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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Geo.e Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan — George Mackay

29.th Aug.t

The President lays before the Board the following Letter.

Honble Sir.

From Major Horne acknowledging receipt of Letter 28th August inclosing one to his Lordship—

Last night about 11 o'clock I received the Board's dispatch together with your seperate Letter; My Lord & Sir Edward Hughes were both at Table with my Family & I delivered his Lordship the Board's Letter and Sir Edward yours, — his Lordship read his publickly, but made no communication of it, he soon afterwards sent it to Mr. Moncton & retired to rest — Sir Edward stept here also, & now writes to you. Our Men & Officers are sick and quick. I suppose this Morning his Lordship will consult his Friends before Sir Edward leaves the Mount. — As soon as any thing material occurs, I shall immediately give information. — I am,

Mount 29.th Augt. 1776. 7 A.M.

Honble Sir,

Your most humble Servant
Matw. Horne

The President having applied to the Secretary for the Company's General Letter of Triton, with its accompanying Papers — the Secretary informs the Board that they have never been sent into his Office, & therefore he conceives they are in the possession of Lord Pigot.

The Secretary to apply for certain papers in his Lordships possession

Resolved that the Secretary do immediately apply for the same through Major Horne to Lord Pigot as well as for other Public Papers which may be in his possession — the following Letter is in consequence

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To Major Matthew Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir.

I am directed by the Honble President & Council to request you will apply to Lord Pigot for the Company's General Letter & Triton & other Public Papers, which may be in his Lordships possession, but as these Public Papers may be mixed with Papers of a private nature, which the Board do not wish to read & as the Seals of the inner apartments of the Chest House remain untouched, they wish Lord Pigot would fix on any Gentleman of Secrecy he has confidence in, with the two Secretaries may seperate the Papers of a public nature from those of a private one, which may be taken away. I am, Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant
R. J. Sulivan Secy

Requesting he will apply to Lord Pigot for the publick papers he may have, & that some friend of his Lordships may attend to take his private papers away from the Fort

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Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board a Letter he has received from Lieut. Brisbane at Bengal, requesting a further leave of Absence, Ordered that his Furlow be continued 3 Months longer, and that the Secretary do advise him thereof.

Lieut Brisbane to have 3 Months furlow continued

Received at ½ past 11. A.M. the following Letter from Major Horne, dated this Morning ½ past 10 o'Clock.

To The Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President, Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

My Lord Pigot has just made a public Application to me to the following purport, viz.—
That he understands a Ship is to be dispatched for Bengal this day. That the Gentlemen at Madras

From Major Horne Lord Pigot demands a Copy of his orders & desires that his friends may be allowed to consult with him, as he intends writing to Bengal

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had informed Sir Edward Hughes and others that his Lordship was not debarred the use of Pen, Ink & Paper, he therefore thought it necessary to write to the Governor General Hurral by this Vessel to inform them of this Situation, and demanded a Copy of my Orders for his Confinement, to transmit in his Letter to the Governor General &c. And that he might have free permission to consult with his Friends on the Situation without any restraint whatever, of his Affairs. I informed his Lordship I would immediately write to you for Instructions on that head; his Lordship replied, as the Vessel was to sail this day not a moment ought to be lost, as it was but Justice that he should have an opportunity of informing the Gentlemen of Bengal of his Situation. I have therefore to request your Orders on his demand as soon as possible I have the honor to be

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10 past 10 o'clock A.M.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Matt.w Horne

To which the following Reply was made.

To Major Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir.

We have received your Letter of this Morning & can have no Objection to Lord Pigott having the earliest opportunity of representing what he pleases to the Governor General &c. in Bengal we desire that his Lordship's Letters may be written, signed & sealed by himself in your presence & delivered to Sir Edw.d Hughes or to You to be forwarded. Considering the violent expressions which we understand have been made use of the other Night by some of his Lordship's friends in the hearing of the Troops We cannot consent to more than one of

One of his Lordships friends to assist him, copy of the Orders to be given to him

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of his Lordships friends assisting them on the present Occasion. And his Lordship is at full Liberty to make choice of whomsoever he may think proper.

You may communicate to his Lordship the Orders you received when you took Charge of him from Capt. Lysaught & give him a Copy thereof.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Geo. Stratton &c. &c.

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Read the following Letter from Major Horne dated this day at 5. A.M. enclosing Copy of one from Sir Edward Hughes to him.

The Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.

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

From Major Horne enclosing Letter from Sir E. Hughes

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Sir Edward Hughes has delivered to me a Letter, a Copy of which I enclose. I very readily gave him my Word of Honor that I would not deliver his Lordship up until his return, or Advice from him. I am perswaded I shall have your Approbation for my having done so.

I am with respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servant

(signed) Mat. Horne.

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5 A.M.

P.S. This Moment your Orders respecting my Letter of this Morning arrived with Mr. Sullivan's Letter. I shall write again as soon as I obtain an Answer from Lord Pigot.

To Major Horne,

Sir.

Being obliged to go to the Fort immediately I am to request of you to give me your Word of Honor that you will not give up the Person of Lord Pigot now in your Charge 'till my return to you, as you are well

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were acquainted that a Correspondence between this Gentlemen sitting in the Fort as Council and myself is now carrying on with respect to the Protection his Lordship has claimed from me as his Majesty's Representation in this Country, I am,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant

(Signed) Edwd Hughes.

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Read the following Letter from Major Cooke

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Major Cooke has taken the command of this depot

Agreable to your Orders of Yesterday I left Fort St. George and arrived here at nine o'clock in the Evening and immediate took upon me the Command of this Garrison.

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs.
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Cooke

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The Board calling upon the Secretaries for Lists of the Public Business, as their respective Departments lying for consideration, they are accordingly produced, & it appears to be as follows

Business lying for the Consideration of the Board

Representation of the Commander in Chief dated the concerning the Battalions.

Representation of Ditto, concerning Militia Regulations dated

Do ——— of Do of the necessity of removing the Battalion of Europeans doing Duty in this Garrison to Poonamallee, with a Comparative State of the Sick in the said Battn three Months in Poonamallee & three Months in this Garrison now dated

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Committee of Circuit — Its Members, and Instructions to be given them. —

An exact list of the Surgeons to be kept —

Mr. Secretary Oakley informs the Board that he hath not yet obtained a List of the Surgeons on this Establishment, and the dates of their Employment in the Service — Ordered that the Secretary do call upon the proper Persons that an Exact List be made, & constantly kept up correctly in the same manner as that of the Army. —

The Board are desirous of going thro all the Business before the Dispatch, but the two forth Representations will require more time, than can at present be spared, to examine the Records for such References as must necessarily be made for their information — The Representation concerning the half-Batta, upon a Review of the unavoidable Expences of a Subaltern Officer, requiring no other reference than to the late Orders of Council — It is now taken into Consideration. —

Representation concerning the half Batta considered

From the Representation of Colonel Stuart and his Letter accompanying it, which were delivered to the Board by Sir Robt. Fletcher, the Commander in Chief, as entered on Cons. — who has most earnestly recommended the Subject to our Consideration; it appears that the Pay of the Subaltern Officers is unequal to their expences even in Madras — When it is considered that in Out-Garrisons, their Servants all receive Batta, when absent, every necessary Article of Life must be conveyed to them from Madras, at a considerable additional Charge; it is clearly demonstrated that Officers at the Out-Garrisons cannot possibly subsist upon their Pay — Half-Batta was originally allowed them in consideration of the Extra Charge of their employing Coolies to and from the Out Garrisons, & to the additional Pay of the Servants they must necessarily employ — The Board

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Board considering also that the Distress of such Officers may reduce them to the necessity of turning their attention from their Duty to the Company, to means inconsistent with the Characters and Stations annexed to their Commissions in order to support even their necessary Disbursements, they cannot but be unanimously of opinion that the Motion made by the late President Lord Pigot in Cons.n last for taking from them the half-Batta which had before been allowed to the Officers in Out-Garrisons, had been hurried thro' the Board, instead of its having been so maturely weighed and considered in all its consequences, as we think the nature of the Subject required. ——

Pigot

Half Batta to be Restored

Resolved therefore that Half-Batta to Officers and Paymasters be restored in those Out-Garrisons where it had been allowed, previous to the Board's Orders of the 20th Febry. 1776.

Resolved in Consequence of the foregoing Resolution, the following G. O. shall be issued. —

G. O. Publishing the restoration of the Batta reducing the rate of marching to 12 Miles p Diem

The President & Council taking into consideration, the State of the Subaltern Officers necessary expences calculated at the medium rate of the Chief Garrisons under this Presidency, as particularly set forth in the representation signed by Col. Stuart, & recommended by the Commander in Chief on the 19th instant to the Board & being of opinion that the distress of the Subaltern Officers in particular may reduce them to the necessity of employing their time & attention, to ways and means, inconsistent with their Character & Station. Ordered that the half-Batta in those Out-Garrisons where it used to be allowed, be from this date allowed to the Officers & Paymasters on this Establishment on the same footing as it stood before the General Orders of Febry. 20th 1776. ——

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The Report of the Committee of Accounts setting forth that the allowance to the non Commissioned Officers & Privats for new days march proceeds on the calculation of 25 Miles one day, that it appears insufficient — The Commander in Chief represents that to be equal to two days March of an European in this Climate — Ordered that from this date every Cadet Non Commissioned Officer & Soldier when upon the March be allowed at the rate of one day for every twelve miles.

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The Committee of Circuit taken into Consideration

The Board next proceeded to take into consideration the immediate Execution of the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, relative to the Committee of Circuit, in order, that this matter may undergo the least delay possible, by the late Events, and the Suspension of Messrs Russell, Dalrymple & Lathom, who were appointed Members of that Committee —

The Board thereupon take into Consideration, the nomination of proper persons for the Committee of Circuit, refer to the Company's Orders on this Subject, which are as follows —

"Seperate Letter from England 12th April 1775.

"We therefore direct that when Affairs respecting Tanjore shall have been accomodated & finally adjusted a Committee of our Circuit consisting of five Members be appointed to make the Circuit of our Northern Circars."

When the Court of Directors gave their Orders the Council consisted of 19. so that there were more than sufficient for carrying on the Company's Business at the Presidency; for the Chiefships & for the Committee of Circuit; the case is now altered, by the late Change the Council is reduced to nine Members

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Members on the Coast, two are gone home with leave, viz. Messrs Dawson & Whitehill, & two others Messrs Cotsford & Hay are now in England & have the leave of the Court of Directors for remaining there another Year. The Honble the Court of Directors in their Commands of the 12th April 1775. positively direct, that no new Members shall be taken into Council, tile the Number is reduced to twelve.

Letter from England 12th April 1775. - Para. 64.

Altho' from a variety of Circumstances it has happend that our Council at Fort St. George have never been reduced to the Number of twelve according to our Directions in the Year 1769, nevertheless it is Our positive Order that no future Vacancy therein be filled up by You even provisionally until the Council shall be reduced to the said Number twelve &c.

In this situation we are under the necessity of deviating from the Orders of Our Honble Masters with respect to the Committee of Circuit, or in filling up the Council beyond the Number prescribed; which we think ought not to be done but in cases of necessity; after the most mature deliberation on these Subjects we are unanimously of opinion, that three Vacancies in the Committee of Circuit by the Suspension of Messrs Russell Dalrymple & Lathom, be filled up by Messrs Perring Daniel & Craufurd, three Gentlemen being near Council & in our opinion very capable of serving the Company on this important Business. The Committee will then consist of — Messrs Johnston
Floyer
Perring
Daniel
Craufurd.

Mr. Sadlier the next Servant on the List to Mr. Perring

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Perring cannot we think be employed untill the Board come to a determination on his Conduct at Ingeram.—

Mr. Davidson has the Charge of an Employ of great trust, which cannot at this time be transferred another.

Mr. Morgan Williams the next Servant on the List to Mr. Davidson having been many Years at Vizagapatam, & well acquainted with the Business of that Settlement, we think his remaining there will be absolutely necessary; as both the Chief & Second are ordered on the Committee of Circuit.

Mr. John Holland is next to Mr. Williams, but he is Persian Translator.—

Mr. Williams to succeed Mr. Perring as Second.—

Orders in Consequence

Ordered, that Messrs. Perring, Daniel & Crauford be wrote to, advising them of their appointments to the Committee of Circuit. That Messrs. Crauford & Daniel be directed to proceed to Vizagapatam, where they will be joined by Messrs. Johnson & Perring.—

Record the following Letter.—

To George Stratton Esqr. Sir Robt. Fletcher, Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer, Francis Sourdan and George Mackay Esqrs.—

Gentlemen,

Letter from 38 of the Civil Servants at the Presidency

We the underwritten Servants of the Honble East India Company, having taken into our most serious Consideration the late Revolution in the Government of this Place, & fearing lest it should be represented to our Honble. Masters that this measure has been effected with the Concurrence of the Civil Servants. A Doctrine which we understand has been industriously propagated in this Settlement, do hold it our indispensable Duty thus publickly to protest against an Action

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which appears directly contrary to the Commissions granted by this Court of Directors to the Right Honble Lord Pigot, & totally subversive of the Constitution of this Government. Upon this self-evident Principle therefore, that "When "Authority does not exist, Obedience cannot be expected," We think it incumbent on us, lest our silence should be construed into an Assent to Measures so totally repugnant to our Feelings as Men, and our Duty as Company's Servants, thus formally to acquaint you, that we cannot acknowledge any other but the Right Honble Lord Pigot as Governor of Fort St. George & President of the Council. As Members of a Civil Government we cannot but consider an appeal to Military Force as a matter of the most dangerous tendency and could we possibly admit the expediency of the late Change, We absolutely deny the legality of the Measure; but as from the conduct of the Military on that occasion, there scarce remains a doubt, but that the management of the Honble Company's Affairs must remain in the hands of You, Gentlemen, until Judgement is passed on your Conduct in Europe, We hesitate not a moment to offer our voluntary Services in our respective Stations, for conducting the business of our Honorable Masters, whose Interest is our first Object, and to whose Candour and superior Judgement we submit our Conduct.

The only favor we have to request of you Gentlemen, is, the directing your Secretary to make this Letter a Number of the Packet by the Ship Granville now under Dispatch for Europe.

We remain, Gentlemen

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Gentlemen,

Your very obed.t Servants

H. Craig
R.t D.n Munro
Hugh Vaughan
Gideon Firth
Hugh Maxwell
Wm Mitchell
J.n Deschamps
Geo.e Wynch
L.n Kenworthey
~~W.m H. Forrard~~
Geo.e Js. Hoshard
Geo.e Savage
Wm Rose.
Wm Turing
J.n Dudton
George Proctor
Wm Jackson
Wm Organ
Thos. J. Taner.

Ordered by the desire of Mr Sorrians.

Egles Irwin
J. Ram
Wm Sedgley
Kenelm Digby
John Wood
Geo.e Hoar.
A. Hammond
Tho.s Welch
Will.m Webb.
M. Suder
Wm Hamilton
Geo.e Foster
Jos. Revell
J.n Kingscote
Tho.s E. Ogilvie
Davd Haliburton
Arthur H. Gregory.
E.d Monckton
Franc.s Lind.

Ordered to lie on the Table

Wrote the following Letter to Bengal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs, of Bengal

To Bengal
Informing of the
present state of
affairs — Retrospect
of the proceedings
& the circumstances
which led the
majority to the
late change

We wrote to Your honor &c. on the 25.th Aug.t & have now to inform You, that we are in poss.n of the Fort & sundry Powers of Government, that Lord Pigot is under Arrest at the Mount, & that Mr Sumner Rumbold, Dalrymple, Stone & Lathom, who aided & assisted him in his Arbitrary & Illegal Proceedings are suspended

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from the Company's Service until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known. —

From a cool & dispassionate Review of the late Transactions of this Government, We think it must appear evident to the World, that We long proceeded in our Conduct towards Lord Pigot with a forbearance & Moderation almost inconsistent with our public Duty. It is certain we wished above all things to avoid coming to Extremities and had his Lordship been actuated by the same Views, We were inclined to make very great concessions merely for the sake of preserving harmony until we could receive the Sense of the Court of Directors upon his Conduct. But when we saw a studied uniform design to assume the whole Authority of Government to himself, & to make us the Instruments of his Will. When we perceived by the whole Course of his Proceedings & by the Doctrines which he held, that his Principles were to the last degree arbitrary, & that he employed them as far as he had the Power, in acts most injurious to the Interests of the Company & to the Dignity of the Nabob. — We threw maturely considered the Responsibility which rested on Us, and the consequences which might ensue from a Conduct too passive on our part, & hence we resolved to exert our Constitutional Rights, & to stop as far as we are able the Progress of such destructive Designs. —

The Extracts of our Minutes, which We had the honor of transmitting you by the Swallow, will have particularly informed you, of the Conduct of Lord Pigot, in carrying into execution the Orders of the Company relative to Tanjore. —

It was not without an infinite degree of concern, We found his Lordship had taken that Line with the Nabob, in the prosecution of the Business entrusted to his Charge,

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as not only to infringe his sacred Rights as lawful Nabob of the Carnatic, guaranteed to him & his posterity by the Treaty of Paris, but likewise to fill his Mind with real apprehensions for the safety of his Person. —

On this Subject however you have been fully advised, — the Nabobs representations to Us, & to Sir Edward Hughes containing of Lord Pigot, were intended on the Proceedings that awaited on you by the Swallow. A Review of them however will be necessary, — as in the forming your opinion of the Acts of this Government it will be necessary your Honor & Hon.ble Board should draw to your attention, the uniform & steady Plan of Arbitrary Measures, which his Lordship has underviatingly pursued since his last Arrival amongst us. —

To say that we met his Lordship with a firm determination to co-operate with him, & to assist him to the utmost of our ability, in conducting the Affairs of the Government, would be but a partial Representation of our Conduct. — We went further, — We undertook the Administration of Affairs, with Hearts & Hands sanguine to support him, & with a Resolution, to give up many of our own just Rights, rather than have no Harmony & Concert to unanimity for the benefit of our Employers. But, here we must confess a source the first cause of those Evils which have since so alarming shewn themselves throughout the Conduct of Lord Pigot. Had we stopt them in their Infancy, We had done our Duty, but relying too much on the Justice of our Cause, & hoping that forbearance & moderation would in the end, convince him of his Error, We allowed them, not perceptively, to accumulate to that degree, that it at length became essential to the well being of the Companys affairs that they should be rooted out entirely. —

On the former part of the Conduct of Lord Pigot, that

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is, to the time Our last Advices were dispatched to You, by the Swallow, — We shall here remain silent. Your honors &c. with have already formed your opinion on that, It is only necessary for us therefore, to take Notice of that part of it, which brought the Company's Affairs to that dangerous Critical situation, from which we have endeavoured to retrieve them.

The first Act of this Lordship, after the Signing of our Letter to Your Honor &c. 13th July, was the falsifying the Records of the Company. The circumstance, tho' of no very material consequence, plainly indicated his Resolution of acting in such manner, as he should think proper. It was as follows. — The day our Letter to you p Swallow was read, We, the Majority of the Board directed the addition of two Paragraphs to the Letter, but, Lord Pigot requesting they might not be added, We entered a Minute which was twice read, to this Effect, "That "the President requesting the Paragraphs should not be "added, the Majority out of Compliment to him, Resolved, "not to insert them in the Letter, but, to enter them on the "Proceedings of that day, for the information of the Government "General at Bengal." These Words were however erazed the next day by his own hand, without our knowledge, & the following inserted — "The President objecting thereto, "they stand only in this place".

This alteration of the Records, which he never communicated to us, is a strong mark of the illegal Conduct of Lord Pigot, & the consequences which might ensue, are too obvious to require enlarging upon.

But, indeed when we reflect upon his saying at the Board, he would suppress or destroy when he should think proper, any Letters addressed to the President, Council, & on his repeated declarations, when seated as

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as President at the head of his Council — "That the late Act
"of Parliament for the better management of the Affairs
of the East India Company — "was a vile Act," and that
the Instructions of the Company, to the Governor & Gover
"Council of Bengal, which are equally binding upon
this Presidency, "were vile Instructions." We had
reason to apprehend his whole Conduct would be
by such principles.

In our proceedings relative to the Circars
Northern Circars, & the Company's Troops, you
observe that the Court of Directors ordered, that
-soever named for that Service, should proceed
ily, as soon as affairs respecting Tanjore should
-comodated & suitably adjusted. The Court of Direc
thought this Service important, & were consequ
very desirous of beginning upon it early, as you will
perceive by the Proceedings, but, Lord Pigot & the Gentle
of the Minority threw every obstacle in our way.

On the 26th July Mr. Sourdaw moved, that
Committee should proceed immediately, & after
debate it was at length agreed by a Majority that the
should set out the 15th August, this was afterwards
prolonged to the 31st for the convenience of the Member
of the Committee — Mr. Ruffle & Mr. Dalrymple,
were unwilling that any day should be fixed for their
Departure and a Passage in a Letter from Mr. Ruffle on
this occasion gave rise to a most extraordinary motion
from Lord Pigot, which you will perceive on reference
to the Minutes of the August, and We beg your attention
to it, as it strongly marks the Arbitrary Views by which he
was actuated.

On the 9th July, Colonel Stuart was appointed to the
Command of Tanjore, contrary to the opinion of Lord Pigot &

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It was not notified to Colonel Stuart, by Order, until the 31st of the same Month, & that too on a second Motion; — when he was directed to hold himself in readiness to proceed thither. Instructions were afterwards prepared by the Commander in Chief for Colonel Stuart, to which Lord Pigot had no particular objection; — He indeed desired to have them to consider, & make additions to if necessary, but nothing further. These Instructions were not however brought again by him to the Board, but the Commander in Chief drew out from one more full & explicit, which being subscribed himself & sent to the Secretary that they might be laid before the Board for their consideration. —

It was then we perceived the evident intention of Lord Pigot, in withholding the former Instructions, may be declared to us, that he never would consent to Colonel Stuart's going to Tanjore, unless Mr. Russell was ordered to proceed thither likewise, & even moved, that Mr. Russell should be permitted to go to Tanjore conformably to his first appointment —

Lord Pigot having already had our sentiments in full on this Subject, & particularly on the propriety of Mr. Russell's setting out with the Commanda of Circuit on the appointed day, could mean nothing less by this, than to drive us into a measure, contrary to our declared opinions, founded as we conceive on the firmest Grounds, the Orders of the Company.

Failing however in his Aim, the Motion being carried against him, We desired he would put a Question for the approval of Colonel Stuart's Instructions, but, on his refusing to do so, the Council was adjourned until the next day, when Lord Pigot again refusing to put the Question, We had no other mode left, but to proceed to extremities, or to enter our opinions without any Question being regularly moved —

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We wished to avoid Extremities & therefore proposed to give our opinions seperately, "that the Instructions should be taken into consideration". but after the opinions of two of the Members had been taken, he ordered the Secretary not to write down any more, as he would not suffer the matter to be further agitated. A Member of the Minority observing that such opinions were no part of the Minutes, he permitted the Secretary to proceed. We then approved of the Instructions, & after they were copied fair presented them to his Lordship to be signed, but however they positively refused & the Council was therefore adjourned, to avoid the disagreable consequences which were evidently impending.

Still proceeding upon the principle of moderation, knowing that Lord Pigot would not sign the Instructions, the Majority proposed in a Minute which they delivered in, that they should be signed by the Secretary by Order of Council. In consequence an Order was accordingly by the Majority, & transcribed fair to be signed. Mess.rs Stratton & Brooke first affixed their Signatures, & were passing it round to us for the same purpose, when his Lordship snatched the Paper out of Mr. Brooke's hand, in the same Instant & taking another Paper out of his Pocket read a Charge against Mess.rs Stratton & Brooke "for "being Guilty of an Act subversive of the Authority of the "Government, & tending to introduce Anarchy in the signing "Orders to the Secretary to give Instructions to Col. Stuart "which have not been approved & passed by the "President & Council."

We plainly saw the intentions of his Lordship, & therefore it was moved by Mr. Sourdan & seconded by Mr. Mackay, that the Council should adjourn 'till the next Morning. But contrary to all rules & Orders, the President

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President would not put the Question for Adjournment, but moved a Resolution "That George Stratton & Henry Brooke Esqrs be now suspended from the Company's Service, & until the pleasure of the Company shall be known," & by precluding their Votes, & voting himself all the accusers, carried it for the protracted suspension by his casting Voice —

For the particulars of this, We must beg your Honours will be referred to our Minutes which now wait on you, together with a Paper containing the Observations which we made upon them, when we resumed the exclusive Powers of Government.

It is beyond a doubt, that his Lordships views were in an arbitrary & illegal manner to secure a Majority without which he knew his schemes could not be carried into execution. We found ourselves under the necessity either of passively giving up our own Rights & the known Constitution of Government, & of becoming Accessaries in all the evil Consequences which might ensue or by seperating in the manner we did, shew by the Letter we sent by the hands of the Notary Public that as a Majority of the Council, We were resolved in this extremity to maintain the Constitutional Rights of the Company & to signify to all the Company's Servants & Dependants that we required from them Submission to our Legal Orders. In consequence of this public Act, on our Part, Lord Pigot proceeded immediately to the violent measure of Ordering the Commander in Chief under Arrest, & suspending Us who were of Council. — At this time we had in full view and under our most serious consideration the critical Situation which the Public Affairs might be brought into by the violent & arbitrary Proceedings of a President such as Lord Pigot, who from his Commission & local Residence was also Governor of the Fort & Garrison, & Town and

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No opportunity had been left here to influence the Military in support of this illegal Government. We also considered the very great probability that the remaining part of the Army not under the Orders of Lord Pigot, persuaving the violence & Injustice done to the Commander in Chief who was ordered to arrest for supporting the Civil Constitution of the Company. Twelve knowing that the Army in General & every impartial Person in the Settlement were fully convinced that a Revolution of the Majority of the Council was to them the only legal Act of Government. We say therefore that deliberating with anxious minds upon the Chance of such a dreadful Crisis that the Fort & Garrison of Fort St. George with an arbitrary & passionate Man at their head might possibly be seperated from the rest of the Company's Possessions on this Coast, and that the Nabob of the Carnatic who is the Ally of the Crown of Great Britain & the Company who entrusts himself his Family & Fortune to the protection of the Fort might by our passive delay be abandoned to the Person whom he thinks his bitterest enemy. We hesitated not a moment to resume the executive Powers of Government, in which we think ourselves warranted not only by the Act of the Company, but by the supreme Law of Necessity, & for the safety of the State. This Event so interesting to the Welfare of the Company has been in a great degree brought about by the good Conduct & Abilities which Colonel Stuart has shown in the execution of our Orders. We have also received every assistance & support from the Field Officers & others, & we are most happy to find such a Disposition in the Military to restore & maintain the Constitutional Civil Government of the Company.

The Minutes which were made by Lord Pigot, & Messrs Ruffele, Stone, Dalrymple & Sathorn after we seperated from them are still in their hands, so that we only know the Particulars of the Arrest of the Commander in Chief & the Attempt made for the Destruction

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of the rest of us, who constituted the Majority of Council from the General Orders & the Letters which were sent informing us of the Suspension.—

We have since directed the General Order declaring Sir Robert Fletcher in Arrest to be expunged from ale the Orderly Books.

We beg leave to inclose you the Copy of the Proclamation which we thought proper to transmit you Copies of such other Papers as we think necessary for your information agreeably to the List inclosed.—We have the satisfaction to assure You that every thing is in perfect tranquility.—

We have the honor to be
Horible Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo. Stratton &c. Co.

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30th Wrote the following Letters to go to Bengal by the Ships London Triton & Prince of Wales

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council in Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs,

To Bengal with Invoice & bill of lading of Redwood &c. shipped on board the Cumberland

We wrote to you last under date the 21st Instant since which the Triton, Prince of Wales & Duke of Cumberland have arrived here, the two former with the London having landed their Consignments are now dispatched to you.—

We have shipped on the London 134 C. 2 Qr. of Redwood, of which Invoice & Bill of Lading are inclosed. We shall dispatch the Duke of Cumberland so soon as she has taken on board the redwood intended to be sent by that Ship.— We are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants.

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List of the Packet to Bengal p. London

No. 1. General Letter of this date
2. Account of Goods landed at Fort St. George from the London
3. Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenced to be shipped on the London from England.—
4. Copy of the London's Charter Party.—
5. Copy the London's Victualling Bill.
6. Manifest of Wrought Plate p. London.
7. Certificate of Military Stores landed at Fort St. George from the London to be sent to England by that Ship.—
8. Invoice of Redwood from Fort St. George
9. Bill of Loading of Do
10. Copy of Capt. Webb's sailing Orders.
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List of the Packet to Bengal p. Triton.

No. 1. General Letter this date
2. Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenced to & shipped on the Triton from England.
3. Copy of the Tritons Charter Party.
4. Copy of the Tritons Victualling Bill.
5. Manifest of Wrought Plate p. Triton.
6. Copy of the Honble Wm. Elphinstons Sailing Orders.

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List of the Packets to Bengal p. Prince of Wales.

No. 1. General Letter of this date
2. Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licenced to be shipped on the Prince of Wales from England.
3. Copy of the Prince of Wales's Charter Party
4. Copy of the Prince of Wales's Victualling Bill.
5. Copy of Capt. Courts sailing Orders.

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Chas. Cateley Secy.

At a Consultation Present

30th Aug.t

George Stratton Esqr. President.
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franc. Sourdan — George Mackay

Sir Robert Fletcher lays before the Board the follg. Letters received from Col. Flint commanding at Poonamallee, and from Ensign Hetherington.—

To Brigadier General Sir Robt. Fletcher

Sir,

The accompanying is a Copy of an Agreement

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From Col: Flint concerning the bad Mutton at Pondamalee

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for the supply of Sheep, for the use of this Garrison, sent me by the Secretary. —

Have sent by Mr Beaver a Joint of Mutton whereby you will be enabled to judge how little the Agreement has been attended to & as we have no other Channel of supplying ourselves with Provisions, such bad Meat must prove very detrimental to the Men & Officers in a short time, It has been examined by Mr. Raine the Surgeon who gives it as his opinion that it is unfit for use. — I am with respect,

Pondamallee
Augt. 30th Augt.

Sir,

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant.
Wm. Flint

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

From Ensign Hetherington requesting the bounty —

I therein do myself the honor of inclosing a Certificate from the Surgeons of the very bad State of my Constitution (which has been totally destroyed by the inclemency of this Climate) & the necessity there is for my returning to Europe. —

My private Circumstances obliges me to beg the favor of your recommendation of me to the Honble Board in order to my obtaining Lord Clive's Bounty — which I humbly conceive is intended for the relief of such as are so unfortunate as to lose their health in the H Honble Company's Service / when not owing to their own misconduct / as well as to those who have the misfortune of being Disabled by wounds. &c

I flatter myself that my Character as a Gentleman and Officer will bear the strictest enquiry both during the time I have served the Honble Company & under his

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her Majesty's Service, in the latter of which I had the
honor to be for ten Years; and that therefore you will
grant me your assistance in relieving me from my
present distress, which shall ever be gratefully —
acknowledged. — By. Sir,

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
R. Hetherington. Ensign
in the 2d. Batt.n of Sepoys. —

Madras
23. August 1776.

Surgeons Certificate

These are to Certify that Ensign Hetherington has been subject to frequent & severe attacks of Liver disorders and as he is seldom free of some degree of those complaints & his nerves at the same time affected with tremors it is thought that a Voyage to Europe may give a turn to his constitution & re-establish his health. —

Gilbt. Pasley
Jas. Anderson } Surgeons

For Fort St. George
22. Augt. 1776.

The President is desired to request of the Nabob to issue the necessary Orders for supplying the Troops at Pondamalle with good Sheep. —

En: Hetheringtons request complied with —

Agreed that the request of Ensign Hetherington now be complied with.

Rec.d the following Letter from Capt. Long. —

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To the Honble Geo.e Stratton Esq.r

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

From Capt. Long requesting permission to proceed to Europe —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The accompanying Certificate will testify the necessity I am under of requesting your Permission to proceed on the Grenville to Europe. But as I retire from my Duty with the utmost reluctance, I entreat you will be pleased to mention my Situation to the Court of Directors, and intimate to them my earnest desire to return with

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with my Rank in their Service I should be more happy as to re-establish my Health in Europe.

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Robt. Long.

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Surgeons Certificate

These are to Certify that Capt. Long has ever since his Arrival in India been subject to frequent & severe attacks of Liver disorders, Fluxes & Bilious fevers which have so impaired his constitution & induced a State of health so irregular that a Voyage to Europe seems the only certain means of recovering them.—

Gilbt. Pasley
Jas. Anderson } Surgeons

Granted

Agreed that he be permitted to return to Europe on the Granville, and that he be recommended to the Court of Directors to return with his Rank in the Service upon the re-establishment of his health.—

To Major Horne put in Command to arrest Capt Tonyn should he have march'd his Troops to Pondalore—

Wrote the following Letter to Major Horne.—

Sir.

Having just received Advice from a Mercara that Capt. Tonyn is at the Mount & that part of his Troops hath marched & are arrived at Pondalore; for which last Movement there was no order; altho' he hath been ordered to come hither by himself. I desire you will take every means to inform Yourself of the truth of these Circumstances, & if you find that the Troops hath moved from their Quarters, You will order Capt. Tonyn under Arrest & acquaint him therof.—If the mean time we trust your making such a disposition of your as shall prevent any surprize. Colonel Stuart has informed us with the purport of your last Letter to him.

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The Service requiring your with to be pleased to order Capt. Clifton to repair to Trichinopoly immediately we expect he with set out to morrow. —— Weare

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Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servants

Geo. Stratton & Co. Council

Received the following Letter from Major Horne —

The Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.

President, Govr. & Co. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Major Horne informing of an intention to petition for an Habeas Corpus for the removal of Lord Pigot

I have this moment heard by private information that some of Lord Pigott friends are going to Petition the Mayors Court for a Habeas Corpus for the Removal of his Lordship. I thought it my Duty to give your Honors the earliest notice of this Information — and to request your Instructions should the Mayors Court grant the Writ. —

I communicated to his Lordship the purport of your directions to me relative to his sending dispatches to Bengal; he made choice of Mr. Dalrymple to assist him. His Letter to the Governor General & Council was delivered to Sir Edward Hughes, together with three duplicates to be sent by different Ships — I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mount 30th Augt. 1776.

Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Mat. Horne

To ask opinion of Council

Agreed to take the opinion of the Honble & Mr. Justice Le Maistre who is here on a Visit.

The Invalids to be detain'd

It being determined for the present to detain the Invalids in this Garrison, that were intended to be sent for Vizagapatam, It is Resolved that 40 be sent from Masulipatam thither on the Revenue & that the following Letters be written and consigned to Masulipatam and

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To Mr. Charles Desvoeux
and the Council at Mazulipatam
Gentlemen.

To Masulipatam directing that 40 Invalids be sent to Vizag.m

The Honble the President & Council having thought proper to direct that 40 Invalids and Pensioners should be garrisoned at Vizagapatam, 26 of that Number are embarked on board the Company's Ship Revenge, Commodore Moore, — who has orders to touch at Masulipatam, I receive a draft of 14 more from you to compleat that number.

A return & List of the Men's Names I am waiting on you enclosed, I am

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Gentlemen,
Your most Obd.t Servants.
R. J. Sulivan. Sec.y

To Commodore John Moore
Commander of the Company's Ship Revenge

To Com.r Moore

Sir,

The Honble the President & Council having thought proper to direct that 40 Invalids & Pensioners should be sent to Vizagapatam as soon as possible, — 26 of that Number are now ordered to embark on board the Revenge, & the rest you will be pleased to receive from the Council at Mazulipatam, who have Orders to deliver them to you, on your arrival there. I am,

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Sir
Your most Obedient Servant.
R. J. Sulivan Sec.y

Information from the President respecting the Orders Dated

The President acquaints the Board that at the Mount they are charged with Cruelty in the Orders given to Major Horne particularly in that dated wherein it is inserted that in case of an attempt to rescue

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rescue Lord Pigot, his Life must answer for it— On this Occasion, it may be necessary to refer the Reader to every Order that hath been given. The violence of Lord Pigot & the Attempt of his Friends gave every reason to apprehend Danger to the State, Mr. Ripple & others had come to the Main Guard—called to them to turn out—and from the general tenor of their Conduct a design appeared of an intention to attempt the Fort.

The fatal consequences of such an attempt might have been the Loss of many Lives, we therefore used the expression complained of, to discourage any such attempt and the Subsequent Orders will convince our attention to Lord Pigot.

When the Change took place not a murmur was heard—for Lord Pigots Violence & Arbitrary Acts was known to all,—but by keeping Lord Pigot at the Mount the Junior Servants have visited him, heard him, & the Resentment which filled the minds of Men had subsided & Pity taken place—Mr. Dalrymple & others about Lord Pigot, took the advantage of this. spread scandalous & false Reports, to mislead People & they have so far succeeded as to cause disaffection in some—We cannot help remarking that considering all Circumstances, it would have been more consistent with the Duty of the Gentlemen at the Mount to have discouraged this disaffection & to have told the Servants it was a Business on which they had no right to give an opinion, but they every one ought to obey all Orders they might receive from the Government.

Repairs to the Hospital at Poonamalee necessary 1775

Representation from Mr. Raine setting forth the necessity of having a Veranda to the Hospital which being confirmed by Col. Flint Commanding at Poonamalee Ordered that the Veranda be built the Expence

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Expence not exceeding 100 Pagodas.

Representation from Mr. Rain concerning Hospital Cloathing and at Permamallee — and Colonel Flint having certified the Bills & shewn the necessity & Propriety of the Charge ordered to be paid —

As we wish to pay every attention to Lord Pigot, Agreed that the Secretary write to Major Horne the following Letter. —

To Major Horne

Commanding at the Mount.

Sir.

I am ordered by the President & Council to desire you to acquaint Lord Pigot, that the Grenville will be soon dispatched to Europe, & that his Lordship's Letters, will be carefully put up in the Company's Packets, or transmitted under the Charge of any Servant of the Company, his Lordship may deem for that purpose, should he prefer either of those Channels of conveyance to any other — I am, Sir,

To Major Horne to inform his Lordship that his Letters shall either be enclosed in the Packet or sent by a Company Conveyance as he shall chuse —

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Your most Obedient Servant.
R. J. Sulivan Jun.y

Signed the following Letter to the Gov.r General & Council at Bengal.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &.c Council at Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Duplicate of our Letter of Yesterday is enclosed.

Having two days ago had information from several Quarters of Attempts to tamper with the Military, which added to the very violent & irregular Proceedings of Mr. Rufane, who on the day of our return the Government had endeavoured to put the Mount &

To Bengal — assigning reasons why certain Expression was used in the orders to Major Horne should a reverse be attempted & likewise informing the Gov.r & Council of his Lordships having commanded

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the Protection of his Majesty's Flag from thence

Guard of the Garrison under Arms, & was by force brought before the Council, where he publickly denied their Authority — knowing moreover by our experience the violent temper of Lord Pigot who if at Liberty would run every risk to recover the Government. These Circumstances forced us Contrary to our private feelings to use an Expression (Instructions to Major Horne — "As your task "Rescue in case any attempt to rescue Lord Pigot "his Life must answer for it, and this you are to signify "to him.") which We imagined would deter Lord Pigots friends & Family from encouraging any attempts towards his Rescue. However we lost no time to make Lord Pigot and his Family easy on that Subject, as will appear by our Intention to remove his Lordship to Chingleput and and by our Letter to him of the 28th Instant, But in truth there could be no doubt, in his Lordships Breast of the humane good feelings of Major Horne to whom, as Interpreter this part of the Order was given purposely to prevent any attempts to rescue him & We think it has had the Effect We looked for.

The Affidavits of Lieut. Col. Eidenguoren & Adjutant General & Sergeant Shaw now sent, gives us every reason to believe that if Lord Pigot had it now in his Power, he would not only raise a Mutiny in the Army, but put himself at their head of an armed Party, and march with them to the Fort, tho' he fell in the Attempt. Need then we any other Argument for Persons in our responsible situation to take every measure possible tho' at times with strong expressions to prevent any attempts however fruitless to involve this Settlement in convulsion & Civil War.

We have taken occasion to communicate to Sir Edward Hughes the particulars of all that has passed on this Subject & shall continue to shew him every attention

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attention we our power consistent with the Duty we owe to our Employers.—

There lays before us at this time a Letter from Sir Edward Hughes, wherein he informs us of Lord Pigot's having claimed the protection of the King's Flag this consequence requires us his Majesty's name that Major Horne be ordered to give his Lordship safe Conduct to his Ship's.— This being a matter deserving our most serious reflexion, and big with consequences, which we may hereafter, be made answerable for; it will require such time to determine upon the Subject, the have at already given Lord Pigot the choice of any subordinate Factory on this Coast for his place of Residence, where he may be accomodated suitably to his Rank with security to his Person, or of returning to England if his Lordship should think proper so to do.— We have the honour to be

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Horible Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo. Stratton &c. &c.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob.

Translate of a Letter from the Nabob to Mr. Stratton Governor of Madras, dated & received the 29th Augt 1776.

