed Nuguib Khan Bahadur dated 12th. Inclosed

The foul Copy of this order was wrote in the Presence of their Highnesses the Nabob, the Nabob Shahamut Jung Bahadur, Omrah Bahadur, and Syud Mahomed Akrum Khan Bahadur, Abdul Rasheed Khan Bahadur, Raya Rayan, Doctor Mary and Boswell, and others, & Mr. Chamber the Company's Munshee

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translated it and shewed it to Lord Pigot who came in at that time and afterwards the contents of the said Order was wrote fair, sealed, and enclosed in a Letter to Lord Pigot, and was delivered to him by his Highness

There is a firm Friendship subsisting between the Company and me, and the Company are my Protectors and Allies, and consider my Friends and Enemies as there is. I have delivered over all my best Forts to their Protection, and have therefore given up the Fort of Tanjore to them. I now write to you to keep 1000 Sepoys in the Fort under your Command, and according as I before wrote send the rest to the Village of Koonkunon to Collect their Pay there. For there will be no Obstruction in the Payment of these and some other Peoples Jaeaws, and they will be certainly satisfied. And after they have received their Wages, send every Man to the Place where he is stationed on the 9th February Colonel Harper will Arrive with the Company's People, Deliver over the Fort to them in a friendly and honorable Manner, and my Friend Lord Pigot has particularly recommended it to the Commandant to take Care to preserve your Honor and Dignity, and in the Affairs of the Country you will give your Assistance whenever there is occasion, and will remain with Friendship and Satisfaction with the Commandant in the Fort—

Perwanah of Mohammed Nuzeib Khan. Wrote the 5th Dunee at Eight
20th Sultee. 1190 Hegriad
— 10th April 1776—

This Morning I went to Lord Pigot, and he asked me if the Nabob's Letter was come, I told him, it was not yet come, he said that the Business he came upon must be carried into Execution, and the People of the Sircar must go from hence. I informed him I had received an Order, that when he came here, whatever he should say,

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to inform you of it, therefore what he says, I certainly will Acquaint you with, Lord Pigot said, that when he departed for Tanjore, he requested You to write an Order to me, that when he arrived here, I and my People should go to Madraſs, but it was not then Wrote, however he says an Order will soon arrive Commanding me to go with my People into the Fallock of the Sircar, or otherwise I shall find it necessary to withdraw them myself From this I understand he will turn me out in a disgraceful manner. I said what your Lordship says, I shall inform his Highness of — I am much concerned about the Pay, and the Jeucaws of the People who are stationed here, and also your Order concerning this Business. I told him particularly I was answerable to the Sepoys for their Pay. He said, he never Agreed to pay the Money to the People that were Stationed here, in short that he never heard a Word about it I then told him, that in the Order of his Highness which I received by means of Colonel Harper the Particulars of the Jeucaws are mentioned, and if he pleased I would send for a Copy of the Order. He said, send for it, I therefore sent for it and shewed it to Mr. Chambers who translated the Contents, and asked him if he had seen these Things. The aforesaid Gentleman explained the Contents to his Lordship, but he said nothing. Mr. Chambers said, that when he had translated it properly into English, and shewed it him, he just looked it over in an in attentive Manner. And after one or two Hours Lord Pigot said, that with respect to the Jeucaws for the Sepoys Pay, he had said thus much, that if the Nabob would give them up to the Command of the Company's People, he would settle their Pay with the Rajah. I remained silent some time, and then told him, that if he did not think about the Sepoys Pay, what would be the Consequence, that his Favor in this was necessary. Lord Pigot said all the could do in this Way, that the Rent which the Company receive from the Sircar, he would not take till a

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Month after it becomes due, I said, if you do not take it till after two Months, What Benefit will that be, the Sepoys must afterwards receive their Pay He said, Without doubt. Your Highness is best acquainted with what Orders you have given in regard to these Peoples's Juncaws. Lord Pigot talks in such a manner that I am quite afraid and have showed this Paragraph to Mr. Chambers

The Letter that came directed to Mr. Chambers, I have delivered to him

Ordered to lie upon the Table for further consideration.

Read Letter from Mr. Robert Turing.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr. Robt. Turing Surgeon requesting an Appointment to the Southward

I did myself the honor of addressing the board the first of August last on the subject of my long detention at the Presidency, but being uncertain of the boards resolution concerning it, my present disagreeable state of suspence compels me most earnestly to entreat that your Honors will permit me to proceed to the Southward in order to fill up either of the vacancies of Tanjore or Trichinopoly, or where soever else the Honble Board may be pleased to nominate me

I am with great respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your Obedient and very Humble Servant
Robert Turing

Madras
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Ordered to lie upon the Table

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer with an Estimate of the Repairs wanted to the Company's Buildings amounting to Pags 365, 28, 3

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

I have the honor herewith to lay before you an Estimate of the Annual Repairs for your approbation.

From Colonel Ross with an Estimate of Repairs wanting to the Company's Buildings.

As the Alterations proposed for turning the Old Artillery Barracks into Quarters for Officers and the Armourers Godown on the South Side of the Fort Square into Appartements for Civil Servants and Making a Godown wanted at the Export Ware House are greater works than I think should come within the Contract at the prices for Repairs I have not included the Estimate of them in the Annual Account - From the Calculate I have made of their Expence I think the Contractor might be allowed.

For the Alteration of the Artillery Barracks 892
Do ... Fort Square into 6 double and 2 single Quarters ... 1695
Do ... Godown at Export Ware House 600

As the Bricks of the first Sort have all been wrought up in the Fortifications I should be glad to know if you approve of those of the second Sort being used for the Repairs in such Situations as are not exposed to the Weather.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servt
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. and Chief Engineer

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Ordered that the Repairs be made accordingly.

Approved, the Alteration of the Artillery Barracks into Officers Quarters at the Estimated Expence of Pags. 892 and Ordered accordingly.

Ordered accordingly

Approved

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Approved, — the division of the Armourers Godown on the
Ordered accordingly South Side of the Fort Square into 3 Double and 5 Single Apartments
at the Instance of Pag.r 1695, and Ordered accordingly —

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that the
proposed Godown at the Export Ware House, is part of the House bought
of M.r Stratton, and will save the renting of a Godown which would
cost 15 Pag.s p.r Month —

Ordered, that the Godown Recommended be made
Accordingly.

Resolved, that the Apartments to be made on the South
Side of the Square, be Converted for the Conveniency and dispatch of Public
Business, into Offices for the following Employs —

1 Double Sett — Military Paymaster Generals Office
1 D.o . . . . Commissary Generals Office
1 D.o . . . . Superintendants . . . Office
1 Single Apart.t — Civil Paymasters . . . Office
1 D.o . . . . Committee of Works . . . Office
1 D.o . . . . Agents Office for Bullocks and victualling the Troops.
1 D.o . . . . Military Storekeepers Office
1 D.o . . . . Garrison Storekeepers . . Office

Ordered, that on the Outward Door of each Sett of Apartments,
the Name of the Office be wrote in large Letters —

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13th Wrote the following Letters agreeably to the Minutes of Consultation 11th Inst.

To Samuel Johnston Esqr.
Chief and the Council at
Vizagapatam
Gentlemen,

To Vizagapatam with Copy of a Letter from Capt. Murphy - desiring them to give every Information relative to the matter therein contained.

The Honble the President and Council have directed me to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Capt. Murphy Commanding in the Chicacole Circar to Colonel Stuart. - And at the same time to desire you will give them every such information as may be necessary on the Subjects alluded to in the said Letter -

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obl. H. Servant
R. J. Sullivan &c.

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To Lieut. Colonel Ross,
Chief Engineer.
Sir,

To Col. Ross, directing that the Repairs wanted to the Company's Buildings be forthwith made &c.

Your Letter to the Honble the President and Council of the 4th Inst. with an Estimate of the Annual Repairs has been Received - and in Reply, I am directed to acquaint you, that the Board approve of the Alteration of the Artillery Barracks into Officers Quarters, at the Estimated Expence of Pags. 892. and Order it accordingly. That they approve of the Division of the Armourers Godown on the South Side of the Fort Square into 3 Double and 5 Single Apartments at the Expence of Pags. 1695. and direct that it be forthwith set about. And that they likewise Approve of the Making the Godown for Pags. 600 wanted at the Export Warehouse. The Bill of the Amount of Annual Charges has also met with their Approbation.

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The Board have given it me further in charge to acquaint you that the Apartments to be made on the South Side of the Fort Square, are to be converted into the following Offices —

1 Double Apt. — Military Paymaster Generals Office.
1 Do. ..... Commissary Generals Office
1 Do. ..... Superintendants Office
1 Single Apart. — Civil Paymasters Office
1 Do. ..... Committee of Works Office
1 Do. ..... Agents Office for Bullock and victualling the Troops
1 ..... Military Storekeepers Office
1 Do. ..... Garrison Storekeepers Office

On the Outward Door of each Office, — the Name of it is to be wrote in large Letters. —

I am Sir —

Your most Obedient H. Servant
R. J. Sullivan Secy

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At a Consultation Present —
The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Govr President
Henry Brooke
Arch. Palmer — Franc. Lourdan —
Geo. Mackay
Colonel Stuart indisposed.

Monday
18th Nov. 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of the Representations he had made to the Nabob of the great distress the Company were in for want of Money, that he had delivered him Bills on Sundry Persons and Ready Money to the Amount

The President acquaints the Board that he has received from the Nabob Bills and Ready Money in full for the Jaghire, of Arcot & Pondamalle, and in full of his Accot amounting to Pags 2825/15. 28. 58 —

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Amount of Pag.s 282515. 28. 50. One Lack in full of a Kist due for the Sajhire the 30.th Sept.r, On Account of Pundamallee Fs. Due 31.st Oct.r Fa.s 17550 — and the Remainder in full of his Acc.t to the 30. April last that the Bills for there Sums had been accepted and were payable in this and the next Month. The President further acquaints the Board that having applied to the Nabob to settle his Kists for the ensuing Year on Acc.t of his Debt and Current Charges, he had assured him, he would do so, so soon as he was furnished with his Accounts to the 30.th April last. The Superintendant informs the Board, — that the Nabobs Accounts to that period are now preparing, and that he will lay the same before them at the Next Consultation. Ordered in consequence that a Letter be prepared to accompany them —

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from the Nabob together with the Deposition inclosed. —

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated 16.th November 1776.

From the Nabob inclosing the deposition thereto Imaum Sahadar &c. respecting the seizure of the Dubbees —

I have sent inclosed for your Information the Depositions of some Sepoys and others, who were Stationed at Arialore, under Naru Debere Pundut, at the time that the Company's European Troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain Jonin came by Lord Pigots Orders to Arialore, which is close within my Country, and forced away the Centries, and carried off the Dubbees and other Servants with all their Accounts from under the Walls of the Fort of Arialore, although I had a strong Garrison in the Fort, and a Regiment of Cavalry Quartered very Near —

What Can I say More?

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P.S. Lord Pigot in a Letter to me dated 13th May says, that the Gates of the Payenghaut will not be shut again at the Company's Troops. Be kind enough to peruse a Copy of that Letter.

Translation

Deposition of Sheik Imaum Summadar, and Twenty three Sepoys belonging to Naig Naick Commandant and Merdapah Naick Hawaldar and thirteen Sepoys belonging to Rumanay Soubahdar of the 10th Battalion, who went from Cumbeconum to Arrialore with Narrue Pundut Debier – As also the Depositions of Sukeram son of Vinment Sing, and Ragonaig son of Rungup Naig, who were Centrys at the Door of the Debier's house, contain to the following purport –

The Company's troops of Horse being the Guard of Lord Pigot arrived at about Nine Clock in the Morning, and dismounted. The Captain, a Debashe, and a Bramin who came in palliankeens attempted to enter the Debiers house, but the said Sukeram and Ragonaig stopped them, and were asked by the said persons why they did so, they answered that they were in the Service of the Nabob, and that they had not Received Orders to permit them to enter the house – The Debashe said that they had the Nabobs order to take Possession of the Tanjore Country – The Captain put aside the Centrys with his own hands, and entered the house together with the said Debashe and Bramin. As the Centrys had no orders to oppose with Violence, they did not use any – The said Captain, Debashe and Bramin talked with the Debier for some time and then put their Troopers as Guards on his House, in Front and Rear – The Troopers forced the Centrys Arms from them so violently that they broke the Stock of one firelock, and they obliged the Guard of Sepoys to go away – The following Night the Troopers carried away the Debier, and the Sepoys followed them as far as

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the vicinity of Tondy which is eight Cose distant from Nimalore, but as the Troopers would not allow them to come near the Dubir, they returned to Nimalore, and the Troopers pursued their way with him to the Fort of Tanjore

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob having mentioned in his Letter of 3.d October

"Lord Pigot in a publick Letter of the 25.th June wrote of "his Intentions of giving me the Grain of the Tanjore Country "but privately sent an English draft of a Letter written in his "own hand that I might write one conformably to it" he had in Consequence applied to the Nabob for a Copy of that Letter. that the Nabob accordingly sent him the Original Letter in Lord Pigots own hand writing of which the following is a true Copy

Letter sent by Lord Pigot to the Nabob

I have received your Letter of the 23.d July. Being happy upon every Occasion to convince you that I sincerely wish to be guided by the Judgement of the Company, I will let my Claim to the Government Share of the last Years Crop of the Tanjore Country remain as it is, until their Pleasure be known &c.

I never will give up my Pretensions and what I think my right to the Tanjore Country in General, but the same Inclination which leads me to testify my Desire of conforming to the Company's Pleasure prompts me to tell you that you may dispose of Mannamanta Puddy and Arney in the Manner you may think most conformable to the Wishes of the Company relying upon their Justice

With respect to the Trepassore &.c Districts I wish to rent them upon the Company's Terms. The Rent I pay is large

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but I will in a few Days let you know what I think is their real value. What can I say more?

Minute of the Board respecting the Reduction of the Peapoy Batts. and the Arrangement of the Troops in General

Sir Robert Fletcher in a Minute entered on Consult: 27. May having represented that the present Establishment of a Thousand Men to a Batt: of Peapoys is productive of many inconveniencies to the Service and recommended that all the Batts. should be divided and the Establishment fixed in future at 500 Rank and File. The Board proceed to take the same into Consideration

It were to be wished that when deliberating on a matter of this Nature we could avail ourselves of the advice and abilities of Col: Stuart, but as his Indisposition will render it impossible for him to attend Council for sometime we cannot longer delay taking the Subject under Consideration as it appears to us absolutely necessary that not only the Battalions should be reduced but at the same time an Arrangement of the Troops should take place as soon as possible, in order that we may be prepared to take the field on the shortest Notice should Hyder Ally or any other power invade the Carnatick

We are sensible of the justness of Sir Roberts Representations, but we think that the Reduction he proposes is too great particularly if the Army were in the Field when we could not expect from Sickness and fatigue to keep together more than 300 of each Batt.n fit for Service. — of this Sir Robert was himself convinced, and we have every reason to believe he would have proposed another Arrangement, had the Matter been agitated before his departure for the Coast. — The opinion of Col: Stuart on this Subject as well as that of the Principal Field Officers, we also find to be conformable to the Sentiments we have here expressed, and that it was the intention of Col: Stuart to propose that each Battalion should be reduced to 700 Men Rank and File, and that 7 more

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Battalions should be raised from those Draughts which would compleat the Corps on the Coast necessary for the defence of the Carnatick and the Circars. The President having received from the Adjutant General a plan which he desired he would prepare, that he might have it in readiness to shew the Acting Commander in Chief for his Approbation if well enough to enter upon business by the first Consultation now lays the same before the Board, together with the present Establishment, and the Expence of a Battalion of Sepoys. by the foregoing and the Statements but before the Board by the President it appears that a very inconsiderable expence will be incurred and the service will be much benefited, for should it hereafter be thought necessary upon a Rebellion for the field, Draughts of both Officers and Men may be made from the Battalions that are in Garrison, which Draughts can be replaced by other Officers from the European Corps and Recruits, but we are clearly of opinion the proposed Establishment is better calculated for service than a near thousand Men being too great a Number for a Captain to command and too unwieldy a body to be properly manoeuvred. Resolved therefore that the Establishment of a Battalion of Sepoys be in future fixed according to the foregoing Arrangement, and that the Men who are so Reduced be formed into Seven new Battalions which are to be raised and commanded by Captains, dependant of the many advantages that will result from the Battn. of Sepoys being properly disciplined another Object of the greatest consequence will thereby be answered which properly falls under the Arrangement we think it now necessary to make of the Troops.

