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Resolutions, and Proceedings, shall be recorded in the same Book, and form, as would have been the case, no Member had withdrawn.

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

A true Extract

J. P. Turnbull

Secry

Ordered that a Copy of the above be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors by Swallow, Via Sue

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

Salisbury in Madras Road

the 8th Day of September 1746

Sir

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Sir & Gentlemen

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

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

I am

Sir and Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Edward Hughes

To George Stratton Esqr. President and Governor

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

Fort St. Thomas's Mount

9th September 1776.

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commander and Commander in Chief

of His Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

I understand that Sir Robt. Fletcher

has applied to Messrs. George Stratton, Henry Brooke

Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer, & Thomas Sowden

and George Mackay, for Summons to issued to the Cape

of Good Hope on the Ship Grosvenor now under Despatch;

and being assured in case such Summons be

granted him, that he may thereby be brought

to Justice for the Crimes for which he was ordered on

Board the 23 of August last by myself and the Hon.

Board of Council, and from which Board he has not

been

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been legally Released; I desire you will acquaint the said George Stratton, Henry Brooke, Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer, Francis Saunders and George Stracey, that I shall deem them responsible for all the consequences that may ensue from their permitting Sum, Sec Robert Fletcher, to remove out of the Jurisdiction of the Military Authority established by Act of Parliament, for the better Government of the Company's Troops in the East Indies, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known, & in the present situation of myself and the other Legal representatives of the Company on this Coast. I am also to acquaint you that I have the Honorable Will the greatest Esteem

Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Pigot

A Copy
E. H.

Received the following Letter from Edward Hughes Esq

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 8th day of September 1794

Sir and Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of yesterdays date with the Enclosures, and in Answer thereto acquaint you, that the Governor General and Council of Bengal in their Letter to me, dispatched Yesterday the following Extract

Pigot

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Letter from Ed. Hughes acknowledging the Receipt of the Letter from Bengal and informing that he has Instructions to act agreeable to the Orders therein

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"Requesting that you will do what lies within your
"Power affording your Assistance and Support to the Medical
"Gentlemen of Madrass, if any Change of Circumstances
"should render it necessary for them to do so."
And that it is my intention to which they have requested
of which I mean Immediately to forward information to
them, as I now do to you

I have &c
and Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servant
Edw Hughes

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

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

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

Sir

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

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Subject to your Determination and we shall not let you alter the Instructions from receiving such Bills till then.

We have the Honr to be with the Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient Humble Servants

George Stratton &c Council

Sir Geo. Wheeler
1st Oct. 1695

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I Received the following Letter from Sir Edw. Hughes

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 10 day of October 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

I Thank your favor of yesterday claim
from me one word of Reply,
I have nothing meaning to put upon the
unity in the least degree of Doubt, by forwarding to you the
Letter which I had received from Lord Pigot. his Lordships
Opinion is, that in his Situation, he has no other Method
of stating any subject before you. The Station in which
I have seemed to have placed this way calls for me, I thought
I could not refuse his Lordship, but I do not Interest myself
in the Subject, or had any Option in the mode of expression his
Lordship chose to use. The Board will do with the Letter
what they think best to them —

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

I Humbly hope my Endeavours to be in any way
serviceable to this Presidency on this critical, should
occasion offer, being —

I remain and regard
Sir and Gentlemen
your most Obedient and
my humble Servant
Edw Hughes

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

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Subject to your Consideration and we doubt not but
you will see the Impropriety of your receiving such Gifts
hereafter

We have the Honor to be with the Utmost
Sir
Your most obedient humble Servants
George Stratton &c Council

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9th Oct. 1796

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Received the following Letter from Sir Edw. Hughes

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 10 day of October 1796

Sir & Gentlemen

I thank your favor of yesterday claims
from meane cord of Reply,
I was not my meaning to put your Author
ity in the least degree of Doubt, by forwarding to you the
Letter which I had received from Lieut. Lord de Saye
& Sion on the Situation, he has no other Instruct
of placing any subject before you. The Station on which
I have seem to have planted this way cattle seem. I thought
I could not refuse his Lordship, but I do not Intend myself
in the Subject, or had any Option in the mode of expression his
Lordship chose to use. The Board will do with the Letter
whatever seems best to them —
I take this opportunity to acquaint you,
Sir and Gentlemen. that I shall leave this place on Tuesday
next, to proceed for Trincomally to await the Monsoon, and make
a return this first Week in January —
I shall give me pleasure to be in any way
serviceable to this Presidency in the interval, should
occasion offer, being —
With esteem and regard
Sir and Gentlemen
your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
Edw Hughes

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

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13. Received the following Letter from Major Horne

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

Honble Sir &Sirs

My Lord Pigot intending to write to the Company by the Ship Granwich has desired me to write to your Honours, that Captain Mathews may be charged with his Dispatches; I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Mount
Oct. the 13 1776

your most obedient humble Servant
Matt. Horne

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

To Major Horne
Commanding at the Mount
Sir

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

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

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At a Consultation, Present.