Letter from the Nabob

I have received your Letter dates the 25 Instant. You write that the unconstitutional & illegal Conduct of the late President Lord Pigot, aided & abetted by Messrs Redfield, Dalrymple Stone & Latham & have reduced the Majority of the Council for the preservation welfare of the Company's affairs to [illegible] Acreed to suspend the other the Company's Service, by the Mr. to assure the Government has resolved upon and the [illegible] Reinstation to their [illegible]

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Attention & Respect & Support." — I have always been obliged to the Company for the directions they constantly send to their Agents to give me Assistance & to pay Regard to my Honor; the assurances you have made me in your Letter of the Company's friendship & protection have given me great pleasure, with respect to the Conduct of Lord Pigot & the other Gentlemen who assisted & supported him it is not necessary for me to say any thing further relative to the Situation which by his own Proceedings he is involved in. My former Services to him will awaken his memory towards me, and what has happened lately make me forgetful of him — Let it suffice that all the troubles I have suffered will be known to the King the Parliament & the English Nation by the Letters I have written to Lord Pigot & the Governor General & that they will see by those Letters how much their honor has suffered by the treatment I have received — As I have neither a right nor want any purpose to interfere in your Affairs therefore in the Letter I wrote to the Governor General previous to Lord Pigot's suspending the Members of the Government I had nothing to say but to declare my readiness to co-operate to the utmost of my Power & abilities in any measures for the advantage of the Company & the Benefit of the Carnatic the times & the circumstances & situations of the neighbouring Powers are such that they require we should employ our utmost efforts for the Public safety — At a Juncture when Measures ought to have been taken for defending ourselves against the hidden designs of the French & Hyder Ally & for regulating the Affairs of the Company & the Carnatic, the time has been taken up in quarelling with the best Ally of the English Nation in India & in vain I use[illegible] my pains. By the Grace of God you & the Gentlemen of Council will immediately sit to the Public Affairs & take such measures for the Security & augmentation of the publick good — I

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On my part am as desirous as ever to give assistance to & promote the good of the English nation. It is not in the Power of language to express how happy your & the Gentlemen of Council have made me by the Assurances you have given me in your Letter of your determination to shew me every mark of your Respect & of the friendship & Protection of the Company. What can I say more?

Agreed that the Receipt be acknowledged & that the Nabob have the strongest assurances of our support & protection.

The President acquaints the Board that having applied to Mr. Majendie Clerk to the Treasury for Lord Pigots Key, He told the President, that it was in his Lordship's profession, on which the President desired Mr. Majendie would officially apply to his Lordship for it. Mr. Majendie reports that he did wait on his Lordship, and that his Answer was to the following purport,

"That he had applied to Sir Edward Hughes for the Protection of the Kings Flag; That he expected in consequence to be very soon on board his Majesty's Ship now in the Road, and should then be able to determine what to do. That his Key was locked up with his Private Papers, — And that therefore from his present situation he could not get at it.

Ordered that the Triton, Prince of Wales and London be immediately dispatched to Bengal the Secretary reporting that he had notice from the Captains that they were ready to proceed.—

The President acquainted the Board

Fort S.t George 30.th Aug.t 1776.

Information from the Pres.t concerning 50000 Dollars to be sent to Fort Marlborough

That having applied to Chocopah Chitty about the purchase of 50,000 Dollars which the Board had resolved on the ; should be purchased and sent to Fort Marlbo' in Consequence of their application to Us, in order that the same might be shipped on board the Snow Fortune now under dispatch for that Presidency; & Chocopah Chitty replied that he did receive an Order from Lord Pigot, to purchase Dollars for that purpose, but that the Order was soon after countermanded by Lord Pigot, before he could have an opportunity to purchase any; who informed him that no part of the Sum ordered in Consultation , should be sent to Fort Marlbro'.—

Remarks of the Board thereon

The Board cannot on this occasion help remarking this further instance of Lord Pigot's inattention to their Orders, by having taken upon himself, to counteract a Measure, which it was thought the indispensible Duty of this Board, to adopt, for providing the necessary Resources to the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro', to enable them to conduct the Company's affairs at that Presidency, and of which supply they must evidently be in great need, from their having also requested of us a further supply, which nothing but the distress of this Settlement for specie, prevented the Board from complying with, at the time they resolved to send them the abovementioned supply of 50,000 Dollars.—

The Dollars to be purchased

Resolved that Dollars to that Amount be immediately purchased, if possible, & sent by the Snow Fortune, that this only conveyance which may offer for some time, may not be lost.—

Ordered that the Dispatches for

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for Fort Marlbro' be immediately prepared, to forward by the Snow Fortune.

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30th Recvd late this Night, Letter from Major Horne.

To Richard Jos. Sullivan Esqr.

Military Secretary.

Sir.

From Major Horne containing Lord Pigots answer when he asked him for the publick Papers

In consequence of the Orders contained in your Letter, I applied to Lord Pigot for the Company's General Letter p. Triton, and such other Public Papers as that might be in his Lordship's Gentlemen; and signified to him the Board's wish that he would send some Gentleman of Secrecy, to select the Publick from his private Papers, in Presence of the two Secretaries; His Lordship's Answer is as follows, that he has demanded the protection of the King's Flag, as soon as he obtains that he shall conclude himself in safety & shall then give such Answer as he may judge most proper; & in that he declines giving any Answer to the requisition I have made for the delivery of any of the Papers or Letters, I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt, humble Servant

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Mat.w Horne

At a Consultation Present

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George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer Archd. Palmer
Francis Sourdan George Mackay.

Recvd Letter from Capt. Woods.

Richard Jos.h Sulivan

Sir,

Having this day addressed the Honble Board through Colonel Stuart Commanding the Forces &c. for permission

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From Capt Woods to return to Europe & resign the Service

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permission to resign the Service, I request you will in the most respectfull manner, represent to them my earnest desire, that I may have an immediate answer, in order that I may secure a passage for myself & family to return to Europe agreable to my desire ——

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Robt. Woods, Capt.

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Colonel Stuart.

Commanding the Forces &c. &c. &c.

From Capt. Woods enclosing a Certificate of his ill health & requesting to resign the Service

Sir,

A series of encreasing ill health (of the truth of which I have the honor to enclose you a Certificate) joined to the embarrassing situation in which I find my Affairs involved demand my leaving this Country by the first convenient opportunity. I therefore inclose you the Commissions I hold from the Honble the United East India Company, which I request you will present to the Honble Board, with my Sentiments of Respect, requesting their permission to resign the Service — I am,

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Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Robt. Woods, Capt.

Certificate

These are to Certify that Capt. Robt. Woods has for several Years, had many severe attacks of Liver & disordered Bilious fevers & seldom at any time is free from Complaints which arise from Bile & obstruction. These have so altered his Constitution & induced so irregular a State of health that a Voyage to Europe seems the only means by which his health & constitution can be reestablished.

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Gilbt. Pasley
Sam Anderson } Surgeons

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In answer to which wrote the following Letter.—

To Captain Wood.

Sir.

The Board permit him to go to Europe, but return him his Commission

I am directed by the Honble the President Council, to acquaint you, that Colonel Stuart has laid before them your Letter to him of this days date, wherein you request permission to resign the Service.—

The Board agree to your returning to England for the recovery of your health, & ab your convenience As to the accepting of your Commission as Captain (which I now return) I am ordered to inform you, that when they have leisure from more pressing business, they will take that part of your Letter into consideration.—

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R. J. Sulivan Secy

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Capt Maule ordered to Tanjore
Lt Hislop to act as assistant Engineer

Agreed, that Capt. Maule of Engineers do proceed to Tanjore to take charge of the Works to be carried on there.—

Agreed that Lt. Hislop be employed at Tanjore as an Assistant Engineer.—

Received the following Letter from Major Horne Commanding at the Mount.

To Rich. Jos. Sulivan Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir,

From Major Horne containing copy of his Lordships answer to the offer of the Board

On receipt of your Letter of Yesterday I communicated to my Lord Pigot, the directions it contained from the Board. His Lordship has just now delivered to me in writing the following Answer, viz.

In consequence of what you communicated to me, respecting my dispatches for England by the

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The Grenville, I am to inform you that I require that Mr. Dalrymple who has been so good to assist me as my Secretary and Capt. Wood my Aide de Camp be permitted to go on the Grenville with my Letters to England

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Mat. Horne.

Mount
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Agreed to write the following Answer

To Major Matthew Horne

Commanding the Artillery at the Mount

Sir,

Mr. Dalrymple & Capt. Wood have permission to proceed in the Grenville.

Having laid before the Board your Letter to me of this date, I am directed by them to acquaint you for the Information of Lord Pigot, that Mr. Dalrymple & Captain Wood have their permission to proceed to England on the Grenville with his Lordship's Dispatches. I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R. J. Sullivan Secy

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Read a Representation from Comaroo touching Lord Pigott's treatment of him at Tanjore with Deposition &c. Enclosed.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

Representation of Comaroo.

The humble Representation of Comaroo.

I humbly beg leave to represent to your Honor &c. that Lord Pigott on the second day after his Arrival at Tanjore, being the 9th April, treated me in a most cruel manner, for visiting the Rajah on the Night before, & without his Lordship's leave; and further to injure me, I understand his Lordship since his arrival here, hath made misrepresentations to the Board [illegible]

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intruded myself on the Rajah against the Rajahs Consent, at 11 o'clock at night, disturbed the Rajah in his repose, dissuaded him from admitting an English Garrison into the Fort, though one had been there some Weeks before, and that I acquainted the Rajah I was supported by seven Members of the Council: also that I proposed the renting of his whole Country.—

What hath been his Lordships view in alledging these Accusations against me I cannot say, but I am ready to give sufficient proofs that they are false & groundless.—

It is well known that I have resided in that part of the Country for some Years past, that I have had the management of some very considerable Concerns, as well for myself as others, & that I have been many Years well known to the Rajah.—

A few days before his Lordships arrival I came down to this place from the Tanjore Country on business, and as it was reported that the Government of that Province would be restored to the Rajah, I waited to visit his Lordship before my return, & was introduced to him by Governor Wynch & Mr. Crauford: When his Lordship was sitting off for Tanjore, I never had any other leave from his Lordship than what Mr. Benfield told me he had mentioned to his Lordship that I had the management of his concerns, & that his Lordship was pleased to say, I might attend at Tanjore; accordingly I went with Mr. Benfield who accompanied his Lordship.—

On the 8th April in the Morning his Lordship arrived at Tanjore, & visited the Rajah, I paid him a second visit that Evening: I had not conceived there was any Impropriety in visiting the Rajah, & it appearing to me that

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that there was free Liberty with the Permission of the Rajah to doso, especially as I had seen Mr. Dodsworth at his Lordships Durbah visit some days before his Lordship came into the Fort, and that he was again with him in the Afternoon; also that one Appoo who was formerly to Col. Ross & Major Stevens went frequently to & from the Rajah, and likewise that Col. Harpers Durbah and several others of the place visited the Rajah on many times in the Day; immediately after his Lordships returning from his Visit to the Rajah on the Evening of his arrival, a little after 8 o'clock, I sent up my name to the Rajah, by his Servants, the Rajah immediately sent out Orders that I should come to him, I accordingly went to him & accompanied by Hirtnaja Pundaya a Soucar, & Soubarow a Man of Family both Residents of Tanjore.

The Rajahs Servants conducted me to the Rajah, who was standing in the midst of a large Hall, with a number of his Servants & Col. Harpers Durbah; I there paid my Respects to him; the Rajah chearfully accepted of my Nazir, & received me as one long known to him, for whom he had regard & friendship, he enquired after my Children of the Wife of Providence & his Obligations to the English Nation; I then took my leave & came away.

The next Morning his Lordship sent for me & in the presence of Mr. Chambers told me that I was recommended to him by Mr. Crauford, that he gave me leave to come to Tanjore to manage such Business as he might think proper to command, & that I went to the Rajah without his leave, this was all the Charge his Lordship gave me, & without letting me reply in Justification of myself he proceeded to dishonor & disgrace me, treating me in the most violent & cruel manner in the Publick Parade, & caning me there to be flogged.

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What could have incited his Lordship to so malicious a Conduct towards me, I am at a stranger to, he might have heard the knowledge I had of the Rajah and of the Tanjore Country, & of the friendly disposition of the Rajah towards me. I positively deny that I intruded myself on the Rajah in the manner set forth by Lord Pigot, but waited on him at a seasonable Hour after having previously obtained his permission so to do: & threw not a Syllable more passed but words of Ceremony & Compliment; no part of which had the smallest tendency to what his Lordship chuses to advance against me.

Kistnajee Punday & Soobarow were in Company the whole time I was with the Rajah: they are both here, & are ready to testify what I have herein set forth to your Honor &c.

There hath been repeated Orders given throughout the Tanjore Province, since it hath been under Lord Pigott's influence, that no Person should have any manner of connections with me; that they should not speak to any of my People, nor permit them into the Fort, or let them remain in any part of the Province: In this manner hath Lord Pigot endeavoured to dishonor, disgrace me. The Character my Parents, my Family, and myself have supported is well known to all the Gentlemen here, as well as to the People of the Country: The Losses I have sustained in my Concerns from those Violences & Injuries amount to a very considerable Sum, and I am totally at loss how to proceed in them. —

I hope for the protection of your Honor &c. & that Justice may be done me for the Injuries I suffer, which I have thus humbly taken the Liberty to represent.

I take the Liberty to enclose for your Information the Declarations of Kistnajee Punday

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Soobarow, taken an Oath before the Mayor. They are ready to answer any Questions Your Honor &c may chuse to put to them. I am with great Respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your devoted humble Servant

Conaroo.

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Declarations of Kistnajee Punday & Soobarow

Declarations of Kistnajee & Soobarow

On the 8th of April last Lord Pigot arrived at Tanjore & visited the Rajah that Night. After 8 o'clock the after Lord Pigot came away from the Rajah, Conaroo took in his Respects to the Rajah who that moment sent out Orders for Conaroo to come to him. He accompanied him the whole time he was with the Rajah. Three of the Rajah's Servants came before to conduct her to the Rajah who was standing in the Ramaswamy Market, some of his People & Col. Harper's Dubash were there. The Rajah was overjoyed to see Conaroo, he accepted his Nozir enquired after him, said what can be compared to the favor of the English Nation had done him, such words of Compliment passed between them, but not a word upon any Business, then we took leave & came away, this is all that passed

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Sworn to before me John Turing. Mayor.

Orders in Consequence

In consequence of the above Representation conformably to the Resolutions of Council the Same Shall be sent for, at the Conclusion of the Conversation between him & the Rajah as related by Lord Pigot— Conaroo is ordered to attend the Board this Evening with Kistnajee Punday & Soobarow in order that they may be examined.

Read the following declarations of Lt. Colonel Edmonstone & Serjeant Shaw of Lord Pigot's Conduct on the 27th August last.

A Narrative of the Particulars that passed

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Declaration of
Lt. Col. Edington
& Serj. Shaw —

Passed on the night of the 27th August 1776, between the Right Honble George Lord Pigot, late President of the Council at Fort St. George in the East Indies & Lieut. Colonel James Edingtown Aquitant General of the Troops on that Establishment, who was sent to St. Thomas's Mount by Order of Colonel James Stuart Commanding the Forces of the Honble. East India Company on the Coast of Coromandel during the indisposition of Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher &c. &c. on order to receive the person of the said George Lord Pigot from Major Matthew Horne, Commanding the Artillery, under whose charge his Lordship then was to remove him to the Fort of Chinglepat which is about thirty six English Miles from Madras — That on the said Night Lieut. Col. Edingtown arrived at the Mount, about half after four & pursuant to his Instructions sent a Note to Major Horne acquainting him of the arrival & requesting to know when he should wait upon him & agreable to direction sent Major Horne the same day Lieut. Col. Edingtown Received the following Answer —

Sir,

I have received your Note & the present is the best time — I am, Sir,

Your humble Servant
/ Signed / Matthew Horne —

Lieut. Col. Edingtown on receiving the above answer immediately drove to Major Horne's, being then a little past eleven, where he found the Major walking on the Verandah (with Lord Pigot & Lieut. Fire worker Gybbon) of the Artillery who was then Officer of the Guard) to whom he delivered a Letter from Col. Stuart ordering him to deliver up his Lordship into his Custody — On perusing the said Letter The / Major Horne / and Lt. Col. Edingtown walked up to Lord Pigot, The former acquainting him of

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of the Orders he had received, And this Letter, that he had hon-
=ourd him to allow him a few Minutes to select what valuable
Articles his Lordship chose to take with him after
which the Col. informed him that his Lordship must
go in the Chair with him to a place, where he was
ordered to Escort him, And where he would be treated
with every mark of respect. His Lordship then demanded
where the Colonel intended to carry him to; But Lt
Colonel Eidington not being permitted to tell him
could only repeat the former Assurances he had given
him of his personal safety, on which his Lordship
declared that he was very well treated where he was, had
was under the Charge of a Brave Man, who had four
hundred Artillery then under his Command that would
protect him, at the same time declaring unless he
was carried to his Fort at Madras or on board His
Majesty's Ship of War the Salisbury then lying in
Madras Road that he / Lt Col. Eidington / should never
carry him to any other place alive. Whereon Major
Monro & the Col. told him that the Orders were positive
He must go immediately. On this, he threw his Arms
about Major Monro claimed his protection repeating his
former resolution of not stirring alive from thence —
He then addressed himself to the Centries & Soldiers to
the following purport. I am your Lawful Governor
appointed by the Court of Directors, and now but they
have a Power to take from me my Commission — Thou
who have attempted to do it and all concerned are Rebels
Damned Rascals, who I will hang every one — I have
been forty Years in the Company's Service, once taken
Prisoner, I defended Madras when laid Siege to by the French
& obliged them to raise it, for which I received the thanks
of my King & Country as well as of the Hon

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at the same time created a Peer of Ireland, and a great deal to the above effect. Adding you are my Soldiers, You are four hundred brave fellows, and I will march at your Head against all the Forces on the Coast, and concluded with the most opprobrious language against the present Governor / Mr. Stratton / and Council who the said were legally suspended the Company's Service by him & the Majority of the Council. And that Lieut. Col. Pidington pointing to him was one of the Villains or Rascals Who had made him Prisoner a pistol by that Rascal Stuart after Accepting of the Command of the Army from him and giving him his Honor that he would support him in every thing, about this time Messrs. Monckton, Dalrymple & Lathom, made their appearance, the two former using such gross Abusive expressions particularly Mr. Monckton against the Governor / Mr. Stratton / & the other Gentlemen of the Council, Colonel Stuart & all who obeyd their Orders as Lieut. Col. Pidington never heard Gentlemen make use of before — on the arrival of Messrs. Monckton, Dalrymple & Lathom, the Officer left in his Guard & marched it within a few paces of Major Hornes Tent and, When Lt. Col. Pidington judged it then the proper opportunity to execute his Orders and addressing the Guard told them that he came there by the express Order of the Commanding Officer of the Troops who was empowered by the Governor / Mr. Stratton / and the rest of the Council and demanded in a peremptory manner whether or not they would their Orders noted in them — This he repeated 2, 3 times & the Officer refused, he would obey Major Hornes Orders — Lt. Col. Pidington then took Major Horne aside & asked him if he was certain of the fidelity of his Troops, Who replied he would answer for them with his Life. That they / Lt. Col. Pidington & Major Horne /

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agreed not to proceed further on till they had received fresh Instructions from the Board, provided his Lordship would give his Word of Honor, that he would make no attempt to escape or employ Agents to tamper with the Troops which from intercepted Letters & other Circumstances the Board had reason to suspect. His Lordship gave his Word of Honor accordingly & nothing further was done. —

James Eidingtoun
Adjt. General

Madras
30th Augt 1776. — Sworn to before me
John Turing, Mayor. —

The following is as near as possible the discourse that has past at the Mount on Tuesday Night the 27th Augt 1776.

Colonel Eidingtoun went to Major Horne & Lord Pigot at Major Hornes House, where some Conversation passed but my being at too great a distance prevented me from hearing any thing for almost 15 Minutes when at that time I heard Lord Pigot declare with an Oath, that he would not go with Col. Eidingtoun alive, & unless Major Horne would let some of those brave Men pointing to the Artillery Men guard him to his Tent, or on board the Admirals Ships, Major Horne said that was impossible as he must abide by Order of Council. Lord Pigot said there could be no Orders without his concurrence, that he was Governor & was not out, by the Court of Directors, & that none but them could appoint another, Colonel Eidingtoun told his Lordship, that it was his Duty he was performing, & hoped his Lordship would go with him, to all which his Lordship answered in the Negative. —

During this time there came two Gentlemen, the one I heard was a Mr. Monckton & the other a Justice of Peace Major Horne said to one of these Gentlemen he much wished there, to which he answered, then you shall knock me down. Colonel Eidingtoun then enforced

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his Argument strongly with my Lord, requesting him to go with him, as he should be taken care of — to wh which my Lord would not consent; by this time the Officer Commanding the Guard desired the Sergeant to march the Guard in, w.ch was done, then Lord Pigot addressed himself to the Soldiers, claiming their Protection. Colonel Eidingtoun asked the Officer of the Guard if he did not obey the Company or who he obeyed. I could not hear what Answer the Officer of the Guard made, but he pointed his Sword to Major. Then Major Horne, Lord Pigot & the two Gentlemen came out. my Lord harangued the Soldiers concerning his length of time in the Country wh.ch he said was forty Years, & that he at all times was a Soldiers friend, & other such like Expressions. Col. Eidingtoun told his Lordship he hoped he would go with him, as it was for that reason he came there; to which my Lord Pigot said he would not, the Gentleman who was the Justice said they (as I suppose meaning the Council) had not acted with propriety. Col. Eidingtoun said he could not see what business or concern you (meaning the Justice) have here, to which he answered as being a Justice of Peace, Colonel Eidingtoun said he was no Lawyer. to which my Lord Pigot interrupted him, saying he was a Lawyer, Counsellor & Governor, and also was made a Lord by his Masters — he then asked them how brave Men if he did not work with them at the Siege of Madras, & if he was not a good Soldier. I then heard Col. Eidingtoun say, it was of no use harrangueing the Soldiers & desired Lord Pigot to return in the House; my Lord said he would not for no such Villains, & that he would not go from there unless Major Horne would let those brave Men guard him to his Fort again. Major Horne said that was impossible as it was

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was the Councils Orders for Colonel Eidingtoun to take him
from hence. Lord Pigot d[id] call this Scoundrel Villain
ought to be shot, to which [illegible] of the Gentlemen who I
believe was Mr. Monckton said they ought to be hanged,
shooting was too good. My Lord said, the Villains with
a Party of Sepoys swore him [illegible] Lines, & said Colonel
Stuart invited himself to Supper & then like a Villain gave
him up to your [illegible] Villain & scoundrel, & surrounding himself
to Colonel Eidingtoun: He also called Capt. Lysaught a
Scoundrel & also every one in the Fort. Colonel Eidingtoun
desired him to desist from such Expressions telling My Lord
it was not proper to use them against the Council. Colonel
Eidingtoun called Major Horne out & had some Conversation
with him which I could not hear, but their return
Major Horne desired my Lord to make himself easy & Major
Horne told Col. Eidingtoun that he would answer with
his Life that as his Lordship was determined to go unless
he went to the Fort & was guarded, he should not go
from his House unless by Order of Council, when after
some Conversation relative to his Lord Pigots going with
Col. Eidingtoun, which my Lord absolutely refused, the
Guard marched back, & Lord Pigot, Col. Eidingtoun and
Major Horne, returned into the House, the other two Gen-
tlemen took their leave & went away, after which Shout
no more.

Geo. Shaw
Sergt. 1st Battalion of Sepoys.

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Sworn to before me
John Turing. Mayor

Wrote a Letter to Mr. Sulivan Esq. Madras
according to Resolution of Yesterday
Read the following Letter from Major Horne
The Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President & Governor for Co. of Fort St. George

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs.

From Major Horne
Capt Torryn not
at the Mount —

I received your Orders of Yesterday at ½
past 10 o'clock, and immediately caused enquiry to be
made if Capt. Torryn was at the Mount or had
been seen there, but could learn no Intelligence of him,
and I am confident he has not been or is now at the Mount.

Just as we were retiring to rest this Lordship
was informed that a Company of Europeans, and another
of Sepoys were marched out of the Fort, And that some
Gentlemen in two Carriages were with them. His Lord-
ship was alarmed; however about an hour afterwards
he went to rest — I have ordered Capt. Clifton to Trichi-
nopoly, & directed him to proceed this day. I have just
heard Col. Nixon is arrived this Morning at Mt. Mount-
stous on his way to Vellore — I am with respect

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servant
Matw Horne

Adjourned 'till six this Evening.

Read a Letter from Lt. Ramsay, as follows &
accompanied with Certificate.

To the Hon'ble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
Governor &c. Council
of Fort St. George

From Lt. Ramsay
for permission to
go to Europe

Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen,

In consequence of the advice of the Surgeons of the
Garrison, whose Certificate I enclose, I am to request your permission
to make a Voyage to Europe, the first convenient opportunity, for the re-
establishment of my health, and that you will likewise be pleased to rec-
commend me in such manner to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors,
that I may upon application obtain leave to return to my Duty here.

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I am with great Respect, Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant.
A. Ramsay D.

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These are to Certify Lieut. Ramsay has laboured under a Nervous Asthma for several Years & having tried every means of recovery in this Country without Effect. He is now advised to a Voyage to Europe that he may try the effects of a cold Climate which seems the only probable way to his recovery & the reestablishment of his Constitution —

Augt 29th 1776.

Granted

Gilb. Pasley
Jas. Anderson
} Surgeons

Agreed to permit him to repair to England.

Read Letter from Col James —

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

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

From Lt Col James
Hyder supposed
to intend an in-
vasion of the Car-
natic, & great
deficiency of Stores
in Trichinopoly

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to inform you two Peons
came in from Syringapatam this Morning & declare
Hyder Ally Cawn is making every preparation to
come against Madura & Trichinopoly Countries, he
is drawing his Troops together from all Quarters &
has fixt this Sunday, & formed his Camp to the Eastward
of Syringapatam, with a very heavy Train of Artillery:
this report I would suppose has some grounds for being
true; as a Remark Priest from Dundegal has wrote to
the Governor Pricth to send away all his Effects without
Loss of time, or he must expect to share the effects of War —
This I have thought it my Duty to give you the earliest
Intelligence, at the same time should deem it a neglect
in not setting forth the great deficiency of Stores in this
Garrison, tho' many Indents has been made, none has been
answered; Should there be occasion for a Detachment
to move, we have not a Flint to supply them, nor any
Tar for our Gun-Carriages; Only 300 Barrels of Powder —
In consequence of expected troubles, I have thought proper

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proper to make some necessary repairs in the Fort I have taken some Mercanti into the Service, as it requires that I may be able to give every Intelligence in due time. wishing these proceedings by me may meet with the Right Honble Boards approbation.

I am with the profoundest respect

Right Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedt & most faithful Servant.

Edwd James.

Tonjore
28th Augt 1776.

The President is desired to inform himself of the Intelligence the Rajah may have received from Tyrungapatam.

Stores indented for have been sent

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board that the Stores indented for have been sent to Trichinopoly.

Examination of Comaro Quest.

Comaro, Kistnaje Punday, & Soubarow attending, — Comaro is called before the Board and examined as followeth.

1st Did you force your way into the Rajahs House on the 8th April at 11 o'clock at Night? —

Answer — No — —

Quest: 2d Did you propose to the Rajah, to rout his whole Country, telling him that you were supported & supported by seven Members of the Council —

Answer — No Ridiculous.

Quest: 3d Did you tell the Rajah, that Lord Pigot would recommend to him, to admit our English Garrison into his Fort — Did you at the same time endeavour to dissuade him from admitting the Garrison —

Answer — No —

Quest: 4th Did you tell the Rajah that Lord Pigot would — probably advise him to depend on the Company for the protection of his Country, which he was by no means

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to comply with, but, on the contrary to reply, that he would defend his Country in the same manner as his Father, & that he did not want such Assistance —

No. 5. Did Lord Pigot charge you with having said the above to the Rajah when you were at Tanjore. —

No.

Quest: proposed by Sr Robt Fletcher — 6: Had you ever any Conversation with any Member of the Council previous to your going to Tanjore, touching the Subject of the 2d Question, to which you have already answered.

Ans. I never had —

Quest: proposed by the Pres.t — 7. — Can you recollect what passed between the Rajah & you, when you were at Tanjore, in the several Conversations you had with him. —

Answer — I have set forth every thing that passed between the Rajah & me, in my Representation. —

Quest: 8. Did Lord Pigot, give you no kind of reason for ordering you to be publickly punished at Tanjore

Answer — No other reason whatsoever, than that I waited on the Rajah without his permission.

Quest. 9. Did you see & converse with the Rajah only once during the time you were at Tanjore.

Answer. Only once. —

Comarah then relates as followeth. —

Lord Pigot had not seen the Rajah before I was sent for on the 9th April in the Morning — the Representations against me, therefore must have come from Moodu Kistnah his Lordships Dubash — for the Rajah I know for a certainty had no Vackeels of his own. Nor indeed do I believe. Vackeels were employed — but, if they were, they must have been the Vackeels of Moodu Kistnah. Moodu Kistnah it is well known is a Friend & Servant

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of mine, by hair therefor his Lordship must have been influenced, to load me with that Ignomy and disgrace, for which nothing in the World can be an adequate Compensation. My Character from my Childhood is intimately known to many of you Gentlemen now present as well as to others in this Settlement, I am well convinced you will do me the Justice to believe, I have ever conducted myself with the strictest propriety, both with respect to the Honble Company's Government, & to every Gentleman in their Service — The injuries I have sustained, — have been so grievous, that I could not, but apply to this Honorable Board for Redress, — You well know Gentlemen, how peculiarly disgraceful it must be to a Man of my Religion & Circumstances to be publickly flogged. The Stain it leaves, — remains not only on me, — but, my Family likewise partake of it, — & thereby become unjustly involved, in what is the Severest Punishment that can be inflicted on Men in this Country, guilty of the most atrocious Crimes.

Examination of Kistnagee Punday

Kistnagee Punday, — called before the Board — Questions to Kistnagee Punday Soucar.

Quest: — 1st. Were you with Comarah when he visited the Rajah of Tanjore in April last. —

Answer — Yes, I was

Quest: 2d. At what hour of the night was it.

Answer About nine o'clock at night.

Quest: 3d. Did Comarah force his way into the Rajah of Tanjore's House, on the Night he visited him. —

Answer. No, he did not force his way into the Rajah's House. —

Quest: 4th Did Comarah propose to the Rajah in your hearing, to seize his whole Country, telling him, that he was to —

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was supported by seven Members of the Council.

Answer. No, he did not

Quest: — 3d (as to Comarah)

Answer — No — Comarah did not speak upon the Subject

Quest: — 4. (as to Comarah)

Answer — No such Words were came from Comarah

Quest: — Were you near enough to hear distinctly all that passed between the Rajah & Comarah. —

Answer. — I was close to both the Rajah & Comarah, & therefore could hear distinctly every thing that passed. —

Soobarow Annalar called before the Board. —

The Questions put to him the same as to Huttagin Pundary.

Quest: — 1st —

Answer — I was with Comarah when he visited the Rajah in April last.

Quest: — 2d.

Answer — After eight o'clock —

Quest: — 3d. —

Answer — No, he did not force his way into the Rajah's House. —

Quest: — 4th.

Answer — No, he did not.

Quest: — 3d (as to Comarah)

Answer — Not a word passed upon that subject

Quest: — 4th (as to Comarah)

Answer. — Comarah never said any such thing to the Rajah.

Quest: — Were you near enough to hear distinctly all that passed between Comarah & the Rajah? —

Answer — I was so near the Rajah & Comarah, that I could not but hear every thing that passed between them.

Remarks of the Board thereon

The Board are very well satisfied from the Depositions of Huttagin Pundary, Soobarow before the Mayor, as well as from the Declarations of Comarah, & their evidence in his favor, that what has been alledged against him by Lord Pigot must have

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unjust Representations made to his Lordship, either by Moodu Sithiah his Lordship's Dubash, or his Adherents— Comaroo, it appears, so far from forcing his way into the presence of the Rajah, was conducted to him by some of the Rajah's own Servants & kindly received: & during the whole of his Visit, confined his discourse to mere matters of Compliment, (as related by the above Persons who accompanied him) without once touching upon Business of any Kind. And, indeed, if it be remembered, that Business is never the Subject of Conversation at first Visits in this Country, it will seem very improbable, that Comaroo should break thro' so universal an Established Custom— In short the Board cannot but be convinced, from what has now appeared before them, that Comaroo is entirely innocent of the Charges lodged against him by Lord Pigot; for as he saw the Rajah but once, during the time he was at Tanjore, and as at that Interview, nothing further passed between them than Words of Compliment, it is impossible he could have spoke to, or advised the Rajah in the manner set forth by his Lordship. The Board therefore cannot hesitate to declare, in Justice to an Innocent & oppressed Man, that they deem the iniquitious punishment inflicted on Comaroo by Orders of Lord Pigot, in causing him to be publickly flogged, to be altogether unmerited on his part, & highly illegal on that of his Lordship. And the more particularly so, as his Lordship did not accuse him of any Misdemeanors,— or bring even a Charge against him, tho' many days after his return from the Tanjore Country. As to Comaroo's pretended declaration of being supported by some Members of the Council, & of advising the Rajah not to admit an English Garrison into his Fort, altho' the Company's Troops were then in it, & had been there for some time, these matters speak for themselves & are therefore unworthy of Remark—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Torriano—

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Sir,

From Mr. Torriano desiring his name may be erased from the Letter sent in by the Civil Servants

I understand that a Letter is delivered into the Board to which my name is signed contrary to any desire. I therefore desire you will please to acquaint the Board that it was too hastily done by me & that I have since insisted upon its being taken out again before it was delivered in, because I apprehended I had not done right. I have not been able to get my Name erased, but I request you will inform the Board that I hope they will not consider it as an Action of mine, for I do not think myself a proper Judge in the matter. — I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant.

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W. H. Torriano.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

Read Letter from Masulipatam —

President & Governor & Council of Fort St. George.

From Masulipatam with bills of Exchange —

My Lord & Gentlemen.

We have herewith the honor to transmit you a Bill of Exchange for Rad. Pags 3900. —

We are respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Chas Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

Fort St. George
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Fort St. George 1st Sept. 1776.

At a Consultation Present.

Sunday 1st September 1776.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke
Chas Floyer
Franc. Sourdan
Sir Robt. Fletcher
Arch. Palmer
George Mackay

Received the following Letter from the Honble Mr. Justice Le Maistre

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
Secretary

Sir,

Letter from Mr Justice Le Maistre

I have received the honor of your Letter, & have perused (and that not for the first time) his late Majesty's Royal Charter, bearing date at Westminster the 26th Year of his Reign, erecting & establishing a Court of Judicature within the Town or Factory of Madraspatnam by the Name of the Mayor & Aldermen of Madraspatnam who are thereby authorized to try, hear & determine all Civil Suits, Actions & Pleas, between Party & Party that shall or may arise or happen, or that have already arisen or happened within the said Town of Madraspatnam or within any of the Factorys subject or subordinate unto Fort St. George aforesaid, or to the said Governor or President & the Council of Fort St. George aforesaid, except such Suits or Actions shall be between the Indian Natives of Madraspatnam only, in which Case the same is to be determined among themselves, unless both Parties shall by Consent submit the same to the Determination of the said Mayor's Court.

His Majesty's Writ of Habeas Corpus by the Common Law is a Prerogative Writ of a very high Nature, & can only be issued by the Superior Courts of Westminster Hall, unless warranted by express Words

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Words in a Charter granted by his Majesty or by his general or by Special Words under the Authority of an Act of Parliament, however desirable it may be that a Writ so beneficial to the Subject should be extended throughout every part of the British Empire, I am sorry to say I can find no Clause which warrants the issuing of it in the Charter erecting & establishing the said Mayor's Court, which I have now before me. The Statute of Charles the 2d commonly called the Habeas Corpus Act most clearly relates to the Superior Courts, & the Judges thereof, viz.t Great Britain only — I have the honor to be

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Sir,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
S. C. Lonsdale

The following Letter was in consequence immediately wrote to Major Horne. —

To Major Horne,
Commanding the Artillery at the Mount

Sir,

We received your Letter of the 30th last Night & that of the 31st this Morning.

In the former, you acquaint us that you had received Information that some of Lord Pigot's friends were going to Petition the Mayor's Court for a Habeas Corpus for the Removal of his Lordship, & request our Instructions should the Mayor's Court grant the Writ. —

We have procured the Opinion of Judge Le Maistre who is the best Law Authority here, upon this Point, and we understand therefrom that the Mayor's Court have no Power to grant such a Writ. —

We have received a Letter this Morning from Capt. Sonyer, acquainting us that in Endeavour

To Major Horne informing him that from the opinion of Judge Le Maistre, they cannot issue an Habeas Corpus cannot be issued —

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to our Orders the himself is coming to the Presidency.
If you chance to see him at the Mount, acquaint
him that We wish him to proceed thither immediately.

We are, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Geo. Stratton &c. &c.

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Read the following Letter from Major Horne —

The Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

Honorable Sir & Sirs

From Major Horne informing of a demand made by Lord Pigot's attorney for a Copy of the orders to confine his Lordship — also requesting an Indemnification for himself —

A Gentleman who says his Name is Seagley, came to me & said he waited on me as Attorney to Lord Pigot; and said a Petition having been presented to the Mayor's Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, he came by their Authority to demand a Copy or Sight of the Warrant or Order by which I held his Lordship in Custody, and made that demand in presence of two Witnesses that accompanied him; I gave for Answer that I had given Lord Pigot a Copy of the Order I received when his Lordship was brought to me, that I could give no other, or that to any other Person without Instructions, he took this for a refusal, and went away accordingly.

I have just been honord with your Letter of this day, in which you take notice of having Consulted Isaac Lemaistre, & informing me of his opinion, and your Orders in consequence — In these Critical Situations, common Prudence & requires the greatest Circumspection, and as I am not conversant in Law Affairs, I hope you'll Pardon me if I am improper in Suggesting that Should a Suit at Law be commenced against me for acting in Obedience to your Orders & a Military Man that

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that I should have some Security of being indemnified.
Or that my private Fortune should not be hurt, or
Family suffer. I doubt not when your Honours reflect
on my Situation you'll be of Opinion that I ought
to be secured against any damages the Civil Law
may Inflict for my obeying your Orders as a
Military Man. I am with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servant

Mat.w Horne

Mount
31st Augt 1776.
7. P. M.

Read General Letter from Bengal
with their Resolutions.

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

Letter from Bengal
with Resolutions
of the Governor
General & Council

My Lord & Gentlemen,

On the 31st of last Month we ack.t
=knowledged the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th
enclosing a Copy of all your Proceedings relative to Jaggir
We have taken those Proceedings into our most serious
consideration, & have unanimously agreed on Resolutions
on such parts of them, as by their Importance demanded
our first & immediate Attention, & by their nature and
tendency called for the Interposition of the controuling
Power vested in us by Parliament over the Presidency of
Madras. We enclose you a Copy of those Resolutions
& positively require you to abstain from all such Acts
& Declarations in future as we have thereby endeavoured,
declaring to you that we shall hold you President or
any Member of your Board, who shall act in contradic
=tion to the Tenor of the above Resolutions, to be guilty of
a Wilful violation of the Rights of the Nabob, and as a
disturber of the Peace of the Carnatic

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We have confined our Resolutions to such undisputed Facts as had a direct & immediate tendency to alienate the Mind of the Nabob from his friendship & Alliance with the Company, & to interrupt the harmony & quility of that part of India. But we see, on the face of your Proceedings, several other Acts which We equally disapprove, & on some of which we think it necessary to require a further explanation from you.

We cannot avoid remarking through the whole tenor of your Presidents Conduct & behaviour to the Nabob, manifest Symptoms of a strong personal Indisposition towards him, heightened by a tone of Authority unbecoming the Nabob's Dignity & Independency, & inconsistent with the respect which the Company have on all their Letters, directed to be shewn to him. A remarkable instance of this has been furnished us by the Nabob himself in the draft of a Letter presented to the Nabob by Lord Pigot, & required to be written by him to his Lordship, containing an approval of his Conduct & an assurance of forgiveness for what had passed. We allude particularly to this Instance, because it affords us at the same time too strong a presumption, that the Offers, which the Rajah of Tanjore has so liberally made, in opposition to his own Interest, may have been drawn from him by the same indirect kind of Influence. This again corroborated by a Resolution entered on your Proceedings of the 25th. April, that it was necessary the whole Country of Tanjore should be protected by the Forces of the Company, & by the Request made by the Rajah, almost in the same words, at the meeting which he soon afterwards had with the President, that the Company's Troops might be allowed for the Protection of his whole Country; &

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tis still more strongly confirmed by his request, that the Company would take what Country they thought proper as a dependency to Devy Cotta — by his declaration that the Country of Tanjore was the Company's, & that he had only to request his Honor might be preserved, and by his tender of all the Grain in his Dominions to be purchased by the Company, which are Expressions, such as were never voluntarily used by any Independent Prince however grateful he might be for the Services rendered to him —

Notwithstanding the request of the Rajah therein made, we cannot but consider the measure of employing the Company's Forces for the protection of the whole Country of Tanjore as unwarranted by the Spirit of the Company's Orders. It is very evident that the Company entrusted to restrict the employment of their Troops to the Garrisoning of the City of Tanjore but left to the Rajah's discretion the general defence of his Dominions — The Paragraph assigned for placing an English Garrison in the Fort of Tanjore, in the Rajah's Paragraph of their Orders, was made with the Proviso annexed into the Country of Tanjore, & the march of their Troops Rajah in case of Troubles, added to their declaration in the 7th Paragraph, That as dimensions of the Rajah's Authority over his own Subjects was altogether by them, put this Construction beyond a doubt, was necessary to seek for negative Arguments, when a positive Authority is wanting to support the measure —

The Subsidy fixed for the Payment of the Garrison of Tanjore & for the other Forces employed in the Protection of the Country is another deviation from

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from the Orders of the Court of Directors, which direct, that no greater Portion of the Revenues shall be assigned to the Company than may be absolutely necessary for the support of their Garrison.

We observe that in the Motion made by the Right Honble President for the appointment of a Chief to reside at Tanjore, several Motives & Objects are assigned for it, which are different both from the Letter & Spirit of the Company's Orders, & that the appointment of a Resident at Tanjore, which, on failure of that proposal, was afterwards adopted, was Declared to be for fulfilling the same purposes in part that were proposed for the Council. We shall suspend our Opinion upon this measure for the present, but think it necessary to desire that you will furnish us with a Copy of the Instructions delivered to Mr. Russell, declaring at the same time that we shall consider any Authority given him to interfere in the Affairs of that Government, as a Breach of the Company's positive Orders.

At present we cannot consider the appointment as having any other Object than the above; We are much afraid it will have that appearance in the Eyes of the other Neighbouring Powers, & that it will be too liable to suggest to them the apprehension that the Act of restoring the Rajah of Tanjore to the possession of his Dominions was only a pretence for vesting the Sovereignty & Government of that Country in the Company, under the name of the Rajah of Tanjore.