We have frequently had under our Consideration the Stationing a certain body of Troops in some Centrical Situation, a plan

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plan which has been earnestly recommended by Generals Coote, Smith and Fletcher and the necessity of it is evident. During the time that General Smith was in the command of the Army he was sent by the Board, to find out a proper Place for a cantonment and we are informed by Major Horne, (who attended him as Quarter Master Gen.l) that the Gen.l visited for this purpose Conjeveram and the bounds of the Company's Jagr and he then thought the most convenient Spott for a cantonement was on a rising ground between Chem- glepet and Conjeveram on the Banks of the River Pallar, the situation being centrical, healthy and well watered, and such as would cause no inconveniency to Conjeveram or any of the large Towns. — After considering the great Expence of the buildings that would be required for the Officers and Men and the quantity of provisions necessary for the consumption of so large a Number of Men with their Family and Attainers, this Plan was laid aside for the cantonements would cost at least — an expence which the Company would not, approve of the Nabob would not consent, to be carried to this Account — with Respect to the inconve- niency of the Troops being supply'd with provisions it might on the first view appear easily obviate — but on a moderate estimate of the different Sorts and the quantitys which it may be suspend the neighbouring Countrys, could supply in one year, many difficulties occured and it was thought too great a Hazard to put it to a Tryal. — To obviate this therefore and at the same time to have a respectable Force stationed as nearly to each other as possible, Major Horne laid before General Smith a plan for a Chain of Cantonements which he entirely approved of, as it effectually protected the Company's Jagueire and of fixing head Quarters near the Center, where the whole could join at the shortest Notice — The Advantages that would result from an Arrangement of this sort are —

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1st The Troops would be more easily supplyd with provisions.

2d Much expence would be saved in Quarters for the Officers as old buildings in the different places might be made habitable at a small Cost, and the Seapoys off duty could build themselves huts or pandals. And lastly they would have a place of Security for their family and Effects.

The places proposed for these Cantonements are Viz.

1st Batt.n to be stationed at Tripatore where they could be supplyd with provisions from the Nward and westward of it.

2 Batt.n to be stationd at Conjeveram, to be supplyd with provisions from the Countreys West of that place.

1 Batt.n at Putramallour to be supplyd with Provisions Westward.

1 Batt.n at Poonamallee to be supplyd with Provisions from the Countreys Southward.

This is the Outward Chain composed entirely of Seapoys—

the interior Stations are Chinglepat, where another Batt. should be stationd, and the Regt. of European — The above Force can be assembled and any part of the Artillery can join them from the Mount on the Shortest Notice. It is also proposed that as these Troops might have a more extensive knowledge of Line Duty, they should be drawn together and encamped on Conjeveram plain during one Month in every year, where they should be perfected in the Several Duties of a Camp and then reviewd by the Commander in Chief, who would distinguish such Officers as had their Corps in the best Order. The time of the year for drawing these Troops together would however best at the breaking up of the Monsoon, when the Weather is cold and healthy, fit for labour and exercise — besides it is at that Season of the Year when it is necessary to have a Body of Troops assembled together — The Mahrattas if they threaten the Country move to the Southward as soon as they

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they can cross the Kistnah and Hyder Ally Cawn will chuse that Season of the Year should he ever again disturb these parts. – a formadable Body of Troops therefore thus drawn together at that time might deter either, and encourage the Inhabet.ts of the Country to remain in their several Villages and peaceably gather in their Corps.

The Board having duely weighd and considered the foregoing plan are of opinion that it is the most eligible, considering all circumstances, that can be adopted, and it is therefore Resolved it takes place as soon as possible, and that the following Arrangements be made in Consequence.

The above Arrangement of Troops does not include the Force that may be deemed necessary for the defence of the Tanjore Country. That is deferred to a future Consideration.

The Board being desirous of having Col. Stuarts sentiments on the foregoing Arrangements, It is Resolved that they do not take place untill the Minutes on this Subject are first communicated to him, as we hope he will be so far recovered in a short time as to give in his Opinion thereon.

Resolved that besides the Rolls of the Mens Names in each Battalion that a Register be by the Commanding Officer of each Battalion.

Stating the length of Service of the Warrant Officers, Havildars and Naicks and Sepoys in their respective Battalions according to the following form.

The Battalion of Sepoys.

Stations		Length of Service	
Subadars		Years.	Months
1	The Commandant of		
3	of		
2	of		

&c.

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&c.a	&c.a	&c.a
Sumdars		
6		of
5		of
10		of
&c.a	&c.a	&c.a
Hawildars		
12		
10		
4		
Naicks		
20		
3		
5		
8		
Drafroys		
180		of
300		of
130		of
100		of
&c.a		of

That in the Roll book of the Battalions containing the Names of the Subdars, Sumdars, Hawildars, Naicks and Drafroys the time of their first entering into the Service, when discharged what Batt.n they served in & their Ages and Country be particularly specified opposite their Names.

Capt.n Lyeaghts Batt.n removed to Roka, and Capt.n Candlers to Masulipatam.

Ordered, that Captain Lyeaghts Battalion be removed to Roka, and that Captain Candlers Battalion be removed to Masulipatam.

List of Promotions.

The following Appointments to take place.

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13th Carnatic Batt:— Capt: James Johnston. Lt. Richard Anderson Adjt.
7th Circar Batt:— Capt. Thomas Bridges. Ensign James Mackay Adjt.
14th Carnatic Batt: Capt. Donald Campbell. Ensign Jos: Little Adjt.
15th Carnatic Batt: Capt. John Davis. . . . Lieut. John Cuppage Adjt.
8th Circar. Batt. Capt. Thomas Rowles. Lieut. George Wahab Adjt.
16th Carnatic Batt Capt. Thomas Lane. Ensign James Richardson Adjt.

Lieut. George Conyngham to be Capt. date of Rank 18th Nov. 1776
Lieut. Richard Godfrey . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 19th Do.
Lieut. Charles Lucas . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 20th Do.
Lieut. Samuel Blake Eyre . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 21st Do.
Lieut. Thomas Burrows . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 22d Do.
Lieut. John Oldham . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 23d Do.
Lieut. Thomas Leche . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 24th do
Lieut. Dugald Campbell . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 25th do.

Lieut. Jam.s Baker Evance to be Captain of Invalids date of Rank 18th do.
Ensign Thomas Smith to be Lieut. . . . date of Rank. 18th do.
Ensign Cromwell Massey . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 19th do.
Ensign Savage Bowden . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 20th do.
Ensign Charles Sale Pebbey Do. . . . Do. . . . . 21st do.
Ensign Talbot Ford . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 22d do.
Ensign Edward Hartley Montague Do. . . . Do. . . . . 23d do.

Mr. Alexr. Dyce Cadet. . to be Ensign. . . . date of Rank 18th Nov. 1776
Mr. Orton . . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 19th Do.
Mr. John Wood . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 20th Do.
Mr. Alexr. Beatson Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 21st do.
Mr. Donald MacDonald . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 22d do.
Mr. William Grant Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 23d do.
Mr. Henry Keating. Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 24th do.

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20th Came in the following Letter from Anjengo with a packet for the Governor General and Council which was dispatched to them that Night.

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

Right Honble Sir and Sirs

Letter from Anjengo enclosing one to the Gov.r Gen.l and Council at Bengal

A Boat Being just now arrived from Bombay with a Letter from our Superiors, Enclosing the accompanying Packets addressed to your Honor &c. and the Gover-nor General &c. Council at Fort William, Which they direct us to forward with all Expedition, We Accordingly dispatch them Express to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah, Whom We have Requested to transmit them to your Honor &c. in the Securest Manner possible

The Packet for the Governor Gen.l &c. Council, your Honor &c. will please to send thither by the first Opportunity.

We remain with great Respect

Right Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient and Humble Servants

Geo Unger
Thos Boger
B.j Carleton

Anjengo
8th November 1776

23d Received the following Letters

Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Gunjam advising that Suggaramdoo has fled the Distagerry - that Capt.n Campbell has placed Guards in the Country for the protection of the Crops

Since our last of the 29th Ultimo Captain Coudler has pursued Suggaramdoo over the Hills to the Western extremity of Bimdoor Khimmedy, where he is now encamped on an high Mountain

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Mountain called Outagerry with about 300 Followers; The rest of his people are dispersed over the Country, but conceal themselves from our Sepoys.

The Hill people as yet seem much averse to Plundering, and the Inhabitants have for the most part fled to the Adjacent Zemindaries - The several Zemindars have been enjoined not to afford them refuge, but to send them immediately back to their respective Villages.

Captain Candler has placed Guards in most of the Villages of the plain Country for the protection of the Crops, and has given it to Us as his opinion, that until the Rajah has established a sufficient Body of Troops of his own to secure and maintain the Country, it will not be safe to withdraw any part of the Detachment.

Since the Troops took the field, Captain Candler has had 5 Sepoys killed and 6 or 7 Wounded.

We have the honor to be very respectfully -
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Charles Smith
R.t Raymond
Tho Degnelry
Rob.t Hughes
F Huddleston

Sanjam
9th Nov.r 1776

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

Sir

A Sepoy in 11 days from Seringapatam, has just brought me the following intelligence - Viz.t

That Hyder Ally has a body of 10.000 Horse assembled at Seringapatam and has issued orders for 15,000 More to be embodied

From Sanjam
with Intelligence that
Hyder Ally has as-
sembled a large Body
of Troops at Seringa-
patam and intends
entering the Carnatick

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embodied with all speed. — That his Stores, field pieces, tents and other field equipage are all completed — That it is the common opinion at Seringa.m that he intends entering the Carnatic and by the way of Changamah, as his Troops have been lately examining that pass — That great rains have fallen in the Mysore Country and from the badness of the Roads it will be impossible for Troops to move in less than a fortnight —

I shall order out people immediately to the different passes into the Carnatic, that I may give you timely Notice, should his intentions be against either which way he enters —

I Remain — Sir —

Your most Obed.t and Humble Serv.t

W.m Champneys.

Bombay
20.th Nov.r 1776 —

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r President
H. Brooke
H. Palmer
G. Mackay

F. Sourdon —

Monday
25.th Nov.r 1776

Colonel Stuart indisposed —

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read the following Letter from the President and Council of Bombay —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen —

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From Bombay desiring to be furnished with whatever Information may be necessary in Order to explain the Regulations that have taken place for supplying the Hospitals by Contract and advising that the Duty on Copper is raised to twenty p Cent.

We have been favored with your Letter dated the 5th. of August –

Our last Letter by his Majestys Ship Coventry advised the Return of the Detachment belonging to your Presidency and We have now the pleasure to enclose sundry Accounts of Pay and Provisions supplied them which could not then be forwarded –

Not having Received any Intimation either from you or the Governor General and Council of a Want of Tonnage either of your Presidencies We have resolved to return the Latham to Europe from hence, and propose dispatching her early in next Month –

The Marquess of Rockingham arrived here from Great Britain on the 30th. Ultimo –

We have for some time past had under Consideration the introducing a thorough Reform in our Hospitals, the Expences of which have been very great, and the Honble Company having recommended to us to attend to the Military Regulations established at your Presidency so far as Circumstances will permit, We have granted to our Surgeons a Contract in general Terms for furnishing our Hospitals with every Article of Supply, upon the same Conditions as enjoyed by your Surgeons who We understand possess this Emolument – Our Want of more perfect Information will preclude Us from being more particular in our Engagement until We hear from you on the Subject, the Regulations in your Military Instructions not appearing sufficiently explicit, We therefore request you will furnish Us by the first Opportunity with the most compleat and particular Intelligence respecting every Branch of your Hospital Expences, and your general Method of conducting that Department –

We also wish to Receive the most exact Information on the following Points –

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What is the precise Allowance p.r Diem in Fanams and Cash made to your Surgeons for the sick Europeans? What Articles are supplied for this Charge? How many Fanams are reckoned to the Pagoda in adjusting the Hospital Accounts? By whom and at what Rate are the Europe and Country Medecines and Instruments supplied? If an Hospital for the Sepoys is established upon what Footing is it conducted, or should there be none, as We are informed is the Case how are the Expences of the sick Sepoys defrayed and what Allowance is made for them? And with respect to Medecines &c.a for Private Practice and the Dispensary, how are they supplied and what Charge is permitted on this Account?

We request your Lordship and Council will furnish us with a further Number of your Books of Military Regulations.

The Communication between this Place and Madras by the usual Route being now rendered exceedingly precarious owing to Hidabas Army being in possession of the Passes, We dispatch this Letter by the way of Bengal which We now propose as the most eligible Channel for our future Correspondence

There being a very large Quantity of Copper belonging to the Honble Company laying in our Warehouses, the Sale of which has been greatly obstructed by the Importation of Private Copper, We have found it expedient to raise the Duty upon that Article to twenty p.Cent which Resolution We think it necessary to communicate to the other Presidencies.

We have the Honour to remain
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Wm Hornby
John Carnac
D. Draper
Robert Gardner
Inder Ramsay

Bombay Castle
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Ordered, that the Military Paymaster be furnished with a Copy of the Paragraphs relating to the Hospitals, and that he deliver in to the Board Replies to such Queries as are not answered in the Book of Military Regulations; that Books of Military Regulations be sent to the Gentlemen at Bombay, and that a Letter be prepared acquainting them, that the Board thinking the Hospital Charges enormous, have now under Consideration their Reduction; and the Means of putting the present Hospital Establishment upon a better footing.

Orders in Consequence

Ordered, that the Accot. of Advances to the Madura Detachment, and Accot. of Provisions Shipped on the Country be referred to the Military Paymaster.

Read the following Letter from Cuddalore.

(Civil Department)

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Cuddalore desiring the Orders of the Board on a Bill presented to them by Mr. Peters Surgeon.

We have the honour to enclose your Honour &c. Copy of a Bill drawn on our Paymaster here by Mr. James Peters Surgeon to the Detachment lately returned from Bombay, and request your Directions whether it shall be discharged here.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Edwd. Saunders
Wm. Maitland
E. H. Fallofield

Cuddalore
11th Novr 1776

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The Secretary is ordered to acquaint the Council at Cuddalore that Mr. Peters should have advised of the Medicens sent on the Greenville and should account for those on the Coventry, that the Bill must be returned to Mr. Peters and that he be desired to reexamine the Charge of 175 Pd. 32 48 which, being for Lint, Bandages &c. and Country Medicines for 46 Days only, appears to the Board extravagant

Orders in Consequence

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Capt. Murphy and papers transmitted by him to Colonel Stuart

To Colonel Stuart Commanding the Troops on the Coast &c.