The Honble George Hamilton Esq.re Gov.r &c.a &c.a

Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer , Francis Fowke
George Mackay
, Sir Robert Fletcher Indisposed

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

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

The President acquaints the Board that yesterday Morning he received a Message from Sir Robert Fletcher by his Aid Decamp acquainting him of his own Indisposition being so much increased that his Physicians found it absolutely necessary for him to make Trial of a Voyage to the Cape, and therefore requesting that Orders might be given Captain Cane for his Reception on Board the Grenwich. The President further informs the Board, that he in consequence of this Message from Sir Robert Fletcher, as the Ship was the Eve of Dispatch, thought it necessary to direct the Secretary to give the necessary Orders to Captain Cane.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob.

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

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

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

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

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

Government

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

Read the following Letter from Capt. Carr

To Mr Secretary Sullivan

Sir

In consequence of your Order to receive on Board the Grenwich and transmit to England Mrs Francis Bonnell Paragi Timothy Wood, and Lieutenant Robert Nicholas Brownekew, I am under the necessity of representing to you that from the number of Passengers who have already obtained Permission to go home upon the Grenwich, it is impossible for me to accommodate these Gentlemen

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Robert Carr

Fort St George
14th Oct. 1776

(Mr Jourdan delivers the following Minute

Mr. Saunders Minute

The Company being at a great Expence for House and Godown Rent

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

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

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

And that the Paymaster do repose an Account of all sums paid on Account of Houses and Godowns rent &

Also that such Gentlemen as employed at this and duy Godown rent do deliver in Accounts of the Sums paid &

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

Ordered Accordingly

Resolved that the following Letter of Indemnification be given to those Officers whose are immediately employed in executing the Powers of said Right

Sir

We do hereby undertake that you should be indemnified should any Actions at Law be commenced against you for having Acted in pursuance of Our Order, in executing the Powers of the Right Honble Lord Pigot, We do hereby in the name of the East India Company, and as their legal Representatives, Indemnify you for any Loss or Damages you may sustain by prosecutions

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

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

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

Honble Sir &c &c

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

I am

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Sam.

Hon'ble Sir John Shore

Governor General Council Fort William

James Gibbons

Undertakes to convey a Memorial from the Field Officers of Infantry

To Brigadier Gen.

Commander in Chief,

Sir

In consequence of the Troops that had been ordered to Ceylon being gone to Sea, the Officers of Infantry, serving on this Establishment, have thought it a necessary measure to forward the accompanying Memorial to the Right Hon.ble the Governor General and Council, and to beg leave to solicit Your Protection and Patronage, under the circumstances recited in it.

To the Consideration of Government we have the honour to commend the Memorialists, as Officers of merit and long Service in the Army —

We flatter ourselves you will see the particular Hardships of our Situations, the justice of our Claims, and the Propriety of adopting such measures as will relieve the whole of the Company's Military Servants on a Scale as favourable as the impartial Distribution of Favours & Distinctions will allow by order of Government.

We have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants

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

your most obedient and
most humble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer
Edward Fanshawe
Mat.w Shorne
Maj.r Artillery
Wille.m Mumro Engr.

Mt. St George
15th July 1776

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

Memorial of the Field Officers of Artillery
and Engineers

My Lord & Gentlemen

If the Warning proceeds of limited Em
ployment, and circumscribed Honors, of ambitious Seam
:bled, and disappointed, and of long Services unrewarded,
be allowed to be causes adequate, and sufficient for the just,
and laudable apprehensions of a Soldier, the officers of the
Corps of Engineers and Artillery, are fully assured that they have
to make no apology to the Right Honble the Governor & Council
for the address which they now present with a degree of respect,
not

not inferior to the anxiety which they feel for their Situation
Colonel Braithwaite, Inspector in the Service
to examine into Bank, and Company, has found means to
disperse reports by a Board obtained from the Honble Court of
Directors, and how Gentlemen have been appointed to do
Duty with Eighteen Lacks of Pagodas, but in those
three appointments of the Honble Board, are only meant
to operate with the Corps to which they belong, and for the
all General Duties when we act together in Bank and
Presidency cannot thereby be affected.

We have Circumstances, and Causes
anxiety, and concern, and which give
on account of what we hold dear
Character, and Bank in the Prosp
determined to lay before the Right
and Council a representation
we suffer, and to solicit earnestly
influence with the Honble Court
a Decree which affords us
Disposal of the Treasury.

Confidence, and unsuspected
which becomes our Duty
individual a Presence to ourselves, Advantageous to the Service
been tried, and proven in the Times of Trouble, and
Danger, and who are ever conscious of the strong Ties by
which we are bound to extend ourselves in the Interest of our
Honble Employers, We can admit of no Suspicion to stamp
fidelity, and attachment, and as Officers Servants in Bank

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

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

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

When the Honble the Court of Directors following the Model of the Kings ſervice. Were pleaſed to Direct, That the Officers of Artillery and Engineers ſhould not take Rank in any other, they made an Innovation that was highly ſenſible, and judicious, for it is their Cuſtomary for all Field officers to have their Seniority in the General Line of Military, preſerved to them

by

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by Brand, 1st Bn 1st Regiment, Promotion be ever so slow as will fully appear by the annexed List of Officers now commissioned in his Majesty's Service, and at the variable and formal Routine of General Duty in the Army can be readily acquired, and easily performed, by any Engineer, or Artillery Officer, without the smallest Interruption to his particular Duty in his Corps, yet the Duties of an Artillery Officer, or of an Engineer, which require so much Study, and Knowledge, so much Science, and Experience, could be but ill executed by the Officers of the other Corps of the Army, taken indiscriminately. And as this precaution confines into Corps in which the Allowance is inferior to that of any other, I am hopefull that this Consideration will suggest to our Honourable Employers an additional Argument for drawing no Aggravated every Supercession in the General Line of our Establishment.