The Nabob, both in his Letters to your President, & in his Correspondence with this Government, has complained that Lord Pigot had caused

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caused a Proclamation to be made in the Fort and through all the Districts of Tanjore. "That no one should give protection or Rice to any of his (the Nabob's) People, but bring them forth, and even that, if any Person should give Shelter to his Servants he should be considered as Criminal" And "that some of his creditable & ancient Servants who were at Tanjore had been treated with Indignity by the Defendants of Lord Pigot & that some of them were detained in Prison by the Rajah so late as in the Month of May last." We expected to have found some notice of these Complaints in your Proceedings. We desire that you will furnish us with the fullest information of the Facts, to which they allude.

We have also received a later Remonstrance from the Nabob on the Subject of Orders issued as he af- firms by Lord Pigot "for the seizure of one of the Nabob's "principal Servants named Mahomed Hebrow Cawn "by a Party of Sepoys who forcibly entered the Hella of "Woodiarpolly belonging to him for that purpose and "searched all the Houses for the Person whom they were "in quest of; but not finding him, they carried away "and ill treated many of the Inhabitants. We desire to be furnished also with an Explanation of this Affair.

The Nabob has requested that a Resident might be appointed, on the part of this Government, to remain with him. - As such a Measure might possibly assist in us, whether the Resolutions, We have taken and now communicate to you will be efficacious, We have for the present determined to decline complying with the Nabob's desire, We hope an alteration in your measures & conduct towards him will produce a return of that confidence & attachment to your Government which has so unalterably subsisted untile the late unhappy differences took place. We

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We desire you will transmit to us a Copy of the Orders delivered by Lord Pigot to Capt. Tonyn for escorting the Dobbier to Sawyore & of Capt. Tonyn's report of the execution of those Orders, and that you will also call Capt. Tonyn before you, and ask him whether Arialore is an open, or enclosed Town? Whether he met with any opposition in the execution of his Orders? or in leaving the Place? and in what situation he found the Dobbier? His replies upon these several Questions you will be pleased to transmit to us, as well as to the Court of Directors by the first opportunity. —

Having condemned the expulsion of the Nabobs Agents and Troops from certain Districts of Moravo & Nellcota, Justice requires we direct, that he be permitted to represent those Districts of the State previous to his Action to them, and that Commissioners be appointed in any manner, which shall be approved by his Highness & the Raja, to examine upon the Spot their respective pretensions & to decide upon them. Such a decision ought to be admitted as binding on both Parties; but, in case it should not prove so, or if the Commissioners should not agree in that Award, We desire that a Copy of their Proceedings be transmitted to us, that we may offer Our finial Sentiments and mediation upon them. —

We were desirous that you should be apprized of these our Sentiments & Resolutions before the departure of the Grenville for England, & we hope that the request contained in our Letter of the 31st will not have been the occasion of much delay in the dispatch of

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of that Ship. — We are

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

I. Clavering. —

Geo. Monson

Rich. Barwell

P. Francis

Fort William
7th Augt. 1776.

Secret Department. Extract of Consultation. 7th Augt. 1776.

Copy of Resolutions of Council.

1. Resolved — That the Detaching an Officer with a Party of the Company's Troops into the Town of Moorshedabad, situated within the Nabob's Dominions — The forcing away the Nabob's Guards stationed there and the seizing his Officers and Servants with all his Papers public & Private & carrying them Prisoners to Fort William were Acts of Hostility against the Nabob, that they were not necessary to carry the Company's Orders & Intentions into Execution, nor justified by their Instructions for restoring the Raja of Tanjore. —

2. Resolved — That the threat expressed by the President personally to the Nabob, that he would station a Guard at the Nabob's House for the declared purpose of intercepting any Communication between him, the Members of the Council and other Europeans his Majesty's Subjects, was an Invasion of the Nabob's Rights as an Independant Prince & might justly alarm him for the Safety of his Person. —

3. Resolved. — That the forcible expulsion of the Nabob's Agents of Marawa & Nadeota without any previous application to the Nabob was an Act of

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of Hostility against his Highness, unauthorized and unnecessary.

4th Resolved — That the President's Declaration That if the Gates of Alamore or any other Gates in the Payenghaut should be shut against the Troops of the Company when they asked admission by his Authority, it would be an improper return to the Man who had put his Highness in possession of them" implies a general Denial of the Nabob's Right to refuse admittance of the Company's Troops into any of his Forts or Garrisons, & founds that denial on a supposed personal Ingratitude to the President, not on a Breach of the Regard & Friendship due to the Company, as if his Highness's Obligation for being put in possession of such Forts and Garrisons was due to the President alone, in exclusion of the Company —

5th Resolved — That the President's declaration "that whenever the Nabob's Business should be connected "with the Interest of the Company he would always act "as to him should appear proper, and in the use of "the Nabob's Authority" was equivalent to any assumption to himself of all the Powers vested in the lawful Nabob of the Carnatic.

6th Resolved — That these several Acts & declarations collectively & seperately, are an infringement of the Rights & Powers inherent in, and dependent on his Highness's Title as lawful Nabob of the Carnatic, in which Character he is acknowledged by the Treaty. That they tend to reduce him to a mere nominal Nabob & to alienate his Mind from that faithful attachment to the English Company of which they declare they have had long Experience —

7th Resolved That the Acts & Declarations above recited

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recited have a direct & immediate Tendency to disturb
the Peace of the Carnatic, I am unwarranted to punish—
& Resolved — that this Board will support the Rights
of the lawful Nabob of the Carnatic against all such
attempts in future, & that they will exert to the effect
the Power vested in them by the Legislature of this
superintending & controuling the Government of Madras
for the Preservation of Peace in the Carnatic.—

Fort William
7th Aug. 1776.

a true Copy / J. P. Auriol Secr.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to Major Horne—

To Major Horne

Commanding at the Mount.

Sir,

approving of his Conduct to Mr. Sedgley, & Indemnifying him in the Company's name

We have received your Letter of Yesterday's date, informing us that a Gentleman of the name of Sedgley had waited on you as Attorney to Lord Pigot. That he told you a Petition having been presented to the Mayor's Court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, because by their Authority to demand a Copy or Sight of the Warrant or Order by which you held his Lordship in Custody, & made that demand in presence of two Witnesses who accompanied him. That you gave for Answer, you had furnished Lord Pigot with a Copy of the Order you received when his Lordship was brought to you, that you could give no other, or that, to any Person whatsoever without Instructions, — that he took such Declaration for a refusal, & left you accordingly. —

In this as in all your Conduct, you have acted in such manner as to meet our entire approbation —

Accompanying We send you a Copy of a Letter We have received from Mr. Justice Le Maistre who is of opinion as you will perceive, that the Mayor's Court are not legally authorized to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus —

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We cannot hesitate a moment in giving you the Indemnification you desire necessary should any actions at Law be commenced against you, for acting in Obedience to our Orders. We therefore do in this public manner promise and indemnify you in the name of the Company, for any Loss or Damages you may sustain, in carrying into Execution the Orders you may receive from us. — We are

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Geo. Stratton &c. &c.

Fort St. George
1st Sept. 1776.

Certificate to entitle Rus. Hetherington to the Military Fund

Col. Stuart sends in to the Board the following Recommendation of Ensign Rich. Hetherington to entitle him to Portake of the Military Fund. —

By Colonel James Stuart, Acting Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel. —

Whereas, it is Ordered by the Regulation for transacting the Business of the Honble Company's Military Fund for the Relief & Maintenance of disabled Officers & Soldiers who by Wounds, or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India, that they produce a Certificate from their Commanding Officer as one of the Requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Fund. —

I do hereby Certify that Richard Hetherington born at Postlington in the County of Queens — and about 42 Years of Age is an Ensign of Foot on this Establishment has served the Honble Company upwards of five Years, & is now, by frequent & severe attacks of Liver Disorders, from which Complaints he is seldom free, his Nerves at the same time being affected with Tremors, adjudged by the Surgeons to be

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be incapable of further Service, and is obliged to return to England, depending on the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

Given under my hand at Fort St. George in the East Indies this 31st day of August 1776.

James Stuart.

Approved & the usual Certificate Ordered to be made out.

Read the following Letter from Major Horne accompanied by a Note from Mr. Dalrymple to Mr. Secretary Sullivan

To Richard J. Sulivan Esqr.

Military Secretary

From Major Horne enclosing a note from Mr. Dalrymple

Mount Sept. 1st 1776.

Sir,

My Lord Pigot has desired me to forward the accompanying General Letter to you. I have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Matw Horne

Mr. Dalrymple's Compliments to Mr. Secretary Sulivan, returns from Lord Pigot the Draft of the General Letter & desires a Copy may be made in the Office for him to sign & that My Minute of 10th June & the other Minutes in the List Mr. Baine had may be copied fair for his Lordships & sent him as soon as done.

Wrote the following Letter to Major Horne Commanding at the Mount

To Major Horne

To inform his Lordship that the papers he applied for shall be prepared

Sir,

I have received your Letter of this date & have the Order of the President & Council to desire you will inform Lord Pigot, that all the Assistants in the Public Offices are fully employed on the [illegible]

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Business, yet, as they are desirous his Lordship should meet with no kind of Impediment, in preparing his Advices for England, they have given me directions to furnish him with Copies of those Papers, he has now applied for. I am,

Sir.

Your most Obedient Servant

R. J. Sullivan Sec.y

Fort S. George
1. Sept. 1776.

Ordered that the following Letter be written by the Secretary to Mr. Dalrymple —

To. Alex.r Dalrymple Esq.r

Sir.

We received the Notes which you wrote Us seperately the 27.th Ultimo, desiring to know if you were debarred Access to the Company's Records. Having laid them Notes before the Board, We are directed by them to acquaint you that you shall be furnished from our respective Offices with Copies of such Papers as may concern yourself if you desire them, but they cannot permit you to have Access to any of the Company's Records in the Office

He is to have such papers as concern himself

We are, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants

Chas. Oakeley
R. J. Sulivan. Sec.y

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To which Mr. Dalrymple made the following reply. —

To Mr. Secretary Oakeley &
Mr. Secretary Sulivan.

Gentlemen.

From Mr Dalrymple in reply

I have received your joint Letter that I am debarred Access to the Company's Records but,

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but may have Copies of such Papers as relate to myself. I therefore desire Copies of all my Minutes & the Minutes of the other Members in answer to them or to which they are in answer.—

Your humble Servants.

A. Dalrymple

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Read the following Letter from Col. Harper.—

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

From Col Harper Acknowledging the receipt of the Proclamation

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 25th Instant, covering your Orders and Proclamation which shall be read at the head of the Troops.—

If I find it necessary the proper disposition of the Troops shall be made & the two Battalions shall be drawn nearer the place, & nothing in my power shall be wanting for the safety & welfare of the place. Should any thing worthy of notice occur, you may rely on the earliest information. I have wrote to Colonel Fraser according to your Orders with whom I shall correspond for the mutual safety of both places.

I have assured the Rajah of your protection & future support & friendship, but that though an alteration had happened in Council, it made not the least difference in the security of his Government.

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I remain with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
H. Harper.

Read

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Read the following Report of Col. Ross
the Workmen employed on the Fortifications.

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

Report from the Chief Engineer

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

We have now employed upon the Works.—

Bricklayers	97
Tank Diggers	1114
Coolies	853
Lascars	112
Stone Cutters	46
Sundry Artificers	7
Amounting in all to	2229

I have the honor to be with Respect.
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Lt. Col. & Chief Engr.

Fort St. George
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Wrote the following Letter to the Govr.
General & Council of Bengal, acknowledging
the Receipt of their Letter & Resolutions of the 7th
August received this Morning.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Govr. Genl. & Co. Council
at Bengal

To Bengal acknowledging the receipt of their Letter & Resolutions—

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have this day had the honor to receive your Letter dated the 7th Augt. with Copy of the Resolutions which you have passed on the proceedings transmitted to You by the Swallow.

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Swallow, and your Honor &c may be assured that we shall as soon as possible pay every attention to the various matters therein contained —

We have the honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your much Obedient

humble Servants

Geo. Stratton &c. &c.

Adjourned 'till Tuesday Morning 8 o'Clock. 6

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2. Dispatched the following Letter to Col. Harper.—

To Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir.

To assume the Rajah of the protection of this Government— Comaroo allowed to go to Tanjore

We have received your Letter dated the 29th Aug.t and hope the Rajah's affairs with you this be quieted. We rely on your taking every opportunity to convince them that it will ever be our firm Resolution to support them in all their just Rights & not on any occasion to permit Interference with their Government.

As we understand that Comaroo has been ordered by Lord Pigot not to go to Tanjore we think it necessary to inform you that the Charge against him have been very strictly inquired into & that he having been acquitted thereof, has our permission to proceed to Tanjore on his own Business.

Captain Maule is appointed an Engineer & Lt. Hislop Assistant Engineer at Tanjore, & you will of course give them all the Assistance they may have occasion for.— We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. humble Servants.

Geo.e Stratton &c.

Fort St. George
2. Sept.r 1776.

At a Consultation Present

Tuesday 3d Sept.r

George Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan — George Mackay

Having taken into Consideration the Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l & Council with their Resolute-

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Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer
Archd. Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan
George Mackay

Having taken into Consideration

the Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l & Council with their Resolute

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resolutions we are happy to find that the Gov.r General & Council concur in opinion with Us on the several points referred with respect to Lord Pigott Conduct— Resolved that Copies of the above Letter & Resolutions go Numbers in our Packet by the Granville that the Nabob be furnished with Copy of the said Resolutions.— The three Resolutions so materially affect Lord Pigotts Conduct and we could wish to furnish him also with a Copy of them as well as of the Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.; yet as we are unanimously of opinion that doing it at this time might give him uneasiness in his present Situation that intent, it is agreed, for these reasons to defer sending them to his Lordship.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter.

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore addressed to "George Stratton Behauder Governor of Fort St. George.

From the Rajah of Tanjore

The Letter you was pleased to write me on the 25.th Augt was brought here on the 28.th Instant by Colonel Harper who explained the Contents of it. I am happy to find that you are Governor of the Company at Fort St. George, I have sent you a dress on this occasion of my joy which I hope you will receive; I am under the greatest Obligations to the Company, they have relieved me from my difficulties, & have shewn me every mark of Respect. I place entire confidence on them, they bear the burthen of my concerns— I am happy that the Council, there entrusted by the Company, are united in their desire of assisting me, for this reason I pray to God for your success— My Packets do always

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always attend upon you — be pleased to shew favor to their Country, what can I say more?

Translation of two Letters from the Vackeel at Tanjore to his Vackeel here. 26th. Augt. 1776.

Translation of a Letter from Ostpree to Rodrajee Pundat dated 26th. Augt. 1776.

Your Letter of the Instant reached my hands, the enclosed Letter therein for the King I delivered to him, the Copy of the Letter for Europe was perused by him & thereupon the King sent for the Padre & proposed to him in my presence concerning the said Copy, & in two days hence it will be translated in English & finished, as soon as this done I will dispatch it immediately. —

Translation of a Letter from Ostpree to Rodrajee Pundat dated 27th. Augt. 1776.

Until to Tuesday the 27th. Instant I am in health at Tanjore, I shall be very glad to hear of your health also, in Company of the Padre the Letter was wrote, as it chiefly consisted of the Inland Country Accounts was the reason of the delay; to day it will be quite finished, & tomorrow it shall be dispatched to you by the Tappy — without further delay, it shall be dispatched to you tomorrow by the Tappies, what further Affairs you have there & whatever directions I am to follow them please to advise me. —

Ordered that Copies of the last Letters be transmitted to the Gov.r. General & Council in Bengal with our remarks thereon. —

Read the following Letter from Mr. Anthony Sadleir dated this day.

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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. in Council
of Fort St. George

From Mr Sadlier requesting to have such station in the Service as his rank entitles him to

Honble Sir & Sirs

It is now nearly twelve Months since information was given of my supposed Misconduct in the Management of the Bureaus of the Department in the Service, I had then the honor to state at large; and upwards of nine Months have elapsed, since my conduct has been undergoing Delicacy in me towards my Judges & Superiors, has occasioned so long a silence; but this has been other application, than what the proceedings themselves shew, in order to bring the case in question to an issue, this such forbearance has been attended with an aggravation of Injury to my Fame & Fortune. I have suffered in three points, in a manner, for which no reparation can be made me; but to avoid the painful task of retrospection, or bring to view, circumstances which may excite displeasure, my Situation & Rank in the Service may engage your attention, at the time of the dispatch to Europe, whilst various Arrangements in the Service now under your consideration are about to take place, so far that Salary may against me may be suspended, or that further wrong, in case I am innocent may not be done me, & that I may not hazard the good opinion of my Honble Masters in their future approval of me, should my Rank & Services at this time, have the honor to come under their Consideration.

I have the honor to be &c

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Settlements & the change lately taken place with Gov-
-ernment, & the Members of its Constitution, calls
forth in every Settlement of the Company an exertion
of their utmost Zeal, to maintain & support Order
& the Orders of Authority can apply suitable remedy.
At such times, I should be sorry my poor Services were
not applied in a manner where my Superiors deemed
them most useful & necessary, not doubting if they
are pleased to accept them, but that due attention will
be paid to my honor by disposal of me suetable to my
Rank. The Predicament in which I am, I think can
be no Objection to me, I am temporarily removed from
an Employ in which my Superiors thought proper to
enquire into my Conduct, but admitting such removal
necessary, it should not I think operate to disqualify
me from all other, when nothing of a Criminal
nature lies against me; and when to make my In-
nocence appear, I flatter myself I require but com-
-mon Justice to decide for me: but by that delay my
honor & Fortune continue sacrificed. I hope therefore
the Honble Board, will do me the Justice to fix me
in such Station as my Rank will admit of, making
me still accountable for any delinquency in my Conduct
which it may deserve.

The hardship of my Case is more apparent
when I may with Justice to myself urge, & the
proceedings themselves shew it, that I have been
arraigned without Crime accused without proof.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble and
most Obedient Servant
Anth.y Sadleir.

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Ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letter from Lieu.t Grant.

To the Honble Geo.e Stratton Esq.r

President & Gov.r &.a Council

of Fort St. George

From Lieu.t Grant requesting to go to Bengal for his recovery

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I beg leave to inclose to your Honor & a Certificate from the Surgeon of the State of my Health, I request that your Honors &.a will be pleased to grant me permission to proceed to Bengal to try the Effects which may be produced by a Change of Air if I should not be benefited thereby that I may proceed from thence to England for the Benefit of my Health. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your most Obed.t humble Servant

Lewis Grant

2d Sept.r 1776.

These are to Certify that Ensign Grant ever since his Arrival has been almost without a Month's interval Subject to Bilious fevers and Agues & tho' but now recovering from one, As the Country therefore seems to agree but ill with him, this imagined a Voyage to Europe may give a turn to his Constitution & a better state of health to him in future.

Madras 2d Sept.r 1776.

Gilb.t Pasley

Jas.r Anderson } Surgeons

Agreed that Ensign Grant's request be complied with.

Read the following Letter from

Lt. Col. James

To the Honble Geo.e Stratton Esq.r

President & Gov.r &.a Council of Fort St. George

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From Col. James has received the Proclamation.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs,

Your Instructions reached me late Yesterday, & agreable thereto, I this Morning put them into Execution by reading at the Head of the Troops in Garrison the Hon'ble Board's Proclamation.

Trichinopoly 29th Augt. 1776.

With all due Respect, I am Hon'ble Sir & Sirs, Your most Obedient and most faithful Servant, Edw'd James.

The President lays before the Board the Monthly Returns of Troops & Stores received from Poonamalle & Chingleput.

Read the following Letters from Lt. Weir & Ensign Hart.

To the Hon'ble the President & Council of Fort St. George

From Lt: Weir requesting an advance of six months pay to enable him to return to Europe

Shewing forth that James Weir Ensign in their Service acknowledges the having received their most gracious permission to return to Europe for the re-establishment of his health at the same time makes known to them the impracticibility of such a design without an Allowance of six Months' Pay for Advance, the which he hath made known to Colonel Stuart & hopes they will graciously concur with them in the said design, which hath been impossible for him to lay up any thing out of his pay for that purpose, but as most of his Friends are people of Rank, Character & Fortune, will render any other aid unnecessary.— Hereto their most Obed't. faithful humble Servant. James Weir.

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These are to Certify that Lieut. Weir has been long in a very ill state of Health to a Voyage to

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to Europe it on that Account thought necessary to hasten recovery.

To Colonel Stuart Gilbt. Pasley. Surgeon

Sir,

From Pr. West desiring to be allowed the usual indulgences of proceed to Europe

Inclosed I send you a Certificate from Doctor Pasley, of my unhappy misfortune with her Advice for me to go to Europe having tried all means of Recovery in this Country without, do therefore request of you to lay this Letter with the said before the Honble Board, together with your Interest for a Provision in Europe, having myself no means wherewithal to Subsist without your & their Assistance, I hope the Usual Allowance will be granted me for which I shall ever pray &c.

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Ens. Pr. West.

P. S. having got every thing ready for my Voyage, would be happy to proceed by the first Ship finding myself worse every day.

Certificate

These are to Certify that Ensign West is entirely Paralytick in his lower extremities & as there are no hopes of his recovery here, he is advised to go to Europe ——

Gilbt. Pasley. Surgeon

Granted

Resolved that the Requests contained in the above Letter be complied with.

Before we take Sir Edw. Hughes under Consideration, it is unanimously agreed that the President requests his attendance at this Board tomorrow Morning, that he may inform us what Security he will give this Government for the preservation of the Public Peace & that the tranquility of the Coast now so perfectly established will not be endan-

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our consenting to the removal of Lord Pigot from
under our Authority. —

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3 Dispatches Letter to Mr. Daniel.

To Mr. James Daniel

Paymaster at Madura & Palamcotah.

Sir.

To Mr Daniel acquainting him of his appointment to the Circuit

The President & Council having been pleased to appoint you a Member of the Committee of Circuit, I am directed by them to desire you will deliver over your Respective Charges to the Commandants of Madura & Palamcotah & repair to Vizagapatam where the Committee is ordered to assemble, as soon as you conveniently can, I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

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The President this day wrote to Sir Edw. Hughes.

To Sir Ed. Hughes desiring him to attend the Board

Dear Sir,

The Board is very desirous of your meeting them in Council, & have unanimously desired I would request you would do so, at any time that may be most suitable to you. I have the honor to be, with much Esteem,

Dear Sir.

Your most Obedient Servant

Geo. Stratton.

Fort House,
Tuesday Evening.

At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 4th Sept. 1776.

George Stratton Esqr President.
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franl. Sourdan — George Mackay.

Sir Ed. Hughes attends the Board

Sir Edward Hughes attending is introduced to the Council by the President & being seated the Affidavits of Lt. Col. Eidenbenz & Sergeant Shaw

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& the Commission of Government being read to him, the following Minutes & Questions are put to him.

The Public Conduct of Lord Pigot by Facts already published having subverted the Constitution of the Company, & tending to produce Anarchy & Confusion, the maintenance of the Company's Orders, as well as the necessity of Public Affairs, justify the Steps that have been taken to prevent the further progress of Lord Pigot's illegal & Arbitrary Proceedings. — The perfect knowledge of Lord Pigot's violent temper (as further appears by the above mentioned Affidavits) ties the Board to put such restraints upon his Person as the Public Peace seems to require. Whoever therefore claims an Authority to give Sanctuary or Protection to Lord Pigot, independant of the President & Council, must previously give satisfactory Assurances, that they will be answerable for the consequences that may result, prejudicial to the Interest of the East India Company & that the Public Peace of the Carnatic will not thereby be disturbed."

Questions put to the Commissioners

Will Sir Edward Hughes please himself to be responsible to the Board & to their Constituents that the Conduct of Lord Pigot, supposing him to be removed from under their Authority, will be such as that the tranquility of the Company's Settlements & of the Carnatic now happily established, shall not thereby be disturbed? —

Will Sir Edward Hughes be answerable

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answerable that Lord Pigot, when removed from under the Authority of the President & Council, gives no Encouragement to meetings or Assemblies, private or public, which may tend to divide the Servants & Dependants of the Company by publishing a Manifesto or Orders in opposition to the present Government?

In case Lord Pigot is put on board the Salisbury in the manner Sir Edward Hughes by his Letter desires, will he will be answerable that Lord Pigot does not land in any part of the Company's possessions in the Carnatic or Dependencies under this Presidency?

Will Sir Edward Hughes be answerable that Lord Pigot is forthcoming at any time the Board or the East India Company require it?

As Sir Edward Hughes has heard among others that Lord Pigot declares he does not value his Life but wants his Liberty, will he be responsible that no Individual either European or Native shall suffer in his Life, Character, or Property, from his Lordship's being permitted to go on board his Ship?

Since it is well known that Lord Pigot has declared he would march into the Fortress of Fort St. George the moment he got the present restraint removed, such a Step on the part of his Lord

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Lordship might endanger his Life & that of many others with Sir Edward Hughes be answerable for the consequences of such a Step?

When the Salisbury must necessarily quit the Coast on Approach of the Monsoon, or on any other Account, supposing Lord Pigot to be on board, or what is Sir Edward Hughes then to dispose of his Lordship so as to secure the Public Tranquility?

The Resolution of the President and Council with respect to my Lord Pigot having solely in view the preserving the Public Peace & Tranquility which is equally the Duty & Inclination of Sir Edw.d Hughes, it is hoped he will not directly or indirectly give Sanction to any proceedings contrary to the Resolution of Council thus publickly declared.

Sir Edward Hughes informs the Board that he cannot give an Answer to any of these Questions until he receives the Boards reply to the Letter on which these Queries are grounded; that if the Board chuse to accompany their reply with these Queries or with any other Papers, he will take them into Consideration & return such Answer to the Board as shall appear to him proper—

Sir Edward Hughes then withdrew.

Resolved that following Letter be wrote to him.

The Commodore cannot answer the aforegoing until he shall receive an answer to his Letter—

To Sir Edw.d Hughes

Commodore & Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the East Indies

Sir,

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To Sir P.d Hughes requesting to be informed what security he will give to ensure Tranquility should Lord Pigot be put under his protection

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We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 27th & 28th Aug.t. In that of the 28th you are pleased to inform us that Lord Pigot has claimed the Protection of the King's Flag, & in consequence you require on his Majesty's Name, that Major Monro be ordered to give his Lordship safe-Conduct to your Ship.

We should have done ourselves the honor to answer this Letter much earlier, if the most urgent Business had not interfered, & if we had not imagined that you were perfectly satisfied that the Reports & Alarms concerning Lord Pigot's personal Safety were entirely groundless.—

We have now the honor to acquaint you that having taken your Letter into our serious consideration, We think it necessary before we return you a precise and positive Answer to request you will be pleased to inform us what security you can give to us who are entrusted with the Interest & Affairs of the Company under this Presidency and with the preservation of the Public Peace that the Tranquility of the Coast now so perfectly established will not be endangered by our consenting to the Removal of Lord Pigot from under our own Authority.—

We have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedient humble Servants.
Geo.e Stratton &c.a

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The President lays before the Board the Translate of the following Letter delivered to him by the King of Tanjore's Vackeel dated 25th Aug.t & his Vackeel Rodrajee Pundit dated 25th Aug.t 1776 and the Letter

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From the Rajah of Tanjore to his Vaquiel

Superscription directed to Mooda Ruttnah ~~& &~~

I am in perfect health at Tanjore the 25.th Instant in this Province in the Talook of Vunnagaman doo ever since the Establishment of the Country of Nellore the Quit Rent &c. belonged to Vunnaga Naudoo, from 10.th Dec.r 1773. to March 1776 the Nabob had the Government in his possession, all which time Syd Muctoomyle Cawn enjoyed it, & from 13.th April 1776 to 27.th July being 3 Months & 14 days I enjoyed it & on the 28.th Syd Muctoomyle Cawn's People 5 Persons came here & set up their Toreem or Signal that the place was under his management and went away & soon after sent Sepoys & took away the said Signal from thence & to this day none came here belonging to him. ——

In the Ellungatoo Talook, Soondaram Baudy & the three Villages are peunja ground for the produce of small Grain, not Nunja or Paddy Fields Ground in the Year 1767 Syd Muctoomy the Cawn Jaunadar included in his Jaghire at Trichinopoly Country, by force, & enjoyed it with the Nabob's Government & Tanjore now they are in my profession since I took the Government, and he has got two Jemmadgarries Ps, he did what he pleased, I cannot help it, because the time is so bad, therefore you must acquaint this particularly to his Lordship, the said Syd Muctoomyle Cawn is dead, but Sons lives with the Nabob. ——

The Government of Negapatam owes me for last Years Pish-Cash five thousand Chuckrams & twenty one Elephants being for 6 Years at 3 Elephants p.r Year. ——

The Government of Tranquebar owes me for last Years Pish- Cash two thousand Chuckrams

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Besides for Account Farms they arrears one thousand one hundred & fifty in the goodness they pay six thousand five hundred Chuckrams.

On the Government of Carrical to last Year being ten Years at one thousand Sugapatams Pagodas P. Year comes to ten thousand Pagodas is due to me.

All which explain particularly to his Lordship, & if he writes to them this Money will come to my hands.

At the Gutter of Annacutty very little water came I have therefore set People to repair it the 22, and intend to go there myself the 30th Instant.

The 28 Instant the Nabobs People came here & put a stop to the repairing the said Gutter which my People advised me, this Sunday known in my Letter of the 24th Instant by Jaffery it must have reached before now, you will therefore explain it to his Lordship & send me answer soon about it.

Resolved that a Copy of the above Letter be transmitted to the Gov. Gen. & Council.

Read the following Letter.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. & the Council of Fort St. George

From Lieut. Col. Harper with Returns of the State of Tanjore

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have been honored with your Letter of the 27th Instant, the Rajah seems to have altered his intentions with regard to the going to the Annacutt at present.

I have according to your directions sent Orders for one of the Battalions of Sepoys doing duty in the Country to proceed to Tanjore, when they will be quarter'd about twelve hundred Yards from the Gutter

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Five Companys of the other Battallion, are ordered to the Different Country Forts — The Rajah has requested that the other five might remain in the Country for the present, to assist his Managers in their Business, which I accordingly complied with —

The Carriages in this Garrison, that are repairable, I am putting in order — and should be glad you would please to inform me, if you approve of my making New ones for the Guns that are deficient of them, as the Rajah has some Wood in Garrison, and promises to supply whatever is wanted for that purpose —

I beg leave to mention that there are some small Country Forts which are very trifling — But, have some Guns, Ammunition & Stores in them, and which the Rajah himself thinks would be best to have withdrawn to this place; if I meet with your approbation I will get them to send for what is in them, to this Garrison. He particularly mentioned Yesterday Killendy & Shawcottah, which in my opinion are really not worth keeping, & the Guns, Stores &c. might be of great Service here.

Accompanied I have sent an Account of the Provisions in the Garrison — I have ordered the Rajah to lay in more, which he promises faithfully to do immediately. —

I remain with perfect respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
H. Harper

Tanjore
31st Aug. 1776.

Returned.

Return of the State of Provisions &c. Received, Expended & remaining in the Garrison of Tanjore for the Month of August 1776.

Measured	Remains left by the late Poligars People			Expended by the Rajah since			Remains			Purchased by the Rajah since			Remains got at present			Remains received at present			Total at present remains		
	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums	Measures	Seers	Colums		
Paddy	73068	10	—	17273	11½		55779	10½	—				55779	10½					55779	10½	
Rice	149	"	"	148	8¾				8¾						8¾						8½
Dall Gram	245	"	"	96	4		456	4								228			456	4	
Salt	1008	"	"	17	2⅜		228									500			228	—	
Lamp Oil Seeds	3	"	"	8	4		1000						500						1000		
Dunnaroo Nachanee	2	5½					3	4					3	4					3	4	
Country Rice or Cord	83	4		2	5½		75						12½	3½	7½	75			75		
Pepper White	12¾	4½		8	4		12¾	2½	7½				43								
Tammarin	180	"	9⅜	2	4¾		174¾	2½	2				12¾	2½	7⅜	174	¾	2½	12	¾	2÷7⅝
Chillays	33	2¼	12	5	3		33	1	7¼										174	¾	2¼2
Seragam Seed	1½	1¾	7¼	¼			1½	1¼	9				33	1	7¼	1½	1¼	9	33	1	7¼
Munda Seeds	2½	2½	9	1	20		2½	2½	5½										1÷2	1¼	9
Quatta	2½	4½	5½	1	6¾		2½	4½	4				2½	2½	5½	2½	4½	4	2½	2÷2	5½
Butta Nuts	37	6½	4	1	7½	5	36¾	4¾	3							36¾	4¾	3	2½	4½	4
Tobacco	54½	2½	3	1	2½	17¾	54	"	"										36¾	4	¾3
Ginger		37	"			5/16	3½	3	2				54			—	1½		54		
Saffron	3¾	1	7¾	3½	1¼	5															
Mustard	—	1½	7	"	3¼																

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Military Storekeepers account of the Stores in Tanjore

The Military Storekeeper being called upon to know what quantity of Stores were at Tanjore acquainted the Board that on receiving an Indent for Stores from Lt. Colonel Harper at Tanjore, he took notice he had applied for a great number of Shot of different Calibres which by the return of Stores for July received at the same time he observed there were no Cannon for which the Military Storekeeper desired his Assistant to write to Lt. Col. Harper to explain, requesting he would send him a compleat return of all the Stores in Garrison. That a few days after the Military Storekeeper took an opportunity of asking Lord Pigot who had been at Tanjore, if there were any Cannon there, who told him in answer that the Nabob had taken away the Guns & every thing else out of the Fort. The Military Storekeeper observed to his Lordship that he understood there were a great Number of Cannon at Tanjore. his Lordship replied if that was the case they could not be of any use & told him that if Shot were therefore sent Cannon should accompany them. Sometime after this the Military Storekeeper received an Answer from Lt. Col. Harper with a return of Stores in the Fort of Tanjore dated the 13th Augt. which on comparing with the one he before received from him, contains the following Articles more than in the first return.

Iron Guns of different Callibres		96
Swivels		14
Brass Guns of different Callibres		8
Brass Mortars	Do.	4
Iron Mortars		1
Malabar Guns		9
Besides several others		

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Ordered that Lt. Col. Harper be called upon to acquaint Us with his reasons for not sending a compleat return of all the Stores when he first took the Command of Tanjore & that we expect from him a compleat one of all the Stores, Provisions of every kind &c of all the Materials for Building &c.

Agreed that the following Letter be wrote to Col. Harper at Tanjore.

To Lieut.t Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir.

To Lieut Colonel Harper — Capt Maule & Lt Hislop will soon set out for Tanjore —

We have received your Letter of the 31st Ult.o & approve of your having complied with the Rajahs request for the five Companys of Sepoys — Capt. Maule & Lt. Hislop will immediately set out for Tanjore. They will cause the Carriages to be forthwith repaired & we shall hereafter give Orders to have as many new Carriages made as may be requisite.

It will be very proper to remove to Tanjore, the Guns, Ammunition &c. from the small Forts. —

We are glad you have sent us the returns of Provisions as we did not before know of any in that Fort. We are,

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4th Sept.r 1776.

Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Geo.e Stratton & Co.s

Signed the following Letters to the Governor General & Council in Bengal & to the President & Council at Bombay. —

To

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

To Bombay informing them of the change in Government here

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We take this opportunity of informing you, that the violent arbitrary & illegal Proceedings of our late President Lord Pigot have compelled us to the necessity of arresting his Person & George Stratton Esq.r the next Senior Servant of the Company in Council & President of the Council.—

We cannot here enter into a full explanation of the Conduct of Lord Pigot. Our Proceedings have been sent to the Governor General & Council of Bengal, and We think it necessary to enclose for your information, Copies of the Letters we have written them & a Copy of the Proclamation published by us on this occasion which will explain to you the immediate cause of the Measures We have taken — We are with Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Geo.e Stratton &.a &.c

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Read the following Letters from Masulipatam & Cuddalore.

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

From Masulipatam, have received the Proclamation—

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We have been honored with your Commands of the 25th Instant inclosing a Proclamation which agreeably to your Orders we have published here, & have sent Copies to be published at the several Garrisons dependant upon this Settlement.

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We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

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

Masulipatam
30th Augt 1776.

From Capt. Duncan with Returns of the Troops &c.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have the honor herewith to transmit you, Returns of the Troops, Stores &c belonging to the Garrison, for the Month of August, and am with the greatest Respect—

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Alexr. Duncan

Ongole
1st Sept. 1776

Paymaster to discharge Mr Ogilvie's accounts

The Paymaster lays before the Board an Account of Liquors & Sundry necessarys which Mr. Ogilvie the Steward had provided by Order of Mr. Claud Russell for the use of the Committee of Circar amounting to Pagodas 2277.34. and which he understands from the Steward have been sent for their use by the Revenge to Masulipatam and Vizagapatam. Ordered that the Paymaster discharge the said Bill & carry the same to the Head of the Committee of Circuit.

The Paymaster also lays before the Board an Account of Sundry Necessaries provided by the Steward for the use of the several Offices & Lodgings of the Captains of Men of War in the Fort, Guard Room &c. amounting to Pagodas 45.19. Ordered that the Bill be paid.

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Bills from the Adjutants on hire of house rent to be paid —

The Military Paymaster lays also before the Board, Bills from the Several Adjutants, Ordered him from several Out-Garrisons by the Commander in Chief on hire of House Rent, which from their particular situation he recommends should be paid, they having been here near two Months on Service. Ordered accordingly.

Agreed that the following Letter be wrote to Mr. Stone.

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.

Sir.

Desiring him to deliver up the Books, Papers, &c of his late employs —

Mr. Palmer having been appointed Sea Customer, & Mr. Sourdan Garrison Storekeeper & Rental General & Scavenger, I am directed by the President & Council to desire you will deliver over the Books, Papers & Balance of Cash, belonging to the said Employs to those Gentlemen respectively, & I am further ordered to desire you will deliver over the Books, Papers and Balance of Cash belonging to the Committee of Works to Mr. Mackay who is now President of that Committee.

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I am, Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

R. J. Sullivan Secry

Read the following Letter from Mr. John Dutton, laid before the Board by the Secretary who acquaints the that he had received it from Mr. John Dutton the 21st of last Month.

To the Right Honble George Lord Pigot

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George

From Mr. Dutton desiring permission to go to Europe on the Grenville

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Having long laboured under a very severe Illness & been recommended to me by the Surgeons (whose Certificate I have herewith enclosed) to try a Voyage 6

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to Europe for the re establishment of my health, I have therefore the favor to request you would permit me to take my passage on the Grenville for that purpose, & that you would be pleased to mention me to my Honble Employers in such manner that I may return to my Duty in the Service without prejudice to my Rank.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and

faithful Servant.

John Dutton.

Fort St. George
21st Augt. 1776.

Certificate

These are to Certify that Mr. Dutton's health & Constitution are much impaired by a dangerous & severe illness on a Sick Account a Voyage to Europe is recommended to him.

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Gilbt Pasley } Surgeons
Jas Anderson }

Agreed that Mr. Dutton's request

Granted be complied with.

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Friday
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At a Consultation Present

George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franl. Fourdan — George Mackay.

Read the following Letter from Commodore Sir Edward Hughes.

To George Stratton Esqr.

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

From Sir Edward Hughes, cannot give an answer to their Question but repeats his demand —

Sir & Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of Yesterday Date, in answer to mine of the 28th day of August. — The requisition of a Safe Conduct for the Noble Lord to my Ship, being made by Me in the Name of the King, and as therefore no terms can be admitted on which to Ground a compliance with that requisition, it follows, that no other Answer can be given by me, who am entrusted with the Honor & Dignity of his Majesty's Flag, to Your Question of, what Security I can give You that the tranquility of the Coast will not be endangered by your consenting to the Removal of Lord Pigot from under Your own Authority, than a Repetition of what I before required, I now do again require of You, in the Kings Name, that Major Horne be ordered to give Lord Pigot safe Conduct to this Ship, His Lordship having repeated his Claim of Protection from his Majesty's Flag. — I am,

Salisbury, in Madras Road. 5th Sept. 1776.

Sir & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Edwd. Hughes.

Resolved

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Resolved that the following Letter be wrote in answer to Sir Edward Hughes.

To Sir Edw.d Hughes
Commodore & Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India.

Cannot comply with his request to deliver over Lord Pigot to his protection.

Sir.

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of Yesterday's date.

In reply We beg leave to observe to you that Lord Pigot having, as appears from Facts already published, by his illegal & arbitrary Conduct, subverted the Constitution of the Company & caused Confusion and Division in the Settlement, the Maintenance of the Company's Orders, as well as the necessity of public Affairs, in our opinion, justify the Steps which have been taken to prevent the further progress of such Proceedings. The Experience we have had of Lord Pigot's violent & tempestuous Disposition (of which We gave striking Proofs in the Affidavits of Lieutenant Colonel Eidington & Sergeant Shaw read to you at the Board on the 4th Instant, & of which you yourself had a recent instance in the Letter of Complaint written to you by the Nabob of the Carnatic of 13th June) obliged us to put such Restraints upon his Lordship's Person as the Public Peace seemed to require, & from the same motives we were induced in answer to your Letter of the 5th Instant, to request you would inform Us what Security you could give that the tranquility of the Coast will not be endangered by our consenting to the removal of Lord Pigot from under our own Authority.

Since you are pleased to decline giving to Us any Security whatever in consequence of that request We are under the necessity of acquainting You that We

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We cannot consistently with the important Trust reponded in Us comply with the requisition you have again repeated, that Major Horne be ordered to give Lord Pigot safe Conduct to your Ship. —

As loyal Subjects to his Majesty & faithful Servants to the Company, We shall always shew the greatest veneration to the Sacred Name of his Majesty & the utmost Respect to the British Flag; but having no Proof before us that his Majesty empowers any of his Officers to require the removal of any Servant of the Company in a Similar Situation with Lord Pigot, from under the Authority of the Company's Government, We beg leave to add this as another Reason why we cannot comply with the Requisition you have made. —

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servants.