Sir

From Capt. Murphy enclosing Letters from the C. of Vizagapatam to him, and his Answers thereto

Since I had the pleasure to address you last I received two Letters from the Board of Vizagapatam Copys of which with my Answer I now enclose, and request you will present them to the Honble Board with the rest of those papers

I am to inform you that the Raja's three Companys of Seapoys are not yet returned to the Garrison Safe

I have the honour to be with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Chicacole
4th Novr 1776

Laur.e Murphy

To Captain Laurence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circar

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 16th Instant, and must observe to you, that we see no reason, from what you have

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have remarked on the Orders of the Governour and Council transmitted to you in our last, to alter the Opinion we had of their meaning, We shall therefore expect, you will pay a proper attention thereto – You tell us that the permission we gave to Lieut. Roberts to march the three Companies from Coorpum to Vizianacaram, was done without your knowledge, though, in another part of the same Paragraph you acknowledge our having informed you of it, if you mean that we did not consult you on the prosperity of the Measure, and that till Consequences might attend it, not having your approbation, we must refer you to our last Letter, in which sentiments we continue –

We have only further to remark, that the Style of your Letter is conceived in terms not consistent with that Respect which decency requires in your addresses to this Board, and we hope you will not in future give us cause to repeat this Observation to you –

We are

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Samuel Johnson

P. Perring

H.y Williams

W.m Crawford

Nath.l Barlow

Vizagapatam
30th October 1776

(Signed)

A true Copy
L. Murphy

To Captain Laurence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circar

Sir

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We are informed you have thought proper to with-
draw a Guard of Sepoys from Sundavaram which were
granted by Us to the late Pyakarow and Maliond by him
there, you will please to acquaint Us with the Reasons that
may have induced you to act in this Manner, till when
we shall defer making our Remarks thereon, In the mean
time we desire you will send another Guard to the place from
whence the other has been removed

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Samuel Johnstone
P. Perring
W.m Williams
W.m Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

A true Copy
L. Macarthy

(Signed)

To Samuel Johnstone Esq.r
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

I received both your Letters of the 30th Ult.o and agreeable to
your desire, have Ordered a fresh guard of Sepoys to Sundaveram
The Naig of the Old Guard is ready to attest, that he was never
posted at that place in Peterows Lifetime; but on the contrary,
constantly attended his person wherever he went. This Rajas
Decease, who I am told, has left no Heir or Successor, to whom
the protection of a few Sepoys might become requisite, induced
me to call them in; as I wish to collect the people together to
learn the new exercise, while the cool weather prevails.
Besides, you never untill now informed me, that this guard

was

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was granted by your Order, or of your desire to have one continued there —

I have attentively perused my last Letter to you and cannot discover that it favours the least of disrespect; as it only contains a plain Statement of facts. But as I have the honour to be in a publick Station as well as yourselves, I must also remark, that decency requires I should not be treated with disrespect —

I am &c

(Signed) Laur.e Murphy

Atrue Copy
L.n Murphy

Chicacole
3. Nov.r 1776

The Subject of the foregoing Letters to remain undiscussed, until Accounts are received from Vizagapatam respecting the particulars of the Dispute —

The Chief and Council at Vizagapatam having been required to give a full Account of the Dispute between them and Captain Murphy It is Ordered that these papers do lie for the present on the Table

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam —

Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs —

From Ganjam advising that Capt.n Candler has taken the Fort of Vizianagur and that Muckundas has been put in possession thereof inclosing also Copy of a Letter from Lieut.t Theobald and requesting the Orders of the Board respecting the Contents thereof —

Captain Candler having given it as his opinion that one 18 Pounder, two 6 Pounders, and 3 complete Companies of Sepoys, were necessary for the expedition to Vizianagur, We directed him on the 24.th Ultimo to order a Detachment of five Companies to Diegapiondy a Fort in the Pretapagherie Zemindary and situated in the road from Aska to Vizianagur, to protect that Country from the attempts of Juggannaikdas, and on the 27.th

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Letter itself contains, We have judged it proper to defer complying with Lieutenant Shrobbs request until We are furnished with your Orders for that purpose.

Captain Candler having since his taking the field applied to Us to know whether the Officers on Command are to correspond with him, or to address their Letters on public Business immediately to Us, We returned him the following Answer — That Officers on Command in different parts of the District are to correspond with the Commanding Officer only, unless particularly ordered to correspond with this Board, but that in case of the Commanding Officer himself being absent from Aska upon service, the Officer left there in the Command, is to transmit to Us Intelligence of every thing material that passes and whatsoever orders We may think proper to send him would be communicated to the Commanding Officer as points of Duty necessary for him to be acquainted with. —

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs —

Your most obedient humble Servants

Charles Smith
R. Maunsell
Tho Dyneley
Rob. Hughes
F. Middleton

Sanjam
29th Oct. 1776

To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council at Sanjam —

Gentlemen —

By a Letter received from the Secretary to the Commander in Chief, I am Ordered to take, and send to the Commander in Chief as soon as possible an account of all the Grain and other Provisions

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Provisions laid in for the use of the Garrison, to specify the Quantity and Quality, also to examine the Military Stores and to send a particular Report of their present State.

That I may be able to comply with the above Order, I beg leave to request that you will be pleased to Order that your Military and Garrison Storekeepers permit me to inspect the Stores under each of their charge, and to take an Account of the Quantity and Quality. I am with respect

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

Sanjaro
24th Octr 1776

[Signed] John Theobald

Storekeepers

J Huddleston &c.

Orders in consequence

Agreed, that the Commanding Officer of each Garrison be permitted to examine the Military and Garrison Stores whenever he shall deem it necessary. and that the Chief and Council at Sanjaro be advised accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Captain Will. Russell commanding at Madura -

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Capt. Russell informing that Lieut. Rigby, made application to him for a military force, which he refused to grant.

I have this Moment received a Letter from Lt. Rigby who commands the Nabobs Cavalry at Mellore, about eighteen Miles distant from this Garrison, wherein he acquaints me that the Regiment set off for Madras this Morning with their Arms, Accoutrements, and horses, and that the reason of this abrupt departure is their having received no

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pay for these Eighteen Months past — Lieut. Rigby has also applied to me for two Comps. of Sepoys to bring back his people, but as I do not think it prudent to risk the Lives of the Honble Company's Sepoys in an Affair of this kind, I have not complied with his request, and hope my conduct in this Matter will not meet with the disapprobation of the Honble Board —

I am,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and most H. Servant
William Russell

Madras
16th Nov. 1776

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Captain Russell, that his Conduct has received the Approbation of the Board —

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper —

To the Honble George Stratton, Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir, and Sirs —

From Colonel Harper requesting that the Number of Lascars now employed in Tanjore be encreased to one hundred and fifty, the Service requiring such a Number —

I beg leave to inform you we have been much distressed for Lascars, since our Arrival in this Garrison; nor could the Service have been carried on so well as it has been, was it not for the Assistance the Rajah has at different times afforded, by lending us some of his. I really think it Necessary we should be compleated, to at least one hundred and fifty, which I hope will meet with your concurrence —

I have the pleasure to Acquaint you, that I expect the Detachment here in a few Days from Adriapalnam with the last Division of Guns and Stores —

I remain with perfect Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obt. hum. Servt.
W. Harper —

Tanjore
17th Nov. 1776 —

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Resolved, that in Consideration of the Necessity which is represented in the foregoing Letter the Lascars at Tanjore be augmented from hence to the Number of One Hundred and fifty

Resolved Accordingly &c.

Read the following Letters from Capt. Hopkins commanding at Palamcotah and from Mr. Angelbeck at Tuticorin

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George

Sir

From Capt. Hopkins advising of the Arrival of 3 Deserters from Tutycorryne and requesting the Orders of the Board concerning them

I am to inform you of the Arrival of three European deserters from Tuticorryne a Dutch Settlement in this neighborhood, in this Garrison, viz. Mathys Mollidair a Soldier Michiel Baen and Johan Maak Seamen. - I also send you herewith a letter which I have received from the Chief of Tuticorryne, demanding them back -

You will be pleased to inform the Worshipful the President and Council, that I have detained those Deserters here until I receive their orders concerning them, and that I have wrote to the Chief of Tuticorryne to this purpose

Palamcottah
10th. November 1776

I am
Sir.
Your most Obedient Servant
Chas. Hopkins

Translate
To Captain Charles Hopkins
Commander of Palamcottah

Sir,

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From Mr. Angelbeck desiring that the three Deserters may be returned

Sir

One European Soldier, named Mallys McLidair, of Cologne, belonging to this Garrison, and two European Sailors, named Michiel Kaen of Duinringen, and Johan Maak, of Wurtemberg, having been kept here in the Hospital are to day deserted from hence, and I am informed that they have taken the way to Palamcottah. Therefore I desire you, Sir, to deliver these three Deserters up again to the Netherlandish Company. I leave it to you, whether you will please to send them hither with an Escort of Sepoys, or whether I shall order them to be brought by mine own Men.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Fran Angelbeck

Tuticorryne
8th of Novr 1776

The Deserters to be returned on the Terms of the Cartel

Ordered, that the Secretary do direct Capt. Hopkins to send back the three Deserters under a Guard to Tuticorin and restore them on the Terms of the Cartel.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Council.

The President informs the Board that he have explained to Hyders Vacquil the purport of the Letter received from the King of Travancore

The President acquaints the Board he hath communicated to the Nabob the Contents of the Rajah of Travancore's Letter, and in consequence of the Sentiments expressed by the Nabob, that he had sent for Hyder Ally's Vackeel, and explained to him the whole of the Rajah's Representation. That he further desired the Vackeel would inform his Master, — that he had too firm a Reliance upon Hyder's Friendship to suppose he would take up Arms against any Power included in an alliance with the English, — that both he the President and the Nabob would immediately write to the Rajah, and desire him upon no Account whatsoever to give Offence to Hyder, — and that he was convenced he would regulate his Conduct accordingly —

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Mr. Sourdam begs leave to deliver in the following Minute

Mr. Sourdams Minute on the Subject of the Claims of the Nabob on the Tanjore Country

In considering the claims of the Nabob upon the Tanjore Country I have been led to attend to the Situation of the Companys Affairs as well as those of the Nabob and Rajah. The reflections that have occurred to me, I take the liberty to lay before You

Before I enter upon these Subjects I think, in justice to myself and to appear consistent, that it is necessary for me to observe that during the time I had the honor to sit at this Board in part of Mr. Wynches Government I constantly opposed the Nabob in every view or device that appeared to me inconsistent with the Interest of the Company and that State of Dependance on his part which I conceive to be essential to their Security. When Lord Pigot arrived, the Orders of the Court of Directors reduced the Nabob below every idea of Independency. After an offer made by the Nabob of releasing the Rajah, providing for him, and submitting the whole to the determination of the Company when I saw those Orders carried into execution in a manner I deemed insulting and improper I could not but endeavor to defend the Nabobs rights, from the attempts made to injure him by Lord Pigot and his Party. I had from the arrival of the Orders considered the Sunnads as valid, I represented so to Lord Pigot I remonded him at Tanjore of the Assignments made by the Nabob, told him he ought to mention them to the Rajah, and I expressed my disapprobation of his Conduct on my return

The Companys Revenues from 1st September last, to 1st September next may be Estimated at 16,00000

Sales of Copper &c. 60,000

Bills on the Company 124000

To be received from the Nabob 650,000

To be received from the Rajah of Tanjour 400,000

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Our Investment and all other Disbursements
including Pay of Troops kept for the Nabob's
may be about 2286000
Extra Expences for Account of Tanjour 114000
2400000

But We have frequent draughts from Marlborough and some:
times from Bombay. And allowance must be made for the
difficulty there will be in collecting of the Revenues for want of
Currency, the late Exportations to China and Europe having
almost drained the Coast of Specie.

Our Finances if Peace continue, thus appear in a favorable
light, but in case of War, the receipts of the Revenues must fall
short, those from the Nabob fail and Loans be very precarious:
in such an event our dependance must be upon Bengal.

A New System for the Sepoys is under consideration
as it would render our present force more respectable, and
as nothing is more likely to prevent War, than for our Neighbours
to know we are prepared, I hope it will immediately be adopted,
Money is an essential Article, but We ought not to repeat our
application for money to Bengal if it can be avoided.

The Nabob's Debt to the Company.

The Monthly Current Expences may
till September 1777 may be estimated as about 80000

But then of the 10 Battallions now charged to the Nabob.
3. that have been doing duty in the Tanjour Country are charged
to it and of course the Nabob ought to have a deduction made on
his Account of these Charges.

Considering the late conduct of the Nabob, any Jealousies
that might have been entertained of his Power or Views will
subside, and it must appear that his whole dependence is placed

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upon the English.

He is said to owe to the Company his Old Bond Pag.
Creditors and New ones upwards of 50,00000

And his Revenues being at present as Shaw
heard 3,300000 the time necessary for the discharge of such
an heavy debt, with the utmost Economy would require 5 or 6 years.

I understand that he has dismissed part of his Sepoys, in
making arrangements for the discharge of his Debt to the
Company, for the maintenance of his Cavalry, and the payment of
part of his Creditors, and that he means to confine himself and
family to certain Sums: but that the Arrears to his Troops and
his Orders on the Tanjour Country must be paid from thence.

The Court of Directors on the subject of the Restitution of
Tanjour, say.

10 ..... "In the year 1771. We find the Nabob obtained from the
"Rajah his Arrears of Tribute with interest thereon, indemnifi-
"cation for his Expences and sundry presents to his Children
"amounting to 4527000. besides the cession of certain Districts
"to the Amount of 480000 Rup.s p.r Annum, We must therefore
"conclude that the charges of the first Expedition against
"Tanjour were more than reimbursed by the above Acquisitions".

20 ..... "Persuaded as We are that this has been the case
"We direct that You pay no regard to the Article of the Treaty
"of 1771. which respects the Alienation of part of the Rajahs
"Dominions if the Nabob had not a just Title to those Territories
"before the conclusion of that Treaty We deny that he obtained
"any right thereby, further than to the temporary Sovereignty of
"such Districts as were assigned to him for Securing the
"payment of his Expences, and which were to be returned to the
"Rajah when such Payment should be Completed.

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21. . . . . As the Expedition against Tanjour in 1773. was short, "being undertaken in August and concluded in September the "Revenues of that Country, could not suffer great diminution by "that War, and the receipt of the Revenue for more than 2 Years "would have rendered the Nabob a more considerable Gainer after defraying all Charges incurred by his Excellency in the said Expedition.

22. . . . . We could wish you to obtain a Statement of the Nabobs "Receipts and Disbursements on the above Account, but We fear "it is impracticable, however We recommend it to your attention "in order to prevent him from pleading the above Circumstances "as an Excuse or reason for delaying payment of his Debts to "the Company or those to his Private European Creditors in "case they should be speedily demanded."

From hence it would seem that the Court of Directors wished to restore to the Rajah his Country but did not mean the Nabob should suffer a loss in money by the Expeditions. It is but Justice to the Nabob to State his Case as it respects the Rajah.

During the French War Purtaub Sing the Father of the present Rajah assisted, or withheld assistance to the Nabob, as best suited his Views. In 1762 the Nabob claimed Arrears of Tribute – The Rajah refused to Pay, at length a Treaty was settled fixing the future Peishcash at 4 Lacks of Rupees, a Sum very inconsiderable, and the reasons for this accommodation were, that the 79th Regiment and other Troops had been sent upon the Manilha Expedition and that the Expences of a War would take away the Amount of the Arrears of Peishcash. Purtaub Sing Died. The Peishcash was from time to time paid. In 1769. the War with Hydre became very serious. The Rajah was required as a

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Vassal to send his Quota of Troops. He sent some Horse and Foot, but they were ill paid: and did no Service, and when Mr. Bradley was sent to remonstrate he was received with insolence in the presence of Hydres Vackeel. The Rajah had assisted Hydre also with Money and Cattle and his conduct had been such that in 1769. the Court of Directors expressly impowered the Governor and Council to call him to account. In 1771. The Rajah failed in his Payment and gave other cause of Complaint to the Nabob, who requested assistance to reduce him. The Troops marched, a Breach was made in the Fort, but a Treaty between the Rajah and the Nabobs Eldest Son caused it to be raised. Of this the Court of Directors were duly advised. In 1773 failure of Payment and Intrigues at the Mahratta Court were again represented to the Governor and Council as Complaints, and an Army Marched against Tanjour and the Nabob put in possession of it. The raised Troops to defend it, he increased his Cavalry, which during the first and second Sieges had rendered essential Services. He says he found the Country deserted, he advanced Money to bring back the Inhabitants, and that by all these means he finds himself greatly indebted upon account of Tanjour, and requests assistance of the Board to recover these demands. It appears that the Rajah did not make true Payments in proper time, which considering how small a Sum this Peishcash was to his whole Revenue, appears the more inexcusable, and were it on this account alone, the charges of the Expedition and the maintenance of Troops for the Country would in point of Justice fall on the Rajah, who could not but have been well satisfied with being restored on such conditions. Considering the Rajah as a Vassal of the Empire and how far the improsperity of his conduct might have been the cause of the War, it may appear

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but Justice to the Nabob that he should be indemnified for any Expences or losses he may have sustained by the restoration of the Rajah. We have voted that the Crops of 1775. was the property of the Nabob and the Nabob claims our interferrence in securing part of the Revenues which he says are now anticipating and dissipating by the Rajah. He says in case of War from whence is assistance to come? not from Tanjore, as We have experienced nor in his present Situation can much be expected from him besides these We ought to consider the long and faithful Connection that has subsisted between the Nabob and the English: That his present distresses arise from the loss of the Tanjour Country in consequence of Orders from the Company which he did not oppose and then We shall be inclined to give him all the Assistance in our power consistent with what has been done- for We must not risk even the appearance of a breach of Publick faith

On the Nabobs forces I beg leave to say, that I proposed to Lord Pigot a Plan for a General force, for the defence of the Carnatick, and if it could have been reconciled to the Nabob it would have been in my opinion a great Security to the Country, but his Lordship did not take the means to make such a Plan acceptable. yet even on the present footing the Nabobs Cavalry by being properly paid may be rendered very useful and their Pay with that of the Sepoys kept by the Company for him will be more than his proportion of the General Establishment necessary for the Defence of the Carnatick

Of the Rajah it must in Justice be said that his placing his dependence upon the English for the defence of his Country carries with it a very favourable appearance; yet it will be necessary to represent to him the Danger of the Anticipation of his Revenue, the necessity of punctuality in his payments and

temporary

temporary Engagements should be formed with him to prevent his connection with other European or Country Powers. While however We please ourselves with his present confidence in us, We ought not to forget his conduct in the Mysore War.

The French have received at the Islands Men and Stores from France, but I do not apprehend they will attack the English untill they see what turn the American Affairs will take.

Hydre can gain nothing by a War with Us and of course I think will not attack us unless he be joined by the French: It does not seem probable he would trust any great Number of them to land in his Country. If they were to join 9 Battalions of Sepoys, 2 Battalions of Europeans with the Nabobs Cavalry with Money to Pay them would I doubt not be Sufficient to defeat any attempt of either or both. We ought however to be at all times prepared.

Ordered that the above Minute delivered in by Mr. Sourdan, do lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. James commanding at Trichinopoly.

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.
President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

I think it my Duty to acquaint you, with a disagreeable

From Col. James advising that he had Dispatched 100 men to two Regiments of the Nabobs Cavalry in Order to prevent them from deserting

event which happened the 16th Instant and which I was informed of by Letter from Capt. Russell Commanding Madura: that the Second Regiment of Cavalry Stationed at Nellore went off with their Horses and all Necessary accoutrements, their rout is not yet known.

This

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This account alarming as it was, Was but the beginning of Confusion, for the Report spread, that the other two Regts. were ready to pursue the same measures. — Scalled for the Nabobs Manager and consulted with him, about the best means of preventing this threatning Disaster —

The Manager said, that as the people were in the utmost Distress in respect of Maintenance, it would be in vain to compose their Spirits without offering them some Relief: He intreated me therefore in the Name of the Nabob to advance some Money.

Accordingly I dispatched six guards of Sepoys different ways each with a Letter, in search of the Regiment, promising them, that if they returned to Trichinopoly Plain I would pay them instantly five Thousand Pagodas, besides I would be answerable for One Thousand every Month, till their Affairs were settled by the Nabobs —

As to the two Regiments Capt. Dugall Campbells and Capt. Burrows, I sent to each of them One Thousand five hundred Pagodas, in order to pacify them, promising to do all I could, to assist them in their distress —

As my whole View was to prevent so disastrous a Calamity, of will Disciplined Regiments deserting their Colours through want of their pay. I flatter myself that my Conduct will meet with your kind approbation —

I am with all due respects —

Honble Sir and Sirs —

Your very Obed.t and most Humble Servant

E. Stanley —

Trichinopoly
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The President acquaints the Board that on the 16.th Instant the Nabob had delivered him Bills and Ready Money as follows Viz.t

On Acc.t of his Ballance due the 30 April 1776	125,267
On Acc.t of Treasure &c.a Districts in full for the remaining part of the Kist due 30 June	57,000
In full for a Kist due 30 Sept.br Acc.d 2.d	100,000
In full for the Kist due on Acc.d Tonnavelle farm for Aug.t Sept.br and Octr.	7,550
	289,817

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Came in the following Letters

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Masulipatam advising that Capt.n Colliers is arrived with the Troops under his Command at the Tetapillie District

The first Measure we deemed it necessary to take upon receipt of your Commands of the 5th October relative to the Expedition against Rajanah Dourah in the Cotapillie District, was to ascertain as nearly as possible the Season supposed to be the most favorable for undertaking an Expedition against him; and having Consulted several Persons who had been there, and had been Witnesses of the pernicious Effects of the unhealthiness in general of that Country, the present Season was judged to be the most favorable for undertaking the Enterprize: and Capt.n Collins having confirmed us in this Opinion, We proceeded in conformity to your Orders of the 5th October to set the Expedition on foot without loss of time — Captain Collins accordingly marched from Samulcotah towards the Tetapillie District the 19th and arrived with his Detachment on the 20th Instant within three Miles of the Fort, wherein Rajanah Dourah continues, seemingly with intention of waiting the Attack — The first Object with Capt.n Collins is to secure the Rebel in his Fort by preventing, if possible, his making his Escape through one of the four Outlets therefrom —

We have the pleasure to inform your Honor &c. that by our latest Information from the Camp at Tettapillie, the Detachment was in perfect Health, and in no wise apprehensive of the Contrary —

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The Detachment sent from Sammulcotah is composed of five companies of Sepoys and part of a sixth which, at the request of Capt.n Collins, we granted him.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

your most Obedient humble Servants

Charles Floyer

Charles Desvoeux

James Hodges.

Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
26th Nov.r 1776

To the Honorable George Stratton Esq.r
President and Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,—

Letter from Colonel Ross advising the Number of People employed on the Works

In the Course of the Month of November the People employed on the Works upon a Medium were per day.

Bricklayers	15
Tankdiggers	650
Coolies	80
Stonecutters	30
Lascars	40
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all	821. People

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

your most Ob.t and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Col.o and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
1st Dec.r 1776

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Cuddalore 23d Nov.r 1776

Honble Sir,

I yesterday received your letter of the 18th accompanying one for Sir Edward Hughes and which in Consequence I dispatched to Negapatam —

From Mr Saunders advising the Receipt of a Letter directed to Sir Edw.d Hughes and acknowledging the Receipt of the Money which accompanied Mr Sec.ry Bakeleys Letter —

The Money with Mr Secretary Bakeleys letter of the 18th Instant arrived this Morning —

Agreeable to my Letter addressed you the 21st — Captain Lowdon proceeded yesterday to Madras — he requested of me to give him a Letter which Request I informed him I would make known to You —

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir,
Your very Obt and Humble Servant
Edw.d Saunders —

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President and Govr of Fort St George

At a Consultation Present —
The Honble George Stratton Esqr Governor President
Wm Brooke
A.r Palmer Franc.s Lourdan
Geo. Mackay
Colonel Stuart indisposed —

Monday.
2. December 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved —

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of Intelligence received from Palamcottah —

Extract of a Letter from Palamcotah 9th November 1776 —

Extract of Letter from Palamcotah containing Intelligence respecting Hyder Allys Army —

Yesterday I received the following extract from Anjango Dated 10th Instant. "I have just received account that the Troops from Ceylon and those of Cochin are embodied 3000 Strong and intended against Hyder, which they are ordered at all events at

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most to bring to action. This I sho. reasonably suppose must not a Little revive the Hopes of Trevancore's Spirits as it is beyond a doubt they were cursedly dampt. I have just received by private intelligence from a Person sent as a Spy that Hyder is at Seringapatam but it is hourly expected he will March for Bangarpoore in order to be in readiness to oppose the Armies of the Marrattas and the Nyears who are againg against him — Meer Sieb at Carrapa near Guttia a place in the Country that formerly belonged to Morarow — at present about 2000 Horse and foot at Dindegall, part of which about a Month ago went against a Polygar belonging to the Nabobs Country Joined by one of Hyders; after a little Bush fighting with some killed and wounded on both Sides especially a Sirdar of Hyders they then retreated back to Dindegall —

Read Letter from Captain Russell Commanding at Madura —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs —

I have just now received a Letter from Anjango dated the 20th. instant with the following paragraph —

"Hyders Troops still continue before Chetna and "Cranganore, and about eight days ago surprised a detachment of 147 Europeans and Malays going to reinforce Chetna "from Cochin, and cut every man of them to pieces — The "Dutch are daily sending reinforcements from Columbo to "Cochin" —

Yesterday one of the Mercarahs belonging to this Garrison

from Capt. Russell forming that Hyder had surprised a detachment of 147 Europeans and Malays belonging to the Dutch, & put them all to the sword —

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Garrison returned from Dindegal and informs me that 400 of the Cavalry stationed at that place have received orders to March to a place called Cooty where a large Body of Troops are ordered to assemble —

I have the Honour to be —
Honble Sir and Sirs,
your most Obedient and most H. Servant
William Russell

Madura
27th Nov. 1776

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Russell to Colonel Stuart —

(Copy)

Colonel James Stuart &c.

Sir, —

From Capt. Russell to Col. Stuart with Intelligence respecting the Strength of Hyder's Army —

The two Sepoys that were sent from hence to Syringapatam on the 11th of last Month, returned Yesterday evening, and the following is the intelligence I have collected from them viz. Upon their arrival at Syringapatam on the 27th of October, they were stopt at one of the Gates, where they were closely examined, and their cloths very strictly searched to see if they had papers or writing of any kind about them — That, they were not admitted into the Fort, but kept prisoners at the same Gate five days and afterwards sent about their business. That, for some days they kept about the environs of the Fort, and made it their business to enter into conversation with Pahees, Soldiers Bazaar people &c. from whom they received the following information — That Hyder himself was in Syringapatam and his son Typpo had in Camp with fifteen thousand men about six Miles from it. That Hyder has in

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his service – One hundred Sepahs Gunners dressed in blue and
polain hats – Three hundred European Cavalry well Mounted
and accoutred in the Hussar Style dressed in green with red
capoles – Four hundred European Infantry with red Coats. Two
thousand five hundred Sepahees with hats and Red Coats french
and English Arms. Thirty thousand Men Mounted and armed
in the Country fashion, and eighteen thousand Sepoys with
English French and Portuguese Arms, uniformly Dressed in
red, blue, Green and Yellow Jackets, with Turbans and Trowsers
much in the same form as our Sepoys wear them. –

That Meerzah Mogul, Mysaheb and Agis Known Bard,
are talked of amongst the people as his best Generals, and that
there are two French Officers who seem to be in good repute, by
their Palanchiens horses &c. That, they saw seven Sepoy
Battalions at exercise a little way out of the Fort, and that they
marched and fired but very indifferently – That, the Troops are
by no means regularly paid, and that rice is rather dear at
Seringapatam.

That, the talk amongst the Soldiers and people in the
bazaar, was, that Hyder, after the Monsoon expected to be attacked
by the Nysars and Marattas &c.

I have the honour to be &c.

(signed) Wm Russell

Madura
21st Nov. 1776

Read Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country
Correspondence No. inclosing Depositions of Sundry
Persons who were stationed with the Dubbeer at Arriatore,
when he were seized by the Orders of Lord Pigot.

The President lays before the Board the following Act.
of a Conference between the Nabob and Lord Pigot, which his
Highness requests may be entered on Record –

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Translation

Conferrence between the Nabob and his Lordship.

Conferrence between the Nabob and Lord Pigot, respecting the delivering up of Tanjore to the Rajah.

On the 10.th Zuhige or 1.st February 1776. Ameer-ul-Omrah Bahaudur went to Lord Pigot about Eight Clock in the Morning to pay his Compliments to him it being a day held by the Moors as a Festival. His Lordship told him that he intended going to his Highness to make his Compliments to him, but Ameer-ul-Omrah told him that his Highness had been fatigued sitting up in his Durbar to receive Nazeers, and was then laid down to Sleep, and that if his Lordship thought proper, he might come to his Highness at any other hour of the day. His Lordship said that he would put on one of the Coats which his Highness had given him and wait on him in the Evening to make him the Compliments of the day. His Lordship then told Ameer-ul Omrah that he would depend on his Highness favor to prevent his people from making any disturbance on their quitting Tanjore. Ameer-ul-Omrah Replied that his Highness would do every thing in his power for that Purpose, and further that his Highness could particularly expect two things, which his Lordship as his Friend had firmly promised. First that his Lordship would not allow his Highness's Creditors to disturb him, and that what Money he had expended in the Tanjore business should be refunded him. Second. That his Lordship had assured his Highness that tho' the Company had ordered the Rajah to be repossessed of the Country, they had not fixed the time, therefore it was in his / his Lordships / power to continue the Country in his Highness's hands as long as he thought proper. Ameer-ul-Omrah told his Lordship that the Nabob had said that his Lordship never departed from his promise therefore he placed great dependance on his two

Assurances

Assurances and that he had no doubt that his Lordship would
Continue the Country to him, and not raise any disturbance
in the Tanjore Affairs his Lordship said it was true he had
made the above two promises but that it was proper that the
Nabob should attend to his Advice and that he would then
attend to what the Nabob said on this Subject —

In the Evening of said day about half after six Lord Pigot
Mr. Stratton Mr. Stones and Mr. Chambers came to the Nabob
to Visit him — Omeer ul Omrah Syfool Mulks Mahomed
Abdrellah Cawn and Mahomed Salabut Cawn Bahauders were
with his Highness — Lord Pigot after making his Compliments
to his Highness on the Festival, told Mr. Chambers to read an
Order which he had in his possession — Mr. Chambers begs his
Highness patience for a little while till he should peruse the Order
not having read it before — He afterwards read it, it being
composed in a Letter written by his Lordship to Colonel Harper
who had gone from Trichinopoly to Garrison Tanjore and the
Contents of said Letter were as follows — The Nabob having
sent Orders to his Killedar at Tanjore to withdraw his Guards
from the House of the King of Tanjore, you are therefore to go
to the King and deliver him the inclosed Letter, and you are to
post Guards Round the House of the said King for his protection —
The Nabobs Killedar will remain in the Fort with a thousand
Sepoys, and he will hoist the Nabobs Colors at his house — you
are to hoist the Companys Colors at your Quarters, and you are
to tell the King of Tanjore to hoist his Colours now where he
formerly did &c —

In the Letter, where our Tulyageer Name should have
been mentioned, the word King was used, which Mr. Chambers
explained to his Highness — when his Highness heard this, he
asked why do you call him King you should call him Zemindar

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you call him Rajah. Rajah Beerbur who is one of my Inferior Servants is Rajah, and the Title of Rajah is a trifling Title, yet the present Nizam never given Sulgage even that Title— Mr. Chambers told his Lordship that in India no one was called King. but the King at Delhi his Lordship said very well, This is only a Draught of the Letter. I will take out the word King, but the Company in England thought he had that Title— His Highness Observed. You may Judge from this circumstance, how far the Company in England understand the situation of Affairs here, when they call a Subject and Amendar of my Country. King.—

His Highness observed in Regard to the Colours, that he wished that his Lordships favor to hoist his Colours when they there were— That Sulgage never hoisted his Colours in the Fort, nor was it his Custom. That he (his Highness) had brought the Flag Staff to Tanjore from Nagore and that his Lordship ought to preserve the honor due to the Colours of his Friend— Lord Pigot Repeatedly told his Highness that he thought proper to have there Colours hoisted in the Fort— That the Rajahs Colours should be hoisted in the same place as formerly, the Company's Coulours at the Commanding Officers, and the Nabobs at his Killedars. Mr. Stratton, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Chambers explained to his Lordship that the Nabob said that the Rajah never had Colours, but that Amongst the Moor Men they showed great honor to Colours, and they further said to his Lordship that it might give great Concern to the Nabob to Remove his Colours, but his Lordship said, that was nothing. the Colours must be Removed as he had Mentioned— Annur-ul Omrah Represented what the Gentlemen had before done, but his Lordship insisted on having the Colours removed— His Highness told his Lordship that as he had brought two Counsellors and Mr. Chambers with him

him, the Order would be recorded in the Companys books as having had his Highnesss assent, unless he opposed it, that he was therefore obliged to explain his disapprobation, and his situation and Rights — that he had only consented to receive a Garrison of his Freinds into the Fort of Tanjore, but that he never had nor never would Consent to Reinstating Tulsaga Lord Pigot and the other Gentlemen laughed, and his Lordship said that he had not Shewn the Order to any one till then, even to Mr. Stratton. Mr. Stone, or Mr. Chambers, and that he had wrote the Draught of it as it had Occured to him and had brought it to Shew to his Highness That he had called on Mr. Stone whose house lay in his road, and had brought him with him to pay his Compliments to his Highness, and that Mr. Stratton had also Accompanied them —

His Highness then Repeated to his Lordship that he had already Signified to heire in Conversation and by Letter, his Consent to Receiving the Companys Garrison into Tanjore, but not to give up the Country to Tulsaga who was his Subject — That he again desired the very same — That the Business of his taking Tanjore had not been Carried on in the Dark: or by his own opinion only, but by the Orders of the Company, by the advice of two Governors Mr. DuPre and Mr. Hyndeh with their Counsellors, and by the advice of two Plenipotentiarys Sir John Lindsay and Sir Robert Harland, and that they and the whole world had been Sensible of the Rights — That from the beginning his business had been transacted with the Governour and Council. That now his Lordship filled the Government, but that when another Governor should succeed him, he might disapproove of what was now done, therefore there could be no End to disputes. That his Highness was by such proceedings thrown into difficulties, and did not know how to Act — Lord Pigot said that the Princes of the last restored to