Geo. Stratton &c. &c. &c.

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The President lays before the Board

Translation of a Letter from Oppoo at Tanjore to Moodoo Kistnah —

Translation of a Letter from Oppoo to Moodoo Kistnah dated 25th. Augt. 1776.

From Oppoo to Moodoo Kistnah on affairs at Tanjore —

The Letter dated 21st Instant wrote by Vachel Roaraju Pundit to Maharajah arrived safe & he perused it, in which in regard to Dobbier Pundat his Lordship mentioned that it did not prove to displease him at present, as he was using his endeavours with the Nabobs &c. Persons for the King's benefit, like this business succeed Dobbier must be treated with Civilities, this made the King so very much displeased, that he eat nothing 'till the Evening the King in [illegible] which said that

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that he underwent much hardship in Prison under the Nabob for three Years afterwards, he was restored to his Kingdom & was in hopes of living in peace & tranquility, but instead of that, if he is reserv'd under Dobbee Pundah, what advantage is it for him to have the Government, and did also say that his Lordship was Kistnah Swamy & Rammah Swamy's Father to him, that is whose dependance being in his Father's good will, & if the Father is wanting in making the Son's mind at ease & quietness, who has he to rely on else, he is apprehensive that he has done something amiss and therefore & therefore he has incurred the Father's displeasure, tho a Son be guilty of ever so great a fault the Father & mother must forgive that crime, & make his Son's mind glad, & not be vexed with him, it is his misfortune that he is angry with him, & therefore his remaining here will be of no benefit to him, it is much better for him to go where his Father dwells, & further if he is not command his Servant, but to hearken to what he says it is much the best for him to have no Government at all, if Dobbee had serv'd him with fidelity would he be discharged from his Service, for his Actions as he was the Second Nabob & broke an innorities striving all in his Power to hurt him, & still if he is to see him with Civilities what to say in this case being unknown to him, let Dobbee Govern the Place, for he intends to go to Madras.

I am surprized what makes his Lordship have so much regard to Dobbee, besides you must think Dobbee being in the management with us make the Government better & that in his Absence things will not go on so well formerly what Business he carried on here is unknown to me, but here now I can't find him such able Person as he

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he is not sincere in his Masters business, therefore if you agree to what the King says he will be well pleased, as the King trust you next to God, I think your agreeing to his desire is the best; & I think you must look for a favorable opportunity to do the said business, & if you write to him that you will do agreable to his desire, he will look upon it as the Government was just then put under his hand, other-wise for all the Government is under him it is of no satisfaction to him.—

You are a very sensible Gentleman what can I say further on it. therefore you may do any thing that proper. Please to advise me for my further Proceedings.—

P.S. The King and Nobber can no way agree together, as I was ordered to Act agreable to the King's mind I have wrote the above according to his desire, I have not done any of it myself, I would not undertake to do any such thing had I ten heads— I desire you will write a few lines to me that the King may find pleasure & satisfaction therein.

Resolved that the following Letter be wrote to the Gov.r General & Council at Fort William.

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

To Bengal enclosing Letters to & from Sir Edward Hughes & from Offoo to Mootoo Kistnah

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Since closing our Letter to your Honor & Council of this date we have received from Commod.r Sir Edw.d Hughes his Answer to our Letter dated the Copy of which We herewith enclose, without reply thereto, as also translate of a Letter from Offoo at Tanjore to Mootoo Kistnah at this place dated 25th Ditto.— We have the honor to be

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obed.t
humble Servants
Geo.e Stratton &c. Co.

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P.S. The Nabob has just sent to the President the accompanying Letter which he desired may be forwarded to your Honor &c.

Read Letter from the Council at Masulipatam dated 1st Instant. Ordered that the Consideration of this Letter be deferred 'till after the dispatch of the Granville with such Letters as may be received in the Civil Department.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President Govr. &c. &c. of Fort St. George
Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

From the Chief Engineer enclosing Letter from Major Stevens with account of the works at Tanjore.

Agreable to your directions I have desired to know from Major Stevens what has been done to the Works at Tanjore since the Restoration of the Rajah, & what further he thinks necessary to be undertaken for the Security of the place, & the Accommodation of the Troops. I have now the honor to enclose you his answer, & remain very respectfully.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.

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To Lieut. Colonel Patrick Ross.
Chief Engineer.

Sir

From Major Stevens account of the works at Tanjore

In answer to your Commands from the Honble Board, I have to inform you that when Lord Pigot was at Tanjore he directed me to make a Plan for Barracks which would contain 200 Europeans in the little Fort, & to construct them in such a manner that they might hereafter be enlarged for a greater number, & having approved of a design which Seemed

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explained to him for securing the little Fort against the great one, he ordered me to lay down the whole upon Paper and forward them to the Presidency to lay before the Board for their approbation directing me in the mean time to level all the Inhabitants Houses and Buildings except the large Pagoda which was to be reserved to the Braamins & to have standing for the such Buildings as were occupied by the Officers as Quarters, & by the Europeans as Barracks.

I accordingly formed my designs & forwarded them with a Letter to his Lordship under date the 14th May last, Copy of which I did myself the pleasure to enclose you, & to which I beg leave to refer you for Particulars. —

By the middle of July last I had levelled the Houses &c as I was directed, leaving the great Pagoda for the Braamins, & such as were occupied by the Troops & Stores, as also a small Brick Pagoda which stood near the Center of the Fort, & being included in the intended Sepoy Barracks, I thought would serve as a Regimental Store Room, or might become otherwise serviceable. I had also lowered many Bad Grounds & with the Earth filled up some of the low places, widened the Rampart on the West & South Fronts, made it good on part of the East Front, & raised my intended Rampart against the Great Town, as high as I could conveniently without having the Revetment with begun & having thus already exceeded my Orders, I desisted from doing any more, & applied for leave to come up to the Presidency. —

As I have not particularly said any thing respecting my designed Rampart, otherwise than by describing it fully on the Spot to his Lordship it may not be

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be unnecessary for me to observe that I propose draining the present revetment of the Faure Bray (which forms as it were the Gorge of the little Fort) with Brick & Chunam to the height of the Rampart of the large Fort opposite to it, or perhaps something higher, & to take away the parapet Wall of the Great Fort to the third Tower on each side of the Gate in order to expose the Town to a view of the little Fort — Against this Revetment, I proposed an earthern Rampart which was to join the present Rampart of the little Fort at Pand M, so as to compleat it all round the little Fort — Under this Rampart I proposed an Arched Passage & Guard Room at the Gate O to communicate with the Town, & the same at Por 2 to communicate with the Country; the passage over the Ditch I proposed to be filled with earth revetted with Masonry to the height of the Faus-plain of the Faure Bray except a draw-bridge of 10 or 12 feet next the Town — If this Gate of Communication with the Country had been made at 2 I then only proposed to have at P a passage for a Sally Port at M In the same manner as above discribed I meant to raise a part of the Faure Bray wall of the little Fort where it joins to that of the great Fort to the Northward & to have joined it to the beforementioned Revetment & without the two extremities I meant to cut away the Old Revetment Faus-plain for 20 or 30 feet as low as the Faus-plain of the Faure Bray to seperate the whole from the great Fort — At 2, P & M there has formerly been Gates, but are now walled up except a Port of P. which has been left open as a Sally Port — The communication I proposed across the Ditch is represented in the Plan to be only 15 feet broad, but as it will be necessary to raise

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raise Parapet Walls / particularly if it be made at P) in lieu of rails to keep Passengers from falling into the Ditch, I would have it made 18 or 20 feet wide — and I would recommend it to be made at P. as it would be more secure And if the Passage be made a good Breadth, I doubt not but it may prove as commodious as at 2. in which point Elegance I think 2 only has the preference.

Though it will appear by the Plan that the Revetment I proposed to raise has its defences against the little Fort, yet I chose to follow it to save expence as well as time, and as the defences seem to be equally capable of being turned the other way, they will in my opinion be a sufficient protection against any thing that is to be apprehended from the Great Fort.

What I would recommend to be immediately done is to compleat the proposed Rampart, but in case the reform be not determined upon & that it is likely to be delayed some time, I would have a Mud Wall erected on or a little within that which was intended to be done in Brick & form the Rampart against it with the Earth which is left in the Reverse of the Rampart 2 P. for that purpose, leaving the Passage for the Gateway at O open, but to repair the Gate & provide it with good fastenings that it may at proper hours be shut against the Town — At all events to take down the present parapet wall of the Great Fort to the extent proposed & to make a communication from the little Fort to the Country at P or 2 as may be thought proper.

I also beg leave to observe to you that the inner Walls of the little Fort are very high & much exposed

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which I think might be lowered very considerably without subjecting it too much to surprize or destroying the necessary Command over the Adjacent Country: Also not apprehended as the Face Bray walk is high and difficult of access so that any danger proceeds from lowering the outer walls to 15 feet should it be practicable it is now upwards of thirty — The Cavalieers which stand on the Rampart ought in any opinion to be taken away, nor do I apprehend their foundations will admit of letting them stand should the Rampart be lowered — After the Rampart is brought to a proper height a good parapet should be placed upon it —

As to temporary Magazines I think the Cheroan opposite the great Pagoda in the little Fort will contain a considerable quantity of Powder, It is now used as a Magazine & being shut up I never saw the inside of it, therefore cannot say how much it will hold The little Brick Pagoda which I left standing near the Center of the little Fort will contain a Quantity I suppose of 200 Barrels or upwards — There is a Brick building which stands near the above mentioned Pagoda which I converted into a Store House & Cook room for the Europeans, would if necessary, with some little repairs contain some hundred Barrels of Powder, but in that case a Store Room & Cooking Room will be immediately wanted — I know of no other method of securing any Powder in the little Fort but the great Pagoda, where I suppose a Choultry might be obtained for such a purpose, & by being walled in with Brick & Chunam or even Mud might make a good temporary Magazine —

I believe there is a great Quantity of Gun Powder lodged in Choultrys round the large Fort — I

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I heard the Conductor say he concluded it to be 1000
thousand Barrels — I saw some of it & it seemed to be
very clean & good — His Lordship desired the Rajah
would have one of the Apartments of the Granary
in the Great Fort fitted up as a Magazine to receive
the Powder, & ordered me to see it properly executed,
but it was but just cleared of the Grain a few days
before I came away & whether any thing has been
as yet done towards the converting it into a Magazine
I cannot say.

As the Season is now far advanced it is impossible to provide any Barracks to shelter the Troops during the ensuing Monsoon — The House which now contain the Europeans may make a very good Shift by building Mud Walls to enclose the inside which are now open; it must have the Tyles removed & some Windows put in the exterior walls, & also it will require some Doors & Windows to be put into the Walls which I have said will be necessary to build — the building thus fitted may be able I believe to contain 300 Men, as the Men coming off Duty may take the Births of those they have relieved — The Battalion of Sepoys which I left at Sadras was lodged in Tents in the Faux Bray which Situation will be very inconvenient & unhealthy in the Monsoon — perhaps some of the Gentoo Sort might be permitted to live in the Choultries in the great Pagoda of the little Fort, the rest must be either permitted to build Huts between the South Wall of that Pagoda, and the Rampart, or to be provided with Barracks or Huts in the great Fort, as I think it will be too late even to build a temporary Shed for them, which will require some time & I apprehend to procure Bamboes &

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for such a purpose and I know of nothing that can be immediately had to substitute in their Stead.

Without the Town at the distance of a Short Mile from the little Fort is a building which we called the painted Choultry, this & some tiled Sheds which were erected for the purpose of making Powder, may I think contain one & a half or two Battalions of Sepoys as many of their wives would build huts near it for their Families the Situation is dry & I dare say healthy.

Many of the Officers were living in Tents when I left Tanjore, & I know of no other method of accommodating them during the Monsoon, unless they were to be permitted to live in some of the Bl. Quarters that were formerly occupied in the great Fort. Many of those when I left Tanjore were empty, for being now Houses built by the Nabobs Officers, could not belong to the Inhabitants, who I suppose had been paid for their Old Houses & Grounds.

There are at Tanjore between 18 & 20 Lacks of Bricks & three or four thousand Parrahs of Chunam which belong to the Nabob & were provided by me when I was there on his Account, to finish a Counter Scarp which I had begun from Vellum to the North Gate these Materials lay principally on the Glacis of that Front, & the remainder are on the West Rampart of the little Fort.

The Nabobs Storekeeper had provided a considerable quantity of Wood to erect a Powder Mill at the Painted Choultry — the greatest part of it is laid at that place & some pieces were between the River Vonar & the Fort of Tanjore, whether any remained in the Woods where it was cut I can't say — This Timber I understood the Rajah intended to

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to bring into the Granary Yard for the use of the Maga-
-gazine there which I have said was to be fitted for
there.—

There is an Esplanade marked round the
whole Fort of Sayone at the Distance of 750 Yards
from the Faces Braywalk; Ramasamy Coil and a
Morgue to the Southward of the little Fort being
two of its Marks the others are small Mud Piers
about 12 feet high and 5 Diameter at the Base
these should be erected with more durable Materials,
I made conspicuous that the Buildings may not
be brought too near the Fort.—

These are the principal pieces of Information
I can at present recollect, & I hope they will
fully answer your purpose to satisfy the Honble
Board in any thing they may require,

Fort S.t George
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I am,
Sir.
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
/Signed/ Will.m Stevens
Dr. Engr

a true Copy
/Signed/ Patrick Ross.—

The President lays before the Board
Translate of a Letter from the Nabob to the Gov.r
General enclosed in the last Letter wrote to the President
by the Nabob.—

Translate of a Letter to the Gov.r Gen.l Hastings
dated the 6.th day of the Month Rujub in the 4.th year of the Regyra 1190.

Letter from the Nabob to the Governor General —

When I wrote to you last by the King's
Ship Swallow, I was approached with too much
trouble & Anxiety, that I did not imagine it poss.
=ible any thing could happen to occasion you more
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but Lord Pigot prompted by his Enmity has set on foot a new contrivance, the Effect of which might be the ruin of my domestic Peace & of my Authority over my own Family.— Governor Pigot & the Gentlemen of the Madras Council made a Strict agreement with me in the Year 1760 that they would not give protection to any of my People in Madras. I send enclosed for your perusal a Copy of the Article of that Agreement, & of other Articles extracted from our Correspondence. Lord Pigot notwithstanding that agreement & contrary to common Justice has not only given protection to some Persons of my Family; but has been the means of inveigling them away— It will give you surprize to hear of it— The Circumstances are as follows— Heir ul-Deen Khan is the fifth of that house from Father to Son that have been Servants in my Family notwithstanding which his Father before the last Siege of Madras having behaved treacherously towards me whilst I was encamped at the Mount, came one Night into my Bed-Chamber with two loaded Pistols & a drawn Sword— & this same Lord Pigot & the Gentlemen of the then Council press'd me much to put him to Death which I declined doing— this Fact is known to everyone— Afterwards when the Father of Heir-ul-deen-Khan died & he & his Brothers were left in an Infant State I took compassion on their condition, brought them up & educated them— & after having married my Daughter to Heir ul-deen-Khan, I advanced him in honors & gave him the Rent of Raumant & Shoolungan— But when he had got possession of the Money belonging to the Rents he then laid his Hands upon the property of the Husbandmen & Tenants & preyed upon the Wealth of the Polygars who had fled & ruined their Countries. At Tunkawor the Raumant Country for 80,000 Chuckrams had been given to Mr. Benfield— Heir ul-Deen Khan confined that

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that Gentleman's Gomastah without paying him the Amount of the Tunkaw, affixed the Gomastah's Seal by force to a Paper acknowledging the Receipt of the Money — in a word he is become so shameless so treacherous so slanderous, so great a Liar & so ungrateful, that it is impossible for me to receive all the Insurances of his undue conduct — Three of his Brothers run away with him — they had also formerly run away but were taken & for a long time confined after which they were released and employed in different affairs — When I was informed of Meer ul-deen Khan's Proceedings at Ramnaut, I called him up from that District & found upon his arrival here that not satisfied with all he had got possession of in the manner above mentioned, he had squandered likewise among Harpers & Rabble all the Money & Jewels which according to the Hindostan Customs (a Custom subsisting also as I am informed among the Europeans) I had given to my Daughter on her Marriage as a Stock for her whole Life — Lord Pigot one day came to me & told me with an appearance of uneasiness that an European having a demand of a few hundred Pagodas on Meer ul-deen Khan, had put him into Court, that the Officers of the Court were looking for him & that he had no power to stop their Proceedings — Upon hearing this I began to inquire into Meer ul-deen's Khan's Affairs and discovered that he was in Debt to Europeans and others to the amount of near two Lacks of Pagodas — Considering therefore that if I allowed him to go about he would be in danger of being seized by his Creditors or would go on in his old course of keeping down Company — I kept him in my own Garden where were also my two Sons-in-Law Mr. Monro & three others of my Sons & other my Relations — hoping that by their means & Influence

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[illegible] Mean People would be deprived of any opportunity of debauching him, that he would reform his conduct & not borrow any more Money — As soon as he had entered into Strict engagements with that he would avoid all such Courses in future & brought to me some creditable Persons to stand security for his good conduct, I was beginning again to shew him favor but Lord Pigot in order to interfere in my domestick Affairs to injure me in my family Government & Influence inveigled him away — Hir ul-Deen Khan accordingly on the [illegible] flies with three of his Brothers by break of day over the Garden Wall & went to Lord Pigot — What can be a stronger Proof of Lord Pigott inveigling him away than that not being satisfied merely with showing him the politest treatment he provided also a handsome House for his reception, furnished him with Money for his Expences, supplied him with every thing he had occasion for & appointed a Guard of the Company's Sepoys to attend his Person — he shewn him every instance of attention in his Power — takes him into his Chaise & carries him with him to the Company's Gardens, & the honors he pays him set him up in competition with me & my Sons & filles his mind with hopes — from the Beginning of my Presidentship with the Company it has been a fixed agreement between me & the Successive Governors & Councils that if any of my Servants were to a common Sepoy should run away or enter into the Company's Service, they are to deliver him up to me & that if any Soldier or Sepoy of theirs should run away from them, I am to search for him carefully in my Country & souze & deliver him up to the Company. The inveigling & giving protection to Hir ul-deen Khan & his Brothers is contrary to this Rule — they are foolish

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foolish Boys I have not such Rank or consequence as that their running away should be hurtful or detrimental to my Affairs — but the seducing & protecting them may be a means of breeding insolence in others & of distressing me materially — I shall appear insignificant in the Eyes of all the Country Powers, who will observe that the Company & I are formerly not upon this footing but that now engagements are not attended to. As I have now stated to you the whole of Lord Pigott's conduct I will take the liberty to enquire what Rights I can or Ought possessed of which Lord Pigot has not violated — such as the Rights of a Father — the Rights of a Master — the Rights of an Ally of the King of Great Britain — the Rights of a Prince, the Rights of a friend — for I am the sincerest friend of the English Nation & sit in a Right Superior to all others — I most earnestly entreat you to consider the whole of Lord Pigott's conduct from the beginning to this day & then determine whether it is possible for you to preserve the Peace & Security of the Carnatic & of the Company's Affairs — My Complaints against Lord Pigot are particularized herein under & every one of them is publickly known by all the English Gentlemen to be founded in fact & truth — Other Complaints there are between me & English Gentlemen which are of no consequence and highly disgraceful & the causes of Lord Pigott coming to India & of his Enmity towards me will thereby be made apparent; but it is not my business to state those particulars — My fifth Complaint is that Lord Pigot, after his Arrival here & making known to me the Company's Orders, notwithstanding I did not approve the said Orders and his endeavours

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endeavours to prevent my stating real facts & circumstances & to hinder me from representing to my friends my own Rights & the detriment & disgrace this affairs & Interests of the Company would suffer from carrying their Orders into execution relative to Tanjore.

— My Second complaint is that notwithstanding I communicated with the utmost pleasure to receive a Garrison of my Friends Troops into the Fort of Tanjore & such Garrison had accordingly a Month before been received into the Fort — Yet Lord Pigot in order to flatter Tuljaujee set out from Madras on this Business with an Army, altho' a single Company's Peon would have been sufficient for what there was to be done at Tanjore — By this means the honor of my friendship with the English Nation was greatly injured — Complaint the third — Notwithstanding I wrote public Orders to my Naib Nujeb Khan & by means of Mr. Chambers repeatedly explained the Contents of them to Lord Pigot to whom I delivered them that he might send them to Col. Harper & notwithstanding Lord Pigot agreed that he would always keep my Naib with a thousand of my Cavalry in the Fort of Tanjore, that my Flag should fly there that the Crops should be applied to the Charge of my Arrears to my Troops in manner as I had assigned them all which particulars will be apparent by the Orders formerly sent, Yet Lord Pigot has violated them Engagements & not performed a single one of them. This is wholly repugnant to the English Faith —

Complaint the fourth — Lord Pigot employed the Troops which he carried with him to Tanjore & which I pay to this day to seize & collect all the Grain in that Country, which I had at a very great expence caused

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to be sworn & had assigned to my Creditors — By this means the Affairs, my Creditors & Army were thrown into such Distress as are not easily to be repaired — Complaint the 5th Lord Pigot by seizing the Dubber & others my Clerks & Agents & carrying them out of my Country with my Accounts & Papers has violated the Guarantee of the King & Parliament established in behalf of my Right & for this he is deserving of the severest Punishment, having by this Conduct, been the means of bringing dishonor on the King & Nation in India. — The consequence will be that none of the Princes of India will hence forward have any reliance on the Guarantee of the English Nation unless Lord Pigot be duely punished. — You & the Gentlemen of your Council, are men of sense & Wisdom I have therefore not a doubt, that you will remove this Person from his Office for this Man has been the cause of destroying the foundation of the Authority of the King Parliament & English Nation in India the foundation of their Authority being their faith & honor.

Complaint the Sixth. Lord Pigot under the sanction of executing the Company's Orders seized upon the Fort of Vellour where for two Years past an English Garrison has been kept at a considerable expence & expelled my Sheristar with disgrace — he likewise seized other Villages which Tulgajee gave up together with Vellour as a compensation for the Expences of the first Expedition by a treaty concluded by means of Mr. Dupré in the Year 1771. Article the 7th Lord Pigot after his return from Tanjore shewed me a draft of a Letter written in his hand writing which it now in my possession desiring me to write one conformably to it, the Contents of the Letter as

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were, that I forgave & passed over his proceedings in the affairs of Sangore & delivered the whole of my Affairs into his Management." That the same time prefidue earnestly to furnish him with some Facts by means of which he might be enabled to accuse Sir Rob.t Fletcher Mr. Mackay & others of the Council who opposed him.— When he saw that I had more sense than to write him such a Letter he became very much my Enemy & in order to do me a mischief he sent his People in the Night, to seize & take some People belonging to me who were in my Garden— One day he came to me himself & threatened me declaring he would put an European Guard over me, which to a Prince is worse than death.— From all these Proceedings of Lord Pigot & from his smuggling away the People of my Family you will be sensible there is an immediate necessity for removing him from the Government of Madras. If you do not immediately determine on this measure it is impossible for me to describe to you the anxiety I shall be under for my own personal Welfare and preservation & the Welfare & preservation of the Company's Affairs— As I have not enlarged upon all these Circumstances merely for the sake of my own Affairs, but also for the sake of those of the Company as connected with this part of the World, I have therefore the same Kind of Reliance upon your Justice as I should have in a Dark Night on the Sun's rising the next Morning.— What can I say more?

Resolved that the different Employ's at the Presidency be filled up in the following manner.—

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Vacant Employs filled.

Export Warehousekeeper	Mr. Sourdan	1
Sea Customer	Mr. Palmer	1
Grain keeper		
Rental General	Mr. Sourdan	4
Military Storekeeper	Mr. Brooke	1
Civil Storekeeper	Mr. Palmer	3
Land Customer	Land Customer	2
Import Warehouse keeper	Mr. Palmer	2
Civil Paymaster	Mr. Brooke	2
Military Paymaster	Mr. Brooke	3
Assay Master	Mr. Mackay	
Mint Master & Cash keeper	The President.	

Committee of Works.

Mr. Mackay — Col. Capper & Col. Ross —

Committee of Stores

Sir Robt. Fletcher — Mr. Brooke. —

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At a Consultation Present

Monday 9th Sept.r 1776.

George Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke Sir Rob.t Fletcher
Cha.s Floyer Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sheridan George Mackay.

Sir Robert Fletcher begs to recall to the Recollection of the Board that he did repeatedly complain in Council several Months ago of the very unaccountable slow progress of the Fortifications & that he then told the Board he would take an opportunity of having the causes of his complaint enquired into before the departure of a Ship for England and Sir Robt. Fletcher now requests that an enquiry may be made into this important — business. —

In consequence of which the following Letter is wrote to the Chief Engineer —

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To Lieut.t Colonel Ross.
Chief Engineer

Sir,

To furnish the Board with a present state of the Works, and inform them of the reason of the slow progress made on them —

The President & Council are pleased to direct you to furnish them with a present state of the Fortifications of this place, & that you do acquaint them at the same time in what manner their progress has been retarded: And likewise that you do further inform them what you judge most expedient to be done for its immediate Security in case of an Emergency.

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

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To George Stratton Esqr.

Read Letter from Sir Edward Hughes.

President & Govr. & Co. Council of Fort St. George

Sir & Gentlemen,

From Sir Edward Hughes, declaring he has done his duty and remarking that the Board are answerable for all ill consequences

I have just now received your Letter of Yesterday, I confess I should have been disappointed to have been told that you had any Proofs before You that His Majesty had empowered any of his Officers to require the Removal of any Servant of the Company in a Similar Situation with Lord Pigot, from under the Authority of the Company's Government, as I had believed the Law to be unexampled.

If you think you cannot consistent with the important Trust reposed in You, comply with the Requisition made by me in the Name of His Majesty, a Name deemed by me very high Security, and which I have Power to use in National Concerns of the utmost importance; and as I feel in my Breast that I have done my Duty to His Majesty, & to my Country in making the Requisition; I have only to add, that You have taken on Yourselves any, and all, the ill consequences which may arise from the Refusal. — I am,

Salisbury in Madras Road the 7th day of Sept. 1776.

Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Edw. Hughes.

Hector arrives

While the Board are sitting the Hble Company's Ship Hector arrives in the Road & her Packet being now brought on Shore the Papers contained therein are found to agree with the List — the General Letter from the Hble Court of Directors bearing Date 5th April 1776, it was read.

Ordered

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Ordered that Copy of the Intelligence Paper collected by Mr. Churchill late 3d Mate of the Ship Ashburnham, be sent to the Governor Gov. & Council at Fort William & to the Commodore — The following Letter is therefore now wrote to him. —

To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore & Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Ships in India.

Sir.

With Copy of an Intelligence paper received from Europe

We have the honor to send you herewith Copy of an Intelligence Paper received from the Company's Ship Hector & collected by Mr. Churchill late 3d Mate of the Ship Ashburnham Passenger on the French Ship Terré — also Copy of the 11th Para. of Company's General Letter dated 5th April 1776, just arrived by the Hector. We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton &c. &c.

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Draft of the following Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore is now read & approved —

To the Rajah of Tanjore.

Sir.

To the Rajah of Tanjore assuring him that all Complaints shall be redressed that no one shall interfere in the affairs of his Government

I have had the pleasure to receive your Letter in answer to the one I wrote to you the 25th Ult. which you tell me was explained to you by Lt. Col. Harper, expressing the happiness you felt on my being Governor of this Place, & the Obligations you were under to the Company in relieving you from the many difficulties you had been under & that you should always place an entire confidence in them. — These Assurances give me

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me great pleasure and I again repeat that you may always rely on my Support & Protection. I have only to request that you will on all occasions open your mind to me & without the least reserve expose what you wish, as it is my earnest desire to well at that of the Council to make you & all your People happy & contented. — If you have any grievance that you wish to have redressed acquaint me therewith, that I may shew my readiness to relieve you. —

I think it necessary to acquaint you the present Council & myself disapproved of the Appointment of a Chief & Council & Resident at Tanjore for we wish to convince you that the management of your Government shall always rest on yourselfs that it is not our intention to interfere therein & I shall take particular care that no Servant of the Company shall do so directly or indirectly —

It having been represented that your Mind was disturbed with Fears & Alarms, the Council were ignorant on what these Affections could be grounded since you never expressed them in any of your Letter laid before the Board. — I must therefore therefore express my own with as well as theirs that if any such fears & Alarms do exist in your Breast that you will be so kind in representing them to me that I may shew my readiness in relieving you — at the same time I am to request that any matter which you wish to represent to the Company respecting this or any other Subject, you will immediately acquaint me with the particulars that I may make the same known to them by the Ship now under dispatch — If

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If the Vackeel here or any Servant placed about your Person should on any respect be disagreeable to you, you are at liberty to remove them or not as you think proper, for I shall always look upon it as an indignity to your Rank if Mooddoo Neitnah or any Dubash whatever shall presume to dictate to you in the choice of your Servants, or to interfere in your Government. I have given strict Orders to this purpose to my Dubash & no Man whatever has a right to make use of my Name in any interference in your Affairs. This with the Assurances given you in this Letter will convince you of my good intentions & that it is my determined Resolution to support you in your Government to the utmost of my Power. I am, Sir,

Your sincere Friend.
George Stratton.

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Capt Kelly applies for an Advance of 5,000 Pag.

The Military Paymaster acquaints the Board that Capt. Kelly having returned with his Detachment from Bombay has requested an Advance of 5,000 Pagodas, until his Accounts can be made out & he further informs the Board that as regular Monthly Accounts have yet been sent in, but the Payments made & an open Acct. Current only kept; he therefore thinks it will be proper to make this Advance to prevent the further embarrassment of the Sepoys.

Which is granted

The Board taking Capt. Kelly's request under Consideration do agree that the Military Paymaster make him an Advance of 5,000 Pag.s that Capt. Kelly be debited for it in the open Account Current & that the Military Paymaster do call upon him for the several particular Accts. of his Battalion from his

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from his leaving this Coast until his return, which Account the Military Paymaster is directed to examine and make report to the Board of whatever Excess there may appear therein, that the Board may pass the finial Orders thereon.

Read the following Letter from Mr Anthony Sadlier.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Mr Sadlier requesting to be appointed to such Station in the service as her Rank entitles him to.

It is now nearly twelve Months, since Information was given of my Supposed misconduct in the management of the business of the department in the Service, That threw the honour to fill at Ingeram; and upwards of nine Months has elapsed since my Conduct was under enquiry; delicacy on one towards my Judges, and my Superiors, has occasioned so long a silence; it with holding from other application than the proceedings themselves shew, in order to bring the case in question to an issue. — Tho' such forbearance has been attended with an aggravation of Injury to my Fame & fortune, I have suffered in those points, in a manner, in which no reparation can be made me; but I wish to avoid the task of retrospection; or bring to view opinions which may incite disgust. —

I humbly hope, without request of your displeasure, my Station & Rank in the Service may engage your attention at the time of this dispatch to Europe, & while various arrangements in the Service, now under your consideration are about to take place, so far, that Calumny against me may be suspended, as that further wrong, in case I am

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am Innocent, may not be done; and that I may not hazard the good opinion of my Honble Masters, in their future disposal of me, should my Rank & Services, at this crisis have the honor to come under their consideration —

The reverse in the Affairs of this Settlement, and the Change lately taken place in its Government, & the Members of its Constitution calls forth in every Servants of the Company an exertion of their utmost Zeal, to maintain & support Order, & the Orders of Authority, can apply suitable remedy. — At such time, I should be sorry my poor Services were not applied in a manner where my Superiors deemed them most useful, & necessary not doubting, if they are pleased to accept them, but that due attention will be paid to my honor, by a disposal of me suitable to my Rank. The Predicament in which I am I think can be no objection to me, I am — temporarily removed from an Employ in which my Superiors thought proper to enquire into my Conduct, but admitting such removal necessary it should not I think operate to disqualify me from all other, when nothing of a Criminal nature lies against me; & in which to make my Innocence appear, I flatter myself, requires but common Justice to decide for me: but by this delay my honor & Fortune continue sacrificed, I hope therefore the Honble Board, will do me the Justice to fix me in such Station as may Rank with admitt of, making me stile accountable for any delinquency in my Conduct which it may deserve —

The hardship of my Case is more apparent when I may with Justice to myself urge, & the proceedings themselves shew it, that I have been arraigned without Crime & accused without proof — I

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I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most humble and

most Obedient Servant

Anthony Sadleir

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Mr. Mackay
hopes soon to
report the opinion
of the Committee
on Mr Sadleirs
conduct.

Mr. Mackay being desired to inform
the Board of the State of the Report which was ordered
to be made by him, Mr. Holland & Mr. Digby on
the Proceedings which came up from Surman
relative to Mr. Sadleir, acquainted them that the
Committee have had a great number of Meetings
upon the Examinations of those Proceedings, that the
Business which has lately been before the Board
has employed so much of his time that he cannot
yet been able with the other Gentlemen to compleat
the Report, but he hopes when the Hurry of
Business in which he is now engaged is over, the
Committee will have it in their Power in a few
Meetings more to finish it.

cannot appoint
him untill his
Conduct shall
have been examind

The Board are of opinion that whilst
the Proceedings relative to Mr. Sadleir are under
consideration, they cannot with propriety, appoint
him to any Employ, nevertheless in Justice to him
they think it necessary to remark that they do
not mean hereby to convey the least reflection upon
Mr. Sadleirs conduct — that as the Committee appo-
=inted them to examine & report upon the Pro-
=ceedings have not by Reason of the Situation of
public Affairs been able to complete their Report
so far by this unavoidable delay Mr. Sadleir may
suffer in his private fortune, it is agreed, that the
circumstances of this Case be represented to the Court
of Directors by the Governor & that they be requested

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to suspend their Judgement upon Mr. Sadleir's Conduct untill the Proceedings can be transmitted to them. In the mean time if upon a Consideration of those Proceedings with the Report of the Committee shall be of opinion that Mr. Sadleir is not guilty of the Charge brought against him, they will then take the first opportunity of appointing him to some employ suitable to his Rank.

The President lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Horne to him.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. &c.

Honble Sir.

From Major Horne, desires to know, if he is to examine the address of Letters before they are delivered to his Lordship

Captain Panton of his Majesty's Ship Swallow has been here on a Visit to Lord Pigot, and delivered a Parcel & a Letter to his Lordship. I have some doubts, whether the Letter was a Public dispatch or not. But as Captain Panton I understood came from the Commodore's House he could not be unacquainted with the Situation of Affairs and as there were Company present, when he arrived, I judged it would not be proper to Question Captain Panton with respect to the Letter he had to deliver to his Lordship being of a Public or Private nature in respect to the Commission he holds in his Majesty's Service. And also as many Letters are forwarded to his Lordship from you Sir & the Secretary: However I conceive it my Duty to inform you of Captain Panton having delivered a Letter as it is possible it may be a public dispatch & to request your further Instructions if I am to examine the address before any Person delivers a Letter to his Lordship.

I am with respect

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Honble Sir

Your ever Obt. humble Servant
Mat.w Horne.

Resolved that the consideration of the
above Letter be deferred until we know whether Sir Edward
Hughes has any Packet for this Presidency.—

Read Letter from Lieut.t O Donnell.—

To the President & Council

Gentlemen,

From Mr Donnell desiring a passage on the Grenville

I beg leave to request you will
please to order me a Passage to England on the
Grenville, Captain Abercrombie says that he is
well satisfied to take me on board provided you
grant me the above Favor I shall pay the Ten
Pounds for the Ship's Husband to the Captain on
Receipt of any Request, I hope You Gentlemen
will consider the Hardship of my being disappointed
thus a second time when I have no Emolu-
ments, nothing at all, nor desire any until I see
the merits of my Misfortunes canvassed at home.—
In hopes of your complying with this my most
humble request I have the honor to remain

Sept.r 9th 1776.

Gentlemen,
with the greatest Respect
Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
Franc.s O Donnell

Read the following Letter
from the Chief Engineer.—

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To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St. George

Report from the Chief Engr.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now employed upon the Works.—

Bricklayers	100
Tank Diggers	1107
Coolies	826
Lascars	95
Stone Cutters	38
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all to	2172

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engr.

Fort St. George
8th Sept. 1776.

Agreed to adjourn 'till tomorrow.—

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At a Consultation Present

George Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer Arch.d Palmer
Franc.s Sourdan. George Mackay

The President acquaints the Board that he has just now received a Note from the Commodore's Secretary, accompanying a Box Packet for the Court of Directors which came by his Majesty's Sloop the Swallow from Bengal.—

The Board remark that the Box Packet above mentioned is received without any Letter of advice from the Governor Gen.l & Co.n in Bengal which circumstance they are led to conclude that the Letter mentioned in Major Horne's address of Yesterday to have been delivered by Capt. Panton to Lord Pigot at the Mount, is that which ought to have accompanied the Box Packet.— In consequence the following Letter is now wrote to the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.n

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Gov.r Gen.l & Council
at Fort William
To Bengal
acknowledging the receipt of a Packet for the Court of Directors

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs,

We had the honor to write to you the 6.th Instant.—

His Majesty's Sloop the Swallow arrived here yesterday, by which conveyance we did not receive any Letter from you but the Commodore's Secretary has just now sent us a Packet from your Honor &c.a for the Court of Directors which we shall be careful to forward by the Grenville.—

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In a Letter we received yesterday by the Hector from the Court of Directors dated 5th April they enclose Intelligence collected by Mr. Churchill late 3d Mate of the Ship Ashburn-ham arrived in England on the French Ship Terré.—

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Geo. Stratton & Com.

Fort St. George
10th Sept. 1776.

P.S. We have received a Packet for your Honor &c. by the Hector which we shall forward by the first Sea Conveyance that Offers —

And the President is desired to write the following Letter to Major Horne. —

To Major Horne
Sir.

He shall in future examine the address of all Letters to Lord Pigot, & those addressed to Government he shall forward to the Board

Late last night I received your Letter acquainting me of Capt. Pantou's having Yesterday paid Lord Pigot a visit & delivered to him a Packet which you know not whether it was of a Public or private nature. — You write take an opportunity of asking Lord Pigot this Question, acquainting him that you did not think it proper to speak to him at the time before our Subject since it was delivered to him in Company of others. — As I have reason to believe that this Packet is a Public One from Bengal, it will be necessary that you should see the direction of every Letter delivered to his Lordship, that in case any one is brought to him in future addressed to Government you may receive it & forward it him immediately — at the same time you will observe that any private Letters that may hereafter

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hereafter come by the Tappals or by Shipping for
Lord Pigot, shall be sent to you by the

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Sam, Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Geo. Stratton.

Read the following Letter from
Lt. Col. Harper.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. Council
of Fort St. George

From Lt Colonel Harper, the Rajah convinced of the support of Government, but wishes Comaroo might not proceed to Tanjore before January

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I have received your Letter dated the 2d Inst. — Since my Letter of the 29th I have often been with the Rajah, I have taken every opportunity to convince him that he would always be supported by the Honble Company — I have now the pleasure to inform you that he seems quite easy in his mind. I have acquainted him with your last Assurances of your firm Resolution to support him in all his just Rights, which afforded him great satisfaction; he replied, which he has frequently repeated before, that he would ever depend on the Honble Company & that he was ready to sacrifice his Life in their Cause. I mentioned also to the Rajah that the Charges exhibited against Comaroo had been Strictly enquired into, & that he was acquitted thereof, & that you had given him permission to proceed to Tanjore to settle his private Business. He told me he's coming at this time when the Inhabitants are employed all over the Country in Cultivating the Lands, would be attended with a great Inconvenience as it must take a Number of

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of People from their Business in order to settle with him, he therefore wishes his coming could be deferred until January next when their Business will be partly over.

I am with perfect Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient Servant
J.G. Harper

Tanjore 7th Sept. 1776.

In consequence of the above sent the following Letter

(Letters) To Lieut. Colonel Harper

Sir.

In answer —

We have received your Letter dated 7th Inst. & in consequence the President has written to the Rajah

We are, Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants
Geo. Stratton & Co.

Fort St. George
10th Sept. 1776.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

Sir.

To the Rajah of Tanjore, he is at liberty to settle the claims on his Country when & in what manner he pleases

In a letter I have this day received from Lt. Col. Harper dated the 7th Instant he acquaints me "that you had mentioned to him that the Charges exhibited against Comaroo had been strictly enquired into, that he was acquitted & thereof & had my permission to proceed to Tanjore on his private Business." on which you told Lt. Col. Harper, "that this coming at this time when the Inhabitants are employed all over your Country in cultivating the Land it would be attended with a great inconveniency as it must take a number of People from their business in order to settle with him & that you therefore wished his coming could be deferred 'till January next when your business would be partly over" In answer to which I am to acquaint you that Comaroo left this place 3 or 4 days since & tho' it is my

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my design that Justice be done to all, I am at the same time resolved not to interfere in your Government, having already told you that I leave to yourself the manner and time of settling the claims on your Country. — I am very with as well as that of the Council to encourage the Cultivation of your Country. Therefore if a present enquiry into these claims will be impeded it you will of course defer it 'till it may be convenient.

I shall always be glad to hear often from you that I may know you are in good health & happy. —

I am with perfect regard. —

Sir.

Fort St. George
10th Sept. 1776.

Your sincere friend.
George Stratton.

Read the following Letter from Sir

Edward Hughes.

To George Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. &c. &c.
of Fort St. George

Sir & Gentlemen,

From Sir Ed. Hughes has received the Intelligence I am favored with your Letter of this date enclosing a Copy of the Intelligence collected by Mr. Chur- -chill also a Copy of the 14th Para. of the Company's General dated the 5th April 1776. I am much obliged to you for communicating the same to me, I am.

Salisbury in
Madras Road
9th Sept. 1776.

Sir & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient &
humble Servant
Edwd. Hughes.

Read Letter from Colonel James at Trichinopoly.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President & Govr. & Council
of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Herewith

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From Lt. Col. James with returns of Troops &c. the Officers Quarters in bad condition.

Fort St. George 10th Sept. 1776.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you my several returns for August which I hope will arrive in due time & be found correct.