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one another in time of Peace such Countries as they had taken in time of War — His Highness Replied that what his Lordship said Regarded Enemies, but that the present Affair was between Friends — His Highness told His Lordship that he could never have believed that he would write such a Letter as he had for the Rajah — His Lordship Replied that he had written nothing from himself, but in Consequence of the Companys order, and that he would take no Step till he had first Arranged it with his Highness — His Highness told him that he had left nothing to be Arranged, for that he had firmly promised Sulyage to replace him in the Government of Tanjore — Lord Pigot told his Highness that he only obeyed his Masters orders, yet, he would do the utmost of his Endeavours to Serve his Highness as far as he could consistently with his Masters Orders — Highness told him that he should except the business of Tanjore but his Lordship said that he would attend to his Highness's Advantage even in that — His Highness said you have shewn so much favor to Enemies should shew some to your Friends and I will tell you some thing if you'll not be displeased. His Lordship told him to tell it. His Highness said According to the Customs observed by Princes in this Country, your Lordship cannot enter into any Agreement with Sulyage who is my Subject, and his Lordship Told him — The Agreement that I intend making with Sulyage is for your Highness's Advantage and I will Oblige him to be more subject to you than he was before, His Highness said, you say so, but in your Orders you only Mind the Advantage of the Company and of the Rajah. His Highness said whatever Advantage you expect from Sulyage you may have from me, I will Recive the Companys Garrison into the Fort and pay the expence thereof and if the Company desires a Jaghire out of the Country I will give it them, and I will

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will also make them a Present of a Crore of Rupees. or if they
Chuse a Sum of Money Annually. I will give it them, therefore
you should Shew favor to the Rights of your old Friend— Lord
Pigot Recovered, what can I do, the Order of the Company ties
me up in this Business— His Highness Replied I am so great
a Friend to the Company, that I only explained my Rights in
my Letter of the 29.th Instant and agreed to receive the Companys
Garrison into Tanjore as in the Other Forts of my Country &
Made not the least Opposition to their Order— I have shewn
to every one the Friendship of my Heart to the Company therefore
do me the favor to lay before them the falsity of the Reports
that prevailed in England, and the true State of Affairs here.
for I hope thro' their Justice and friendship that they will not
destroy my Rights— His Lordship said it is not in the power
of my Pen to describe the great Friendship that you have shewn
to the Company in this Business yet I will write every thing
that I can, and I promise it before these two Counsellors, and I
Consent to forfeit your Friendship if I fail of my Word, and your
Highness may tell your Sons that I am a bad Man, and to
have no Connection with me— I will do every thing for your
good. and Make you happy, and you shall see that I will be of
Service to you— I will for ever keep your Killadar and a thousand
of your Sepoys in the Fort of Tanjore— when his Lordship
said this. the Nabob Asked him, am I to depend on your
promise. His Lordship Answered, you must believe me Sir—
The Nabob desired his Lordship to give him his hand and
his honor that he would not fail of his promise— at the same
time he desired the two Counsellors to give him their hands also
which they did, and he desired them to be Witnesses of his Lord:
:ships promise—

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The President thinks that the above paper contains the purport of the conversation which passed between the Nabob and Lord Pigot

In justice to the Nabob the President must here remark that he was present, as mentiond by the Nabob, during the above Conferrence and to the best of his remembrance the foregoing is the Substance of the Conversation which there passed

copies of the above Conference and the Examinations respecting the Dubber to be transmitted to Bengal

Ordered, that Copies of all the papers and Examinations relative to the Dubber, together with the above Conference be transmitted to the Governor Genl. and Council at Bengal

Read Letter from Mr. Dent

To the Honorable George Stratton Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Mr. Dent representing that repairs are wanting to the house allotted the Paymaster at Chingleput

I think it necessary to acquaint you that on my arrival at Chingleput I found the House allotted for the Paymaster in a very indifferent State the particulars of which I take the Liberty to represent, and flatter myself, that Your Honor &c. will give directions to have it repaired

The upper part of the back Varanda is badly built, so much so, that the Pillars supporting it, are Cracked in several places, which seems to threaten, its immediate falling, if not taken down to prevent it; although the House with that of the Commandant, the Officers and Soldiers Barracks had a thorough Repair about seven or eight months ago the expence of which, amounted to upwards of two thousand Pagodas

Some other repairs are absolutely necessary to the House &c.

The Doors and Windows want painting to preserve the Wood, and the Rafters of the Roof to be tarred to prevent the Whiteants from destroying them; a Door wanting Shelves, nothing remains but the Supporters; One New Window frame, and two new Shutters

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wanting on the back Mains — most of the Windows require
rattooning —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
C B Dent

Fort St. George
14th Novr 1776

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer do Report the Amount
Orders in Consequence of the Expence which may be incurred, in making Repairs to
the Paymasters Quarters at Chengleput —

Read Letter from Lieut Col. Innes Commanding
at Trichinopoly —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Col. Innes expressing the reasons which
he made use of to recall
the Second Regiment of
Cavalry to their Duty —

Some Days ago I took the Liberty to lay before the Honble
Board the Circumstances concerning the Second Regiment of
his Highness the Nabobs Cavalry, at the same time mentioning
my Endeavours to recall them in a peaceable Manner. I must now
beg leave to add the Sequel of my proceedings in respect of the
said Affair —

I received information the 29th at Night of the Regiment being
on the March from Veramally, fully resolved to go to Madras,
disregarding all the Offers I had made them, and which were
delivered unto them by one of the Shapoy Guards sent out on that
Errand. Being informed of their stubborn Resolution, to go to the
Nabob, in Order to lay their Grievances before him, I rifled on the
Consequences

Consequences which Must of course happen; in Order to keep themselves and their Horses alive, they will be Obliged to take that by force, what they cannot get by good Will; some Villages and many Paddy fields full of almost ripe Grain, must be destroyed: This and the Exaggeration, of the Damage which the Renter commonly makes on such an Occasion must cost the Nabob, three or four times the Sum which I was willing to advance them, and which might prevent all Damage and confusion. Accordingly I sent Lieut. Bishop to them with proper instructions, He found them very troublesome, but at last gained their consent, to come under the Walls of the Fort to treat with me.

Here it may be said, that I had it in my power to force them to any terms, to deliver up their Arms - But as they were exasperated by suffering so long, and so much, and quite desperate being Eighteen Months in Arrears. I thought it contrary to humanity to hazard the Spilling of any one's Blood either, on their or our side, as my Conscience, would always have condemned me, if in any degree I had promoted their Distruction, and the loss of some on our side, would very justly have drawn on me the Total displeasure of the Honble Board, as also a Reflection from all Mankind. — I therefore represented their misconduct to them, in the mildest terms, and perswaded them to accept of my reasonable proposals; which kindness to them and respect to the Nabob inclined me to make; They listened to all, begged at the same time, that the promises which I had made might be given them in writting; This their request being granted they promised to Obey any Officer I might nominate to take Charge of them: Lieut. Bishop presented himself at my desire, and immediately ordered them to March into the Avenue which Leads to Horriore, in order to see their Number, to take down their Names and pay them in the presence, of the Nabobs People.

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Every Gentleman present, on his finding their Destroyer was
halfway to see them satisfied with the Removal of it, placing
not the least Diffidence in their Declaration and subsequent
accepting of the Paper which contained the Agreements – Our
Troops which encompassed them were ordered into the Fort;
The Cavalry was ordered to dismount and to ground their Arms,
which they did: But hearing their Arms were to be disposed
till the Nabobs pleasure was known, they took the Alarm,
remounted their Horses, and rode off with all speed. Repeated
messages were sent after them which they rejected alledging
their Distrust, in our promise and their Dreading the
consequences of being made Prisoners.

It may appear strange to the Honble Board that they should
act so inconsistantly with their own Welfare; But the consideration
of their not having an Officer, may not so much as a Navy
amongst them will be sufficient to account for their confusion
all which might easily have been prevented if the Nabobs
People had carried themselves jointly with me; But they
were far from doing this; they were unable to replace the
Three Thousand Pagodas which, at their Request, had advanced
to appease the ruffled Minds of the other Regiments at Illepore
and Sapeherjabad: Being determined to forfeit any Engagement I
was under the Necessity of taking it from Buckergee the Sunkar.

After the Regiment had left Mount Lieut. Bishop to bring me
more whether they could be brought back, and to remove all Suspicion
I ventured to send the Five Thousand Pagodas; but am Sorry to
inform you it has had no Effect, they are fully resolved to
present the Nabob with their Horses and Arms, and to quit,
his Service.

I so hope my Conduct will meet with the Honble Boards
approbation, and trusting they will kindly consider the true
motives

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motives which led me to take this step

I remain with all due Respects

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t and very Humble Servant

E. James

Trichinopoly
23 Nov.r 1776

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Col.o James that

his conduct approved his Conduct in Lending and promissing of Money to the

Mutinous Cavalry of the Nabob, Merits their entire approbation.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honorable George Stratton Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council of Fort St. George -

From Colonel Ross inclosing Plans of Barracks and an Hospital proposed to be built at Mazulipatam

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Agreeable to your Directions that accompanyd the Plans, Estimates &c.a of an Hospital for one hundred, and Barracks for three hundred Europeans, at Masoulipatam, I have, after considering them, formed Designs for those Buildings with which I now present you. and which will amount to nearly the same Expence as those proposed by Capt.n Mitchell

The Plan N.o 1 and 2 are Designs for the Hospital, in which are shewn the different Disposition of Cells for Ninety six. One hundred and twelve, or One hundred and twenty Eight men. The Plan N.o 1. was constructed with the Wards only fifteen feet broad on a Supposition that Timbers were not in Store of a sufficient length to make them broader, but seeing by the List of Materials remaining that there were Timbers of twenty one feet long, the Plan N.o 2. was then designed with the Wards Seventeen feet broad, which is what I would recommend

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to be built.— The Section which is drawn on a large Scale together with the Plan shows the Dimensions of all the parts of the Building— And the general Plan points out its Situation to be on the Spot where the old English Factory stood: Care should be taken, that the Water Cistern which is in that Ground may not interfere with the Hospital, which, if not attended to, it may do, should the design I propose be followed— If this be the Case, the Surveyor the Body of the Hospital nearer to, or further from the Gate may preserve the Cistern; if not, making the Outhouses to the Eastward instead of the Westward will probably bring all the Buildings clear of it, and in this Case it is to be observed that the Verandas of the Hospital is to be kept to the Westward, as it is intended from thence to hang Tunnys against the Land Winds This last method, I imagine, will answer the purpose, and throw the Hospital on high Ground.— My wish to preserve the Entrance to the Westward is for Uniformity with the Arsenal, and the appearance of the Town. But if neither of the above methods will preserve the Water Cistern, the Compound must be extended to the Eastward, still keeping the western part in an Alignment with the West front of the Arsenal, and in this case it may be proper still to put the Hospital to the Westward of the Compound and the Outhouses to the Eastward to give the advantage of high Ground.—

A Drain may be made to carry the Water from the Roof of the Hospital to the Cistern.

The Plan of the Barrack with Reference to the Section of the Hospital will fully explain its Dimensions— Each Room will contain Sixteen men, or Thirteen private, and two non commissioned Officers which in the whole is three hundred.— In the matters Hange are two Designs with the Disposition of the Cells in each, either may be followed, but I should prefer that of the Southern

Wing,

Wing, which is the same with the eastern Range — Should it be thought Necessary the eastern Range may be entered with in the Compound wall the same as the western. In that, the Window Frames for that Front next the Street must have Iron Barrs fixed into them, as must also the End Windows of both the Ranges that the Men may not be able to get out of the Barracks but by the Doors. — There are two Doors constructed in the Southern Wall of the Compound for the Convenience of the Cooks Boys, and Sentrys clearing the necessary, as it is intended that these be locked at night, to prevent the Men from getting out otherwise than by the Barrack Guards, They must be made as high as the Walls —

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your most Obedient and most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieu.t Col.: and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
24.th November 1776

The Plans approved of and the Buildings to be made accordingly

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to be built.— The Section which is drawn on a large Scale together with the Plan shews the Dimensions of all the parts of the Building— And the general Plan points out its Situation to be on the Spot where the old English Factory stood: Care should be taken, that the Water Cisterns which is in that Ground may not interfere with that Hospital, which, if not attended to, it may do, should the design I propose be followed— If this be the Case, the Compound the Body of the Hospital nearer to, or further from the Gate may preserve the Cisterns; if not, making the Outhouses to the Eastward instead of the Westward will probably bring all the Buildings clear of it, and in this Case it is to be observed that the Verandas of the Hospital is to be kept to the Westward, as it is intended from thence to hang Curtains against the Land Winds This last method, I imagine, will answer the purpose, and throw the Hospital on high Ground.— My wish to preserve the Entrance to the Westward is for Uniformity with the Arsenal and the appearance of the Town. But if neither of the above methods will preserve the Water Cistern, the Compound must be extended to the Eastward, still keeping the western part in an Alignment with the West front of the Arsenal, and in this Case it may be proper still to put the Hospital to the Westward of the Compound and the Outhouses to the Eastward to gain the advantage of high Ground.—

A Drain may be made to carry the Water from the Roof of the Hospital to the Cisterns.

The Plan of the Barracks with Reference to the Section of the Hospital will fully explain its Dimensions— Each Room will contain Sixteen men, or thirteen private, and two noncommissioned Officers which in the whole is three hundred.— In the western Range are two Designs with the Disposition of the Cells in each, either may be followed, but I should prefer that of the Southern

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Thos Pagt. additional Expence, the Materials in Store remaining to encrease those two Thirds of the Estimated Expence of those both, It is Resolved, that they be erected accordingly, — and that the Cisterns be likewise made agreeably to the Recommendation of Col: Ross.

Ordered in consequence that a Copy of the Chief Engineers Letter, together with the Plans be transmitted to the Chief and Council at that Settlement, and that they be directed to receive sealed Proposals for erecting those Buildings by Contract, the Contractor taking from the Company such Materials as are in Store, and at the Price they are now Estimated. Should the proposals that may be received exceed in any Materials degree, the Estimated Expence of their Buildings, — the same must be referred hither for the determination of the Board —

2. December 76 —

Report of the President acquainting that he had gained the Nabobs Consent to Canton part of his Cavalry at Conjeveram and part in the Trichinopoly Country and preparing that a Letter be wrote to the Rajah recommending him to be as frugal as possible of his Revenues in order that he may be enabled to pay his Quota in Case of a War —

The President acquainted the Board that deeming the present a favorable Opportunity to gain the Nabobs Consent to a more advantageous Arrangement of his Troops, he had communicated to him the proposed plan of reducing the Number of Men in each Batt.n of Seapoys and thereby encreasing the Number of Battalions which might be Stationed in such a Manner as to join at the shortest Notice, And at the same time recommended to his Highness to Cause his Cavalry from the Arcot and Trichinopoly Countrys and confine them in some Central place, where they might join the Seapoys if necessity should require it and thereby enable us to take the field with such a force as would deter either Hyder or the Maharattas from Making any Sudden Invasion into the Carnatic That in consequence of which the Nabob seeing the propriety of the Measure had consented that three of his Regiments of Cavalry should be Stationed between Arcot and Conjeveram and the

the remaining four in the Tritchenopoly Country.

As the Account of the preparations making by Hyder Ally Cawn with an intention as it is said to enter the Carnatick, renderes his views uncertain, the President recommend that a Letter be preparedpared to the Nabob in addition to the one wrote him wherein he is requested to lay in Stores of Provisions &c. to desire he will take such Measures as to him shall appear necessary for procuring the earliest Intelligence of Hyder's motions and that he will immediately communicate the same to us, that orders may be given to make timely preparations for the Peace and Security of his Dominions &c. That the Nabob having acquainted the President he will settle his Accts for the ensuing year so soon as he receives his Account to 11th April, he proposes that the same be sent him as soon as possible and that it be recommended to his Highness to be punctual in the payment of them that we may have a sure and certain dependance upon them in future and that he ought to make this his first and most principal Object. That to ensure essential Services from his Troops he will be also punctual in the pay of his Cavalry and at the same time do all the justice in his power to his Creditors in general.