The exceeding heavy rains which falls every Evening lays me under the necessity of renewing the Subject of the Officers Quarters, most of them are really under Water, and as many Officers are sick & taking Medicines, I hope the Honble Board will excuse this Liberty, & take the Gentlemens situation into consideration.

I remain with the greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Edwd James.

Trichinopoly
6th Sept. 1776.

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At a Consultation Present.

Wednesday 11th Sept.r 1776.

George Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke
Chas. Floyer
Franc.s Fourdan
Arch.d Palmer
George Mackay

Capt. Tonyns Examination

Captain Tonyn being arrived here from the Southward in consequence of the Orders sent to him, & attending he is now called in & questioned as follows, with respect to the manner in which the Dobbier was seized at Arrialore.—

In order that the most perfect Information may be obtained relative to the Seizure of the Dobbier.

Resolved, that Capt. Tonyn be examined as well as such other Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, & Troopers, as were employed on that Service.—

Questions to Captain Tonyn.—

Question 1. Were the Orders you received by your Lord Pigot how you proceeded with your Troops to bring the Dobbier to him, in writing or Verbal?

Answer— They were in writing.—

Quest: 2 What were the Orders?

Answer. They were as follows,

Captain Tonyn.

Sir,

You are hereby directed to proceed with the Troop under your Command to Vikaraw & escort from that place hither the Dobbier, formerly in the Service of the Rajah of Tanjore, Vedumadatatry who accompanys you with conduct you to Vikaraw.—

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Pigot.

Tanjore 13th April 1776.

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Quest: 3d What did you in consequence of these Orders — the particulars you wish to relate?

Answer — In consequence of the Orders I immediately proceeded to Vikarew, — On my arrival at Vikarew, I understood the Dobber had left that place two days before, I was at that time at Arrialore. In consequence of which I proceeded to Arrialore without hesitation & was accompanied by Vidana Dasatty one of the Rajah's People who carried me to the Dobbeer.

Quest: 4th Is Arrialore an open or enclosed Town?

Answer — I am not certain whether it is enclosed or not, I imagine it is, — as there is a Wall on that side, where I entered.

Quest: 5th Did you meet with any opposition in the execution of the Orders you received from Lord Pigot or in leaving the Place?

Answer — None —

Quest: — Did you see any Sepoys or Centinels when you was at Arrialore, and in particular about the Dobbeer's House?

Answer — I do not recollect to have seen a Single Centinel or Sepoy, — at least, if there were any, they were not in a Military Dress, so as that I could distinguish them —

Quest — Did you see any People with Arms about the Dobbeer's House?

Answer. I do not recollect to have seen any People with Arms. —

Quest: At what time of the day did you arrive at Arrialore?

Answer. I cannot immediately recollect the hour, — it was since — what about the middle of the day?

Quest. In what situation did you find the Dobber?

Answer. He was sitting in the House on an Undress, I do not remember that he was employed upon any thing in particular. —

Quest: — What did you say to the Dobber on your Arrival at Arrialore?

Answer. There was a Letter delivered to him by Vidana dasatty, I believe the Letter was from the Rajah. The Dobber

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Dobbier expressed much Satisfaction at receiving this Letter, & he proposed the setting out immediately, before I had said any thing to him on the Subject.

Question. When you did speak to him, what did you say?

Answer. I told him I was come to escort him to Tanjore, that my Men & Horses however wanted refreshment, and that I therefore could not set off with him immediately.

Quest: How long did you remain at Arnialore before you set off with the Dobbier?

Answ: We marched very early the next Morning.

Quest: Was the Dobbier made acquainted, that it was necessary for him to carry any Papers, Cabjans or any thing else with him to Tanjore?

Ans: Not by me.

Quest: Was he by any Person else to your knowledge?

Ans: Not to my knowledge

Quest: What Papers, Cabjans or Baggage did it appear the Dobbier carried with him to Tanjore?

Ans: I saw no Papers or Cabjans, nor did I know of any, there were I think two or three Haccaries with Bundles, but, what was in them I do not know.

Quest: Had Vidaudaraitry any private conference with the Dobbier?

Answ: He may have had private conferences for what I know I left him with the Dobbier, when I left the Dobbier House, & there he might have remained for some time you quitted it.

Ans: I left a Trooper, Centinel at his Door.

Quest: What Orders did you give the Centinel?

Ans: I ordered him to prevent any People from encroaching the Dobbier

Quest: Did you give any further Orders to the Centinel such

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as to prevent the Dobbeer, or any of his People coming out of his House?

Ans: The only Orders I gave to the Centinel, were to prevent any People from going into the Dobbeer's House, except such as he chose, - for I apprehended the Europeans out of Curiosity might have attempted getting into his House, & might become thereby troublesome -

Quest: Were any other Orders, Instructions, or Messages, in writing or Verbal, excepting the written Orders, you have laid before the Board, given you by Authority, before or after your departure from Tanjore, for escorting the Dobbeer thither?

Ans: None, the only Orders I received, I have laid before the Board. -

Quest: Did you carry from Trivalore any other Person beside the Dobbeer? -

Ans: There was another Person, who I imagined to be one of his People. - He accompanied the Dobbeer to Tanjore. -

Quest: How long did you remain at Vikarum before you proceeded to Arrialore? -

Ans: I did not halt, but proceeded immediately when I heard the Dobbeer had left that Place.

Quest: Did you write, or otherwise advise Lord Pigot from Vikarum that the Dobbeer was at there, & of your intentions to proceed to Arrialore?

Ans: I ordered the Troop to march on, but, stopped myself near to Vikarum, & wrote to Lord Pigot, that the Dobbeer had left Vikarum, & was at that time at Arrialore about 15 Miles distant, & that I was proceeding thither. -

Quest: Did you receive any Answer from Lord Pigot before your return to Tanjore? -

Ans: No, I could not receive an Answer as there was not

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not time sufficient for a Hircarah to get return:—

Quest: Did you ever write any Letter from Arrialore to Lord Pigot?

Ans: I wrote also from Arrialore to Lord Pigot.—

Quest: What did you say in that Letter?

Ans: I told his Lordship the Dobbeer was at Arrialore, & that I should escort him the next day to Tanjore, or Words to that Effect.—

Quest: You will be pleased to explain to the Board, the Report you made to Lord Pigot, upon your return to Tanjore?—

Ans: On my return to Tanjore, I was informed by some of Lord Pigott Servants that his Lordship was gone to a Village.—In consequence reported to Col. Harper, that the Dobbeer was arrived, who gave the necessary Orders for his Admittance into the Fort.

Quest: What passed between you & Lord Pigot when you met, relative to the Execution of the Orders you had received from him?

Ans: As I had before reported to Col. Harper the Arrival of the Dobbeer, I made no further report to his Lordship.—

Quest: Did his Lordship at no time express his Approbation of the manner in which you had conducted yourself in the bringing the Dobbeer to Tanjore?—

Ans: I do not recollect particularly that he did. When we were returning to our Cantonments Lord Pigot presented me with a Sword.—

Captain Torry ordered to withdraw.—

Resolution
Quarter Master Mackay thanked to be ordered to Madras—

As we wish to give the Company & the Governor General &c. of Bengal every information in our Power concerning the Seizure of the Dobbeer. Resolved, That the Commander in Chief be directed to give Orders, that Quarter Master Mackay of the Coast Peon Troop of Cavalry & such of the Non Commissioned

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Commissioned Officers & Troopers, at took Charge of the Dobbier at Arrialore, be ordered to the Presidency to be examined on that Subject.

Read Letter from Major Horne to the President.

The Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.
President &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Maj: Horne the Letter Lord Pigot received was a publick one from Bengal —

I have taken an opportunity of speaking to Lord Pigot as directed in your Letter of Yesterday. He answered, that Capt. Panton had delivered him a Publ- -ic Letter from Bengal which was addressed to him — That it contained what you had received at Madras some days ago, — And as that immediately concerned him, he thought he ought to have been made acquainted with it before; when I observed the delicacy of my Conduct with regard to Capt. Panton out of respect to his Lordship; he said he would not wish to do any thing that was the least improper regarding my situation. But the Letter was addressed to him; and Capt. Panton had informed him he had refused to deliver it to any of the Gentlemen at the Fort. As Capt. Panton arrived at Madras in the Morning & had also been at the Commodore's, I did not imagine he had not delivered his Public Despatches for Government. Brif he had refused declaring his intention to deliver them to Lord Pigot I should have had directions sent particularly to prevent him as he did not arrive at the Mount 'till near 8 o'Clock. Sir Edw. Hughes sent his Lordship a Note last night for the dispatch; he said he would send an Answer this Morning — I am with respect

Honble Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Mat. Horne.

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The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the

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the following Letter to him from Capt. Matthews.—

To Colonel Stuart.

Acting Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast.

Sir.

From Captain Matthews requesting permission to proceed to Europe—

Some particular Affairs respecting my Family, obliges me to request permission to go to Europe, by the first convenient opportunity. I have to beg that you would be pleased to address the Honble Board to grant me this indulgence, & that such mention be made of my Services since the Year 1759, that may not prevent my being allowed to return with my proper Rank upon this Establishment.— I am with respect,

Madras
Sept. 11. 1776.

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Rich. Mathews.

Granted & recommended to the Hon'ble Court

Resolved, that Capt. Matthews's request be complied with, & in justice to him, it is Agreed, to recommend him to the Court of Directors as a Brave and smart Active Officer.—

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At a Consultation Present

Thursday 12th Sept. 1776.

George Stratton Esqr President
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franc. Fourdan — George Mackay

Resolved that the following Letter be wrote to Commodore Sir Edward Hughes.

To Sir Edward Hughes

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

Requesting a passage for two Persons on board the Swallow who are to carry dispatches to the Company &c.

Sir,

Having dispatches to convey to the Company of the greatest Consequence to us we learn that you for purpose ordering His Majesty's Sloop the Swallow to Surat, we wish to avail ourselves of this opportunity of sending them overland from thence under Charge of two Gentlemen, to whom we request you will give a passage on that Ship and it is necessary we should take every precaution in our Power against Sickness or Death; the Gentlemen who will have Charge of our Packet are willing to put up with whatever Accomodation the Swallow can afford, & we doubt not of your recommending to Capt. Panton that he giving them the best he can —

As the Advices we intend sending are of the utmost importance to the Company's Affairs we are to request the Swallow may be dispatched as early as possible, Our Packet will be ready by tomorrow Evening night, — We are,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servants

Geo.e Stratton &c.a

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Read Letter from Lt. Colonel Harper.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.

President & Govr. &c &c &c

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Lt. Col. Harper, desiring to know who is to supply the Europeans with Rice

The Half-Batta being allowed again to the Southward I take the Liberty to request you will be pleased to favor me with directions, whether the Rajah or the Paymaster is to supply the Europeans with the usual Quantity of Rice. I am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tanjore 9th Sept. 1776.

Your most Obedient Servant

H. Harper.

In consequence the following Letter was wrote by the Secretary to Lt. Col. Harper. —

To Lieut. Colonel Harper

Commanding at Tanjore

Sir,

The Paymaster to supply the Rice

I am directed by the President & Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated the 9th Instant, & to acquaint you that the Order for half-Batta respected only the Officers in such Garrisons where the Batta had been heretofore paid the Europeans & Sepoys must be supplied with Rice from the Paymaster at 70 Pag. p. Garce, when it is above that Price, agreable to an Order issued the 7th June —

I am, Sir,

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Your most Obedient Servant

R. Sullivan Sy.

Resolved that the following Letter be wrote to Sir Edward Hughes. —

To Sir Edwd. Hughes

Commodore & Commander in Chief of the Kings Majesty's Ships in India, Sir

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Requesting to know if Capt Pantaw delivered a publick Letter from Bengal to Lord Pigot—& in that case, should the Letter require an immediate answer declaring themselves free from all Blame—

Sir,

Being informed that Capt. Pantow of his Majesty's Sloop the Swallow immediately after his Arrival at this place, delivered to Lord Pigot a public Letter for this Presidency, from the Govr. Genl. & Council in Bengal— We request to know from you Sir, the truth of this matter, having wrote to that Presidency that no Letter accompanied the Box Packet our President received from your Secretary some days since for the Honble the Court of Directors which came by the Swallow—

Should the above Public Letter require our Consideration, or immediate Answer, We look on ourselves as discharged from all Responsibility for the consequences that may arise to the Nation or to the Company's Concerns, from our not having received this Packet in proper time— We are.

Sir,

Your most Obedt.

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humble Servants.

Geo. Stratton & Co—

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At a Consultation Present

Friday 13th Sept.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke — Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer — Archd. Palmer
Franc. Fourdan — George Mackay

Mr. Secretary Bakeley reports to the Board that late last night Mr. Stone had sent to his Room the following Letters under a Cover on which is wrote "P. Swallow" without any direction or mention from whence they came, also a small Packet in Wax cloth directed to Lord Pigot President & Govr. &c. of Fort St. George which on being opened contains Bankers of Rupees referred to in one of the above Letters, which are now read as follows.

Mr Bakeley delivers to the Board certain Letters &c. from Bengal addressed to Lord Pigot-

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

From Bengal have dispatch'd the Greenwich for this Presidency

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have now the pleasure to dispatch the Greenwich Captain Robert Carr to your Presidency with 2500 Bags of Salt petre & 676 Mds. 29 Sers Red-wood agreable to the enclosed Invoice & Bill of Lading amounting to Current Rupees 29,294.

As you have not yet sent us any Redwood by the Ships of this Season we were unable to Load more than the quantity abovementioned on the Greenwich, we leave it to you to add Maunds 323.11 to complete the Charter Party Stipulation of 900 Maunds, for we have inserted the whole Amount of this Article in the Invoice as if all had been taken here. We request that you will charge the deficiency to be furnished at Fort St. George to the account of this Presidency in part of the

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the usual Supply for this Season & include it accordingly in the Invoices of the Redwood, which you may transmit to Us.

Registers of the Certificates granted to the Capt. & Officers of the Greenwich, of the Precious Stones and Bullion which we have licensed to be sent to Europe by that Ship, & such other Papers as are necessary to be dispatched to the Honble the Court of Directors by her, accompany this

We propose to return the Syren Packet to Europe on the 1st. September & shall forward to you a duplicate of the Letter we write by her, in time to go by the Greenwich. We are

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your very humble Servants

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

Fort William
19th Augt 1776.

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Pigot

President &c. Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Bengal with Rupees to be assayed with those of Arcot—

As we have reason to apprehend that the Arcot Rupees lately struck in our Mint, are not equal in Value, to the Rupees now coined at Arcot, We ordered a quantity to be assayed comparatively with some Old Arcot Rupees purchased in the Bazar, & as we find them inferior to them, We take the Liberty to transmit you 100 of each sort, & request that you will cause them to be assayed seperately, & acquaint us of their comparative

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Comparation Weight & fineness with neat Arcot Rupees
in order to enable us to ascertain to it more accuracy
the actual difference. — We are

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Geo: Monson
Richd. Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
19th. Augt. 1776.

Ordered that the Rupees be delivered
to the Assay-Master to be assayed & report the same —

The Letter to Commodore Sir Edwd.
Hughes being drawn out fair & signed, Resolved that
the following Postscript be added thereto & immediately
dispatched to him. —

P. S. to Sir Edward Hughes's Letter

Since writing the foregoing Letter, Mr.
Secretary Cahley has informed the Board that Mr.
Stone's Servant left at his Rooms late last Night
a Packet in Wax Cloth, containing Rupees and
two Letters under an open Cover without a direction
but wrote on the back P. Swallow, & which we conclude to have made part of the Packet from the
Govr. Genl. &c. to this Presidency & to which We
allude in the preceding Letter. — The manner in
which these Letters have been partially conveyed
to us does not in our opinion furnish any reason
for delaying the Representation conveyed in the
foregoing Letter, which we are under the necessity of doing
only for our own Justification; We are with Esteem

Sir, Your &c.

Geo: Stratton &c.

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acquainting him of the manner in which the foregoing letters were forwarded to the Board

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Agreed that the President writes the following Letter to Major Horne. —

To Major Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir,

To acquaint Lord Pigot with the Reasons of the Board for not transmitting to him the Resolutions of the Gov. Genl & Co.

Having been much engaged in business I could not before spare time to answer your Letter dated the 11th Inst. —

With respect to the Public Letter delivered to Lord Pigot by Capt. Paxton the Board have wrote to Commodore Sir Edwd. Hughes.

You will be pleased to inform Lord Pigot that the Boards only reason for not sending him the Resolutions from the Gov. Genl & Co. in Bengal at the time of their Arrival was, the apprehension that such a Communication from them at that time might give uneasiness to his Lordship in his present Situation & might be considered by him as done with that intent. — I am

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant
Geo: Stratton

Fort St. George
13th Sept. 1776.

Read the following Letter from

Vizagapatam.

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

From Vizagapatam, have received the Proclamations

Honble Sir & Sirs.

We last Night received your Commands of the 25th Ultimo, to which we shall pay due obedience.

Conformable to your Orders the Proclamation has been published here; & Copies

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Copies thereof sent to Chicacole & Ballaor with directions to have the same published there.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Sam. Johnson
P. Perring
M.r Williams
W.m Crawford
Nath.l Barlow.

Vizagapatam
3d Sept. 1776.

The Export Warehousekeeper to be directed to load the Redwood on the Greenwich & to debit Acct Curr.t Bengal for the Amount.

Information of the President concerning a Letter from Mr Munro ~

The President lays before the Board a Letter which he has received under the following Address "To Mr George Stratton who styles himself President of the Council and Governor of Fort St. George". He acquaints them that on the 4th Instant this Letter was delivered to Mr. Oakely the Secretary by a Peon from Mr. Munro the Paymaster at Chingleput but that when it came into his (the President's) hands he sent for Mr George Smith a near Relation to Mr. Munro informed him of the circumstance & desired him to write Mr. Munro concerning it — The President took this step in hopes that Mr. Munro might be convinced of the Impropriety of his Conduct, and make due Reparation for it — but notwithstanding this Act of Lenity, he now understands from Mr George Smith that Mr. Munro still persists in the opinion that the Address is proper & will not alter it.

The Letter being opened is found to contain a Return of Stores at Chingleput with the following

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following Intimation to Mr. Stratton

Sir,

Letter from Mr Munro

The accompanying Return of Stores is sent you for your inspection. I remain,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant.

Chingleput
13.th Sept.r 1776.

R.t D.r Munro.

Opinion of the Board thereon

The Orders of the Company express a particular mode of Trial for their Servants, by furnishing the Party accused with a Copy of the Charge & giving him a reasonable time to answer it, but this can only be meant in Cases where the Party may deny the Accusation and make it necessary to proceed on Proof. In the present instance the Party has acknowledged and avowed the Fact.

No further Proof is requisite, & Mr. Munro having had sufficient time to reflect on the impropriety of his Conduct & to repair this fault if he had thought proper, the Board are of opinion that he has been treated with all the Tenderness & Forbearance that the Company recommend.

The terms in which the Letter to the President is addressed are highly indecent & disrespectful, and the Board doubt not that the Court of Directors will agree with them, that such a Conduct is deserving of the strongest mark of their displeasure more especially at this particular time.

For these reasons it is Resolved, that Mr. Munro be suspended from the Company's Service until the pleasure of the Court of Directors can be known, & the Secretary is ordered to signify this Resolution to him.

Wm Munro Suspended the Service

The Military Paymaster acquaints the

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the Board that he has prepared three Musters of Soldiers
Cotts one for each of the Garrisons of Tanjore, Trichino-
poly & Vellore agreable to a Letter from Col. Stuart
these Musters have been approved by the Members
of the Committee of Stores, & he requests the Orders of the
Board thereon. — Ordered that the Paymaster be
directed to furnish the Soldiers with Cotts accordingly.

Civil Appointments

Mr. Norris to be removed to the Presidency.

Mr. Revel appointed Assistant at Vizagapatam
& to repair thither immediately.

Mr. Ram ordered as an Assistant upon the Circuit
& to repair to Vizagapatam immediately

Mr. Rutherford appointed Asstt. to Masulipatam

Mr. Hawkins Asstt. to Masulipatam

Granville to be dispatched the 20th.

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At a Consultation Present

Saturday 14th Sept.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chks. Floyer Archd. Palmer
Franc. Fourdan George Mackay

Read Letter from Col. Capper.

To the Honble Geo. Stratton Esqr.

Presid. & Govr. &c. Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Colonel Capper requesting permission to return to Europe

The Letters that I have received this Year from England, oblige me to request your permission to return for a short time to settle some private family Affairs, which require my presence in England.

I flatter myself my Absence will not be attended with any inconvenience to the Service, for the Assistants Acting under me are well acquainted with the Business, I have also wrote out particular Instructions for them, to direct them in every difficult point, I am,

Honble Sir & Sirs

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with great respect,

Your most faithful humble Servants

Id. Capper, Comm. Gen.

Granted. Resolved that this request be complyed with.

Read Letter from Sir Edw. Hughes.

To George Stratton Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council.

Sir & Gentlemen.

I have received your two Letters of

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From Sir Edward Hughes, has given orders to receive two persons on board the Swallow –

of the 12.th and in Answer to that which came first to hand, Captain Panton shall have my Orders to give the two Gentlemen, in whose Charge you propose, sending the Company's Packet, a Passage in his Majesty's Sloop under his Command, as far as Suez, and I shall recommend to that Gentleman the giving them the best accomodation he can.

As I do not conceive that any time can be gained by the Sailing of the Swallow before the 30.th I have fixed on that for the day of her departure, and am,

Sir & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes.

Salisbury in Madras Road 14.th Sept.r 1776

Ordered that the receipt be acknowledged, & Col. Capper having applied to go home on his own private Concerns, Resolved, that he be applied to, to take Charge of our Advices, and that Mr. James Dighton be also requested to accompany him that in case any Accident should happen to Col. Capper, he may take Charge of the Packet

Col Capper & Mr James Dighton to take charge of the dispatches

Read Letter from Major Horne to the President.

To the Honble Geo.e Stratton Esq.r

Pres.t Gov.r &.a

From M.r Horne His Lordship does not appear in haste to send for his papers –

Honble Sir.

I received your Letter of Yesterday late last night, & this Morning have informed Lord Pigot of the Reason the Board did not send him the Resolutions of the Gov.r Gen.l & Council of Bengal, as directed in your Letter.

I have spoke to his Lordship again concerning the want of the publick Papers, & he encouraging

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inconvenient it was to the Secretary; But I cannot find that his Lordship appears in the least inclinable to send any Person in his behalf to select them from his private Papers; He said, Mr. Dalrymple would have brought away his papers, but was not suffered, and the Room being sealed up was not his doing; I have nothing further to inform you of at present, but that I am with respect

Hon'ble Sir,

Your most Obed.t humble Servant.

Mat.w Horne

Mount 14.th Sept.r 1776

Remarks of the Board

The Board must here remark that on the 25.th of last Month, Mess.rs Dalrymple and Stone came to the Fort House and on going into the Room where Lord Pigot usually wrote were told by the President, in presence of Mess.rs Brooke Hoyer & Col.o Stuart, that as they conceived Lord Pigot's private Papers were intermixed with those of a public nature, it was proposed to them that whenever they or any other persons whom Lord Pigot should appoint thought it necessary to select his private papers; the Secretary's or any Member of the Board would attend them for that purpose to take charge of the public ones, in the mean time the President recommended to them to put Lord Pigot's Seal on the Door, with that of the President's to prevent any Person whatever from going into the said Room, declaring that neither himself or to his knowledge any of his people had before entered those Apartments, during Lord Pigot's absence, with which Mess.rs Dalrymple & Stone appeared perfectly satisfied, & very readily assented to the affixing the Seal to the Door that had communication with

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that Appartment, & Mr. Dalrymple in consequence
taking Lord Pigott Seal out of his Pocket affixed
it to the several Doors, in the presence of our Presi-
dent, Messrs. Hoyer, Brooke & Col. Stuart and
then the President proposed to put his, they assist-
ed thereto & it was accordingly affixed.

Agreed, that a Letter be wrote to Major Horne
relating the above Circumstances & to desire he
will communicate them to Lord Pigot, request-
ing of him to appoint such Persons as he may
think proper to execute this business, & to deliver
up the Treasury Key which he took the Clerk (Mr.
Majendie) was among his Papers.

The Secretary lays before the Board
the following Letter to him from Mr. George
Andrew Ram.

To Chas. Oakeley Esqr.
Secretary.

From Mr Ram
declines going on
the Circuit —

Sir,

I received a Letter from you last Night
to the following purport — "That you were directed
"by the President & Council to acquaint me, that they
"had appointed me to be an Assistant to the Committee
"of Circuit & desiring me in consequence to repair
"to Vizagapatam with all possible expedition."
I apprehend when the Gentlemen made the fore-
going appointment, they were not acquainted
with the troublesome Complaint, which at this
present time & for three Years past I have laboured
under. — This Complaint is a Strangury, the
returns of which are sometimes so sudden & violent
that I dare never venture, even to dine on the Plain
without providing myself with portable Remedies,

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to give me Relief upon any Emergency.— But as I learn from Physicians — Books of Medicine &c.a that there are not always to be depended upon & that Operations which require the dexterity of Persons bred to Surgery are sometimes absolutely necessary; also having the melancholy case of Mr. Dutton before my Eyes.— I am apprehensive that the business of the Circuit, especially the Journey to Vizagapatam may be attended with hazard to my Constitution perhaps to my Life.— I have Mr. Paxley's Opinion as well as my own Experience, "that able Exercise and Employments which require Exertion "& contribute to Heat the Habit" are productive of returns of a Strangury in Constitutions so liable to them as mine —

It was this consideration which induced me to decline undertaking the Survey to which I was appointed during Mr. Wynch's Government — for thinking that Riding would be absolutely necessary in that Employ, I put it to the tryal, whether or no my disorder would bear it, but found that I could not venture to ride without bringing on more violent fits of the Strangury than I had before experienced. —

On this account also, I lately declined going on the Circuit, for which I had before applied, though for obvious reasons, I did not think it necessary to make known my particular situation, but only said in General terms, that I did not expect to enjoy my Health so well up "the Country as I had in Madras."

This Sir, I beg the favor of you to lay before the Gentlemen who appointed me (as I approaching with

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with an intention of serving me) and have no doubt, but when they are thoroughly acquainted with my Case, their Humanity will induce them to let me remain at the Presidency, where alone I am certain of having the best Assistance & Advice.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant

Geo. St. Ram

Ordered to lye on the Table.

Draft of the following Letter to the Nabob read & signed.

Fort St. George.
14th Sept. 1776.

To the Nabob

To the Nabob

I have had the honor to receive Your Highness's Letter dated the 29th Ult. and am particularly happy to observe your declarations to co-operate to the utmost of your Power in every measure that may tend to the benefit of the Carnatic & the Company's Affairs in India.

It is with great Justice Your Highness observes that it is absolutely necessary at this time to employ our united Efforts to defeat the designs of the neighbouring Powers & for regulating the Affairs of the Carnatic. Your Highness and the Public know full well the difficulties which hitherto have prevented that attention being paid to the most important business intrusted to us.

I flatter myself that your Highness will have no Cause to complain in future of the Conduct of the Servants of the Company — for on my own part I will ever give the sincere pleasure to convince you of my Esteem & respect for your Highness.

I have now the honor to send you a Copy of the Resolutions from the Gov. Gen. & Council in

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in Bengal and am happy to see that their enquiries Sentiments correspond entirely with my Ideas & I may venture to assure you with those of every Member of this Council.

I am to request Your Highness will send me Copies of the Letters you wrote to Lord Pigot under date the they being in his Lordship's possession. — I am,

Fort St. George
14th Sept. 1776.

Your Highness's
most Obedient Servant
Geo. Stratton

× Export warehouse Keepers report concerning bales damaged on board the Minerva

The Export Warehousekeeper reports to the Board that of the Bales by the Minerva 64 are greatly damaged — that the Commander had met with a Gale of Wind, & had regularly protested, that the E. Warehouse Keeper has desired the Master Merchant to go on board to Examine the Condition of the Vessels and that in the mean time he has had the damaged goods unpacked and sent to be washed. He lays the Protest before the Board.

Garrison Storekeeper have old and bad Stores to be disposed of —

The Garrison Storekeeper reports to the Board, that of the Grain on hand, much is old & decayed that he has given Orders for retailing it at such prices as may encourage the People to buy it; that the Fire wood, Straw, Ghee & Tamarind had been long in Store & had better be sold at Outcry & replaced.

also that a Sum promised by the Nabob has not been received —

The Garrison Storekeeper represents a Ballance which was the account of Advances for Paddy & Disbursements on that Acct. in the Tanjore Country which the Rajah in 1771 seized & that the Nabob on the Capture of Tanjore agreed to make good to the Company that Loss but the same hath never been received — nor doth it appear whether the same has been demanded — The

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further that the Nabob had promised to pay certain Monies advanced the Polygar of Chuckacotta —

The Garrison Storekeeper further reports that there had been a Sum of — advanced to the Polygar of Chuckacotta that the Nabob had dispossessed the said Polygar & that he is informed the Nabob had promised to pay the advance which had been made —

The 28 articles to be sold —

The decayed Articles to be sold, & to be replaced & the Complement of Provisions to be completed. —

The Cadets from Europe to take rank of those doing duty here

The Board taking under consideration the Orders of the Court of Directors regarding the Promotion of the Cadets named by them agreeable to the List received by Ship Triton & thinking it their first Duty to pay every attention thereto — Resolved that the Cadets in the said List do take Rank of all the Cadets doing duty at the time the List arrived. —

Col. Stuart, the Acting Commander in Chief attending reports to the Board that Orders and Regulations had been published to the Army which he has the greatest reason to believe will produce a Uniformity & Exactness in Discipline, Exercise & Dress of the Forces under this Presidency. —

Sir Robert Fletchers Minute

Sir Robert Fletcher delivers in the following Minute.

The Attempts to affix dishonor to my Memory with the Company, at a Period when nothing but the Remembrance of my Reputation could be thought interesting to me in this Life was cruel. It was so illiberal that it must shock those with whom it is meant to operate upon to my disadvantage, and yet this attempt cannot even be aggravated in its Color by being founded as it appears to me on a

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a Breach of Confidence, the implied Secrecy of Confiden-
-tial Conversation.—

His Lordship's Charge upon the chief Point that of my supposed Conversation with the Nabob respecting Tanjore, & the Company's Orders, I positively deny, and am ready to disprove; & I will prove likewise, that if I have had the influence with the Nabob which his Lordship imagines, that that influence has been employed for the good of my Masters, & to my own Credit.

If three Members of the Board were in the hopes of getting the same Chiefships, was that a myst-
-ery the Nabob could not unravel? or was that a piece of information to interest the Nabob? There is not a Durbar who could not fathom such Policy, or who did not avail himself of the Report which was the common Talk of the Town— but which I never mentioned to the Nabob. But I am accused of a matter still more extra-
-ordinary— I am said to encourage the Nabob to oppo-
-sition to Lord Pigot, by communicating to him the Company's Instructions in all the Paragraphs from 29. to 34, of their Letter to the Commissioners— It were as absurd, as unnecessary to oppose a Defence to such Accusations— they stand self refuted.— The first knowledge I had of the Paragraphs was from the Durbar;— the Nabob had long known of them, and quoted them to me on an occasion which might seem with Grounds for an Accusation against his Lord-
-ship himself, if it be a Crime to communicate to the Nabob, the Company's Orders respecting his Rights.

I never could account for the rooted resentment I have found in Lord Pigot towards me ever since his Arrival in India, or for the very ex-
-traordinary extraordinary

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extraordinary Declarations, which, by my private Letters, & other Accounts, he made respecting me before his Departure from England, and which Mr. Dalrymple's pointed & rude opposition to every thing I have proposed in Council respecting the Army, induced me more than once to hint at the Board, & to declare that I was well informed of a design to drive me from the Council, & if possible from India. My health will not permit me, nor indeed does it seem very necessary now, the to enumerate the many instances of Mortification & disgust Lord Pigot has subjected me to since his Arrival. The Board & I believe the whole Colony, know them, & the above facts correspond but too well with what the Nabob declares of the secret methods used with his Highness, & with his Eldest Son to prevail with them to give his Lordship any sort of information against me that could serve as a handle to remove me from the Service. The Board know well the handsome declarations of support his Lordship made to me as Commander in Chief & are sufficiently informed to be able to judge how far those declarations have corresponded with his Lordship's Military transactions, & how far those Military transactions are consistent with the positive Commands of the Company or their late Instructions respecting the Powers of the Governor & those of the Commander in Chief upon the present occasion I shall only refer to the accompanying Order signed by Capt. Wood & sent to Col. Stuart at Pondamallee & which I say is a direct Violation of the Company's Orders & a Supercession of the Powers Vested in me by those Orders — The Board must remember that I was desirous the above Circumstance might

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might be disavowed by Lord Pigot or be acknowledged as a Mistake & that I endeavoured at the Board to get his Lordship to give it that turn, but as his Lordship instead of doing so, seemed to maintain his own Power of sending such Orders, I desire that this Order may be entered on the Consultations together with this Minute. I likewise send my Aide de camps Account of what passed between his Lordship & him, upon the Subject of taking from me my Guard as Commander in Chief, which I was then deprived of in consequence of that Conversation. The Conversation was committed to Paper immediately after it passed. It is true that the Guard at his Lordships Garden was removed at the same time, but that Guard was replaced in a few days after, and I never had a man of mine returned.

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To Col: Flint

Sir.

I am ordered by the Right Honble Lord Pigot to send Prisoners to the Garrison under your Command, two Men of your Battallion taken up by the Inhabitants Magolaveram for forcing one of their Wives the Evidences to prove this Charge, are, Groovapah, Changah, & Moorty, Inhabitants of the aforesaid Village in your District, who have Orders to attend on Your Summons at the Court Martial which his Lordship Orders shall be held for the trial of the Offenders.

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

/signed/ Robt. Wood, D. M.G.

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7th May 1776

/a true Copy/

Henry Malcolm.
Secretary.

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Time of Dinner.

I was directed by Sir Robt. Fletcher to wait on Lord Pigot and to acquaint his Lordship, that the Company of Marksmen was very short of its Compliment owing to a great many Men having leave to return to the Circar Battalions at their own request, on account of the great Distance they were at from their Families, that if the Company was divided, it would its discipline, and be of no use as Marksmen, but that notwithstanding this if his Lordship still desired half the Company should be sent to his Gardens, Sir Robert Fletcher would order them.—

This Message I delivered to Lord Pigot, who answered that as Sir Robert Fletcher, as well as himself, must be sensible how severe the Duty was on the Battalions in Madras which could not furnish the necessary Guards, he believed that Sir Robert would endeavour to make it easier to them, & that this was his Motive for sending for part of the Marksmen that he might then send away his own Guard to the Battalions it belonged to. I again told his Lordship that the Number of Marksmen at present at Head Quarters was insufficient to furnish Guards both for him & Sir Robert Fletcher, but there was enough for one Guard, & that if the General sent the Sepoys he had as a Guard from the Battalions doing Duty in Madras, to join their Corps, that the Marksmen would furnish Centrys at head Quarters in their Room. To which his Lordship replied, that it was indifferent to him how it was settled, but that he wished to lighten the Duty of the Battalions in which he expected to be assisted by Sir Robert— who he desired me to deliver this Message to: but his Lordship did not

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tell me that he wanted the Marksmen after the Reasons I gave him from Sir Robert Fletcher why they could not be spared.

N.B. His Lordship also observed that as the Councellors had only a Guard of 7 Men each it would appear extraordinary to them that Sir Robert should have such a Number of them which with the Marksmen would amount to 80.

Wm Sydenham.

Aid de Camp.

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At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 18th Sept. 1776.

George Stratton Esqr. President
Henry Brooke Sir Robt. Fletcher
Chas. Floyer Arch. Palmer
Franc. Sourdan George Mackay

Papers belonging to the Diary of the 22d & 23d Augt.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Papers which he has received from Mr. Dalrymple belonging to the Diary of Consultation the 22d & 23d August.—

To Claud Russell Esqr. Sir Robt. Fletcher Alexr. Dalrymple, Chas. Floyer, John Maxwell Glore, Arch. Palmer, Richard Lathom, Franc. Sourdan & Geo. Mackay Esqrs.

Summons to Council

Gentlemen,

The Right Honble the President desires Your Attendance in Council Tomorrow Morning at Ten o'Clock in the Fort House.

I am respectfully
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
R Sullivan. Secy

10 o'Clock.

Thursday.

To George Stratton Esqr.

Sir,

Letter of Suspension

I am ordered by the Right Honorable the President and Council to acquaint You that they have thought proper to suspend You from the Company's Service, until the Company's Pleasure shall be known

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Sir.

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22. Aug. 1776.

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
R. I. Sulivan jun.

To Henry Brooke Esqr.

Sir.

Letter of Sus-
-pension.

I am ordered by the Right Honor-
-able the President and Council to acquaint You
that they have thought proper to suspend you
from the Company's Service, until the Company's
pleasure shall be known. I am,

Fort St. George
22. Aug. 1776.

Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
R. I. Sulivan jun.

Minute of
Mr. Stow.

Having Yesterday given my opinion in
favor of the President's Motion for suspending Messrs.
Strattow & Brooke, I here beg leave to offer my reasons
in support thereof.

It is not for me to determine whether the
President has or has not a Power to refuse his Sanction
to any resolution of the Majority of the Council con-
-cerned to determine thereon. It is a Subject on
which the Court of Directors alone must pass Judge-
-ment. They appointed the Governor & best know
what Power & Authority they meant to lodge in his
hands. If he has no such Power, or having it, if
he exercises it improperly, He is answerable to
the Company. The Council have not in my opi-
-nion, by Virtue of any Orders or Instructions from
the Company a Power to compel the Governor
to subscribe to any Resolution of the Majority or

Mr Stow
I think the
majority of
the Coun

or to force him to give a Sanction thereto; and I think they would sufficiently stand justified in entering their Sentiments & Dissents on the Records whenever they thought the President assumed a Power which he had not or exercised any that he hath improperly.

Altho' I think myself not competent to determine whether the President hath or hath not a Power of withholding his Sanction from any Resolution of the Majority of the Council; I will maintain that as the President cannot act without the Concurrence of the Council or the Majority of them; so the Council are not authorized to carry into execution any resolution without the Sanction of the Governor. The Governor I consider as the Executive Power of the Board, & it is his Province to superintend &c. see that the Business of the Department is conducted in a proper & regular Channel.

It is the Governor alone who by the Company's express Commands is to correspond with the Country Powers. If the Governor should refuse to carry into execution a resolution of the Council or the Majority of them for writing to any of the Country Powers, I know not what means the Council can take to compel them. They cannot write themselves without disobeying the positive Orders of the Company. I am moreover clearly of opinion that no Officer can obey the Orders of the Council without the President. The express Words of their Commissions are, that they are to obey such Orders as they may receive from the President & Council & they must be taken in their literal Sense; on the Construction of the Words of a Commission nothing can be taken by Implication: If the Order proposed had been sent by Lt. Stuart, I think

he could not have obeyed it, without great reegret to himself.—

Seeing therefore the Members of the Council attempting to carry into Execution their own resolutions without the Sanction of the Governor, which appeared to me essentially necessary, I cannot but consider such a Step as tending to subvert all Order & good Government, & could not fail if suffered to pass, to throw the Company's Affairs into Anarchy & Confusion. This induced me to support the Presidents Motion, however irksome the task; & I cannot but think that the Court of Directors seeing the necessity of the Case, will approve the measure, as the only one that could have been adopted to preserve order & good Government in the management of their Affairs.

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Mr. Dalrymple thinks the reference to Mr. Vansittarts Narrative in the Minute No. 1. on Yesterday's Consultation, so far from conveying any Argument, that the Resolutions of the Majority of the Council ought to be carried into effect against the Governors opinion is the strongest Argument that can be urged against the measure, as Mr. Vansittart giving way brought the Company's Affairs to a most alarming Crisis. To the Allegations urged in debate that Mr. Vansittart knows the Company's Constitution as well as any Man & that therefore his opinion had great weight.— I did then remark that Mr. Vansittart gave a Seat in Council to Commodore Tinker which was a most unwarranted Act & unconstitutional Act.

Mr. Dalrymples Minute

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Mr. Russells Minute

I wished the Gentlemen to have taken time to have given an Answer in writing to the Charge brought against them by the President I even took the Liberty of giving such Advice to one of them, But as they have thought proper not to do so, I now give my opinion for the Question, Because I think an attempt to pass the proposed Orders without the Sanction of the President's Signature, of dangerous tendency to the Company's Affairs by subverting all Order & good Government, involving the whole Community in Confusion, — And that too when the Interest of the Company was not in the least concerned — And because I think this Officer to whom they were directed could not by his Commission have obeyed them. —

Minute of Messrs Russell Dalrymple & Stone.

Being appealed to, We think it incumbent on Us to say We saw no impropriety in the manner in which the President took the Paper directed to Mr. Secretary Sulivan & signed by Messrs. Stratton & Brooke

Translate of a Letter from the Nabob to Lord Pigot dated 16th Augt. 1776.

Letter from the Nabob

Inclosed herewith I send you three Notes of hand for the Sum of one Lack forty two thousand six hundred & fifty Pagodas on Account of the following Risks, On Account of the Rent for Trichinopoly & Company's Sagunam Districts due the end of June last — one Lack & twenty four thousand Pagodas — On Account of the Risks for the Poonamalla

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District due respectively the beginning of the Months of May, June, July & August last eighteen thousand six hundred & fifty Pagodas — You will be so good as to write a Receipt for the above Sum — What can I say more?

Translate of a Letter from the Nabob to Lord Pigot dated 17th — Received 18th 1776. —

Letter from the Nabob —

The Letters you wrote me upon the Subject of Trespasses &c. Districts of the Company's Jaguire gave me great pleasure. — I accept of the Terms mentioned in your Letter of the 27th July — I was always attentive to them, but shall now be more so than before — Agreeably to your desire I shall send you the particulars of the Accounts of the Weavers as soon as they are prepared. — What can I say more?