The President further represents to the Board that in Order to be prepared ag.t any Troubles which may arise in the Country, he cannot but deem it eligible that some certain place should be adopted for the defence of the Tanjore Country The President does not mean that we should in the smallest degree interfere with the Rajah in his Government, But as the Nabob cannot be expected to defray the whole Charge of the defence of his own and of the Rajahs Dominions in case of a War with Hyder or the Maharattas, it appears but just and equitable that the Rajah should have timely Advice given him not

not to disipate his Revenues unnecessarily that he may have it in his power to bear his part of the general defence of the Carnatick should it be invaded. — This the President is convinced is conformable in every respect to the 11 Para of the Separate Letter to Fremville 12 April 75. which directs "That no Treaty with "Foreign powers shall be concluded by the King of Tanjore without "the Concurrence of the Company nor any Alliance be formed by "him to their prejudice, nor any aid or Assistance be given directly "or indirectly to the Enemies of the British Nation" And therefore the President proposes that it be strongly recommended to the Rajah to be as frugal as possible in his expence and that he do not disburse any part of his Revenues, except in the pay of his own people, his personal Expences and the Sums he has stipulated with the Company —

Ordered, that the Letters Recommended by the President be prepared accordingly

Read Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President &c. Council at Fort St. George

Gentlemen —

Lord Pigot having requested to be furnished with Copies of the Complaints which had been sent home against him by the Nabob of Arcot, we have thought it proper to transmit to his Lordships Copies of all the Specific Charges contained in the Nabobs Letters to this Government against him, another Copy of which we beg leave to enclose for your Information —

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Humble Servants
Warren

Fort William
the 28.th October 1776

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Warren Hastings

Rich.d Barwell

F. Fancis

Extract of a Letter from the Nabob of Arcot Dated —

As I cannot consent to a Resignation of Tanjore which is my Right Lord Pigot his Intentions of going himself to deliver it up to Tulhajee, and of employing part of the ten Battalions which are kept up by the Company for my Service, and which I pay on the Duty of expelling my Naibs from the Talooks of Tanjore, and Supporting Tulhajee Inclosed is a Copy of the English Paper which Lord Pigot wrote and Brought with him On the 5th Instt 1190 Hejeree —

Letter delivered to the Nabob by Lord Pigot —

As I am now going to Tanjore I hope the Nabob will let the little Time there is be employed in Considering which Way I can execute the Company's Orders the Most to his Satisfaction, and that when I come away from Tanjore, he will be so good as to let Mujeeb Khan Accompany me as a Guard, it will have a Good Appearance in the Eyes of the World and Shew the Faith and Confidence, Lord Pigot has in the Nabobs Officers and Troops —

Dated 26th Instt 1190 —

D.o ——————

We obliged my Garrison Consisting of a Hullader by Name Mahomed Mujeeb Cawn and a 1000 Rank and File he he had promised that they should Remain to March out of the Hella Inclosed is a Copy of the Letter Which was Written to Mahomed Mujeeb Khan —

The particulars of the Promise Made by Lord Pigot will be explained in this Letter and by the Orders which I joined

to

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to Mahomed Mujeeb Cawn my Munsh, and sent to Lord Pigot who
having approved it was so kind as to forward it to Colonel
Harper before the English Troops had entered the Garrison.
Copy of which Order I have before inclosed to you.
Lord Pigot sent a Force, and disgraced and confined
my Munsh, who in Consequence of my Orders made no
Opposition and obediently removed thence. This is a Treatment
I never expected from my friends the Company for at that
where I had a Force of 2000 Men, two Guards composed of the
Company's Troops, seized and confined my Munsh.
Copy of a Translation of an English Letter to
Mujeeb Cawn Bahader.
(Seal of Lord Pigot)
Since the Raja of Tanjore has been translated into his
Government, it is necessary that you should remove the Shapoys
&c. Servants of the Nabob from Tanjore you will therefore
regard this a full and sufficient Order for marching them
without the Walls of the Walla in the Morning. Dated 11.th
April 1776 or 2. of Shuffer 1190 Hegira.

Ditto. Dated 2. Rubbee-ul-Awal 1190

I received new Intelligence, that a Lieutenant had Marched
out of Tanjore by Lord Pigot's Orders, at the head of 60 of the Comps.
European (Stringy) Troopers with their Officers and a Party of
Sepoys, Crossed the River Cavery and Coram Arrived at Vellahanore
and there surrounded the House of Dubbeer Shanaf.s my
Servants who were residing there by my Orders for purpose of
bringing away my Treasure, forced away the Shapoys whom I had
stationed with there as a Guard, placed them under a Guard of
Troopers and carried them together with all my Treasure Publick
and Private like Enemies taken Prisoners in War to Tanjore

before

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before Lord Pigot, in Consequence of which the Business of my Whole Country has been Obstructed

I have before enclosed to you Copy of my Instructions to my Officers in the Country of Tanjore in Obedience to which my People employed no Arms in Opposition to the Men sent by Lord Pigot yet they were Confined with the utmost possible disgrace

Dated 22. Ruby-ul-Sane 1190.

Ditto

Lord Pigot sent a Man to my Door at Midnight and forcibly Carried away my Royal, and threatned me in my own Durbar in the presence of my Children Brothers and Others saying that he would place a Guard of Europeans at my Door.

Lord Pigot after his Arrival from Tanjore Wrote in my presence and in the presence of my Children the Draft of a Letter to that purport. As I did not Comply, he took it a Miss I now enclose Copy of the Draft

Copy of a Paper Written by Lord Pigot with a Pencil and given by him to his highness the Nabob of the Carnatick that his Highness might Write the Contents in a Letter to his Lordship - April 11th 1776

I am very happy at my friends return I forgive you for every thing you have done The Man who is faithfull to his Master, will ever be so to his friend, now you have finished the Companys Business, I hope you will not forgot mine I will lay before you the Whole State of my Affairs and I desire your Assistance to Settle them to the Satisfaction of the Company that I may be happy

I Certifie that this is a true Copy of the Abovementioned Paper

(Signed) James Wooley Secretary to the Nabob

Ditto

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Ditto ..... Dated 25th Jemmadyal Awul 1190

A Report has prevailed which has very much impaired my Authority, that Lord Pigot has an intention of expelling me from Madras should I remove to a distance where no Englishmen would be present to Witness my Actions with what Crimes might he not charge me, and what weight might he not give to every ill founded Report in the Opinion of Council.

Lord Pigot during his stay at Tanjore not Only Sulted and Pursued Narro Pundit Dobbur &c. from Allyanore and Confined with every Mark of Disgrace the Aumils who are my Servants but gave Orders for a Guard of Sepoys and two Warcarrahs to be sent after Mahd. Hebraz Khan the Aumeen of the Taluk of Nauvaur, who left the Taluk before the Arrival of the Men belonging to the Company and Subjected and resided at Woodiarpolly which is my Country they forcibly removed him from thence and Inclose a Copy of a Letter which I have received on the Subject from Ayee Wyetally Khan the Naib of the Killa of Woodiarpolly

Copy of the Arzdaust or Humble Representation of Syed Wyet Ally Khan Naib of the Killa of Woodiarpolly dated the 24th Rubbyal Awul 1190 Hegira, and Received on the 26th of the same Month.

Setting forth Viz. a Guard of Sepoys and two Warcarrahs belonging to the English arrived at Woodiarpolly on the 3 of Rubbyul Awul for the purpose of seizing and carrying away Mahomed Hebraz Khan, The said Mahomed had set out two Days before for Madras. They therefore stationed four Men at his House and the rest came to me and said "We have received "Orders from Lord Pigot to go to Woodiarpolly and bring away "Mahomed Hebraz Khan or to return with a Letter from the

Naib

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" Naib of the Killa declaring that Mahomed Kebeer Khan is
" not in it You must therefore give us such a Letter and Acquaint
as Where Mahomed is" Answered that We had no concern
with the Killa that Mahomed Kebier Khan Was not in the
Killa and that I did not Know the particulars of the Dispute
The Mircarrahs &c There fore Went Away Without obtaining
what they Wanted The Companys Men after Ward searched
House after House throughout your Highnesses Saloohs and
seized and carried Away in a Violent Manner every Dependant
of your Highness whom they saw and now disgrace them No
Violence Was ever before exercided by the Companys Dependants
towards those of your Highness But such Oppression and Violence
has been practised by the Companys Men now that I cannot
describe it. It is reported that Lord Pigot after he had compleated
the Seizure of Tanjore intends to proceed to Kammanut Therefore
mention it for your Highness's Information

Ditto . . . . . Dated 6th Regel 1190 Hegera

Lord Pigot has now not only afforded Protection to some
who are my Relations, but he has incited them to leave me,
when you shall hear the Story you will be surprized. It is as
follows Hairuldeen Khans Family, had served my Family during
five Generations. Yet his Father before the troubles of General
Lally behaved treacherously to me at Seringhee and entered
my Room while I was Sleeping towards the Close of the Night
with two Loaded Pistols and a drawn Sword. The very same
Lord Pigot and the Gentlemen in Council were desirous of putting
him to Death, but I interposed and prevented them This is a
Fact Well Known. The Father of Hairuldeen Cawn afterwards
Died and Hairuldeen Khan himself and his Brothers were at this
time in their Infancy I compassionated them, maintained them,
and gave them Education I betrothed my Daughter to Hairuldeen

Khan

Khan, and raised him to a greater degree of Rank & entrusted him with the Farm of the Talook of Ramnaut and Shiogunga But he disappointed the proceeds of the Country and seized the property of the Ryots and the Polygars who had left the Country and Moodaled the Lands. Mr. Binfield had a Purrawanah or Assignment on the Talook of Ramnaut for 60,000 Chuckrams. But Hoir ul deen Khan placed this Gentleman Commandah in Confinement and thought he had not paid any part of the Peshcush demanded the Commandah to set his Seal, to a Receipt for the whole Purrawanah and took it from him. And in this Manner he showed so many instances of Want of Shame & Treachery inherent in him from his very Family, of Perfidy, Falsehood and ingratitude that I know not where the Relation would end; and his three Brothers behaved in the same Manner they formerly fled from Madrass and were taken and Remained along time in Chains, they were afterwards released and employed in Business. When I heard of the Transactions of Hoir ul deen Khan, I summoned him from the Talook, after his Arrival I discovered that the abovementioned Spoils which he had taken had not sufficed, but that he had also made away with the Money and Ornaments which agreeably to the Custom of Hindostan I had given to my Daughter which was a provision for her during her Life, and this is a Custom too amongst Europeans squandering it among Worthless Companions, Lord Pigot Came One Day Agitated to my house and told me that Hoir ul deen Khan was indebted in the Sum of some Hundred Pagodas to an European, who had prosecuted him in the Mayor's Court and that People belonging to the Court Were on the Watch to Arrest him and that he (Lord Pigot) had not power to stop the Court – Inquiring afterwards into Hoir ul deen Khan's Circumstances I discovered that he owed above two Lacks of Pag.

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to Europeans and others. When considered that if I should give
him his Liberty he Would be arrested by his Creditors and fall
into the Society of Idle and unthinking Men and into a Bad
Course of Life I therefore placed him in my own Garden House
the Same in which Joyful Murdoch and Others my three Children
and other Relations live that he Might be Secure from Corruption
by associating himself with such foolish Men and by these
means be reformed in his Manner of living and Contract
no Debts. When he promised me faithfully that he would not
be guilty of Such Practices and he gave Creditable persons as
Sureties for his Good behaviour, I took him into my favor.
But Lord Pigot in Order to gain an influence for himself and
Cause vexation to me from my family, incited Khairul deen Khan
to escape from me Who Accordingly On the 25th. of Jemaddy – ul Awal
fled from my Gardens with his three Brothers towards the Close
of the Night Over the Wall and Went to Lord Pigot. What
Stranger proofs can I give of the encouragement Which Lord
Pigot has given to them than these Lord Pigot has not Merely
treated them with proper Kindness but has furnished them
with Magnificent Houses a Sum of Money for their expences
and every thing besides Which they Wanted he has also allowed
them Guards of the Companys Seapoys for their protection and
behaved to them with all the attention in his Power. He takes
them into his Own Carriage and gives them a passage with himself
to the Companys Gardens and pays them Respect to the disparage-
ment of my Rank and that of my Children and has flattered them
with hopes –

My first Complaint against Lord Pigot is as follows –
When he first arrived here and made known the Company's Orders
though I did not oppose those Orders he endeavoured to prevent me

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from Representing the Truth and the Real Circumstances and my
Rights to my Friends and the Injury which the Company will
sustain both with Respect to their Interest and Honor should
those Orders be carried into execution. My Second Complaint is
as follows — All the Sum was Satisfied and expressed a Clear Satisfy
at Receiving a Garrison of my Friends into Tanjore. and that a
Garrison had been Admitted into the Rolla a Month before yet
Lord Pigot for the gratification of Sulyajie proceeded himself
with an Army on a Service for which One Tenth belonging to the
Company Would have been sufficient which Was Attended with
the Most Injurious Consequences to the Dignity of my Friendship
with the English. My Third Complaint is that the Had Written
publick Orders to Mahomed Nujeeb Cawn my Naib and though
the Contents had been repeatedly explained to his Lordship by
Mr. Chambers and the Letter was afterwards Delivered to him
that he might forward it to Colonel Harper and though he had
himself promised that he Would retain for a Contingency my
Naib with One Thousand Sepoys and Whatever Flag should be
displayed in the Fort and that he would supply the Province of the
place to the Discharge of the Arrears due to my Troops which
Had assigned to them by Sunnaus, all which particulars clearly
appear in the plain Order which I passed on the Subject, yet he
broke every One of these promises of his Own which is wholly
repugnant to the principles of the Religion of the English — My
fourth Complaint is, that he carried Troops with him to Tanjore
who are to this day in my pay, yet he employed those very
Troops to take all the Grain of the Country of Tanjore which
I had Raised by cultivating the Ground at a Considerable expence
and assigned by Sunnaus to my Creditors which has caused a
Damage which it will be impossible to repair both to my
Creditors and Army. My fifth Complaint is that he has broken

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the Guarantee Engagement which the King and Parliament have entered into for the Support of my Rights by forcibly Seizing and Carrying away the Dobbier and others my Officers with my Accounts from my Country. My Sixth Complaint is that in the Course of Carrying into execution the Company's Orders Lord Pigot removed with disgrace my Killedar from the Kella of Belam in which I had Maintained a Garison of English Forces during five Years at a Considerable expence and which Tulyagee had sur=rendered in the Year 1771. with other Villages for the Expences of the first War agreeably to the Treaty concluded with him through Mr. Du Pre. My Seventh Complaint is, that Lord Pigot after his Return from Tanjore delivered to me the Draft of a Letter which he had Written with his own hand and which is now in my possession and desired that I would write one Agreeably to it The im=port of it is that I excuse all his Measures with Respect to Tanjore and Resign all my Affairs into his Power He at

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that time very much prejs'd me to furnish him with such Reasons as might enable him to dismiss Sir Robert Fletcher, Mr Mackay and other Gentlemen who had Opposed him in Council, When he found that I was too Wise to write such a letter he became my inveterate Enemy, and in Order to vex me sent his Men in the Night time to Seize and Carry away my Men who where in my Gardin, and One Day he came himself and threatned to place a Guard of Europeans upon me which would be a Greater Evil to a Prince than Death.

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L. P. Arnold
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To the Rajah of Travancore advising that a Letter has been wrote to Hyder in Consequence of his application that his application for fire Arms cannot be complied with

A Letter was this Day wrote to the Rajah of Travancore in answer to his of the 20th Oct. entered in Country Correspondence Nº 110

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq. Vice President

Monday 9th December 1776

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer —— Francis Fourdaan

Colonel Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved

From the Rajah of Tanjore representing the Necessity there is of repairing the Annicut and Desiring that application be made to the Nabob for that purpose from Tanjore remitting Bills for 21000 Pagodas

Read Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore under date the 10th Ult. — and 2d Instant, as entered in Country Correspondence Nº 111 and Nº 112

The President acquaints the Board that having communicated to the Nabob the Substance of the Rajahs Representations with respect to the Disturbances committed in his Country and pointed out to him the Necessity of preventing the like in future

Orders sent by the Nabob to his Managers to prevent the like Complaints from being made in future

That the Nabob gave him Letters for his Managers at Arnaulore and Warriarpollam, containing the most positive Orders and this Day, which Letters the President gave to the Rajahs Vackeel, that they might be forwarded by the Rajah to those Places

The President laid before the Board the following

Draft of Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore which he proposed should be wrote in Answer to the above, which are Read and approved

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To the Rajah.