Friday the 23d August 1776 at 4 o'Clock —

The Town Mayor having waited on the Governor whilst at Dinner with a Letter to him from Charles Bromley Notary Public, sent by Directions of Sir Robt. Fletcher, Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer, Francis Fowke & George Mackay Esqrs. of Council & George Stratton and Henry Brooke, accompanying Copy of the Paper signed by them & delivered to the President. The Governor desired Messrs. Russell, Dalrymple, Stone & Lathom to accompany them to the Consultation Room to deliberate thereupon, accordingly the Secretaries attending, the Letter was read as follows, —

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot, President &c.
Claud Russell, Alexr. Dalrymple & John Maxwell Stone, Esqrs. of Council at Fort St. George,

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Letter of Protest from the Majority—

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We whose Names are underwritten being of Council & Constituting a Majority thereof, taking into our most serious consideration the Proceedings upon Record, at the two last Meetings; & more particularly the unexampled Outrage offered to the Constitution, & arbitrary Behaviour towards two of our Number by an illegal attempt to suspend them, in order by a trick to gain a Majority; are of opinion that the Public Safety is in danger by the Conduct of Lord Pigot and you Gentlemen who have supported, & by every Person who shall continue to support such Measures, & We shall hold you therefore responsible for all the consequences that may ensue. We the Majority of the Board do consider ourselves as the only legal Representatives of the Honble Company under this Presidency, and as such, We have no doubt, but all the Servants of the Company will regard us. For these reasons & the evident illegality of the Summons to Council for this Morning, in which are omitted the Names of Mr. George Stratton & Mr. Henry Brooke, two legal Members of the Board, We cannot consistent with the Duty We owe to our Honble Employers attend the said Summons.

We are,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

Geo. Stratton
Robt. Fletcher
Henry Brooke
Charles Floyer

Madras
23d Augt 1776.

Arch. Palmer.
Franc. Sourdan
George Mackay.

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Similar Letters have been issued to the Secretaries &c.

The Secretary acquainted the Board they have received similar Letters; The President whilst in Consultation received information that the like have been issued to the Officer of the Main Guard, as well as to other Officers in Garrison; to the Commander of the Company's Ship London, and also to Sir Edward Hughes the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships.

Mr. Bromley's declaration—

Mr. Bromley the Notary Public being sent for & asked by whose Authority or Order he Grounded these Letters, declared to the Board, that it was in consequence of the positive Directions given at Sir Robert Fletcher's House to him as Notary Public by all the Gentlemen who subscribed the Paper delivered by him this Morning to the President, & declared he would be ready to attest the Fact whenever called on.

Resolved to order Sir Robert Fletcher into arrest—

The Board considering this Act as tending to excite & cause Mutiny & Sedition in the Troops in this Garrison; Resolve to order Brigadier General Sir Robt. Fletcher into Arrest, & to try him for being concerned in circulating Letters tending to excite & cause Mutiny & Sedition in the Troops in this Garrison, in consequence of which the Secretary is now directed to issue the following Orders.

To Sir Robert Fletcher
Brigadier General &c.

Ordering him into Arrest—

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President & Council to acquaint You that they hereby order You in Arrest for being concerned in circulating Letters tending to excite & cause Mutiny & Sedition among the Troops in this Garrison. Signed

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Signed by Order of the Right Honble the President
Howard this 23. Day of August. 1776

G. O.

Publishing the arrest of Sir Rob.t Fletcher

The Right Honble the President & Council having prepared to order Brigadier General Sir Robt. Fletcher in Arrest, for being concerned in Circulating Letters tending to excite & cause Mutiny & Sedition among the Troops on this Garrison; Colonel James Stuart is ordered to take upon him the Command of the Troops under this Presidency, & all Reports & Returns are to be made to him accordingly. —

By Order of the President & Council.

Fort St. George, 23.d Aug.t 1776.

Mess.rs Floyer, Palmer, Jourdan, & Mackay suspended the Service —

When the Paper delivered by the Notary Public to the President was read this Morning, the President & Council being inclined to let the Gentlemen have some time to consider of the impropriety of their Conduct, did not then come to any Resolution thereupon; But their Behaviour in Circulating there Papers requiring an immediate determination, whereupon it is Resolved unanimously that Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer Francis Jourdan & George Mackay Esq.rs be suspended from the Company's Service 'till the Company's pleasure be known, and Agreed that the following Letter be sent to each of them Gentlemen

Sir,

The President & Council unwilling to proceed to extremity were inclined to give you some time to consider the impropriety of your Conduct in delivering by the hands of a Notary Public their Morning

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Letter of Suspension

Morning to the President a Paper tending to subvert the Authority of Government, But finding that You have since been united in Circulating that Paper to the Officer of the Main Guard & many other Officers in this Garrison, & to the Commander of the Company's Ship London, as well as to the Secretarys of the Council, They think they cannot consistent with their Duty to the Company delay suspending you from the Company's Service, & they have accordingly suspended you therefrom, until the Company's pleasure shall be known.

Signed by Order of the President & Council

R. T. Sullivan Sec.ry

Fort St. George
23d Augt. 1776.

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At a Consultation Present

The Hon.ble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r President

Thursday the 19th September

Henry Brooke ... Isabella Palmer

Charles Floyer ... George Mackay

Jon.a Jourdan ... Sir Robt. Fletcher indisposed

Read and approved a Draft of a Letter

Gen.l Letter read and approved

to the Honble Court of Directors;

M.r Jourdan begs leave to Deliver in the following Minute respecting the 51 Paragraph of the above

M.r Jourdans Minute;

mentioned Letter;

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Read the following Letter from Sir Edw.d Hughes
Salsbury in Madras Road the 16th
Day of September 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

The Hon.ble whose Names are Prem.d
Will.m Rous Sald.d Stood on the Margin, having been judged incapable of
Jn.o M Donald Dolph.n Further Service on the Kings Ships, on a regular exam.
ination of the Surgeons, are now become a burthen to the
Crown, and must therefore be discharged: I am to request that
you will Order them a Passage to England, agreeable to an
Act of Parliament of the 31.st of George the 2.nd on any of the
Ships going further by the way of China or otherwise
I am &c.

Sir and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

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

To be received on board the Grenville.

Ordered that the Commander of the Company Ships
Grenville be Directed to receive these Men on Board

Read Letter from Major Horne

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r President Gov.r
&c.a Council of Fort St George
Honble Sir and Sirs

From Major Horne, Lord Pigot refuses to deliver up the Key of the Treasury & desires to be furnished with a Copy of the Letter to England.

I received your Commands of the 15th
And Informed Lord Pigot that the Grenville would be
dispatched

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From Mayor Stone
Lord Pigot requires
Delivery up the Key
of the Treasury, and
Orders to be furnished
with the Copy of the Letter
to England

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Dispatched for Europe the 21st Instant. Likewise
made his Lordship acquainted with the Passport of
your Letter respecting the Sealing up the Rooms where
his Lordships and some of the Publick papers were
and Mr Mayendier information of the Key of the Treas-
sury being there also; and intimated to his Lordship
that it was hoped he would see the necessity of sending
some Person he could confide in, to Select the Publicks
from his Private papers, and that he would direct the
the Key of the Treasury to be delivered up &c

To these applications his Lordships
Answer'd he could not admit of the Legality of the late
Measures and therefore could neither Answer to the
Company or himself the delivering over the Key of the
Treasury. And Regarding the papers his Lordship said
the Justices General Letter was along with his papers
but a Duplicate must have arrived in the Hector, and
he believed there was no other Publick papers. Except
some Private Instructions from the Company to him-
self respecting Secret Orders to the Captains of their
Ships which he Captain Abercrombie might receive
from him &c

His Lordship desire that in my Letter
I would Signify to you that he expected you would Sur-
render him or the Copy of your Letter to the Company.
by the Grenville, That he might be informed of what
you might allodge against him. Which he received
was right as he had furnished you with the Copy

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Of the Letter of Complaint he was sending Home on his
part, I am very respectfully,

Honble Sir and Sirs

your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Mat. Horne,

Mount,
17th Sept. 1776.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer,

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works

Report from Chief Engineer,

Bricklayers	95.
Tank Diggers	896.
Coolies	807.
Lascars	83.
Stone Cutters	42.
Sundry Artificers	6.
Amounting in all to	1929.

I have the Honour to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant,

Patrick Ross,

Lieut. Col. and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
15th Sept. 1776.

Read the following Letter and paper enclosed,

From Sir Edward Hughes,

No. 18

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Salsbury in Madras Road
the 18th day of September 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

From Sir Ed. Hughes with an affidavit shewing the insecurity of his Lordships person unless a Guard the protection of the Flag

I send Puget having requested me to a Paper sworn to by Mr Randell late in the Service of his Highness the Nabob, As a further Reason why he and his Ships should claim the protection of the Kings Flag I think it incumbent on me to lay before you such part of the said Affidavit as relates to the insecurity of his Lordships Person without that Protection

I am
Sir & Gentlemen
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes

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

William Randell Gent, now or late Captain in the Service of the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn, and Did. Cawn Campt to Live Son commonly called, or known by the Name of the Amier ul Omrah &c. Commander of the Army of the Said Nabob, Maketh Oath and Says, that soon after the Arrival of the Right Honourable George Lord Pigot at Madras, he the said Amier

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ul Omrah &c. frequently, but with great Privacy, proceeded to the Deponent, that he the said Deponent should Destroy and take away the Life of the said George Lord Pigot, at the same time desiring the Deponent to Interest and engage one Lieutenant Benjamin Grand, Commanding the Guard of the said Amier ul Omrah, in some Scheme or other, for the Destroying and taking away the Life of the said George Lord Pigot, that the Deponent William Randall, shocked at the iniquity of such a proposal, and knowing the Weakness of the said Amier ul Omrah, seldome made any other reply, than ridiculously advising the said Amier ul Omrah, to make a present of the large Tyger usually kept in the Bazar at Triplicane, to the said Right Honourable George Lord Pigot, and if his Lordship was pleased to be way intimate and familiar with the Tyger, by the Tyger, might some time or other, accomplish the Business so much Desired and wished for by the said Amier ul Omrah, that the Deponent willing to discover if the Amier ul Omrah, had ever entrusted any other Person with his diabolical Inclinations, often desired the said Amier to engage some other Person with the Deponent, in the proposed Scheme of Destroying the said Right Hon: George Lord Pigot, and upon this request, the said Amier ul Omrah, declared he had, or would engage one Comarro, a Dubash to Paul Benfield Esq.re of Madras, to kill the said Right Hon: George Lord Pigot

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by causing Poison to be put in the Food of the George
Lord Pigot. That the Deponent went to the House of the
said Comara in the Black Town of Madras, by particu
lar Invitation, Expecting to have this Treacherous
Distruction proposed to him. The Deponent met at the
House of the said Comara, in Company a Dubash, in
the Service of the said Right Honble George Lord Pigot,
that the Deponent dont know the Name of the said
Dubash, but well remembers his Person, that the said
Comara presented the Deponent with a Shawl, at quit
ting his House, From some Conversation which passed,
the Deponent is convinced the said Comara was Acquainted
with the iniquitous Intentions of the said Arracoot
Annah, that the Arracoot had taken a Pistol from
the Table in the Hall, when the said Deponent had been
present "saying there is Physic for somebody" looking
at the Deponent at the same time, That the Deponents
Scheme of proposing to the said Arracoot to engage some
other Person in the Business, was, that on the Oath of
two Witnesses, the said Arracoot might have been charg
ed before a Justice of the Peace, with his Wicked Intentions
and have suffered for his iniquity, by a Course of Law
That the Deponent had always intentions of making
this Deposition

William Randell

Madras 15th September 1776

Sworn to before me John Turing

Mayor

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Agreed that the following Answer be wrote to Sir Ed. Hughes.

To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore & Commander in Chief
of his Majestys Ships in Indies

Sir.

We have had the Honor to receive your
Letter dated the 18th Instant. with Copy of the Deposition
of Wm Randell &c.

The matter therein Contained being
quite new to us we have sent a Copy of the Deposition to
his Highness the Nabob whose Answer we shall transmit to you &c.

We can only say that ever since we have
been under the Necessity of putting a Restraint upon
Lord Pigot, his Personal Safety has been a principal
Object of our Consideration. We assented to the Alterna-
tives offered to his Lordship in Writing a Palace of Security
in Chinglepet a Residence in a Ship of War
passage to England. We shall transmit to Mayor
Brohier a Copy of the Affidavit, which will we hope
satisfy Lord Pigot that what it contains cannot in
any Degree affect his Lordships Safety &c.

We have the Honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Council
Lad Letter from Mayor Brohier &c

To Sir Ed. Hughes
assuring him that
Lord Pigots personal
safety has been their
particular Object

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Major Monro has communicated the Letters to & from Mr Bamfield to their Lordships

I received your Letter of the 17th Instant accompanying a Copy of a Letter from Mr Bamfield to your Honour, and also a Copy of your Reply to Mr Bamfield, and in Obedience to your Orders communicated to Lord Pigot the Contents of those Letters. And informed his Lordship that should he require it, I shall furnish him with Copys of them, I am with respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Humble Servant

Mount
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Mat. Monro

Had the following Letter from Mr Robt Duncan Munro

To George Stratton Esqr Sir Robert Fletcher,
Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer,
Francis Fowke and George Mackay Esqrs

Gentlemen,

From Mr Munro protesting against their Conduct towards him & declaring them responsible to him for all Damages the Company may sustain by his being obliged to vacate his employ as well as for all those he himself may suffer

I received, on the 14th Instant, a Letter from Mr Sullivan your Secretary, intimating to me that you had Suspended me from the Service of the Honourable Company until their pleasure can be known, and further directing me to deliver up the Company's Money, Stores &c on my Charge, to Captain Mackenzie, Commandant of Chingleput;

which

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which I have done, apprehending, in case of a Refusal, that the same Violence which has constituted, and now supports, your Authority, might have been exercised against me; and thus I have submitted to, not obeyed, your Mandate thro' your Secretary; — I cannot, however, in Justice to my Honble Masters, whose Money and Stores were under my Care as Paymaster of their Fort of Chingleput, but protest, in their Names against you for any Loss or Damage which may accrue to their Effects in consequence of my Delivery of them by Reason of your Orders; And, in regard to the particular Injury done to myself, I beg leave to inform you, that I do consider you, in your Persons and Estates, responsible to me for all Loss and Damages which may arise to me from your illegal Suspension of me from my Employment in the Comp.ys Service, notorily in respect to the Illegality of the Act itself, but, to the neglect of the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, which have, if I am not misinformed, been enjoined to this Presidency, as well as to the Governor General & Council of Bengall)

"That before the removal of any Company's Servant "from any Office, the Party be made acquainted with "the Accusation preferred against him, that he be "summoned to make his Defence, having a reasonable "time allowed him for that purpose, and that you "proceed on all such Occasions with the greatest

tenderness

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"Tenderness and circumspection" having no doubt but the Laws of my Country, and the justice of my Honourable Employers, will afford me ample Satisfaction and Indemnification on this Score;

I shall therefore expect to be furnished with one;

You will be pleased to make this a Journey in the Packet & Ship Grenville now under Dispatch.;

Lest, by any accident, there should hereafter be a Doubt of your having received this Letter, I am to desire that you will be pleased to signify to me the receipt, by yourself or your Secretary, to avoid the trouble of employing a Notary. I am

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

R. Munro

Fort St George
16th Sept. 1776.

Mr Munro to be furnished with a Copy of the proceeding Against him

Ordered that the Secretary do furnish Mr Munro with a Copy of the Minute of Consultation respecting him;

Read the following Letter from Mr Sadlier with the papers enclosed;

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George

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Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

From Lt Lindsay

Were I to remain Silent it might imply a tacit absent, and content on my part to the propriety of your Minute of Consultation, in reply to my Letter to you of the 3d Instant, but not entertaining the most distant Idea of Satisfaction in respect to my Situation and case now under the Consideration of the Board, it is proper my Remarks be made known to you -

My Zeal and Duty to the Service prompted me as I have done, to tender to you in the most humble manner the Aid of my poor Services & Assistance in the present Crisis of Publick Affairs, by doing to, I hope I shall be considered to have done my Duty, and I meant thereby to testify as much, your Injustice of me for any cause hitherto Assigned, I am sorry to say, I consider an aggravation of the hardships I labour under, which no efforts of mine have yet been able to remove; Unremovable as I am and have been, to the will and Orders of Power and Authority, I should have by supposed would found Claim in Equity for my right to its protection from Injustice and Oppression, How far I have had such Benefits the proceedings now before you, and its consequences by depriving me of my Station, and opportunities of holding Distinguished and important Employments will fully evince, and such proceedings, and those only, must have to the Criterion for Judgement

You are pleased to allege that as the

Committee

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"Committee appointed here to examine and report
"upon the proceedings have not by reason of the Situ
"ation of Publick affairs been able to compleat their
"Report and as by this unavoidable Delay, Mr Sadlier
"may suffer in his private Fortune it is agreed that
"the Circumstances of his case be mentioned to the Court
"of Directors by the Grantchester" I am obliged Honble Sir
and Sirs, and beg leave to offer you my thanks for the
Determination you express of using your Endeavours
with the Honble the Court of Directors to prevent further
wrong to me, by being liable to a partial Judgement
and the consequences, by prejudices, incident to all
Men under the imputation of Crime and Charge,
and my confidence in their experience and approved
Justice is such, as will not admit of a Doubt in their
disposal of me, should my Rank and Station in
Here Service come under their deliberation, but that
I shall have the full benefit thereof, upon this
Principle that all men are deemed innocent until
they are proved to be Guilty. But I cannot in any
Instance allow of the justness of the reasons the Honble
Board assign as causes of Delay, and for the present
Committee not having compleated and reported to
them the Business of their appointment. The
English Laws are no Respecters of Persons, and allow
of no means, Compleat for a movement, the course of
Justice,

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In cases such as mine a better Law could not have been applied, as a Rule of Proceeding, than what the Honble the Court of Directors, and the Court of Proprietors, the supreme power and Authority, for the Government of this Service and it's affairs, have been pleased themselves to Authorize and Ordain, your Deviation from such Rule rests with yourselves to justify; and I hope the Subject will not be deemed unworthy your attention & Considerations, they stand recited in the Instructions intended as standing Orders to the Governor General and Council of India, in consequence of the late Law for the better Government of the affairs of the Honble Company, and are equally applicable here, and at every other Presidency, those of the Proprietors are contained in the 22 Article of said Instructions Viz:

"It is our positive Order that no Civil Servant "of the Company on any Rank or Department whatsoever "shall be suspended from the Office which he Holds, for any "Offence or Misbehaviour whatsoever, without just being "heard in his own Defence and having an opportunity of "Vindicating his Conduct. We therefore Direct that in all cases "where any Charge shall be made against any Servant "employed under you in the Collection of the Revenue or "otherwise in the Civil Government of the Presidency, you "forthwith communicate such Charge to him in Writing, "and Summon him to make his Defence, allowing him

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twenty days for that purpose, if she be then at Calcutta
or, if she be at any other place a longer time in proportion
to the Distance, and that he shall have a Publick hearing
before you, with such Evidence as he may desire to pro-
duce, in the presence of the person or persons, who brought
the Accusation and of such Witnesses as may be produced
against him, who shall also be examined in his presen-
ce, And then, and in such case only, you shall have
power if you find him Guilty to suspend him till
our pleasure be known, And we further direct, that
all such Charges made before you against any your
Servants in your Departments, with all the proceed-
ings thereon, shall be regularly entered upon your
Consultations And with them to be transmitted to us

And those of the Honble the Court of
Directors in the 20th Article of their Instructions Dated
the 19th March 1766 "We also further Direct, that before the
removal
"Removal of any Commanding Servant from any Office
"he shall be made Acquainted in Writing with the
"Accusation preferred against him, that he be summoned
"to make his Defence having a reasonable time allowed
"him for that purpose, and that you proceed on all such
"Occasions with the greatest Tenderness and Circumspec-
"tion, and we further Direct that all such Charges
"made before you against any of our Servants in your
Departments with all proceedings thereon be regularly
entered, upon your Consultations, and we the Honble Court
transmitted to us

Sent

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The operation of your Orders to the Commttee appointed to enquire into my Conduct having proved to me at Present, I can no longer delay an Effort to do myself Justice, and am obliged to serve the Members with the Protests for the Damages I have, or may sustain, by such illegal and unjustifiable proceedings. An attested Copy of which I have now the Honor to enclose to you and Request the same may be inserted on your Records.

Obliged as I have been to Abandon my Affairs in pursuit of Justice, I am thereby involved in fresh difficulty, Circumstanced as I was, I had no person to entrust with the care of my concerns but my Dubash, the accompanying Letter from Mr Davidson will Certify to you his Death, my Estate and property are thereby involved and may be Compared to those of a Deceased person without any Representative, for their preservation - To return Dishonored, Stigmatised, and Disgraced as I am, and have been, in an Idea, I cannot Advert for with what Credit in a Lawless Country, could I show myself at the Factory of which I was President, now in Charge of a Servant Junior to me whom I have Accused of Injustice, when I must be considered of so little consequence that even those who were placed under me, and the Natives might not Dare to comence one for fear of the Displeasure of those, by whom I have been persecuted.

I remain &c Nellipeillee 20 [illegible] my Authority

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If devision of my rights verified

Authority shou'd be held in contempt in not having their able to have my Rights Ascertained, notwithstanding my Application as directed by my Counsel to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, as will appear by Copy of the Letter to them accompanying this address, to which they were pleased to make no Answer

I humbly crave pardon for the length of this Letter, requesting it may be entered upon your Proceedings, to go by the Grenville and that you will do me the Justice to believe I am actuated by no motive of Pique or incitements of any thing deserving of your displeasure, having the Honor to subscribe myself with submission and respect

Your Most Humble
And Most Obedient Servant
Anth Sadleir

Fort St George
12th Sept 1776

On this Day being the Tenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six before me John Sykes Notary Public Dwelling and Practising at Fort St George in the East Indies by Lawfull Authority duly admitted and sworn personally appeared Anthony Sadleir of Fort St George and declared as follows, that is to say, That the President and Council of Fort St George aforesaid did by a Letter bearing Date the Twenty Ninth of October One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Five

addressed

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Addressed to Mr. Peter Perring, Mr. Alexander Davidson and Mr. John Holland Acquaint them that they had received a Letter from Mr. Yeats. One of the Assistants at Jingeram containing Several Articles of Complaint against the said Declarant, then the Company's Resident at that Factory, particularly with respect to the Investment under his Charge, that they had likewise received a Letter from Mr. Wm. Hamilton Resident at Madapollam which is Subordinate to Jingeram, complaining also of the Conduct of the said Declarant by which he conceives the Company's Investment sustain great Injury: and their prosperity on the hands of the Weavers rendered exceedingly precarious, and Acquainting them the said Peter Perring Alexander Davidson and John Holland that they had resolved to appoint them to be a Committee for enquiring into the truth of these, and such other Complaints as might be exhibited against the said Declarant touching his Conduct in the Station of President, or as Renter of Vellapollam &c. That they the said President and Council Doubted not from the Ability and Impartiality of the said Committee that the said enquiry would be compleated entirely to their Satisfaction, and the said Committee were directed to proceed to Jingeram for the purpose of their Appointment. The said President and Council did also address another Letter to the said Peter Perring, Alexander Davidson and John Holland under date the Eighth November One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy five, mentioning their said former Letter, And Saying as it appeared

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to them the said President and Council Surmised that
the said Declarant should continue in the Exercise of
his Authority as President during the time that his
Conduct might be under Enquiry it was their Desire that
all Orders relative to the Investment be Speedily there
the said Committee, and that the said Declarant have no
further concern in it than to give them the said Comment.
his advice and opinion by which they were therein
minded to regulate themselves as far as regards the
General System of the Investment, that the French
Resident at Tanjaur, and the Dutch Resident at
Pallicole and Jaggernaick Porcaw having frequently
complained of Violent and Unwarrantable Proceedings
with respect to the Investments provided by them
in the Villages near Trigonam, And in particular
that the said Declarant had often times forbid the
Weavers to work for Foreign Nations, and forced
them to receive Advances Against them Well by what
the French and Dutch had, as they alledged, been
greatly Obstructed in carrying on their Business,
they recommended to the said Committee to be particular
in their Enquiry upon these points. The said Declarant
further saith that Notwithstanding the said Peter Perring
Alexander Davidson and John Holland were ordered among
other things, to enquire into his Conduct as Member of
Council Yet his the said Declarants Commission Stands
entire & in force. He further stipulates that he the said Declarant
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was to be Subject to no other Controul than the Authority of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam and Ultimately in cases of complaints to be Determined by the President & Council of Fort St George, The said Declarant further Saith That the said Peter Perring Alexander Davidson and John Holland did in pursuance of the said Instructions proceed to Ingeram, and began by demand from them the said Declarant the Surrender of the Factory of Ingeram aforesaid and the Cession of Sir the said Declarants Offices which were rendered to them And Accepted, They the said Committee then had frequent Proceedings with the the said Messrs Hamilton and Yeats, the said Declarants Accusers, which were productive of such Consequences as served for the Basis of the Commencement of their Proceedings, at which said Consequences Neither the said Declarant nor any body belonging to him were suffered to be present, They the said Committee did also Order the said Declarants Principal Servant and principal Manager not to have the least Intercourse with the Weavers or Managers Employed in the said System of the Inversion of the Companys Investment, That the said Committee Commenced their Enquiry as to the said Declarant Without fixing any Crime, That Thousands of people were summoned, Interrogated by the Accusers the said Messrs Hamilton and Yeats Imprest by the Authority of the said Committee, without defining, Particulars of any Crime, and every Information Derived from such mode of enquiry Imputed to the said Declarant as Crimes, Tho no Attempt was made

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by the said Committee to Investigate the Truth, and after having Examined the whole Country in this Manner, and Treated with the same Groundless Authority All such Calumny or Information, the whole Compass of matter Alledged as Crime not known to the said Declarant before, and the Authors of such Informations far Interested in the Event as Disqualifies them the said Informations from being Legal Evidence, The said Declarant is now considered as a Charge against the said Declarant, to which he was required to make a Defence; Altho' there was not in reality any Legal Charge what ever Against him the said Declarant. Nor was either he the said Declarant or any Person on his Behalf allowed to be present at all or any of the said Proceedings of the said Committee, By which said Illegal, Arbitrary Unconstitutional and Unjustifiable Proceedings the said Declarant has suffered Considerable Damages in his Reputation both with regard to his Publick Character, with regard to the said Companys Service, and also in his Character as a Merchant, together with the Injury and Loss he has sustained and he the said Declarant may still Sustain Considerable Loss and Damages in his Private Fortune Prosperity and Affairs by being on Account of the said Illegal Proceedings, under the Necessity of leaving his Affairs and Concerns to the Amount of a Lack of Pagodas and upwards at Fort Marlborough and Places Adjacent and belonging thereto at

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to proceed how & when to pay to get Justice

Wherefore I the said Notary at the request of the said Anthony Sadlier, Have protested and by these presents Do Solemnly protest not only against the said Peter Perring, Alexander Davidson and John Holland but also against all and every person and persons whatever whom the same doth shall or may concern for all such like losses costs charges or Damages of any and every Nature or kind Whatsoever which he the said Anthony Sadlier hath suffered sustained born or been put unto or which he the said Anthony Sadlier shall or may suffer sustain bear pay or be put unto by reason or means of the before mentioned Premises or any respect whatever

Anthony Sadlier

Thus done and protested in Fort St George aforesaid the day and year first above Written

Jn.o Sykes
Notary Public

Jn.o Sykes
Not. Pub.y

Mons.r Copy

Letter from Mr. Davidson to Mr. Sadlier

Sir

Nor Disagreable to be the messenger of bad news, but as it may be of great Consequence to your affairs to have

early

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early intelligence of it, I think it my indispensable
Duty to inform you of the Demise of poor Dingwall after
a lingering illness; in the course of which he often
wished to be with you and his friends at Madras. I
understand from my People he died last night at
8 O'Clock.

I am
Sir
your most Obed.t Servant
Alexander Davidson

Inguam
Lt.
26 Augt 1796

Letter from Wm Sadlier to the Chief and Council of
Masulipatam.

To John Whitehill Esq.re
Chief and Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Doubts having arisen in respect
to certain rights appertaining to the Territory called
Pullicat Mr Powell, I beg permission to request of you
to be informed whether Vessels commanded by Europeans
Inhabitants residing or those in the Employ
of the Natives should, have, or have not, exclusive
Privilege or Grant of Trade from the Natives; and
if so to Define such Privileges their Nature and
Extent that may be enabled to regulate myself &c.

Accordingly

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

your

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your most Humble &
Most Obedient Servant
Jn Thony Sadleir

Ingraam
22 Decr 1776

Mutiny
Jn Thony Sadleir

Read the following Letter from Mr John Holland on
the Subject of the protest enclosed in Mr Sadleirs Letter

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

Honble Sirs and Sirs

I herewith enclose you Copy of a
Protest received on the 14th Instant from Mr Sykes
Notary Publick relative to the proceedings of the Commit-
tee at Ingraam on the subject of the Complaints exhi-
bited against Mr Sadleir by Messrs Hamilton and
Yeates, As a Copy of the Protest was sent to the
Board with his Letter to them of the 12th Instant, in
which Letter he has requested it may go to the Court
of Directors per Grenville Ship I have however to offer
it as my Opinion that it should not be considered sepe-
rately from the proceedings at large but that it should
be annexed thereto as constituting part of Mr Sadleirs
Defence, I flatter myself that on this Ground you will
not think proper to send it home as a distinct paper

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but if you should, I have not a Doubt that you will at the same time Deem it a Justice Due to the Committee to Vindicate their Characters by making the same Honourable mention of them which you were pleased to do in your Letter of 29th October last when you appointed them to Examine into Mrs Sadleirs Conduct at Ingeram

With respect to the Protest so far as it relates to prosecution for Damages, I do not suppose it occurred to the President and Council when they Did the Committee the honor of appointing them on the Ingeram enquiry that Obedience to their Order on the Paddock survey would be a means of involving them in expations Suits at Law, Prosecutions of this Kind can have no other effect than that of counteracting the Indulgence of the Company in giving them Towards a hearing in cases of Complaint and in my humble Opinion no Marks of Submission to their Authority and System of Government, the consequence of such Proceeding must be either that the President and Council cannot henceforward attend to complaints and Applications for redress of Grievances or that Servants against whom Complaints are made cannot have the Benefit of being heard in their Defence, but must be at once Dismissed from their Offices, even their Treasure upon the Principles of Mrs Sadleirs Protest, be altogether safe from Prosecution, from this Post

Sam Wells Sherfield

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Humble Sir and Sirs
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Hollander

The Board having taken Mr. Sadlers Letter into
Consideration, are still of Opinion that they cannot be
Competent to determine on the Matter of Complaint against
Mr. Sadler, until the Committee, to whom they have been
referd, Deliver a Report of their Proceedings, the Board
Desirous however to grant every Assistance they can with
Propriety to Mr. Sadler in the Settlement of his private
Concerns, which that Gentleman represents to us, are in
Danger of suffering from the late Death of his Dubash at
Ingeram; It is agreed that Mr. Sadler be acquainted in Reply
to his last Address, that the only Assistance we can at present
give him in his private Concerns, is to assure him, that if
he judges his Presence necessary to the Northward, he has
our Permission to repair thither, and that he will enjoin
Mr. Alexander Davidson, who has at present the Charge
of the Residency of Ingeram, to yield him every Assistance
in his Power towards the Adjustment of his Concerns,
Consistant with the his Orders, for the Provision
Government at that Residency, and that the Protest which
Accompanied Mr. Sadlers Letter, shall go a Passenger on
the Grenvilles Packet agreeable to his Request.

Mr. Sadler having protested against the

Committee

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Committee that as to upon his conduct at Jinjuam, the Board think it incumbent on them upon this occasion to remark, that they have a very good opinion of the Members who composed that Committee, and do hope the Honble Court of Directors will concurr in their Judgment on this Matter, untill the whole of the Proceedings be transmitted to them.

Ordered that a Copy of these Resolutions be sent to Mr. Sadleir by the Secretary

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To Wm Munro with copy of the proceedings regarding himself

22 Conformable to the Minutes of Consultation, the following Letter was wrote to Wm Munro

To Wm Robert Duncard Munro

Sir

I am Ordered by the President and Council to enclose for your Information a Copy of the Resolutions of the Board for suspending you from the Company's Service

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

P. T. Sullivan
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Fort St George
23d Septr 1796

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Shatton Esqr Governor
President

Henry Brooke Sir Robert Fletcher
Chas Floyer Anchdale Palmer
Franc Sourdan George Mackay

Monday
23 Septr 1796

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

General Letters of this days Date to the Honourable the Court of Directors p Ship Grenville read & Signed

Ordered that the Packet be Closed

The following Letter was Received from Mr Paul Benfield on the 16th Instant

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To The Hon.ble George Stratton Esq.re
President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

Having never given cause to Lord Pigot to draw his resentment on me, I was at a loss to find out the reason why his Lordship was induced to take measures against me so injurious to my Credit and Fortune as have been represented by me to the Board, I now clearly perceive that his views in so doing were interested, and that it was his own good, not that of the Company he pursued in those measures, During his late Administration: as a Servant to the Company, And wishing to bring to light the true motives of Lord Pigots publick Conduct, As well as in Justice to myself, I take this Occasion to inform your Honor &c.a That I have arrived at the Knowledge of certain transactions of the late President Lord Pigot, such as of, Obtaining very large Sums of Money, Jewels and Plate, to a great Amount, from Indian Princes, Contrary to Covenants, and the repeated Orders of the Company, And which constitute him Guilty of Infringment of the late Act of Parliament;

As I am resolved to take every legal Method by Prosecution, or otherwise, here and in England to prove beyond a Doubt the Delinquency and Breach of Publick

from Mr. Benfield
accusing Lord Pigot
of having acted con-
trary to Covenant &c.
&c. sustaining his Ac-
cusations to prosecute
Him &c.

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Publick Trust in his Lordship, and as I shall have Occasion to apply to the Honble Board to obtain Evidences residing within the Bounds of Tanjore or in places belonging to his Highness the Nabob of Arcot, I trust I shall meet with your Assistance and Support.

I have thought it my Duty not only to make these Representations to your Honor &c. but that they may be known to Lord Pigot himself against whom I mean to commence Prosecutions before the Courts Competent in those Cases.

I am with the respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servt
Paul Benfield

Madras
6th Sept. 1776.

To which the following Answer was immediately sent.

To Mr Benfield
in Answer to the
foregoing.

To Mr. Paul Benfield

Sir

Yesterday we received your Letter dated the 8th Instant and are at a loss to understand what you mean by the words obtaining Evidences — The only way which we can act in this is to recommend to the Princes in Alliance with the Honble Company to permit such of their Subjects to come here as may be necessary, to give Evidences in any Suits you may judge it proper to prefer against

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Against Lord Pigot, without interposing in any other respect either by our Authority or Influence.

We shall transmit Copy of your Letter with an Answer to Major Munro in Order that he may communicate the same to Lord Pigot.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants

Geo. Stratton &c.a Council

Fort St George
the 17.th Septr 1776

Read the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes

For Sir E.d Hughes with the Copies of Depositions concerning Mr.r Randall

To Sir Edward Hughes

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

Sir

Agreeable to our Letter under date the 18.th Instant, we have the Honour to send you herewith Copys of several Depositions respecting Mr.r Randall which we received last Night from the Nabob, as also Copy of a Minute of Consultations on the same

Depositions

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Subject Delivered in by Sir Robert Fletcher

Weare
Sir
Your most Obedient Humn Servt
Geo Shadforth Jr Counsel

Fort St George
the 22. Septr 1796

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Fort St George 23. Sept.r 1776

Against Lord Pigot, without interposing in any other respect either by our Authority or Influence.

We shall transmit a Copy of your Letter with an Answer to Major Monro in Order that he may communicate the same to Lord Pigot.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Geo. Stratton &c.a Council

Fort St George
the 17.th Septr 1776

Read the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes

For Sir E.d Hughes with Depos.s of Depos.ns taken concerning Mr.s Randall

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

Sir

Agreeable to our Letter under Date the 18.th Instant, we have the Honor to send you herewith Copys of several Depositions respecting Mr.s Randall which we received last Night from the Nabob, as also Copy of a Minute of Consultation on the same

Depositions

Subject

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Subject Delivered in by Sir Robert Fletcher

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servt

Geo Stratton & Co Council

Fort St George
the 22d Septr 1776

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From the Municipality of Bussorah
in which the Board have lately been engaged, the
following Papers have been omitted in those Consul-
tations, in which they should have been entered

To the Honble George Abraham Esquire
President and Governor &c Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have been favoured with the
your Letter of the 25 Ulto inclosing a Proclamation
which we have caused to be made Publick at this
Settlement, and the Dependancies agreeably to your
Orders

We have the honor to be very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Charles Smith
P Maxwell
Tho Dymsley
Robt Hughes
J Bradstone

Ganjam
the Circars
9th Septr 1776

Ganjam, have
received & made publick
the Proclamation.

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~~1400~~ Fort St George 22th September 1776.

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Translation of a Moratte Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble George Stratton Esq.r President and Governor &c.a Council at Fort St George Dated 8th Sept.r 1776

Sent some Cloths as present in the a Letter to your Honor which you was pleased to receive of with great kindness, and at the same time your Honor was pleased to tell my Vackeels Tremmbaga Sumbangee and Rudrapa Pundit that you would assist in all affairs of my Government, this particular news my Vackeels wrote to me and also Colonel Harper acquainted me particularly with all the news that you wrote to them, by which I was so overjoyed that I cannot Express it in my Letter

I am Established in the Government by the Protection of the Honble Company and they bear the Charge of supporting me with sincere kindness in all respects, Depend upon them without taking any further Consideration concerning my Government Affairs which must be settled by your assistance and Protection

The Anacutta or Bank of the River Cavare has been broke, which to repair and to encourage the Inhabitants of the Country to carry on the Cultivating business will cost me one Lack of Pagodas, which I am sure the Honble Company to lend me, the Poligars Disturb the People on my Country I must take the trouble to reprimand them and bring them into proper ways

Concerning

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Concerning the above mentioned Black affairs I spoke to my Blacks in order to explain them to your Honor in a particular manner, I hope you will be pleased to take these affairs into your serious consideration and get them done according to my Blacks request, they will always attend on your Honor, and will apply to you for all the affairs of my Government.

I am as your youngest Brother and shall not forgd any of your kindness's as long as I live, you are very sensible of this, I need not acquaint you any thing further concerning my affairs.

What can I say more.

To Major Moore
Commanding at the Mount

Sir

The President has laid before us your Letter dated yesterday, acquainting him that you had again spoke to his Lordship of the inconveniency the Surgeons suffered from the want of the Pocket papers, but that you did not find his Lordship in the least inclined to send any person on his behalf to collect them from his private ones - that Mr Dalrymple would have brought his papers away but was not suffered, and that the Room being sealed up was not his doing.

In answer to the above we are to desire you will be

The Major to come to request Leave Right to send for his Papers & to return his Key of the Treasury

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will acquaint his Lordship, that on the 25th of last Month
Mess.rs Dalrymple and Stone came to the Fort House and
ingoing into the Room where his Lordship usually wrote
were told by the President, in presence of Mess.rs Brooke
and Hogen in and afterwards of Colonel Stuart that as they
conceived Lord Pigots private papers in that room were
intermixed with those of a publick nature it was proposed
to them that whenever it should be convenient to those Gen:
Men or any other whom Lord Pigot might appoint, the
Secretary would attend them to select the publick papers
that were there, on the morrow the President recommend-
ed to Mess.rs Dalrymple and Stone to put Lord Pigots Seal
on the door with that of the Presidents, to prevent any
person whatever from going there until the papers &
Effects of his Lordship were removed, to which proposition
Mess.rs Dalrymple and Stone readily assenting. Mr
Dalrymple took Lord Pigots Seal out of his Pocket, with
which he sealed every door which had communication
with that Apartment, the President then affixed his
Seal also in the presence of the above named Gentlemen,
and they continue in that State to this Day. The President then
declared to those Gentlemen that he had made it a point
not to go before into that or the adjoining Rooms — When you
have represented the foregoing Circumstances to Lord Pigot
we hope he will see with us the necessity of his desiring
any Gentleman to select his own papers, & that the publick
ones might be delivered over to us —

We

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We understand from Mr Major Du Pre Clarke
to the Committee of Treasury that Lord Pigot informed him
that one of the Keys of the Treasury was among his papers,
which we are to request his Lordship will also direct to be
delivered us to us

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
Geo. Stratton &c Council.

Fort St George
15th Septr 1776

P.S. We are also to desire you will acquaint Lord Pigot
that we this Evening resolved to dispatch the Ship
Grenville to England on the 20th Instant

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Thomas Mc Dannit
declining his appointment
to the Committee of
Circuit.

I was yesterday honored with your honble
mand of the 3d Instant, from your Secretary, by which
you have been pleased to appoint me a Member of the Com
mittee of Circuit, I should flatter myself that am almost con
tinual Series of travelling during the Course of 14 years and
of the which I have served the Honble Company would be a
sufficient Reason to exempt me from any Appointment,
which will be attended with the same inconveniences to
which I have so long been subjected, the manifest injury
which I must sustain on Account of Circumstances, by being

to

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so Suddenly ordered from the most Southern part of India
as far North as Vizagapatam should I hope be another
Reason for my exemption, not only from the impossibility
of collecting my Concerns at so short a Notice, but by the
heavy Expence which I must necessarily incur in so long
a Journey —

If the Service in which you have been
pleased to appoint me, cannot with equal propriety
be conducted by substituting another in my Stead, the
reasons which I have Alledged, grand as they are to me
Individually, shall have no weight in my ready Obedi-
ence to your Commands — a Consciousness of the Duty I
owe to my Employers will ever make me forego all pri-
vate views under such Considerations, and therefore if my
Service in the Council can be dispensed with I hope my
Request will meet your attention — if not, and that a short
Absence from the Committee will be no impediment to the
Business, I intreat you will be pleased to indulge me with
a reasonable Space of Time to settle my Concerns before
my departure, to prevent the heavy Loss I must otherwise
Sustain by leaving them unfinished —

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Palamcotah
16th Septr 1776 —

James Daniel —

To

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To Major Heane
Commanding at the Mount

Sir

We are to desire that you will
Communicate to Lord Pigot the accompanying Copy of
a Letter to us from Mr Paul Benfield with our Answer
thereto and should his Lordship be desirous of hearing Copy
of them you will furnish him accordingly

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Geo Stratton Sec Council

To Major Heane to communicate the Ltr from & to M. Benfield to Lord Pigot.

Fort St George
the 27th Sept. 1776

To Mr Robt Duncan Munro

Sir

I am ordered by the President and Council
to inclose for your information a Copy of the Resolutions of
the Board for Suspending you from the Company's
Service

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

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Translation of a Marattie Letter from the Tolsee Mahapah of the Tanjore to the Honble George Stratton Esqr

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President and Governor &c.a Council of Fort St George
Dated 15th September 1776

I am to acquaint your Honor &c.a
Gentlemen that I have received your favor dated the 10.th
Instant, which I have perused, and am greatly rejoyced at it,
I cannot mention in this Letter what joy I felt on perusing
of it. I find Continually your Honors intend by several
means to shew favor and assistance to all the Subjects of my
Government, As my Government was Settled by the favor and
assistance of the Honble Company all the honor and Credit
which they do me ought to be theirs. I am informed by your
Letter of all the affairs which you intend doing for me
in future, in being informed of this, I am perfectly satisfied
and carry in my mind all the favors that were done by the
Honble Company hitherto. I wish always that your favor
and assistance to me may be increased daily. you are
sensible of every thing what can I say more

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Ats from Vizagapatam advising of Consignments on the Mercury:

We have been honored with your Commands
Dated the 16.th and 19.th Ultimo
On the 21.st Ultimo we consigned to your
Honor &c.a by the Mercury, 330 Bales of Callicoes: We
expect to dispatch to you 500 Bales more by the 15.th or 20.th

Instant,

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I must and hope to send you on January so as to arrive at the Presidency the end of that month, 600 Bales, and 500 Bales in March next.

Conformable to your directions a Set of Books will be kept by the Warehouse keeper from the first of this month, wherein shall be introduced all Charges relative to the Investment.

We shall prepare and forward to you as soon as possible, the several Statements and Accounts Quick and Dead Stock to the different Periods, as directed Mr. Secretary Bakehy's Letter, enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading of Rice consigned to us by two Boats, were duely received; the first Boat has delivered her Consignment, and the second is now unloading.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that since we wrote for this Rice, by favourable Rains, a great Quantity of Small Grain has been produced, which has greatly relieved the Distresses of the Poor; and there is a prospect of Provision in general being plenty in these parts: We therefore have come to the Resolution of selling off this Rice with all Dispatch, as its Value daily diminishes, and we hope you will approve of this Measure.

Enclosed we have the Honor to transmit. ing you our Journal Pannels Cash Accounts, and Civil and Military Payments Disbursements for June; the Journal Accounts have been examined and passed.

We

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Vizagapatam
4th September 1796

Weare with respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Peter Penning
Wm Williams
Wm Crawford
Nath. Barlow

Cloth in hand
Embaled 477
at the warehouse
Beating Ground } 157
Total Bales 634

To Major Matthew Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir

To Major Horne to inform his Lordship to send for his Papers & Effects.

We have received your Letter of yesterday
Since Lord Pigot has informed you that he believes
there are no other publick papers with his own except the
General Letter from the Company by the Indus, of which we have
a Duplicate and some recent Instructions from the Court of
Directors respecting their homeward bound Ships, we desire
you will signify to his Lordship, that he is at Liberty to send
any person to remove his private Papers and Effects whenever
he

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he shall think proper and that we shall rely on his Lordships
delivering us all those of a Publick Nature

We are
Sir
your most Obedient Servants

Gio: Stratton & Co. Council

Fort St George
the 18. Septr 1776

P.S. To desire you will acquaint his Lordship that the
Consultations at which he presided are ready for signing
and that if it be agreeable to him the Secretaries will Attend
ingly attend him with the Consultations for that purpose

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to Governor
Stratton Dated and received 12th September 1776

From the Nabob

The Commodore shewed me a paper the Honou-
ring Containing a very extraordinary Matter relative to my
Son Omir ull Omrah Bahadder - for the Vindication of
the Honour of my Family which he has always been famed for
Mildness and aversion to the Shedding of Blood & in compli-
ance with the earnest intreaty of my Son I request that
you will cause Mr Randall to be confined and that you
will go into a thorough Examination of this Business
if you do not he will run away, and my Son will lay under
Groundless Suspicions which may not easily be removed
It is not necessary for me in this Letter to inform you of the
Villainy of Mr Randall it will be sufficiently evident
to you when he appears before you - It is nevertheless proper

me

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There is
for me to shew cause from what Criminal behaviour for
late being imprisoned, that thereby there may be an apparent-
:nity of discovering the Guilt, for Mr Randall having forged
Letters from Lord North and Mr Robinson Secretary to
Lord North containing the worst Designs, in order to impose
upon me, he likewise forged Paragraphs of Letters from
Sir Eliza Impey and often declared to my Son that if he
would give him Money he would do any thing in England
for him whether good or bad; all which will be fully shewn
in my Son case from such behaviour of Mr Randalls that
he was a bad man, and therefore determined not to shew
him any favour, which Mr Randall observing was very
angry and spoke to my Son in a very unbecoming manner
to Abdul Rushid Cawn my Diwan upon this Account
told mr Randall four days ago in the presence of Mayor
Alexander and Mr Mellow that he was dismissed from
my Service; upon which he went two days afterwards
with the most Malignant intentions and made a false
Declaration before the Mayors Court in all But will
be made fully to appear upon Examination, as the
respect to the life of Lord Pigot I trust in God it will not
be my ill fortune that he should die in this Country
I have hopes that by his coming to go to England to have
his Conduct examined into by the King and Parliament
and the Company I shall be enabled to obtain Publick
Justice for the wrongs he has done me in What case
I say more [illegible]

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To the Honorable George Shaftoe Esqr &c
President and Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

From Lt Col. Ross

In consequence of the Letter I have received from your Secretary under Date the 8th Instant, Directing me to furnish you with a present State of the Fortifications of this place

I am to inform you, that the Body of the place is quite enclosed, and the Parapets formed in Earth on that part which has been lately rebuilt, except at the Gateways, which, though in forwardness, are yet incomplete should it become necessary, they might be soon rendered fit in a temporary manner, the nothing is to be apprehended from their present Condition

present State of that Body of the place

The Ravelin and Lunettes to the southward are raised to the Gorges, and might in a short time have the Earth of the Ramparts completely filled in and the Parapets fixed upon them, were they wanted. But this I would not otherwise wish to do until they have stood sometime,

Out works their State

and until the Gateways through the Ravelins be finished, part only of the Arches thereof being yet turned

The Arches of the Bomproofs of the North West Lunettes are closed in those of the Ravelins are raised on both and the Exterior Revetments of the whole are raised towards a Foot from Sut above their Base

The Piers for the Bridges are all made and the

Timbers

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Sir

Inclosed for Layeing them Chiefly prepared, is a Plan of the Fort, which I have the honour to present you herewith, and agreable to that part of your Order which requires me to make you acquainted with the Cause that has retarded the progress of the works of Fort St George, I must inform you, that the Bastion for the security of the South East angle of the Fort which you were pleased to direct by your Secretarys Letter Dated the 8th of August 1775 should be began as expeditiously as possible, was delayed by order of the Right Honble Lord Pigot, and that a Combination of Circumstances have, since the Disorders, very much Contributed to impede the Works in hand. Particularly a deficiency of Workmen, Owing to the usual Authority over those that have been employed, and lately, a Jealousy on the Invasion of Mahomedans.

Causes that have retarded the progress of the works

In the last year we had more than 5000 People upon the works, and at the height of the season we had often, and for some time, from 5700 to 5800 and upwards, the Brick layers were from 200 to 300. During this season we have never had more than 3216. and in general under 3000 The Number of Bricklayers have never exceeded 209, and are Common reasonly accounted to about 160 or 170.

Number of the Workmen employed

On the People returning to the Works after every Monsoon they have endeavoured by various means to Establish a Will of their own. They would do little Work, be troublesome in Constant Requisitions of leave of absence, Bring bad Jannams and Complaints that such had been destributed among them by the Comissaries. By these Practices they hoped either to procure an increase of Pay, Advantageous Contracts

Impediments in the prosecution of the Works

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Contracts, or by rendering their employers afraid of opposing them, from motives to work just as little as they might incline

Last year all these attempts had been frustrated, by the Authority supported on the works. On the arrival of Lord Pigot the Authority of the Committee of Works was thrown into Division. The disaffected of them were privately encouraged and Countenanced the People employed on the Works to withdraw the Seapoys that were allowed the Contractors for the purpose of Collecting Workmen and Materials, and, in effect, transferred the Influence of the People in the immediate Charge of conducting the Works, from them, to Mootadeers and Peons by whom Dubashs, by whom orders were issued to the Collecting Seapoys and by whom the Reports, as well as the Complaints of the Workmen were received and again suggested to his Lordship without the knowledge, and independant of any of the People under whose immediate Direction they were.

From these Circumstances and a Report that had been for some time propagated that his Lordship intended to alter the present mode of conducting the Business, the People were more than ever encouraged to pursue their old practices, and thinking the Change of Government a favorable Circumstance, they became more violent and irregular than usual, made groundless Complaints about their pay, complained of receiving bad Grain and in a manner which they have been detected hungering privately along with their Grain for that purpose, neglected to supply their proportions of People, came later to Work and left it sooner,

Irregularities of the People employed.

withdraws the Seapoys.

transfers the Authority of the Works to Mootadeers and Peons.

Dubash.

Authority

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Absented themselves frequently altogether without leave
Were insolent and disobedient to the people set over them, and
while at work, lazy and inactive, in so far, that on several
Trials Boys set at work along with the Tambadoggies always
Did much more, and sometimes double the Work that they
Did — Those Irregularities which were endless and for Instance
for a particular Detail were frequently represented to
his Lordship, but no adequate means was ever used to pro-
vide a Remedy —

Instance of the want of Workmen & Materials.

The Ravelin and Curtain to the South
west was raised to the Cordon by the beginning of July, and
those to the North West might have been in equal forwardness
if there had been a sufficient Number of Workmen to employ
upon them, at the same time, and if the Materials had been
Supplied in plenty —

The great and unusual fall of Rain
During the Course of this Season, of which you must have
been sensible, have encreased the difficulties attending
the procuration of Materials and contributed to hinder
the Contractor unable to supply the Quantity required

Having thus stated the reasons why the
Works have been retarded, I come now to answer that
part of your Letter which requires me to inform you
what I judge most expedient to be done for the immediate
Security in case of an Emergency —

What to be done in case of an emergency.

If an attack was to be apprehended. The
Esplanade to the Northward should be immediately cleared
and the North East angle secured by a Stockade continued

from

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Guns how disposed.

The Guns intended for the Defence of the old Works are laid upon them, and have their Carriages fitted mounted and numbered, and are so disposed on Shore as to be ready when wanted, And the Commissary of Artillery assures me, that with the five hundred Carriages he can have one hundred and thirty Six pieces on Battery on fourteen Howitzers such as are intended for the front of the Fort that have been lately reformed, as well as those for the out works, are likewise ready to be put upon them, should occasion require, But unless there is a necessity for its being done, I could wish it was delayed until they are finished and have time to settle

Materials to be always kept in readiness.

A Sufficiency of Intrenching tools, Pallisades Battering Planks &c.a for Platforms, Galleries and other occasional Services should constantly be kept in readiness, together with Six thousand Fascines, twenty thousand Pickets, five hundred Gabions, three thousand Barketts of which to Traverse and one hundred Hurdles, which should likewise be always kept in Store, and if there appear any probability of the Siluation being invested they should be increased to double, or Treble that number, these should be pitched upon different parts of the Fort that they may be at hand where ever wanted

With this provision of Materials and a Constant working party of 1500 Men I think the Place in the space of a Month may be rendered formidable to any Enemy that can come against it

Black Town Wall.

Nothing has been done to the Fortification of the Black Town for several years, although it is probable

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The getting possession of it will be the first object of an Enemy who means to attack Fort St George, as many advantages may be derived therefrom. It is on that account necessary to put those Works in a State of Defence, by completing the Ramparts, Parapets and Banquets, and by fraising the Escarp. The part towards the Sea on the North East angle has had nothing permanent done to it, though the covering it, is of material Consiquence. The temporary Pallisade which constitutes its present defence should be kept in good Repair until the works by which it is to be defended can be built.

I am

Honourable Sir & Gentlemen

your most Obedient and

most Humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engineer

Fort St George

17th September 1776

To

W.m Lewis Sullivan

Esq.r

From Mr Ruspel returning the Draft of the Consultations & remarks that the minutes of the 23.d of August are not conformable to those drawn out on that Day.

I return you the Box with the Draft of the Consultations, as the Boat is impatient to have them back, but it was my wish to have taken Copies of them, I shall therefore be obliged to you if you will favour me with a Copy from the Office.

I observe that of Friday Evening is not exactly

Conformable

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Fort St George

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Mr Secry Sullivan

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Conformable

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conformable to the Minutes drawn out at the Board by Mr Dalrymple and not understood they had been sent you it would be better if possible to have them substituted in the room of those which you have declared on the Minutes as drawn up from Summary's Text to be regretted you did not think proper to send to Mr Dalrymple for those Minutes as it might have saved you this trouble from

Your

20th Sept.r 1776

your very humble Servant

Claud Russell

To Claud Russell Esq.re

Sir

I drew out the Minutes of the Consultation of Friday Evening the 23d August from Summary entirely so that it was very possible Summary might have been so particular as Mr Dalrymple was in those he wrote at the Board. had I known they were in the possession of Mr Dalrymple I would undoubtedly have begged the favor of them for the records, but, as I did not see other alternative was left me than that which I adopted in the Consultation as now copied for the Dispatches so that it is impossible to enter those Minutes sent me by Mr Dalrymple in their proper places in Diary will however be recorded in a subsequent Consultation with the Reasons at large why

For Mr Russell accounting for the difference in the Minutes of the 23d of August

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why they were not entered sooner

I am

Sir

your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St George
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P.S. Salvan Secy.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated and Received September 22 1776

I wonder to shew you and all the World the Villainy of Mr Randall and his malignant intentions of defaming my family I send you enclosed the Affidavits of some European Gentlemen together with the Affidavits of others sworn to before the Mayor and intreat to know what Justice and Satisfaction you can give me and my family upon this Occasion and beg you will write to me and I could send you abundance of other attestations to the Wickedness and Villainy of Mr Randall

What can I say more

Letter from the Nabob with Affidavits

Shaike Imaam Siddeek Sworn to the truth of

Affidavit of Shaike Imaam

His Highness the Nabob of Carnatick Depravth and

vauth Shaken Monday the 16th of September about Eleven

Oblock in the forenoon he say Dewash Mahomed Com-

mandant Conversing with Mr Randall Late in his

Highness Service on the Gardens of the Nabob Amiandll

Omrah Bahauder

The Mark [illegible] of Shaike Imaam

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Sworn to this 20th Sept.r 1776
Before me
John Tuting
Mayor of Madraspt

D.r of Duvash + Mahomed.

Duvash Mahomed Commandant Inhabitt Bath and Saith, Shaloon Monday the 16th of September about Eleven o Clock in the forenoon, he the said Duvash Mahomed was going toward the Office to Speak with the Mattabissiah Dubash to his Excellency Omrau Ul Ommah Bahander was the Office, he met Mr.r Randall, who took him kindly by the Hand enquired after his Health, and leading this Deponent to another part of the Garden addressed him in the following Terms, I have Something to say to you which you must swear to keep Secret: Very much Surprized at such a Request this Deponent Replied; How can I make such a promise before I know on what Subject you are going to Speak. Mr Randall Three Times over Repeated his former Request, but finding this Deponent Inflexible he at length said if you will Come with me into the Fort, and Confirm by Oath whatever I shall say you shall be handsomely Rewarded, this Deponent Returned for Answer, That he would not accept to any Thing nor would he swear to any Thing, That he was not Sufficiently acquainted with, To which Mr.r Randall seemingly in great Confusion Replied, if you will not go with me into the Fort you must at least Keep this Conversation as an inviolable Secret, this Deponent imagining it to be some Affairs

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Affair in which Mr Randell only was concerned never
Mentioned a word of the Matter until he heard from Publick
Report, That the said Mr Randell had accused his Excellency Omar
Ull Omrah Bahauder of an intention to assassinate Lord Pigot
He then as in Duty bound, Repeated to his Excellency the above
Related Conversation, which passed on the 16th Instant between
him and Mr Randall, The Conversation pass.d in the English
Language with which this Deponent, is but imperfectly acquainted
But sincerely declare that words to this Effect Pass.d between
him and Mr Randall on the day above, and place aforesaid,
And this Deponent is ready to satisfy by oath all and every
part of this Deposition according to the forms Prescribed by
his Religion, and the Customs of his Country

The mark V of Dewanah Mahomed

Sworn to this 20th September 1776

Before me

John Turing

Mayor of Madras

D.o of Aloval Cawn.

Aloval Cawn Seapoy on the Service of his Highness the
Nabab of the Carnatick Deposeth and saith that on Monday
the 16th of September about Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon he
being then on Duty as Sentry at the Garden Gate saw Dewanah
Mahomed Commandant conversing with Mr Randell
late in his Highness's Service in the Garden of the Nabob
Omrah Ull Omrah Behauder

The Mark V of Aloval Cawn

Sworn to this 20th September 1776

Before me John Turing

Mayor of Madras

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Affidavit of Abbotts Kistnahs

Mutlee Mistriah Serhabdar of Cavalry now serving his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick

Deponeth and Saith

That about 12 weeks ago Mr Randell came to him in the Office and having taken him aside Said that he had received a Letter from Lord Mornington and requested him to communicate the same to the Nabob Omrar Ull Omrah Behauder this Deponent delivered Mr Randells Message to his Master his Excellency upon which Mr Randell should be called in his presence. Mr Randell being admitted the Nabob gave Orders to this Deponent to stand at a distance, and this Deponent standing at a Distance saw Mr Randall reading a Letter to the Nabob he was not near enough to hear the Contents but he could perceive that the Nabob Smiled after which Mr Randall returned from the Nabob seemingly much pleased

A few days after Mr Randall came again and desired this Deponent to acquaint the Nabob that he had received a Letter from Mr Robinson he was again admitted to the Nabobs presence and having on the right of this Deponent as before read a Letter he returned well satisfied

Some days after this Mr Randall informed this Deponent that he had in his possession a Letter from Sir Elijah Impey directed to the Nabob Omrar Ull Omrah and Shaking his hand upon the outside of his Pocket as an Indication of the Letter being there

His

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He Declared that if the Nabob would give him a Sum of Money He would Deliver the Letter, but upon no other Terms, this Deponent not Crediting Mr Randalls Assertions did not at that time Deliver the Message to his Excellency

About a Week ago Mr Randall came in the Evening and Declared to this Deponent that if the Nabob Omrah Ul Omrah Behauder did not Immediately give him Money he would ruin his reputation and Character both in England and in the Carnatick

This Deponent Acquainted the Nabob with what Mr Randall had Threatened to which the replied I am not to be intimidated by any Actor his pleasure

Muttu Kistnah

Sworn to this 20th September 1776
Before me John Turing
Mayor of Madras

D. of Salyman Caun

Salyman Caun Serjeant in the Service of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick Deposeth and Saith that on Monday the 16th of September About Eleven o Clock in the forenoon he being there on Duty as Sentry at the Garden Gate saw Dennis Mahomed Commandant conversing with Mr Randall late in his Highness's Service in the Garden of the Nabob Omrah Ul Omrah Behauder

The Mark of D Salyman Caun

Sworn to this 20th September 1776
Before me John Turing
Mayor of Madras

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Affidavit of Mr
Charles Parke

Mr Randall called at my House on Wednesday the 18th Instant and informed me of an Affidavit which he had made before the Mayor, purporting that the Nabob Omrah Ul Omrah & Bahader, Second Son to the Nabob of the Carnatick had endeavoured to perswade him to Murder Lord Pigot, at the time his Lordship was Governor of Fort St George, and added that he was very glad he had not seen his Lordship at the Instant before he had made the above mentioned Affidavit, In the course of Conversation before he quitted the Room he told me he had seen Lord Pigot at the Mount every Day for a Week past, & asked him if he Dined at the Mayor House, he answered in the negative, but that he had seen him every day at Mr Monckton's before his Lordship came to Drink Tea, these words or words to the like effect passed between me, and the above mentioned Mr Randall at my House in Saint Thomé that is Fort St George, on Wednesday the 18th day of September 1776 or on about Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon

Sworn to before me
the 19th Sept.r 1776

Chas.r Parke

John Turing
Mayor of Madras

Affidt of Mr Henry
Norris.

I Henry Norris, Factor on the Honble Eastindia Company's Service do make Oath and Swear that on or about the Hour of Nine or Ten in the Forenoon of Saturday the fourteenth Day of September, as I was passing through the Nabobs Garden

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I heard Mr Randell call out to Omeir Ull Omrah Bahauder, on which the said Omeir Ull Omrah stopt his Carriage Mr Randell then asked the said Omeir Ull Omrah in a strong tone of voice if his Business was Settled, or if he was to be put off any longer or words to that effect, on which the said Omeir Ull Omrah replied, Go Sir I will have nothing to do with your Business, apply to Abdul Rushid Cawn the Nabobs Dewan, or words to that purport. On this Mr Randell replied in a passionate Tone of Voice and using violent Gestures, If my business is not Settled to Night, I must Settle it myself, from which I concluded in my own mind that he was Resolved on some extraordinary Act, and that he meant to intimidate the said Nabob Omeir Ull Omrah, and I told Him so by observing to the said Omeir Ull Omrah that he the said Mr Randell appeared induced to distrain.

Henry Nowes

Sworn to this 1st Sept. 1776
Before me John Turing
Mayor of Madras

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

Gentlemen

I beg leave to communicate to you the inclosed circumstances relative to Conrad Monckton and William Randell and am ready to declare them on Oath if it should be thought necessary

I am
Gentlemen
your

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Madrass
Sept.r 27th 1796

your most obedient
humble Servant
Thos. Weston

The Declaration of Thomas Weston, Surgeon,
On or about the 29th of December 1795. I was sent for by
the House of Command. Mr Dalton on the Black Town & desired
by him at the same time to ask Mr Dodd, and Mr Wellborn
Randell to accompany me, to be present at an Evening Entertainment
which he said he intended giving me, about three
Days after the Invitation, I dined with Mr. Dodd and Mr Randell
Dodd on the 31st of the same Month at Mr Hammonds on the
Black Town and from thence Mr Dodd & I walked to
Command leaving Mr Randall drinking freely at Mr Hammonds
intending to stand at Command about Ten o'clock Evening
During which he entertained us according to the Country
Custom with Music &c and before we left them he begged
each of us to accept of a Piece of Silk as a Token of his
Civility, the number of the persons were in the House and
amongst them not a Person he said was Mr Dodd Mr Ludowick
Mr Dodd returned with me from Command to Mr Hammonds to
spend the remainder of the Evening and we saw there Mr
Randell, Mr Watkins were we had been and Expressed my
Surprize at Mr Randall's not fulfilling his Engagement with
according to his promise, at which he seemed Dissatisfied with
himself and said he would make an apology to Command, which
he was he did by a Letter a day or two after & the Interview ended

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on turn about the same time and brought to the House I lived at, a Shawl, which he shewed me, and which he declared he had just received of Comanoo as a Mark of his favor and Civility and at the same time expressed his praise of Comanoo in very high terms, This was the manner in which a Shawl was given to Mr Randell by Comanoo and I know from Comanoo's People this was the only Shawl he ever received of Comanoo

I further declare that while I have been in Mr Randell's Company I have heard him express his Desire & Intentions of getting large Sums of Money from the Nabob by some Extraordinary Effort of Genius, some Capital Stroke in Politicks or Words to that effect, alledging that what he might make by his pay would not enable him to return to England in the Course of three or four Years which he declared he would do at all Events

Thomas Weston

Madras
Sept. 29th 1776

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The President acquaints the Board that on the
the recpt of the above Letter and Declaration of Mr Weston
he immediately got Copies of them Drawn out and Transmitted them to the Chairman of the Court of Directors, in a
Letter from himself which he delivered to Captain Aber-
crombie who was just going off

Minute of Sir Robt Fletcher.

When I was on my Voyage in the Salisbury to this Settlement I received a Letter from Mr William Randell who I believe came out Clandestinely in that Ship The

Contents

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Contents of the Letter were an attempt to surprise upon me, by assurances which he thereon gave me, that he was sent out and Employed by high Authority, at home to Execute Secret Service at the different Presidencies and he added that he would be of great service to me if I would then engage him on my interest &c

Dear Sir

I hopefully well remember the conversation we had on Board the Salisbury at having received a Letter from Mr William Randell a Passenger on Board mentioning his being sent out by the Government to visit the different Settlements of Bengal, Madras and Bombay, and his tendering his services to you; from his Situation he flatter himself he might be of some use. You could not help being astonished at the contents of the aforementioned Letter, and wished to know my sentiments of the Man, & think you further asked me if I thought the Man was in his senses? As to the truth of the above I am ready to declare upon Oath, should there appear any necessity &c

I am Dear Sir with the greatest Esteem &c

your most humble Servant

Robert Smith Bird

Garden House
Sept 21st 1776 &c

To

General Sir Robert Fletcher &c

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Letter to the Nabob.

May it please your Highness

I have had the Honour to receive your Highnes's Letter Dated the 18th and 22d Instant The affidavits which you have forwarded, as well as the Circumstances render the assertions of Mr Randall not to be believed, I have the pleasure to acquaint your highness that the Counsel all gave with the unanimous opinion that your son Amer Ul Omrah is incapable of such a Design, The conduct of Mr Randall is undoubtedly base, but it is not in my Power to give your Highness the satisfaction you require by putting that Man under Confinement as all that our Laws will Authorize in case of this Kind is a prosecution for Defamation and recovery of Damages, and in case of the Party not finding Bail he will be Confined

I am

May it please your highness

Your Highness's Most obedient Servant

George Stratton

Fort St George
the 28th Sept 1776

To George Stratton Esq re Sir Robert Fletcher
Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Inchbald
Palmer, Frances Jourdan & Geo. Mackay Esq rs

Gentlemen

From Mr Munro remarking their neglect in not furnishing him with Copies before.

You have at last thought proper to send two hours before the time fixed by you for the Closing of the

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The Granville Packet, your Proceedings relative to my Suspension, although applied for by me by Letter on the 16th Instant, Was I not to inform you that I have already acquainted our Honble Masters of your Tardiness in sending them, I should think myself deficient in point of Candour &

The shortness of the time does not permit me now to make any Remarks on your Proceedings in Regard to me, reserve this to a future Opportunity in case I should think it expedient, in the mean time, I refer my Cause to your Honble Masters and mine who will judge between Us, in regard to the Style of the address claimed by you for the Gentleman whom you have found it Expedient to Enact and proclaim President of your Council and Governor of Fort St George, and now Gentlemen for the time I take my leave of you, not doubting but the Justice of my Honble Masters will extend to you, and to &

Your Humble Servant &

Ro. Dr. Munro &

Fort St George
23 Sept. 1776 &

To Lieutenant Colo. Fitz Gerald &
Commanding at Vellore &

Sir

To Lieut. Col. Fitz. Gerald, to order Lt. Col. Nixon to Trichinopoly.

The Honble the President and Council are pleased to Direct that Lieut. Colo. Nixon be ordered to repair to Trichinopoly the day after the receipt of this, Unless it shall be certified to you by the Surgeon of the Garrison that his

Health

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Health will be endangered by the Journey

Dear Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

R. J. Sullivan

Secy.

Fort St George
24th Sept. 1776

To Colonel James Stuart

Acting Commander in Chief

Sir

From Dr. Wynch, for permission to return to Europe.

I shall esteem it a particular favour of you, to get me the permission of the Honble Board to proceed to Europe on the Greenwich Captain Carr, as my private Concerns demands my presence there, and also that they will be pleased to recommend me to the Honble Court of Directors to permit me to return with my Family again

Dear Sir

Your most Obedt and Humble Servant

Alexander Wynch

Fort St George
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To Captain Robert Wood

Sir

To Capt. Wood to return the Sum of 1500 Pag. Due to the Company.

Drew a/s drawing a Ballance of 1,500 Pag. to your Debit on the Company's Books, being an Account of an Advance made to you for Providing Cloth for the Recruits from England, I am Directed by the President and Council to desire you will repay that Sum into the Company's Cash

Dear Sir

your

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Your most Obedient Servant
Pat.k Sullivan
Secry.

Fort St George
26.th Sept.r 1776

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now employd on the works

Report of the Chief Engineer.

Bricklayers	78
Coolies	1057
Sawyers	104
Stone Cutters	43
Amounting in all to	1282

I have the Honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.o and Chief Engineer

Fort St George
22.d Sept.r 1776

Declaration of Mr Chas Bromley.

On this Day being Wednesday the Eleventh of Sept.r in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six I Charles Bromley of Fort St George in the East Indies, Notary Publick Do Declare that on Friday the Twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand

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Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six, Did an Notary Publick at the Request of George Stratton, Sir Robert Fletcher, Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer, Francis Jourdan, and George Mackay Esq.rs of Council of Fort St George deliver a Declaration in Writing under the Hands of the said Gentlemen unto the Honble George Lord Pigot addressed to the said George Lord Pigot, Claud Rusell, Alexander Dalrymple, and John Maxwell Stone of Council Esq.rs which said writing the said George Lord Pigot did receive, that some time after, on the same Day he this Declarant did at the Directions of the said George Stratton Esq.r & Gentlemen of Council aforementioned, Leave with Mr. attested Copies of such Declaration with many of the Inhabitants both Civil and Military of Fort St George, that soon after such Service, the said George Lord Pigot sent (being the afternoon of the same day) for this Declarant who went to his Lordship, when his Lordship, being in a rage by himself, Did in a most Violent manner threaten this Declarant with an immediate Imprisonment for daring to serve those Attested Copies of the said George Stratton &c.a Declaration, and insisted on this Deponents giving up his, this Deponents Instructions, and that in case this Declarant Did not discover and Disclose the particulars of his Instructions to Prison this Declarant must go, being a Sower of Sedition and Mutiny, upon this Deponents declaring that he what he had done was in Consequence of his Duty as Notary Publick and not contrary to Law, to which his Lordship Replied, that damn him this Declarant should go to Prison and

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and not tell him about Laws, and that he would send for the Sheriff and put this Declarant into his Custody, this Declarant acquainted his Lordship that the Sheriff, as this Declarant then stood, was no consequence to this Declarant, his Lordship answered that he would see into that and speak to his Council, that were there nothing, but directed this Declarant to stay untill his and their pleasure were known, soon after this Declarant was called in and the Board stated composed of his Lordship, Claud Russell, Alexander Dalrymple Solom Marcellin and Richard Sattuern Esqrs, where this Declarant was asked by their Lordships how he presumed to write these Circulatory Declarations, and declared in the Garrison that what the Declarant has done was in open Defiance of this Government which was then a Military one, as his Lordship pronounced, and that According to the Articles of War, which Articles were produced by one of the Gentlemen present & explained to him by Mr Alexander Dalrymple that this Declarant was under them as a Sower of Sedition and a Person who spread Mutiny among the Troops and therefore Necessary for the Good of the whole, to send this Declarant to Person which Declarant was afore hand sure of, from their Ignorance of the Business as no one Argument was advanced by the Board then sitting on suspension of their Assertions, that Declarant was told by his Lordship and Assented to by the Gentlemen present, thereupon desired his Lordship that

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unless this Declarant would give up the Authority they supposed this Declarant received from George Stratton Esq[r] &c that Declarant must be confined; this Declarant informed this Lordship and the Board that they were at Liberty to dispose of this Person as they thought proper but his sentiments would be still the same respecting his Duty a part of which was to keep Secret and not disclose the Trust reposed in him by his employers, this Declarant further informing the Board that the Gentlemen who had set their Names to the Declaration Delivered in to his Lordship in the morning by this Declarant, would at any time acknowledge in Court and out, whenever called upon, and that their Names there to affixed were of their own respective handwriting and that he this Deponent would also at any time and at any place Attest the same, this Deponent being still kept at the Council Board hearing their Arguments and among the rest Mr Alexander Dalrymple did observe that this Declarant would also and therefore necessary he this Declarant should be either Confined or give some Security, all of which this Declarant protested against as unbecoming his Character both in his Publick and Private Station and did advance that his this Declarants circumstances were too Considerable to leave behind, but too Obviate a Difficulty this Deponent did pledge his word and Honor not to leave the Fort or its Districts without leave of that Board this Observation of Mr Alex[r] and Dalrymple and this Declarants offer occasioned some debbeliations which ended in favor of this Declarant whom his Lordship said he would dismiss,

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on this Dubaash's promise of going for Nacanna whenever his Lordship and that Board should call upon him, upon this Deponent Dubaash's engaging to do this Deponent was promised.

Charles Brumley
Notary Public.

Translation of a Marratta Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to his Vakeel Trambacka Pundet and Radhaje Pundet.

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to his Vakeel.

I received your Letter, wherein you have mentioned that the Governor accepted of my Letter and Cloth with much kindness, and of what you told him at the same time, gave much joy, my bread & dismissed are both in the Company's hands, and therefore they whole Dependant is under them.

On account of repairing the Bank round Annanitta, the Clay should be brought from the Country named Kellyoor, on the Districts of Trichinopoly under the Tanjore jurisdiction, which was usually brought for this purpose, when my Country was under the Nabob, he also repaired the said Bank with the Clay brought from Kelyoor, therefore this year while my People want to get Clay from that Country, the Annadavay of Trichinopoly just a stop to it, till the Bank be repaired the Cultivation cannot be forwarded, I have got ready all the Boats except the Clay, for which you will devise the Governor to get an

Order

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order from the Nabob to the Amuldar of Trichinopoly that
my people may repair the Bank without hindrance, now
is the time of Cultivation, there is no Benefit can be reaped
by repairing it hereafter, now the Country, Paddy being sowed,
it will grow by the water from the River, therefore you will
Desire the Governor and tell him this business is too Urgent,

The Inhabitants of this Country suffered much
loss by the first Crop, by too much Water of the Cavery River
coming down, therefore they were not able to Cultivate a
Second time, for which I must advance them Money
but I have none in my hand, I have wrote to Lord Pigot,
who promised that he will lend me some, Pagodas from
the Company, therefore you will Desire the Governor to send
One Lack of Pagodas from the Company, which will be
Discharged at the time of Harvest, otherwise the Cultivation
cannot go on, I have no other means, the Company should
protect my Government

Many Poligars of my Country deserted to
the Nabobs Tallook and they make a practice of coming
on my Country, gives much disturbances to the Inhabi-
tants, and going back to the Nabobs Country, which is a
great hindrance to the Cultivation, therefore you will
Desire the Governor to send an Order to Col: Harper about
it, and also Desire the Governor to get the Nabobs Orders
to the Amuldars of Codiar Poleam, Anaikoil, and Palam
Cottah these three Districts, not to protect the Poligars
but they should give leave to my people to lay hold of them
wherever they find them

Col.

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Colonel Harper acquainted me that Boinapa
is coming to this place, to settle his private Accounts, that
is no account between he and me, if he has any Ballance
Due to him from the Inhabitants, that is not a sufficient time
to Recover it, for the Inhabitants are busied on the Cultiva-
tion, Notwithstanding which they suffered much Loss by
the coming down of much Water in the Cavary River, and
they are now beginning the Cultivation a Second time, by his
coming now, at this time to their place to settle his Account
with the Inhabitants and forces them for the Ballance,
this will impede and put a Stop to the Cultivation.
Therefore if he can come at January at the time of the Crops,
he may easily settle his Accounts with the Inhabitants
by the means of Colonel Harper, and if there be any Bal:
Lance Due to him from the Inhabitants they will
accommodate and Discharge the same at different Pay
:ments.

To Faizul Beg Cawn Bahadur Jabul Jung dated
15th Sept.r 1796.

To Fazul Beg Cawn
Bahadur.

Lord Pigot was dismissed on account of his
ill behaviour of the Honble Companys Affairs, by the favor
of the Almighty, I succeeded the Government of this
Madras to carry on the Business of the Company and
their friends prosperity &

I have received your Letter and understand
the contents thereof, which gave me much pleasure &

Satisfaction

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satisfaction, but I had no opportunity to send an Answer before now on account of the Company's Business requiring me and I will therefore write you particularly to you when Leisure permit, you should look upon me as your sincere friend and I desire you would write some frequently of your welfare and Tranquillity of your Province which will give me much joy. What can I say more.

To Sabob Nizamulmulk dated 15th Sept. 1776.

Lord Pigot was dismissed on account of his Letter to the Nizam. Ill Behavior in the Honble Company's Affairs, By the favor of the Almighty I succeeded in the Government of Madrass, to carry on the Business of the Company and their friends prosperly.

I am very sensible the friendship between you and the Company subsist from a long time, my hearty wishes is that the friendship between you and the Compai. may increase daily and be of assistance one to Another which will give great pleasure and Satisfaction to everyone, and you must look upon me as your sincere friend and you must advise me frequently of your Health and welfare which will give me much joy. What can I say more.

Sir

Minute of the Board to provide Fascines & Gabions.

As we understand from the Chief Engineer that the Violent Extraordinary Rains we have had for these three Months past, have prevented the Contractor from furnishing a sufficient Quantity of Bricks and other Materials

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Materials for the works, and that the Monsoon approaching will prevent any great Quantity of Bricks being made, It is therefore Resolved that the Committee of Works be directed to provide immediately a sufficient quantity of Gabions, Fascines, Hurdles, Pickets and such other Articles as the Chief Engineer may think necessary to put the Fortress expeditiously and in a small Expence in a good state of Defence a precaution it is always necessary to take, and that it be recommended to the Committee of Works to employ the Company's Lascars for that Service in order that they may be made at the cheapest Rate.

Saturday 21st
22d Sept.r 1776

Examination of
Lr Master Mackay &c.

Sir Robert Fletcher being Indisposed, Colonel Stuart was ordered to attend the Examination of Quarter Master Mackay and others belonging to the European Troop of Cavalry arrived from Cuddalore &c.

Quarter Master Mackay called before the Board and examined as follows

Question 1st
Was you of the party of Horse under Captain Forbes which marched from Tanjore towards Arriaiore

Answer
I was.

Question 2d
At what time was you told, when the Troop was marching to

Answer
I did not know where the Troop was marching, till I arrived at Arriaiore

Question 3d
Did you yourself go from Tanjore, or did you join them on their march

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Answer I joined them on the march a little beyond Tanjore

Question 4th At what hour did you arrive at Annalore

Answer Between 11 and 12 in the forenoon to the best of my remembrance

Question 5th Did you see any Military at that place whom you knew by their Dress or otherwise to be Sepoys

Answer I saw some Men at Annalore whom I knew to be Sepoys tho' they were not clothed in a Military Dress

Question 6th Did you see Centrys posted upon the Dubbere House

Answer I did not see Centinels posted at the Dubbere House, because from my Duty I was with the Horses, but, afterway return, I saw one European Centinel on the outside of the Dubbere House

Question 7th At any time, while the Troops remained at Annalore, did you see any Sepoy Centry of the place posted on the Horses or any part of the Fort or Pettah

Answer When I returned after Supper with the Lieut Young and Cornet Darley from the Encampment of Capt. Jourdan I saw one Sepoy Adjoining to the Pettah of Annalore, I saw one Sepoy walking at the Gate of the Pettah with his Arms

Question 8th In what order did the Troops march when they returned with the Dubbere to Tanjore

Answer There were three Palankeens, and the Dubbere drawn Horseback in Front, and the Troops followed

Question 9th Was there any other Person in Company with the Dubbere when the Troops brought him from Annalore

Answer There was a Peamer from the Rajah of Tanjore, a Woman and the Dubbere's Son

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Question 10th Was you present at any time, when the Dubbers Baggage was put into the Hackaree, or did you ever see any person of Papers or Cayans delivered by him in Charge of any person?

Answer I did not see any Baggage of the Dubbers at Annalore

Question 11th Did Lord Pigot at any time signify to the officers of the Troops his thanks for their Behaviour, and whether after or before their March to Annalore?

Answer Lord Pigot did not signify his thanks to the officers of the Troops, I recollect however Lord Pigot, telling Captain Tonyn the night he returned, that he was much obliged to him, or words to that Effect

Question 12th As you have observed you saw no Men in a Military Dress, but, some in white Jackets that you knew to be Sepoys, you will acquaint the Board how you came to that knowledge?

Answer I knew them to be Sepoys, having belonged to the corps for near four years

Question 13th On what account do you think the Centinels was posted at the Dubbers house?

Answer I did not know on what account the Centinel was posted there, I thought myself at the time that he was posted over the Dubber. But, on our returning having asked Captain Tonyn whether we were to consider the Dubber as a Prisoner, he replied, that the Troops was meant as an Escort to the Dubber

Quarter Master Mackay ordered to withdraw

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Serjeant Lewis Griffiths called before the Board and
Examined as followeth

Question 1st Was you of the party under Captain Tonyn which
marched to Annalore.[2]

Answer I was.

Question 2d What time Did you know you was marching to
Annalore[2]

Answer I knew about 4 hours before We left Tanjore, that the
Troops was going to Annalore.

Question 3d Did you see any Seapoys of the place or Guards when
you Arrived at Annalore. either aboy near the House
where the Dubbur was or in the Pettah or Fort.[2]

Answer No I Did not see any Seapoys any where

Question 4th From what circumstances Did you know you was
going to Annalore[2]

Answer I heard the officers mention that the Troops was going
to Annalore

Question 5th Was you ever at Annalore before.[2]

Answer No

Question 6th Who posted the Troopers upon the House of the Dubbar[2]

Answer I was I posted the Centinel at the Dubbers House

Question 7th What Order did you give to that Centinel[2]

Answer I ordered him to admit no Strangers into the House

Question 8th Did you give him any other Order[2]

Answer No I did not

Question 9th Know where Did you receive the Order you gave the
Centinel[2]

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Answer — Sworn before Capt. Tonyn

Sergeant Graffiths ordered to withdraw

John Buell Trooper, called before the Board

Question 1. Was you of the party under Captain Tonyn which proceeded to Annalore?