To the Rajah commencing Extract of the Resolution of the Board with Respect to the last Year's Crop of Grain in the Tanjore Country and advising him to take such means as may appear to him necessary in Consequence thereof

I wrote a Letter wrote to you by Lord Pigot the
as well as in one I had the honor to write to you the You were
informed, that the Board had Resolved, that the Government
of the last Year's Crop of Grain in the Tanjore Country
was the Property of the Nabob. This Resolution was but an
Act of Justice, as the Nabob had been at the Expence, and
the Grain was sown and Cultivated during the time the Country
was in his hands. I am therefore to request you will give
Orders that a particular and clear Account be drawn out
of the Government's Share of the last Year Crop as well
as what is due to the Circars from the Inhabitants which
Account you will send me as soon as possible, in the
meantime you will doubtless think it but reasonable that
whatever the Crops may amount to the same should be paid
to him. I do not mean by this to distress your Finances, or
to above you to Anticipate your Revenues, in such Manner
as to occasion future difficulties, I am only desirous as the
Company are the Guardians & Protectors of the Carnatic in
general, that Strict Justice should be rendered to all. Should
your Revenues be inadequate to the discharge of this Sum at
present, I can have no objection in Nabob to suspend part
of his Claim until the next Year, for you may be
assured this Government, will at all times be attentive
to your Interests and the prosperity of your affairs,
advise me fully on this Subject, that I may

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take Measures accordingly.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the honor to receive Your Letters of the 15th Ult.o and 2d Instant

You desire I will inform You of the answer I rec.d from the Nabob concerning the Annauttee, I formerly acquainted You that the Nabob had given Directions in Consequence of my representations to him, that the People of your Country should be supplied with Materials and receive every other such Assistance, towards the repairing of the Annauttee as was the established Custom in the time of Tuljaub Sing. His Highness has again wrote an Order to his Managers at Trichinopoly to inforce his former Directions, which Order has been transmitted to Colonel James to be Delivered to him, so that You may not in future expect any Difficulties on this head I cannot however avoid recommending to you, to have particular Care taken that the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Districts do not interfere with those of the Nabobs Country many Complaints have already been made and still making against the People of Pulicottah for the Troubles they have occasioned I have likewise Represented to the Nabob, in the fullest manner the Complaints made against the People of Tondeemans Country

To the Rajah advising him that the Nabob has given Directions to his People to afford him Assistance in repairing the Annauttee acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill for 20,000 Pag.s

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Country and he has prompted me, to give Orders every precaution
shall be taken in future to guard against such Troubles

I have remitted the Bills for Pags. 20,000 which
accompanied Your Letter of the 2d Instant, for the amount
of which, on Demand, Your Account shall be credited,

I have ordered two Companies of Sepoys from
Tellicherry to Tanjore, as a further Assistance to Your Officers
in the Collection of Your Revenues. Colo. Hartley will
receive the necessary Orders on this head. Your Vackeel
has rec.d from me some fresh Directions from the Nabob,
to his Managers at Arriadore and Warriorpolliam, relative to
the Complaints made against the Inhabitants of those
parts, if any of his People should therefore in future, come
into Your Country to commit depredations, You will punish
them as they may deserve, as will the Nabob if any of your
should enter in like manner into his

I shall always rejoice at Your Welfare and
Happiness

I am Sir &c.

Fort St. George
the 10 December 1776.

Mr. Jourdan cannot object to the
Words of the Letter, but the Paraphrases of the mode, for
he thinks the Matter considering the manner, Lord
Pigot

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Right delivered upon the Country, ought to be explained, and the Business settled by Persons on the Spot.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob has complained to him of Colonel Harper having detached a Company of the Battalion of Sepoys, to the Annacutta, to force the Inhabitants of the Country, to assist in the Repairing of that Bank.

Ordered, that the Secretary do inform Colonel Harper, of the Complaint that has been made against him, and that he be directed to inform the Board of the particulars of this affair.

The Secretary to write to Coll. Harper to explain to the Board the particulars of the affair, of which the Nabob has complained to the President.

The President further Represents to the Board as the Rajah of Tanjore, requires more Assistance of Troops, the better to enable him to collect in his Revenues, and as the employing of Effective men on such Service, would materially injure their discipline, he Recommends, that in future, all Invalid Sepoys, which may be admitted on the List, be sent to Tanjore for that purpose. Approved and Ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letters from the Nabob under date 15th Instant with 3500 Pags, on Acct of Pondamallee District Due that day Country Correspondence No 115

From the Nabob with 3500 Pags on acct of the Pondamallee Dist

under

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From the Nabob and Mr Anderson with Arzdashts from the Rajah of Travancore & Rajah Burmah, with Letters from the Amildars of Tatapoot and Changama respecting the Motions of Hyder Ally

under Date the 4th Instant with an Arzdasht from the Rajah of Travancore, and another from Rajah Burmah, together with translations of two Letters rec.d from the Amildars of Tatapoot and Changama containing Intelligence of Hyder Ally Cawn's entered in Country Correspondence No. 116 No. 117. No. 118 No. 119 No. 120

From the Nabob with sundry Papers of news

Under Date 1st Instant with Sundry Papers of Intelligence from Pondicherry and the Ballaghaut

From the Nabob with Copies of a Letter to him from Governor Law, and of his Answer, concerning the boundaries of the Village of Pankmooriambut in the Talluck of Pondicherry, and Poornatoon in the Talluck of Wondawash

Under Date 6th Instant. Advising of his Son in Law Meranden Cawn being at Anjengo, and requesting that orders may be sent for his detention, and delivery to the Nabob's People. Enclosing likewise Copies of two obligations from the Rajah of Travancore, formerly given the Nabob under his Seal; and Copies of Letters which the Nabob had wrote in Consequence to the Chief of Anjengo

From the Nabob advising that Meranden Cawn had escaped to Anjengo, and requesting that a Letter be wrote to the Chief of that Place directing him to seize the Person of Meranden Cawn

The President then proposed that the following Letter be wrote to the President and Council at Bombay, and to the Chief at Anjengo

To

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To the Honble Will.m Hornby Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council of

Bombay

To Bombay advising them not to afford a Passage to Kirudeen Cawn

Honble Sirs & Sirs

In a Letter lately rec.d from the Nabob he acquaints Us that Kirudeen Cawn with his three brothers are at Anjengo and he learns that it is his intention of proceeding to England; that Kirudeen Cawn is largely indebted to him and to many of the Inhabitants at this place and having run away with Jewells belong to his family to a large amount, he requests that we would make an Application to you to give Orders for his being delivered to his people.

From this Representation We hope you will see with us the Impropriety of allowing Kirudeen Cawn to remain at Anjengo or allowing him to have a passage on any of the Company's Ships to Europe

We send this Letter under a flying Seal to the Chief and Council at Anjengo requesting they will forward it to your Honor &c.a with the greatest dispatch.

The Nabob has acquainted us that he has wrote to the Chief there on this Subject

We

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We are with Esteem

Fort St George
10th December 1776

Honble Sirs
Your most Obedt humble Servants

To George Bagges Esqr

Chief at Anjengo

Sir accompanying Letter addressed to the Honble the Governor and Council at Bombay, and enclosed under a flying Seal for your Perusal, You will be pleased to dispatch to that Presidency with all possible Expedition

I am

Fort St George
15th Decr 1776

Sir
Your most Obedt humble Servt
R. Sullivan
Secry

Ordered that Coll. Rob. Lang be appointed to the Command of Fort and Garrison of Vellore

Coll. Lang appointed to the Command of Vellore

the

The following Note from the Grand Jury received on the 12th Instant, together with the Secretarys Answer

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Answer with the approbation of the Board, are now

Ordered to be entered on Consultation

Note from the Grand Jury requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Warrant for the Seizure and Confinement of Lord Pigot

The Gentlemen of the Grand Jury present their Compliments to Mr Sullivan and request he will send them a Copy of the Warrant for the Seizure and Confinement of Lord Pigot and every Subsequent Warrant for the Confinement of his Person

To George Moubray Esqr
Foreman of the Grand Jury

To the Grand Jury enclosing an Extract of the Minutes of Con:

Sir

Agreeably to the desire of the Grand Jury communicated to me in their Note of Yesterday, I have the Honor of enclosing you an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation, whereby Colonel James Stuart was authorized to Arrest the Person of Lord Pigot. The Orders issued on the occasion, were given by Coll. Stuart, in consequence of the Power with which he was invested.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt and
most humble Servant

B Sullivan
Secry

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To the Nabob acknowg the receipt of 3500 Pags on acct of the Pondamallee Farm

A Letter was wrote to the Nabob on the 4th Instant acknowledging the Receipt of 3500 Pagodas in full of the Rists of the Pondamallee Farm due on the 1st Instant. entered in Country Corr: Dr

Read the following Letters

X From Capt Colgrave inquiring to be appointed to a Command

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to remind You that I have served the Honble Company with an unexceptionable Character and Conduct near fifteen Years, and as I am informed a removal of the Troops will take place in January next, I hope you will be pleased to consider me in the distribution of Commands I never have received the smallest favor or advantage since I have had the honor to be in the Service except such as has fallen out casually in the course of it— I have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt and most humble Servant

John Colgrave

Tanjore
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28, Novr 1776

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From Lt.t Godfrey remind.g of his Services, and requesting to be nominated to a Command

To the Honble the President and Council Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The time approaching when probably the new arrangement of the Seapoy Battalions to the different Commands may take place — I hope it may not be thought intruding thus early to address the Honble Board, even confident of their constant attachment in matters of this sort to the propriety of the request — I am induced to take the liberty recapitulating the grounds which lead me to hope some attention will be given to my plea of becoming a candidate for such a Command —

The principal and only satisfactory record that an Officer can produce to his Superiors (exclusive of his Character) is his Services, pointing out mine since the Year 1763 may not I hope appear either improper or unnecessary.

To the Northward I served under Genl Calliaud, at Pengall on the occasion of the general resignation, the whole

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The whole (Myore War as a Grenadier officer, without (during
that long period) ever missing a hour of duty — on the Marrawar
Expedition on both Sides of Tanjore; —

Trusting that my endeavours on the above occasions
to fulfill my duty were not least equal to those of those officers
and being desirous of convincing The Honble Board to the
utmost of what is above set forth — I refer to all the Field
Officers of the Army particularly to Colonels Lang, Baillie
and Major Horne now at Madrass —

And should it be necessary I am well assured that
all the officers returned to Europe since the Year 1765 would
support to the Honble Court of Directors the propriety of
what I have above alledged —

My Character & Conduct previous to having the
Honor of bearing a Commission in the Honble Companys
Service and when in His Majesty's may easily be known
by referring the Honble Court of Directors — to the letters
given into them in December 1764 by the Officers I had then
served under. — These Gentlemen are all the pretention
I have to your patronage on the present occasion and
were I to judge by the frequent examples of your Candour &
constant attention to an officers services and Character
in

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In applications of this sort I would flatter myself with Success

Trusting entirely to your Gentlemen in this Application

I will conclude with assuring you — Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Tanjore
2d December 1776

Robt Godfrey
Capt.n 12th Batt.n

From Col. Fitzgerald with Intelligence from Seringapatam

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

President and Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir —

From Hercara I sent to Seringapatam for Intelligence. I have Recd the following Accounts that Hyder Naig, Coraan Sibe, and Tippoo Sibe, are in Seringapatam, and that Ibram Sibe is the Killidar of that Garrison. that in it is, 5000 Horse. 6000 Seapoys, 10,000 Match lock Peons, 300 Topsi 100 Europeans and 1300, Rockmen, and that there are Encamp'd in Shuckheram Patt. under the Command of Allum Cawn, Samedar. a large body of Troops, with artillery, and a quantity of Stores

That Meer Sibe is Encamped 60 Coss to the Northward of Seringapatam with 5000 Horse, 6000

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Seapoys and 1000 Sicars

I Daily Expect two Intelligent Seapoys whom

I have sent to Seringapatam and shall make known to you,

whatever Intelligence they bring.

I am with the Respect

Vellore — Honble Sir

the 2d December 1776 — Your most Obed.t and most humble

Servant

J. Fitzgerald

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esq.r — Chingleput

Military Secretary — 4th December 1776

From Capt Mackenzie advising that one of the Nabobs Regt of Cavalry is at Carangoly

Sir

Please to inform the Honble Board that I have rec.d their order of yesterday and that the non Commissioned Officers, Invalids &c.a shall march from hence Tomorrow to inform the Honble Board, that I have received information from the Country People that one of the Nabobs Regiments of Cavalry are at Carongoly, they marched from the Southward without their Officers and that they intend halting until they receive satisfactory answer from the Nabob respecting their Pay. If I hear any thing more of them I shall

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shall communicate it to the Honble Board

I am Sir

Your most obedt Servt

T. Mackarell

Guard
Acct of Sepoys granted
to the Nabob

The President acquaints the Board that on
Application from the Nabob, he had granted him a Guard
of Sepoys to carry 10,000 Pagos to the Cavalry mentioned
in Capt. Mackarell's Letter

Read Letter from Lt Coll. James Comm-
anding at Trichinopoly

4 From Coll. James advising
that a Surgeons Assistant is
wanted at Trichinopoly

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President and Governor &c. Council of
Fort St. George
Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to transmit to you my
several Returns of this Garrison for the Month of Novr,
and beg leave to mention to the Honble Board that
Mr Wilson our Surgeon, is very much in want of
a proper Assistant to remain at Morriore Hospital having
only

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only Mr. Burnett who is not to be depended upon in the profession of a Surgeon.

I remain with due respects

Tschenopolis 4th December 1776

The Honble Sir and Sirs

Your very Obed.t and most humble Servt

D.d James

Ordered, to be upon the Table

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

From Masulipatam advising that Hyanak Doura is deposed of his Principal Port, and that he has fled to the Woods

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

The Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the Honor to receive your Commands from the Military Department of the 20.th Instant and comformably thereto five Companies of the 6.th Coast Batt.n of Sepoys have received Orders to hold themselves in readiness to march forthwith to Arcot

We have the pleasure to inform your Hono.rs that by a Letter rec.d from Capt.n Collens, We learned he had on

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on the 23d Instant dispossessed Rajamah Doura of his principal Port in the Tolapilla District, without sustaining any Loss; he however has made his escape into the adjacent Woods. But as Capt. Collins is endeavouring to inform himself of the Route he has taken, We hope to hear farther from him on the Subject in a few Days, when you shall be duely informed of the measures he may since have taken

We are Respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed. humble Servants

Chas Floyer

Chas Desvoeux

James Hodges.

Alex. Pringle

Masulipatam 30th Nov. 1776

The Troops under Capt. Collins's Command to be recalled

As it appears from the above Letter that the Zemindar has made his Escape, — and as the Season of the Year is very unfavorable to the Troops under the Command of Capt. Collins Resolved, That they be immediately recalled, leaving such a Number only with Timmerauze, as may be deemed necessary to protect the Country.

Read

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Read Letter from the Chief and

Council at Tanjore

Military Department

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

From Tanjore during the Death of Dr Bowen that a Vackeel belonging to Suggunnaut Doo has been taken Prisoner and their having ordered Lieut Grn Pte to encamp near Dugapoody

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Enclosed we transmit you Copy &c

Letter which we received afew days since from Capt Candler by which your honor &c will be informed of the situation of Affairs in the Vizianagur Zemmindary and the sickly state of the Troops on service there

Doctor Bowen died here the 23d Instant, and Capt Candler has been obliged to leave the detach-ment and is now dangerously ill at Tchapoury.

Lieut Gowdie on whom the Command of the Troops in the field is devolved by the Absence of Capt Candler, and Lieut Trent has taken a Pauter or Vackeel belonging to Suggunaut Doo, as also some Country

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Country made Guns, a number of Wall and
Matchlock pieces, afew Firelocks, and other Stores,
On Account of the sickly state of the Troops
We have directed Lieut Gordon to continue where he
is at present encamped near Diegapondy, and not to
send any Detachments in pursuit of the Enemy with-
out express orders from us. We have also directed him
to send hither the Pauter whom he has taken prison-
er, hoping by his means to prevail on Juggannaut Doo
to return to Vizianagur and submit to his Brother
The Chief has written to the Rajah urging
him to lose no time in taking the necessary measures
for raising a Body of Peons, and We shall not fail
to withdraw the Detachment as soon as it can be
done with safety to the Country.