Answer — I was

Question 2. At what time Did you know you was marching to Annalore?

Answer — I did not know we were marching to Annalore till we Arrived there

Question 3. Did you see any Seapoys of the Polacar or Guards when you Arrived at Annalore either at or near the House where the Dubbers were, or in the Pettah or Fort?

Answer — I saw none

Question 4. Was you posted Centry upon the Dubbers House, and by whom were you posted?

Answer — I was posted Centinel by Sergeant Graffiths

Question 5. What Orders did you receive?

Answer — The Order the Sergeant gave me were to take care that no Strangers had Admittance to the Dubbers House.

John Buell ordered to withdraw

John Pearce Trooper, called before the Board

Question 1. Was you of the party under Captain Tonyn which proceeded to Annalore?

Answer — I was.

Question 2. At what time Did you know you was marching to Annalore?

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Answer I did not know when we were marching to encamp we
Had Arrived at Armialow

Question 3 Did you see any Seapoys of the place on Guards when you
Arrived at Armialow either at or near the House where the
Dubbee was, or on the Pettahow Fort.

Answer I did not see any

Question 4th Were you posted Centinel at any time over the Dubbee.

Answer I was about to be planted Centinel along with John
Burell – but, I was dismissed by Captain Sawyer before
I had Received any Order

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqre Gov.t Presid.t

Henry Brooke

Charles Floyer — Archdale Palmer

Sunday
29th Sept.r

James Jourdan — George Mackay

Sir Robert Fletcher Indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

Read the following Letter from the Nabob, enclosing Deposition of Lieut. Samuel Mills

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated and received the 26th September 1776

from the Nabob enclosing the Deposition of Lieut. Mills

I have received your Letter of the 22d Sept.r in answer to two from me, Altho' I am obliged to you for them yet they are not sufficiently satisfactory consid.ring the attention that is due to my Honor, and the Honor of my Family. — Yourself and the Gentlemen of Council are the Managers here on the part of the Company, and I who am the Friend of the Company and Nation expect from you Justice and support of my Honor and Rights; Nothing but the punishment of M.r Randall for his Perjury and the great Slander he has thrown upon me and my Family will be a sufficient satisfaction to me Whatever be a stronger proof of the truth of what I wrote to you regarding the Villainy of M.r Randall than the Affidavits of English Gentlemen which I sent to you

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I entreat you to write those circumstances to the Court of Directors and even if the Packet should be stopt that you will write them a seperate Letter — All this Mr Randalls falsehood is evident on proof to all the English Gentlemen at this Place — Yet there remains for me to have Satisfaction in the manner I have written above — What can I say more, 2

Deposition of Sam.l Miller

I Samuel Miller late Lieutenant in the Service of his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick. Depose and say that Mr William Randell late Captain in the said Service did write me a Letter from the Mountains, that he the said William Randell came home one night about the 15.th September Instant, seemingly in a manner to be robbed and disturbed in his House, which he the said Randell says, was occasioned by the Nabob giving him money, He walked several times backwards and forwards in the room and said, no honest man could live in this Country, that all was to make money that ever one came to this Country, and that he would have his share of it, some how or other. He likewise said he had a very good Head for Business, and that he could do something that would make his Fortune, and that if it was in his power he would hang the Nabob, meaning, as this Deponent believes, Nabob Omer ul Omrah Behawder. This Deponent says that the next morning at Breakfast the said Randell made a Sign which he carried out of the

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the House, and says he was taking it to Lord Pigot. He brought it back in the Evening, and says, he would carry it to John Turing - I saw it the next morning with the words at the bottom (as near as I can recollect) sworn before me John Turing — I asked the said Randell what the paper meaned, and he answered, something that would make his Fortune — He then shewed me the Contents, which much surprised me, I sent that Morning to the Nabob, Omrau ull Omrah Bahauder, to Acquaint him with what I had seen and heard, but could not be admitted to his presence, till the 23 Inst. — His Deponent say th that between the 17th and 23, Inst. said Randell received three Letters from Mr Monckton. That this Deponent was at home when they were brought for said Randell, and as there was not any one of them read, he took the liberty of reading them. The first was, as near as this Deponent recollects — You shall have the needfull, and as soon as I can scrape the Money together, you shall have it — The second, the Money is ready whenever you chose to send for it, and we shall be glad to see you at the Mount — The third. We shall be glad to see you on the Morning at the Mount — Lord Pigot has spoken to Captain Abercromby about your passage, this Deponent saith that Mr Randall told him that he should come out again to India in Eleven Months with his Fortune made, and that he would be on the Coast Line — This Deponent saith

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Saith that his Wife informed him that said Randell's
Dubash brought some money to their
Samuel Mills

Sworn to this 25th Sept. 1776
Before me John Turing
Mayor of Madras

Agreed that the following Answer be wrote to the Nabob & that a short Letter be prepared to the Worth. the Court of Directors to accompany Copies of the Above
To the Nabob

Letter to the Nabob

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letter of this Days Date, enclosing me an Affidavit of Samuel Mills late Lieutenant in your Highness's Service, sworn to before Mr Justice Turing Mayor of Madras

The Sentiments we have already expressed to the Company, on the very extraordinary Deposition of William Randell, and the Credit of which from a perfect knowledge of your Highness and Family We naturally gave to this Deposition would have convinced, be a positive certainty to your Highness that the Council and I conceived that Act, to have proceeded from the basest Motives, as indeed your Highness has been pleased, to communicate to me the Declaration of Samuel Mills I shall agreeably to your Desire, transmit a Copy of it to the Company, who I need not assure your Highness, are ever anxious, and never wanting to exert themselves, in the support of the Honor and

Dignity

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Dignity of your Highness & that of your Family

I have given Orders to Captain Abercromby Com-
mander of the Company's Ship Granville not to receive Mr
Randall as Passenger for England, in order that your Highness
may take such further Measures as you may deem
expedient on this Occasion

To Captain Abercromby

By the Ship Granville

Sir

The Board having laid before the President
and Council certain Charges against Mr Walter Randall
late Captain in his Service, and it being reported that he in-
tends proceeding to England, I am directed to order you not
to give him a Passage in your Ship

To Capt.n Abercromby commanding him not to give a Passage to Mr Randall on board his Ship

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Signed by Order of the President and Council

P. Sullivan
Secry.

On a Recommendation of the Draught of Instructions to
Colonel Stuart entered in Consultation 20th August, It
is Resolved, that they be now approved &c.

Instructions to Col. Stuart approved

The Senior Surgeon recommend that Mr
Howell Surgeon's Assistant be ordered to do Duty at the Hospital,

Mr Howell approved for Surgeon's Assistant

approved and Ordered accordingly

The President acquainted the Board, that the
Commissary General recommends the following Gentlemen to
be

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be appointed his Assistants, conformable to a former
Resolution of Council ~

Mr Cockman appointed to Tanjore ~

Mr Cockman to be first Assistant, and to do Duty at Tanjore and on the Southern Coast ~

Messrs Mitford Brodie & Hollier to do Duty at the Presidency

Messrs Mitford, Brodie, and Hollier, to do Duty at the Presidency, and the adjacent Garrisons ~

Mr Burthwood on the Chicacole Circars

Mr Burthwood to do Duty in the Chicacole Circars ~

Mr Graham at Pranculipatam Ongole &c.

Mr Graham to do Duty at Pranculipatam Ongole, and in the Circars Dependant on Pranculipatam

As proved and Ordered Accordingly ~

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Note which he received this morning from Mr Dalrymple, accompanied by a Minute which is ordered to be entered on the Proceedings of this Day ~

Mr Secretary Sullivan

Sir

On arranging my papers I found the enclosed Minute which I believe I forgot to enter you will desire to be inserted on the next Packet to the Court of Directors ~

I have not yet received the papers I desired

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant ~

Dalrymple ~

Note from Mr Dalrymple inclosing a Minute which had not been entered

Thursday 25th Septr Dalrymple ~

Having declared my intentions of making some remarks on the Minutes of the 6th November given in the 12th July I take this Occasion to do so ~

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1st In regard to my conversation with Lieut. Col. Harper, which these Six Member think reflects such a lasting Dishonour on this Government. I can only say that knowing I had never been brought, I did not think it reflected any dishonour on the Government of which I was a member, but shewed how very careful it was proper for us to be not to give the Rajah any ground of apprehension which a man in such circumstances must be extremely liable to, till, by longer patience, he was convinced notonly of the justice but the Wisdom of your Government

2d In regard to the Mahrattas, I did not say, "The Mahrattas was the Tribunal to which the Rajah "of Tanjore is to appeal for Justice where he thinks "himself aggrieved by the Acts or Opinions of this Board" but I am not so weak as to believe the Rajah of Tanjore or any other Prince of common sense will place implicit confidence in us if we gave him any reason to suspect that his confidence is misplaced; altho I have no doubt of the Sincerity of the Rajahs Intentions when Lord Pigot was at Tanjore

Dalrymple

In my Minute of 28th June I say'd that Sir Robert Fletcher had carried Captain Kennedy and Lieut. George Mackay to the Nabob, on which Sir Robert declared what I had asserted about Lieut. Mackay was not fact, He did not deny the Substance of what I had said, and whether he carried one or both was immaterial, but I think

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thinks it proper on this occasion to take notice that I am ajourned, altho' Sir Robert S. did not convey St. Mathew to the Board. He was present on the occasion

Dalrymple Es

The Secretary also lays before the Board the following Letter from Captain Wood Es

To Mach. Jos. Sullivan Esqr

Sir

From Capt. Wood will settle Sundries as soon as possible

I am honoured with your Letter of yesterday and come now to inform you that the 1500 Pagodas which appear in my Debit on the Company's Books, shall immediately be paid by my Attorneys as soon as the Accounts of the Inhabitants can be collected in and settled, which should have been done sooner, but not some of those Accounts can as yet be obtained

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

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Robert Wood Es

The President lays before the Board the following Translate of Letter which he has received from the Rajah of Tanjore Es

Translation of a Marratta Letter from Tolsha Swahanaja To the Honble George Stratton Esqr President & Governor & Council &ca. at Fort St George Es

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Dated 25th September 1776 Es

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On the 16th of this Month I had received your favor Dated the 7th Instant. and I was greatly Rejoiced at the Intelligence you wrote me that some time ago in the Letter that was written by Lord Pigot was mentioned the Determination of the Governor and Council, that was made on Account of Mr Benfield's Affairs; that I must act according to the Justice; and that if I perused the Letter, in which the Opinion of the Governor and Council was given, I could know that I am obliged to make the payments; on the Subject of Mr Benfield's Affairs Lord Pigot did not write me any Letter, I never know any thing concerning it. besides I do not understand the Determination of the Board. Therefore, if you will be pleased to send me the Copys of the Lord Pigot's Letters and the Determination of the Board, I will examine into the affairs and then act it according to the Justice, whatever is agreable to you will be perfectly so to me, you are sensible of all things, what can I say more

Translation of a Marratta Letter from Tolsha Pra:
Sarabjah of the Tanjore, to the Honble George Stratton
Esqre President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St George
Dated 26th September 1776

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

I wrote particularly in Answer to your Letter Dated 7th September wherein you mentioned that I would on all occasion open my mind to you and on the out the least reserve express what I wish as it is your earnest desire as well as that of the Council to make us

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and my people happy and Contented, and that if I have
any grievance to inform you of whom have such friends
as you and the Council to support me and my Credit,
to whom I should Intimate as fully as
You wrote me that you and the Council
were unwilling to appoint a Chief for me for such an
Resident here, what occasion was that
appointment and what Business he had Ways to do here
some time ago I had the misfortune to disagree with the
the Nabob and by that my Government affairs with the
respect to the Defence of the Country Became hindered
by some of my Enemys — As I am to Rely on the protection
of the Honble Company it is reasonable that they should
Protect me from the persons in and Near Enemies, that
assisted to Send Agent over, Lead not some of my Govern-
ment affairs upon the Nabob
Now my desire is that your Honour &c — would be carefull
that there should not be any disturbance in my Govern-
ment, and that I may have full power to Govern the
Country freely without having any troubles of my Enemys
the Necessity of transacting According to my Request to
you and the Council, you know it perfectly well
You mentioned in your Letter that it
had been represented to you that my Friend was disturb-
ed with fears and Alarms, there was no cause for any
such thing, besides, how can I be under any fears at
any time, when the Honble Company (who had saved
me

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me from all fears) an ample power to assist me and all my Generations, besides, what reason have I to be concerned, when I am certain that there will not happen any disturbance, for what they have done must remain as long as Sun and Moon indure, and that I am easy by their shewing me favor and friendship. how much do I commend them for their humanity and favor in restoring me to my country & establishing me in it. you will be pleased to inform the Worthy Company of my sincere Attachment to them so that my Government may be settled for ever, and you will acquaint me of their goodness that I may be happy

You wrote me concerning the Vackeels and Dubash, I did not take them into my service by the recommendation of any person, but merely took them into the business, but having reason to form suspicions of them I have dismissed Kidraje Pundit Vackeel and Ispoo Dubash, concerning the Vaquels Duty my Vaquel, the son of Chambajee Pundit is waiting upon you, therefore I have no business to take any Dubash on that Duty &c

You will be pleased to write Letters home in Manattas, as usual, which will be easy for me &c

You mentioned in your Letter that nobody had any Authority from you to interfere in my Business, and for the same account you gave that

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Most ardent to your Dubash, and also your assurance
of your good intentions and that it is your Determined
Resolution to support me and my Government to the
utmost of your Power, you will be pleased to protect me
that I may on the Government affairs carefully without
any one giveing me trouble as
As you are wishing for my happiness
and long Life I can have no concern whatever
and am quite easy once I am to be supported by the
Honble Company, and as I have those assurances from
you I am easy without taking any Consideration into
my Head. Be pleased to continue to protect me in all my
affairs. you are sensible y all things what can I say
more &

Ordered to lieon the Table &

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Friday
4th October 1776

At a Consultation present,

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Gov.r & Pres.t

Henry Brooke
Inchdale Palmer
George Mackay
Sir Robert Fletcher indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

read the following Letter from Sir Robert Fletcher with Certificate of the Surgeons

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr. President and Governor &c.a Council

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Genal Fletcher requesting permission to go and to the Cape for the recovery of his health

It is with the greatest reluctance, and real concern, that I find myself obliged, by the advice of the Physicians who attend me, to request your permission to proceed to the Cape the first opportunity. When they recommended this Voyage to me, I resolved to delay a final Resolution as long as possible; but the Nature of my disorder, the season of the Year, and the perseverance of the Physicians in their opinion, will admit of no further delay; and with respect to the carrying on the public Service of the Army in my Absence, I shall myself extremely easy on my own mind, from the known Ability of Colonel Stuart, whose presence here will in all respects, prevent my Absence from being felt to the service

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I take the Liberty to send to your Honor &c.
Doctor Pasley's Certificate. The other Gentlemans (Mr Bird)
is not in the Companys Service

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most faithfull
and very obedient Servant
Robert Fletcher

Chou Hoy Plain
October 1st 1796

Surgeons Certificate
respecting Sir Robt
Fletcher

These are to certify that Brigadier General
Sir Robert Fletcher having long laboured under complaints
of his breast with a cough and feverish Disposition which
being now much reduced and weakened by them a change
of Situation is become Absolutely necessary
She approaching Monsoon and the
tendency his complaints have to consumption renders
it incumbent on him speedily to take the Benefit of a
Voyage to sea he is therefore advised to proceed by the first
opportunity to effect a recovery

Gelb. Pasley
Surgeon

Fort St George
4th October 1796

Resolved, That the following Letter be
immediately sent to Sir Robert Fletcher in Answer

To Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher
Commander in Chief of the Army

&c

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Sir

To Sir Robert Abercrombie granting him permission to proceed to the Cape for the recovery of his health

We have had the honor of receiving your Letter of this date acquainting us with your present ill State of health and requesting our permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope for your recovery.

We take the earliest occasion of expressing our Concern for your Indisposition, and assuring you heartily wishes for your Recovery – The Services which you have rendered the Company and the zeal you have at all times shewn for their Interest claim our warmest Acknowledgments and we regret the necessity, to which you are reduced of leaving us even for so short a time. We sincerely hope that the Voyage will perfectly reestablish your Health and that we shall in a very few months have the satisfaction of seeing you returned to

We have the honor to be with Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient and most humble Servt.

George Stratton &c Council

Lord St. George
4th October 1796

Read the following Letter from the Nabob

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated and received the 3 October 1796

I have received your Letter of the 4th September. The satisfaction your expresses on the Occasion I make of being ready to unite on whatever may be for the benefit and advantage of the Carnatick and

From the Nabob assuring that notwithstanding the Governor ability of Lord Cornwallis Conduct towards him his attachment to the Company remains still unshaken inclosing Copies of the Draft of Letters given by Lord Cornwallis to the Nabob

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and the Testimony the Company is a mark of their sincerity
of your friendship and makes me very happy, I shall
always be obliged to the Company, and am and will be
united with them whether on good or bad terms and
I shall always consider their advantages and Interests
as one and the same with my own, you may rest that
I may be assured it will always be your greatest
pleasure to pay attention to my honour and Dignity
and you hope that in future I shall have no occasion
to complain of the conduct of the Company towards
I am much obliged to you for this Declaration As
my friendships with the the Company and English Nation
I rest myself with the hopes of increase of Honors and the
preservation of my own rights. I had no Personal Dislike
to Lord Pigot, my Dislike was to the Conduct in which
it appeared he was bent to depress my honor & Disgrace
me and to destroy my Rights for which I look for Justice
for my good friends. I send you agreeably to your desire

copies

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Copies my Letters of the 16th July and 17th August which
Lord Pigot did not give to the Council — Sir among
other particulars of Lord Pigots conduct one was that
from the beginning he did not approve of my writing to
the Governor and Council, and told me not to write
without shewing him the Drafts of my Letters, and if
I wrote and he approved of my Letters he shewed them to
the Council but if he Disapproved of them he did not
Deliver them in to the Board perhaps therefore he may
not have Delivered in many of my Letters which were
Disagreeable to himself — His Lordship was exceedingly
Displeased with my Letter of the 12th February last stating
fourth to the Company the real Estate of Affairs
with respect to the affairs of Tanjore and told me not
to write in such terms but to write a short Letter declaring
"That in compliance with Lord Pigots representations
I had consented and that I should attend to what he
might say" but I represented all the circumstances of
that Affairs to the Company. For those reasons being
aware of Lord Pigots disposition, I was under apprehension
and therefore wrote the circumstances of setting a Guard
of Europeans over me in my Letter to Commodore Sir
Edward Hughes, that thro his means it might be comu-
nicated to the Council — Lord Pigot in a Publick
Letter of the 25th June, wrote of his intentions of giving
me the Guard of the Tanjore Country, but privately
sent an English draft of a Letter written in his own

Hand

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I send that I might write you formable to my
after coming from Tanjore Delivered me the Duplicate
Letter in his own hand writing to be addressed to himself
I have sent you the Copies of them and they will clearly
shew you his Sentiments Disposition. I have received
the Copy you sent me of the Resolutions of the Governor
General and Council of Bengal. and they are a clear
proof of the Justice Valour Wisdom of those Gentlemen
— their Wise and Judicious Conduct have been the
means of making me very happy and deserving of the
highest Applause. I am much obliged to you for
your goodness in sending me the Copy of those Resolutions
— What can I say more —

I am very happy at my Friends return
I forgive you for any thing you have done the more so
as faithfull to his Master, I will ever be to his friend so you
have finished the Company's Business I hope you will
not forget 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 have received your Letter of the 23 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 Cost
you Crops of the Tanjore Country remain as it was until
them pleasure be known —

1773 Nov. Fort St. George 4th October 1773

I never will be given up my pretentions 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 prevents me to tell you that you may dispose of Hanamanlagoody and Money in the manner you may think most conformable to the wishes of the Company, relying upon their justice.

As to the respect to the Trespasses &c. disputes, I wish to rest them upon the Company's Terms — The want I pray is large, but I will in few days let you know what I think is their real value — What can I say more.

Ordered, That Copies of the Nabob's Letter, & the papers accompanying it be transmitted Numbers in the Packet to the Honble Court of Directors. Vide Cons.

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Received the following Letter from His

Hapah of Tanjore

Translation of a Marratta Letter from Tulsajee

Maharajah To the Honble George Stratton Esq.re Presd.t

and Governor &c.a Council at Fort St George Dated 25th Septr.

On the 16th of this Month I received your

favor dated the 9th Instant. and I was greatly surprized

at it wherein you wrote me that some time ago, one

Letter that was written by Lord Pigot, was transmitted the

Determination of the Governor and Council that was made

on Account of Mr Benfields Affairs, that I must act

According to Justice; And that if I perused the Letter in

which the opinions of the Governor and Council was given

I should know that I was obliged to make the payment

On the Subject of Mr Benfields Affairs Lord Pigot did not

write me any Letter, I never knew any thing concerning

it, besides I do not understand the Determination of the

Board. Wherefore if you will be pleased to send me Copys

of Lord Pigots Letter and the Determinations of the Board.

I will examine into the Affairs and transact according

to Justice, whatever is agreeable to you will be justly

done to me, you are sensible of all things. What can I say

more &c.a

Translation of a Marratta Letter from Tulsajee the

Maharajah of Tanjore. to the Honble George Stratton Esq.re

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

26th September 1776 &c.a

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From the Hapah of Tanjore, denying the Charges exhibited against him by Benfield & Blaquiere and desiring to be furnished with Copy of the Records of the Board relative thereto

1778. ~~1768~~, Fort St George 4th October 1776.

I write particularly in Answer to your Letter dated 7th September wherein you mentioned that I would on all occasions open my mind to you and without the least reserve of part what I wish as it is your earnest Desire as well as that of your Council to make me and my People happy and contented, and that if I have any Grievance to inform you of, whom I have such Friends as you and the Council to support me and my Credit, to whom should I otherwise apply.

From the Rajahs appearing that he is under perpetual fear from all sides and alarms and that he will at all times rely upon and place confidence in their Government.

You wrote me that you and the Council were unwilling to appoint a Chief and Council or Resident here, what occasion was there for such an appointment and what Business had they to do here; some time ago I had the misfortune to disagree with the Nabob & by that, my Government affairs with respect to the Dispatch of the Annual Pcs. were hundred by some of my Enemy's as I am under the Protection of the Honble Company it is necessary that they should protect me from the perplexity of my Enemies. I had applied to Lord Pigot in order to assist me in my Government affairs upon that I do not know what has passed, now my desire is that you Honor &c. should be carefull that there should not be any Disturbance in my Government, and that I may have full power to govern the Country freely without having any trouble of my Enemies, the heavyness of transacting according to my request is upon you and the Council as you know it perfectly well.

You mentioned in your Letter that it had

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had been represented to you that my mind was disturbed with fears and Alarms as there was no cause for any such things, besides how can I be under fears at any time, when the Honble who had saved me from all fears are in power to assist me and my Generations, besides what reason have I to be concerned, in that I am certain that there will not happen any disturbance, for what they have done must remain as long as the Sun and Moon endure, and that I am easy by their shewing me favour & friendship, how much do I recommend them for their Humanity and favor in restoring me to my Country and establishing me in it & you will be pleased to inform the Honble Company of my firm attachment to them so that my Government may be established for ever, and you will acquaint me of their goodness that I may be happy. &

You wrote me concerning the Vackuls and Dubash. I did not take them into my Service by the recommendation of any person, but myself took them into the Business, but hearing reason to form Suspicions of them I have dismissed Rodnaje Pandut Vackul and Opsoo Dubash, concerning the Vackuls Duty my Vackul the son of Shambaye Pandut is waiting upon you. therefore I have no business to take any Dubash on that Duty &

You will be pleased to write Letters home on Hannahs, as is usual, which will be easy for me

You

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You mentioned in your Letter that Nobody had any Authority from you to interpose in my Business, and for the same Account you gave strict Orders to your Dubashs, and also you assure me of your good intentions and that it is your Determined Resolutions to support me in my Government to the utmost of your power, you will be pleased to protect me that I may carry on the Government Affairs easily without anyone giving me trouble &c

As you are wishing for my happiness and long life I can have no concern whatever and am quite easy since I am to be supported by the Honble Compy. and as I have these assurances from you I am easy without taking any consideration into my head. Be pleased to continue to protect me in all my Affairs. you are sensible of all things. What can I say more &c

At a Consultation present

The Honble George Stratton Esq. Governor President

Henry Brooke ... &c

Archdale Palmer ... Francis Jourdan

George Mackay

Sir Robert Fletcher indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read Letter from Col. Lang to Colonel Stuart

To Colonel James Stuart acting Commander in Chief &c &c

Saturday the 5th Octr 1776

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Extract from Col. Lang recommending Ensign Pridell to the Adjutantcy of the first Battn

1178 #71, Fort St. George 5th October 1776

Lieutenant Lucas having desired permission to resign the Adjutantcy of the first Battalion of the second Regiment, I beg leave to recommend Ensign Priddle of the same Corps to succeed to that office

I am

Sir

Your

Fort St. George

Sept.r 4th 1776

your very Obed.t Servant

Ross Lang.s

Agreed that Ensign Priddle be appointed Adjutant to the 1.st Batt.n of the 2.d Regiment, in the room of Lieut.t Lucas

Ordered accordingly

Read Letter from Lieut.t Monteith

to Colonel James Stuart, Acting Commander in Chief &c.a &c.a

Sir

I am exceedingly sorry that I am obliged to enclose a Certificate from the Surgeon's of my Regiment

From Lieut.t Monteith Decerning leave to go home Requesting that such Mention may be made of him to the Court of Directors, as will ensure him their permission to return to the Coast

Bad State of Health &c.a

Therefore must beg the favor that you will represent my case to the Honble Board, and that my Circumstances are in such a Situation as obliges me to apply for Relief from the Military Fund instituted by the late Lord Clive

Praying at the same time that the Honble Board will be pleased to recommend me to the Honble the Court of Directors as an Officer Worthy of Returning with his Rank to India in case I should recover my worried State of health &c.a

This

No. 79 & 52, Fort St. George 5th October 1796.

This I hope the Honble Board will make no Difficulty of Granting As I flatter myself that my Behaviour has been such ever since I have had the Honor of Serving the Honble Company as to intitle me to this Mark of their favor in my present Distrest Situation.

I have the Honor at the same time to Desire that you will please to acquaint the Honble Board that I beg they will accept of my Resignation of the Adjutancy of the second Carnatick Battalion of Sepoys.

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Sir

your very Obedient humble Servant

Basil Monteith

Lieut. and Adjutant 2d Batt. 1st Sepoys

Fort St. George Oct. 2d 1796

These are to Certify that Lieut. Monteith has long Labourd under severe Nervous complaints, for which he made a Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope and received much Advantage by it; but since his return as they have attack'd him again in a severer manner and as his constitution is considerably impaired by the length of illness he has had a Voyage to Europe is recommended as the only possible Means of effecting a perfect recovery.

Certificate of the Surgeons respecting Lt. Monteith

Gilb: Parley } Surgeons
Jas. Anderson }

Fort St. George 3 Octr. 1796

Agreed that Lieut. Monteith be permitted to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

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The Secretary says before the Board the following

Letter from Captain Torrens

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To Richard Sullivan Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir

The Accoutrements which were actually in use with the European Troop of Cavalry under my Command, and are the property of the Company, having been claimed by the Executors to the late Leopold Wilkins, I request you will be pleased, (with the approbation of the Honble Board) to furnish me with a Copy or Extract from the seperate Letter to the Court of Directors dated 21st. March 1767, as also the Copies of those papers which record the disposal of the Accoutrements &c. to the Nabob on the Reduction of the European Troops.

I am Sir
your most Obedient Humble Servt.
J. Call. Jonyn

Madras
Octr. 4th 1776

Ordered that the Secretary do furnish Capt.n Jonyn with Copies of the papers mentioned in his Letter

The President reports to the Board the Death of Capt.n Philip Bandinel the 21st Instant

Ordered that the following Appointments do take place

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Lieutenant Walthouse, Aid de Camp doing Duty as Captain, to be Captain upon this Establishment in the room of Captain Philip Bandinel Deceased Date of Rank 21st September 1776.

Ensign Canny Leland to be Lieutenant in this

F. C.

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room of Lieutenant Wallenhouse Adair promoted Date of Rank 21st September 1776

Ensign Morris Alexander Lind to be Lieutenant in the room of Lieutenant John Dalzell Duncan D. Date of Rank 22d September 1776

Thomas Davies Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Carey Leland Promoted. Date of Rank 21st Sept. 1776

Frances Henry Drake Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Morris Alexander Lind Promoted Date of Rank 22 September 1776

Thomas Price Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Richard Hethuington Resigned Date of Rank 23. September 1776

Edward Ferguson Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign James Weir Resigned Date of Rank 24th September 1776

Ensign Barry Chase to be adjutant to the Battalion of Sepoys in the room of Lieutenant Monteith Resigned

Ensign Matt. C. Prudle to be Adjutant to the 1st Batt.n 2d Regiment. in the room of Lieut.t Lucas resigned

By Command of the President & Council

Read Letter from Capt.n Colgrave

To Colonel Stuart Acting Commander in Chief

Sir

Lieutenant Monteith Adjutant of my Batt.n having signified to me his desire of Resigning that employ. I beg leave to recommend Ensign Richard Chase to succeed him who has acted before in that Capacity to my perfect satisfaction

From Capt. Colgrave recommending Ensign Chase to be Adjutant in the room of Lieut. Monteith resigned

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Satisfaction I

Saw

Sir

your most Obedient Humble

John Colgrave

Tanjore

24th Sept. 1782

Ordered Accordingly

Agreed, that Foreign Service be appointed

Adjutant to the 2. Comatick Battalion of Sepoys in the

room of Lieutenant Brentleth

Fort St George 6th October 1776

Dispatched the following Letter

To Major Horne

Commanding at the Mount

To Major Horne
inclosing a Letter
to Lord Pigot

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the President
and Council to inclose to you the accompanying Letter Addressed to Lord Pigot from the Governor General and Council at Bengal, which you will be pleased to deliver to him

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

Fort St George
6th October 1776

To Lieut. Colonel Harper

Commanding at Tanjore

To Col. Harper
inclosing Letters
Addressed to
Bengal and
Desiring him to
communicate the
same to the Rajah

Sir

The Honble the President & Council having this day received a Letter from the Governor General and Council at Bengal, together with the extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors to that Presidency I am directed to furnish you with the accompanying Copies thereof, and at the same time to desire that you will as soon as possible - Read and explain the Contents of them in the fullest Manner to the Rajah taking care that the Interpreter whom you may employ shall give a just and faithfull translation. The Governor will Shortly address the Rajah on this Subject in a few Days

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan

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6th Octo. 1776

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To Lieut Col Harper

Commanding at

Tanjore

Sir

The Honble the President and Council having thought proper to Order that 16 Battering Cannon, together with some Military Stores, should be sent from hence to Adiraiatnam by Sea, you will be pleased to have all your Transport Carriages in readiness, Collected at that place that they may be conveyed with all expedition to Tanjore. Orders are this day sent to the Paymaster that he furnished with the necessary number of Bullocks

Fort St George
6th October 1776

Your most Obedient Servant
R Sullivan Secy.

To Lieut Col James
Commanding at
Tritchinopoly
Sir

The Honble the President and Council having thought proper to Order that 16 Battering Cannon, together with some Military Stores, should be sent from hence to Adiraiatnam by Sea, you will be pleased to have all your Transport Carriages in readiness, that as many may be Collected at that place as may be required of you by this Honble. Orders are this Day sent to the Paymaster that you be furnished with the necessary number of Bullocks

To Col Harper directing him to have his Transport Carriages in readiness

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Fort St George
6th October 1746

Sam

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

R J Sulivan Secry

The same was Written to Captain Gibbons at Vellore

To Mr William Wynch
Paymaster at
Trechinopoly

Sir

The Honble the President and Council having thought proper to Direct that 16 Battering Cannon together with some Military Stores should be sent from hence to Adrianpatnam by Sea; Orders are this day given to Lieut. Col: Kaspar & Lieut. Col: James to hold their Transport Carriages on Readiness, that the Cannon and Stores may be conveyed from thence to Tanjore, with all possible expedition You will therefore be pleased to provide such Bullocks, as may be necessary on the Occasion

To Mr Wynch directing him to provide such Bullocks as may be required of him

Sam Sir

Your Most obedient Servant

R J Sulivan Secry.

Fort St George
6th October 1746

To Mr Edward Snow
Paymaster at Vellore

Sir

The Honble the President and Council having thought proper to direct that 16 Battering Cannon together with some Military Stores should be sent from hence to Adrianpatnam by Sea; Orders are this Day given to Captain Gibbons to hold his Transport Carriages on Readiness,

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that the Cannon and Stores may be conveyed from thence to Tanjore, with all possible expedition you will therefore be pleased to provide such Bullocks as may be necessary on the Occasion

Jam Sir
your most Obedient Servant
R. T. Sullivan Secry

Fort St George
6th Octr 1776

At a Consultation present
The Honble George Stratton Esqr Pres. & Govr
Henry Brooke, Robt Fletcher
Nichdale Palmer, Jno. Sourdain
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation was Approved
Read Letter from the Governor General and Council at Bengal, together with the Extract of a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to that Presidency by the Lion

Monday
7th Octr 1776

The Honble George Stratton Esqr President
&c Council at Fort St George

From Bengal acknowledging the present Government to be the only legal Representatives of the Company on this Coast.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 23d August by the Shrewsbury and we have also received a Letter from the Right Honble Lord Pigot dated 29th Augt by the Triton

having maturely considered the Subject of those Letters we proceed immediately to acquaint you with

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with our determination upon them —

The Rights and powers of the Governor &
Council at Fort St George being by the original Constitution
vested in the Majority of the Members who compose that
Body, and the intemperate conduct of Sr Nicl Pigot your late
President, in forcibly excluding two of your Members from
their Seats at the Board, having been the cause of the
unhappy separation of the Majority of your Board from
the Minority in this Alarming and Dangerous situation
of your Government, We think it incumbent on us to declare
that we acknowledge the title and Authority which we
understand you have been thus compelled to assume; in
consequence thereof; we have resolved to support you in
your Government by all the means which you may re-
:quire from us, and we have it in our power to grant, in
Virtue of your General Instructions to afford our Aid and
Protection to all the Presidencies of the Company in
India —

Although you have not yet Notified to us
that you have assumed the Administration of the Presidency
of Fort St George, nor informed us of all the circumstances
which produced that Event, yet we are too well assured
of the usual Transactions, which Use to it, to entertain
a Doubt with respect to the conduct we ought to pursue
on this Occasion; and the crisis is too Urgent and del-
:aiming to admit of our waiting to enter into a more Pre-
:cise Investigation of all the Facts and Proceedings
which have reduced the Government of Fort St George to
it —

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its present situation, and as to the necessity of deciding upon it, It is sufficient for us to know that in supporting that part of a divided Administration which is formed by a Majority of its Members, We support the Legal, and constitutional Government;

We judge it proper however to mention that we should have been very glad to offer our mediation to Conciliate past differences instead of pursuing the more decisive line which we have adopted. had we conceived any hopes of success, but we feard that your differences had gone too far to admit of it, and that a want of success in promoting that desirable end, might have been attended with consequences more fatal than any which can result from our present decided resolution.

After so recent an example of the disposition of your late President as appeared in his conduct to the Nabob, and while our decision on the appeal which was made to us by the Nabob on that occasion was yet depending, we could not but be greatly alarmed for the peace of the Carnatick when we heard of the unwarrantable means by which Lord Pigot had endeavoured to usurp the Powers of your Government by attempting to procure a Majority in the Council by Violence, in order to sanctify his Measures. Thus deprived of the Aid on which we had depended from the Integrity of a large Majority of the Members of your late Council who had steadfastly opposed the hostile Measures adopted by his Lordship against the Nabob, what hope could we any longer entertain that our Orders on those Points

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Points which were contained in our Letter of the 7th of August would not be either openly disputed or covertly eluded, when the execution of them was thus left at the discretion of that Power which they were meant to controul. Notwithstanding what has followed, we are not yet freed from our apprehensions We therefore judge it necessary to give you this notice that our final resolution on the Charges preferred by the Nabob against your late President, only remains suspended, and that if any Change shall have taken place since the date of your last advices which shall make it necessary for us to recur to the opinions which we have already delivered upon them, We shall not fail to proceed to the last extremities warranted by the controuling Powers vested in us by the late regulating Act of Parliament for the preservation of the National faith and of the Company's engagements with them called the Nabob of Arnatick.

Sensibly concerned as we are for the dissensions which have unhappily taken place in the Government of Fort St George we must still continue to feel the most painful apprehensions of the consequences which may ensue from such a Convulsion, We earnestly desire therefore that you will furnish us with the earliest advice of every subsequent transaction which may have any relation to this Unfortunate affair and in which the General Interest of the Company may be eventually concerned, to enable us at all times to be prepared to contribute our Aid by any means that may be necessary to Conduce to the safety of your Settlement. In the meantime any Apprehension of a Doubt that the

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No 183, Fort St. George 7th Octobr 1776

The whole Power of your Board rest in a Majority of its Members, We transmit you an Extract of a Genral Letter which we have lately received from the Honble the Court of Directors by the Seonge, wherein you will find their Sentiments very clearly expressed,

We have thought it proper to acquaint Sir Edward Hughes with the Resolutions we have formed under the present circumstances with respect to yours Presidency and to request that he will unite with us in the support of your Authority and Government.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
J: Clavering
Richd. Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
the 10th Sept. 1776
Ex. Lib

Extract of the Company's Genral Letter dated the 31st January 1776

Extract of the Comps. Genral Letter respecting the Powers of a Majority

Par. 17th We in our express command that no meeting of your Council (the Members having been duly summoned) shall be dissolved or adjourned, by the Authority of your Governor General, or of any President for the time being without the consent of a Majority of Members present at every such meeting of your said Council.

18 And if it shall hereafter happen that the Governor

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Governor General or any Number Number of Council not being a Majority shall think proper to withdraw from the Council Board and leave a Majority of the whole Council sitting, and if 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 they continue to sit so long (and to adjourn from time to time) as they shall think it requisite 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 if no Member had withdrawn.

And it is our further Command that all Orders which shall be issued by such Majority, to a Member of Council as aforesaid by any of our Servants in Bengal Civil or Military be implicitly obeyed in the same manner to all intents and purposes as tho such Orders had been Authorized and signed by all the Members of our said Council.

A true Extract

J Munro Sec.

Ordered that Copies of the above be sent to the Nabob, and to Commodore Sir Edm. Hughes for their information.

Ordered also. that a Copy of them be sent to Major Horne commanding at the Present to be communicated to Lord Pigot, and that the substance of the Letter together with

of the Nabob & Sir Edm. Hughes to be furnished with Copies of the above Letter and Extract.

Major Horne to be furnished with Copies of the above Letter & Extract and to communicate the same to Lord Pigot

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with the Extract be issued as Orders.

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from Major Horne.

To Rich.d Jos.t Sulivan Esq.re
Military Secretary

Sir

Last night about 9 o'Clock I received your Letter, accompanying a Letter from the Governor Genral and Council of Bengall to Lord Pigot which I delivered to his Lordship as directed in your Letter.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Humb.e Servant
Hall.n Horne

From Major Horne advising of his having delivered the Letter from Bengall to Lord Pigot

Mount
Oct.r the 7.th 1796

The Board taking into consideration the great expence Major Horne must necessarily be put to, in keeping a Constant Table for Lord Pigot, Resolved, to make him an allowance of 20 Rup.s pr Diem, from the day on which his Lordship was delivered over to him at the Mount.

An allowance of 20 Rup.s pr Diem to be made to Major Horne

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The following Letters were this day dispatched

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commodore and Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships

in India

Sir

We yesterday received a Letter from the Gov.

To Sir Edward Hughes enclosing Copy of a Letter from Bengal.

General and Council at Bengall, Copy of which we have

now the Honor to enclose to you for your information together

with Copy of an Extract of a Letter to that Presidency from the

Honble the Court of Directors

We have the Honor to be with the Greatest

Fort St George

4th Oct. 1776

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servts

Thos Hon Jas Connell

To Major Horne

Commanding at the Mount

Sir

To Major Horne, directing him, to communicate, the Letter from Bengal to Lord Pigot - to apply to him for the Key of the Treasury.

We yesterday received a Letter from the

Governor General and Council at Bengall, together with

Extract of a Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors to that

Presidency, Copies of which We enclose to you in order that

you may communicate them to Said Lord Pigot

We desire you will repeat our application to

Lord Pigot for the Key of the Treasury, that the Business this Post

session

In consideration of the great Expence you

must necessarily be put to, — in keeping a constant Table

for

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Fort St George
4th Octr 1776

Monday
9th Octr 1776

for Lord Pigot. We have Resolved to make you an Allow-
ance of 20 Pag.s pr diem, to commence the 24th August

We are

Your most Obedient Servants

George Stratton &c Council

At a Consultation present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Governor President

Henry Brooke — Robt Fletcher

Inchdale Palmer — Franc. Fourdan

George Mackay

The Minute of last Consultation read and approved

The following Letter was this day wrote to

The Nabob

To the Nabob

I have had the satisfaction to receive within
these few days a Letter from the Governor General and Council
at Bengal, accompanied by an Extract of a Letter from the
Honble Court of Directors to that Presidency, copies of which
I have now the Honor to inclose your Highness for your
information.

On perusing these papers your Highness
will be pleased to observe, that the sentiments of the Court as
as well as those of the Government General at Bengal,
confirm in the compleatest Manner the propriety of the
late Measures, We have been compelled to take in suspension
of