We have the honor to be respectfully

Hon^ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed^t humb^l Serv^ts

Charles Smith

R^d Maunsell

Tho^s Dynely

J Hudleston

Ganjam
26th Nov^r 1776

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To Charles Smith Esq.r

Chief and Council of Ganjam

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to acquaint you of the great sickness that begins, and is likely to prevail amongst the detachment under my command. This I imagine has been owing to the immoderate rains lately fallen for it continued pouring incessantly for four days, in somuch that the country round Vizragur was for many days after nearly under water which has obliged me within 8 days to send 130 Men extremly ill of bad fevers to their respective Cantonments at Arka, and Itchapore

On the above account, I have thought it my duty to withdraw the detachment from Vizragur Fort, and encamp them on a rising ground near Diogapore so centrically situated, as to be able to afford immediate Assistance, or repel any force, which the enimy may send to disturb the Country. at present I can hear nothing of Jaggunnaut Doo or his people, and the Zemindary is seemingly quiet, the Inhabitants

However

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however are not as yet returned to their Villages

I have stationed a Company of Seapoys in Vizagar
fort and another at a strong Barrier, called Gonjaullpoor, these
are the only strong holds, and the two keys that secure the most
valuable part of the Country.

This arrangement of the detachment is the only
mode I can advise to protect the Country and at the same
time, to preserve the health of the people for were they to continue
longer at Vizagar sickness must in a little time weaken the
8 Compys so much as greatly to retard any future service
that may be required of them.

The Rajah Monidoo has not been of the
smallest use to me, neither in trying to get back the Hill
or in endeavouring to dispose the hill people to admit of his
Government, nor has he yet a single peon to secure his property.
the moment he is in a capacity to protect and secure his new
acquired possessions I shall not fail to acquaint you he,
and his pater both inform me that it will be still a full
Month before the Detachment can with safety be with-
drawn, and that after 2 Compys stationed as above mentioned
is the whole he will have occasion for

I have thought proper some days
ago to send back to Ava the 10 Sepoys with the spare stores,
and

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and have received with me the 2 said pieces.

Doctr. Bowen, Lieut. Foord, and Graves, have obliged to go to sick quarters, the latter requested particularly of me for leave to proceed to Chicacole for the Benefit of his health, which I granted.

I remain with great Respect

Gentlemen

Your very Obedt. and most humble

Servant

(Signed) John Chandler

Camp near Dugapondy 17th Novr. 1776

A true Copy J. Huddleston Secry.

The Board approve of the Order given by the Gentlemen at Ganjam to Lieut. Goudie, to continue encamped on his present Situation

The order given by Lt. Goudie approved

Read minute and Letter from Colo. Stuart

From Col. Stuart recommending officers to the Command of the additional Battalions and the mode in which they should be raised

Minute

The President has done me the honor to communicate what has already passed the Board relative to the proposed Augmentation of the Number of Sepoy Corps by increasing the present Establishment of each Corps.

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I did not imagine it required such Dispatch, but as the Board seem to press the Matter, although I am not at all well, I shall not fail on my part to forward their intention, at the same time, I beg leave to observe that in my humble opinion an attention is due to the Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India, who may expect to be acquainted before any Material alteration takes place in the Military Establishment of this Presidency. Indeed, I will frankly confess to the Board, that with this idea, I as a Private individual, had wrote to him upon this Subject. I have likewise to acquaint the Board that there must be some mistake in regard to my ever having given My Authority to any Plan for this purpose. Sir Robert Fletcher, it is true, spoke to me several times in a transient way and I may have had conversations with the Adjt. General and have even sent something in writing on the Subject, but it were better that paper called my plan should be omitted in the Record, for it certainly is not mine.

I shall now as well as I am able at present, state, what I have to say on the Subject, and propose what seems to me the most expeditious and natural way to have every thing in readiness for embodying the additional Battalions, taking at the same time the very necessary

precaution

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In Precaution that these Battalions be equal in every respect to those from which they are Drafted

I propose then that the twelve Carnatick Battalions to be from four additional ones; and the Six Circar Battalions, Two, making in all Twenty four Battalions, and for this purpose let the Captains Command the Sepoy Corps in the Carnatick and Circars after compleating their Commissioned and non Commissioned officers and Grenadiers, be ordered to Draft from each Grenadier Comp.y 2 Havildars 2 Naigues and 28 Grenadiers, and from each of the three Best Batt.n Company 2 Havildars and 2 Naigues and 22 Private; and from each of the others one Havildar one Naigue and 22 Private or in proportion to the effective strength of the Private of the Company Dividing the Sick and absent proportionally

The Commanding Officers of the Corps to keep his Commandant and Staff and to have the choice of one Subedar One Jemmedar one Havildar one Naigue One Drum one fife and one European Sargeant. The eldest Subalt.n who with the fifth and Ninth in seniority is to have charge of the Draft is to have the next choice of one Man out of those Ranks in the same manner as the Commanding Officer. One Subedar of Grenadiers

and

and two Subedars and 7 Jemidars from the Battalion together with three Europe Sgts who are all to be taken by Lott and appointed to the Drafts which are thus to be kept as ten seperate parts of Companys under the Command of the Eldest Subaltn to remain under the orders of the Captain and to be paid by him untill the Drafts are imbody'd and in order that impartial justice may be done, the Eldest Subaltn having charge of the Drafts is to be present to see that after the Men are Ranked and Sized their Names or Number are put in a hat and Drawn by Lott by Ranks or files according to the above proportions to remain with the old and with the additional Companys Whenever the Board think proper to order the incorporating of the additional Battalions, it is done by joining the parts of Companys thus formed of three Neighbouring Battalions making Ten entire Companys

(Numbers)

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In regard to proportioning the Number of Officers and calculating Matters on the most oeconomical Plan I am not now in condition to enter into a Minute Discussion, but the Board may easily furnish themselves with the proper estimates so as to know with precision the total additional expence for Twenty four Battalions; but it is my firm Opinion, notwithstanding the extraordenary

expences

expence, that each Company of Sepoys ought to have
a European Subaltn, and I hope no consideration will
lead to lessen that Number, If oeconomy is to take
place with respect to reducing the Number of Officers,
let it be on the Corps Battalions as the Companys are
there at the whole expence.

The Board will please to consider that whenever
the Measure (in my opinion immediately necessary
and indeed directed or implied in the orders from the
home by the 23d and 24th Paragraphs of the Govr Letter
of the 22d of April 1775
Sr Grenville) is adopted for augmenting the Force of the
Carnatick, in consequence of 2500 Sepoys 300 European
and half a Company of Artillery being now Stationed
in Tanjore and Districts; whatever proportion of Infan-
try that Augmentation is to consist of can only be
recruited and formed by the Sixteen Carnatick Batts-
therefore it seems to me the more necessary that a full
proportion of Officers commissioned and non commissioned
should now be preserved in their Corps. It appears to
me that the whole additional expence ought in
propriety and justice at least so far as regards the
Sixteen Carnatick Battalions to be Defrayed from
the Tanjore Subsidy, that neither the Nabob nor

the

nor the Company should be burdened with it; and that this should be considered as the begining of increasing the Military Establishment on account of the Military Protection the Company are under Engagements to give to the Rajah of Tanjore

To lessen the Number of Officers either European or Sepoy would indeed be starving the cause; and I trust that after what has been said the Board will find it the truest oeconomy not to attempt any saving on that head. There cannot be the least doubt but that the Service will be benefited by this Scheme, besides it brings the Military Establishment nearly on the same footing as in Bengall; and every Attempt to assimilate the Military Service in all the Presidencies must be attended with advantage. A Material consideration will occur I dare say to the Board which will lead them not to diminish too much the force of certain Garrisons merely for the sake of keeping entire Corps on the new Establishment together; as for example at Amboor, Madura Pallamcottah, Angole and Places in the Circars, where there are now Battalions of one thousand Men each, should that Strength of Garrison be found

necessary

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necessary, the Board will doubtless keep in each One Battalion and three Companys of another

& to the Captains Subaltn Officers and Staff to be appointed on account of this New Arrangement, the Board will, I trust have regard to Sir Robert Fletchers Recommendation left with me and to such as I shall, after the most Minute enquiry and impartially, present as Zealous Active and Deserving Officers; for much, very much Depends upon the Constitution and Discipline of these Sepoy Battns and no Officer ought to be on those Corps who has not a Spirit of emulation and real Zeal for the Service.

Upon the whole my Opinion is that the strength of each Company should be one European Subaltern and one Serjt one Subedar. two Jemedars five Havildars, five Naiques Drum Fife, Sixty five Private: Capt Commandant, Black Commandant and Staff as at Present Buckalls &c as at present. For the above calculation of Numbers of Private to form the Draft there may be some immaterial mistake which will be easily rectified in practice; indeed the Battalion not being compleat must prevent any positive precision in this

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this respect, but the foregoing are my general ideas on the Subjects. The expence as before observed will probably exceed some plans or calculations offered to the Board. But as the Corps when fully compleat may on the shortest notice from their own body additional Companys from whence any Battalions in future wanted on account of Service may be raised with every advantage, I hope this with other considerations will have its due weight with the Board, so that Augmentations may be made gradually otherwise when Necessary Sepoys and new Corps are suddenly wanted, they would be Composed of Recruits and raw Men not fit for Service, and the encrease of Rank of Sepoy officers becoming from this very Considerable it ought not to be hurried

Sam.l Stuart

Fort St George

3.d December 1776.

N.B In Drafting the Men when Brothers or near Relations are of One Corps they ought not to be Seperated.

By the above plan it appears that besides Commissioned

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Commissioned Officers &c. each Corps will consist of 50

Havildars 50 Naigues and 650 Private ... 750

which Multiply by ... 24

the No of Batts proposed ... 18,000

The present Establishment consists of

60 Havildars 60 Naigues and 960 Privates

which Multiply by 18 the No of Batts at present ... 17640

Proposed Augmt ... 360

by the new plan Three hundred and Sixty Men

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

Govr and President &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Conformable to the Company's Instructions

Dated the 29th of march 1775, I take occasion to recommend to the

Board, the following Captains to the Command of the

four proposed additional Carnatick Battalions of Sepoys,

and of the two additional Battalions proposed for the

Circars, likewise the following Subaltern Officers to be

Adjutants to the same Viz— N.B. The Gentlemen

marked thus * are recommended by Sir Robert Fletcher

Capt

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Captain Richard Nelson } 1st 13th Carnatick Battr
Ensign James Mackay Adjt

To be composed of the Draft from the two Battalions now at Madras and the Battalion at Ongole, and to rendezvous at Madras

Captain Hugh Robert Alcock } 1st 14th Carnatick Battr
Lt. Richard Anderson Adjt

To be composed of the Draft from the Battalions at Madura, Callamcottah, Vellum and Trichinopolly Rendevous at Trichinopolly

Capt. John Davies } 1st 15th Carnatick Battalion
Lt. John Cuppage Adjt

To be composed of the Draft from the Battns in the Tanjore Districts, to rendevous at Tanjore

Captain Thomas Lane } 1st 16th Carnatick Battr
Ensign James Richardson Adjt

To be composed of the Draft from the Battalions at Amboor, Villoure and Conjeveram to rendevous at Villoure

Capt. Thomas Bridges } 1st 17th Circar Battalion
Ens. Jos. Little Adjt

To be composed from the Draft from the three Battalion in the Masulapatam Districts, to rendevous at Ellore

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Capt.n Thomas Bowles } 4th
Lieut.t Geo. Wahab Adj.t } 8 Coast Batt.y

to be composed of the Draffts from the three Batt.ns
in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts, and
to rendezvous at Gillmore or Selchmapet

Beg leave to recommend to the Board to delay appointing
the additional Subaltern Officers until the Batt.n are
arrived at their Rendezvous and returns rec.d from all the
Sepoy Corps of the effectives and Numbers wanting to
Compleat to the New Establishment

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Sam.l Stuart

In case the Board think proper immediately
to fill up the vacancy by the preceding appointments
of Capt.n Coll.e Stuart thinks it his Duty to give it as his
Opinion that as there are present temporary
Captains or rather Lieut.s doing Captains Duty who
will now come upon full pay there will remain only
Lieut.s to be promoted to Companys, Coll.e
Stuart being entirely against continuing any temporary
or fictitious Ranks in the Army

9.t

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Col. Stuarts Letter and minute lie upon the Table

As the Board are in hopes that Col. Stuart will have so far recovered from his indisposition as to be enabled to attend Council in a few days, — It is

Resolved, that his Letter do lie upon the Table for further Consideration

Two Guns ordered from Chingleput to Conjeveram

Ordered that two Guns be sent from Chingleput to Conjeveram, viz. — that no Conductor be allowed

Read Letter from the acting Commander in Chief

From Col. Stuart recommend. Capt. Johnston to succeed to the 3d Circar Batt.

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.
President and Governor and Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

Agreable to the Company's Instructions Dated the 29th March 1774 I beg leave to recommend to the Board Captain James Johnston of the 1st Batt. 1st Regt. of Europeans to the Command of the 3d Circar Batt. of Sepoys in the room of Captain John Candler Deceased.

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I have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

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Jam.s Stuart

Capt.n Johnston appointed accordingly

At the Capt.n Johnston has been already nominated to the Command of one of the additional Batt.ns of Sepoys to be formed in the Carnatic, Yet as the Commander in Chief recommends him to succeed to the 2d Coast Batt.n vacant by the Death of Capt.n Camden, it is Resolved, — that he be appointed accordingly and that Capt.n Hugh Robert Alcock, — be appointed to the Carnatic Batt.n in his Room

Mr. Porter to be ordered before the Board and reprimanded

Mr. George Porter being returned from the Southward, It is Resolved, — that he be called before the Board and reprimanded, for having proceeded to Tanjore without their permission

Ensign Jas. Richardson Dies

The Secretary Reports the Death of Ensign James Richardson

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The acting Commander in Chief having represented to the Board, that it would be for the benefit of the Service, and a great Saving to the Soldiers to have the half Mounting Money given to the Regiments, for the provision of the proper Necessaries for that purpose, Resolved that on the ensuing Cloathing are in future the Money for the Half Mounting be given to the Regiments, and the Necessaries provided there only under the direction of the Commanding Officers

The half Mounting in future to be provided by the Commanding Officers of each Regiment

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4th Came in the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

From Col.o Ross on the Report of the Number of People employed on the Works

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	49
Tankdiggers	927
Coolies	209
Stonecutters	36
Lascars	79
Amounting in all	1300 People

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sirs and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lt. Col.o and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George

4th December 1776

10th A Letter was this Day wrote to the Nabob with his Accounts to the 30th April 1776, and requesting him to set a part an early Day for Settling the Affairs of the ensueing Year. Entered in Country Correspondence Vol.o

The following Letters were this Day dispatched by order

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order of Council

To Lieut.t Coll.o James

Commanding at Porto Novo

To Coll.o James encloses a Letter to the Nabob Amildar

Sir

Several Complaints having been preferred to the President and Council both by the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, with respect to the Repairing of the Annacutta, I am directed to acquaint you, that you are to deliver the accompanying Letter from the Nabob to his Amildar at Porto Novo, which contains positive directions on that Subject, and that you take especial Care, that the old Custom with respect to the Annacutta be preserved, and the same Assistance be afforded the Tanjore People now, that was usual in the time of Pretaub Singe

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Serv.t

R. J. Sullivan Sec.y

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To Lt Coll.o Harper

Commanding at Tanjore

To Lt Coll.o Harper advising him that orders have been sent to the Nabobs Amildar requiring him to afford the same Assistance in the repairing of the Annacut as usual in the time of Pretaub Sing and desiring to know his Reasons for detaching a Company of Sepoys into the Nabobs Country

Sir

As Complaints have not only been made

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made by the Nabob, but likewise by the Royal Letters
with Respect to the Annandle, I am directed by the
Honble the President and Council to acquaint you
that proceedings are this day gone from the Nabob
to the Annadaw at Tondamopoly Commanding him to
forthwith the Establishment Customs with Respect to the
Peguers wanting to the Annandle, and to afford the
same Assistance to the Tanjore People now that was
Usual in the time of Pratab Sing

The Nabob having made Complaint
that on or the 26th Ultimo a Company of Sepoys of the
Mahrattas Battalion Mahomed Ibrahim Commanded by
Abdul Cauder Subr was detached by you with some of the
Royal People to force the Inhabitants of the Country to
mend the Annandle I am Directed to know from you the
Grounds of the Complaint that the Board may be made
to reply to the Nabob Accordingly

I
Fort St George
10 Decr 1776

I am
Sir
Your most Obed Servt
R. J. Sullivan
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