That Gentlemen unbiassed from their youth in the principles, and well exercised in the practice of a Science, which Exhibits the most fixed models of the process of the human understanding, and subscribes the most unerring Rules for its conduct in all the transactions of life, should be deemed incapable of acquitting themselves well in the General line of Command, the profound as well as the superficial and formal Duties of which entirely depend upon, and are inseparably connected with that very Science, is a proposition by far too intricate, illiberal, and absurd to merit a respectful hearing before our Honorable Masters.

Sir

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

But if the Officers of the Corps of Artillery and Engineers be made inferior as Juniors to the Officers of other Corps, if the Officers be equal in the Experience of Military duties under the Science of the fundamental principles of our profession, necessarily superior — if our allowances be made higher, than in the Cavalry considerably lower than those of other Corps. All the Officers above Colonels of Infantry on the Establishment. No allowances are made the Gentlemen Commanding the Corps of Artillery and Engineers more than are to every Lieut. Colonel on the Establishment. The Engineers are without Rec. Rank, which all General & all other Officers of the Army holding a Certain Rank. If our duty be not less severe, and our Lives less important — if Equity pronounce no Objection against us, if all strongly in our favor. If the things Source from which We have been originally modelled, and which we always imitate, supply us with an argument the most analogous and applicable, if the unbiassed distribution of Equal honors cannot fail to diffuse a General unanimity and Emulation, whilst partial Investment must infallibly create discontent & soften

every

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any Spring of Enterprize, and Actions so much to our Credit, Example, and Expediency vindicate our Complaint, and warrant our Claim; which is the cause that should excite us always to a due Distance from the favourable Scale, Masters.

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

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

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

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

From the same of these Reflections we are indu-
:ced to hope, that the Honorable the Court of Directors, as well as the
Right Honble the Hble the President and Council, will per-
:ceive the Injury that has fallen upon us by the Brevet that has
been given to Colonel Braithwait, and the appointments made
here, and that they will not think be inclined to sacrifice to the
Interest of Individuals, so judicious, so just and so impartial a
Rule for the promotion of their Military Servants, from which
alone, we humbly conceive, they can expect to support that
Attachment, Emulation and Activity, which has hitherto been

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

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer
Edward James
Lieut. Col. of Artillery
Nat. Horne
Maj. Artillery
Wm. Haven Engineer

Fort St. George
26th July 1776

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

Officers Names	Rank in Regiments they belong to	Rank in the Army
		Lt Col

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Earl of Ancram	Lieut Col: 2 Troop Horse Guards	Col: in the Army
Ro Hopper	Lieut Col: 1st Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
Ro Hamilton	Lieut Col: 2d Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
H Mostyn	Lieut Col 3d Regiment Horse Guards	Colonel
H. Sullivan	Lieut Col: 1 Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
J Thomas	Lieut Col: 2 Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
Jo Hudson	Lieut Col 3 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
Jo Pitcairn	Lieut Col: 5th Regiment Foot	Colonel
Willm Taylor	Lieut Col: 9th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Robertson	Lieut Col: 16th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Darby	Lieut Col: 17th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Fletcher	Lieut Col: 32 Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Frazer	Lieut Col 24th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Rigby	Lieut Col 25th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Townsend	Lieut Col 35th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Calcroft	Lieut Col 37th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Vaughan	Lieut Col 46th Regiment Foot	Colonel
J Dalling	Lieut Col 50th Regiment Foot	Colonel
Wm Fawcett	Lieut Col 52 Regiment Foot	Colonel
J. Montrésor	Lieut Col Engineers	Colonel
Wm Phillips	Major Artillery	Colonel 10 Oct. 1765
J Pattison	Lieut Col Artillery	Lieut. Colonel
C Hamilton	Major 1st Reg.t Dragoon Guards	Lieut. Colonel
Innot	Major 2 Reg.t Dragoon Guards	Major General
J Sherard	Major 1st Regiment Foot Guards	Major General
N Sutton	Major 1st Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
B Lancelot	Major 2 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
H Sisten	Major 2 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
D Jones	Major 3 Regiment Foot Guards	Colonel
J Campbell	Major 36th Regiment Foot	Lieut Colonel
J Callendar	Major 67th Regiment Foot	Lieut Colonel
Wm Bishop	Major Artillery	Lieut Colonel
Jo Broome	Major Artillery	Lieut Colonel
J Shallton	Major Irish Artillery	Lieut Colonel
Mackellor	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Bramham	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Gwin	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
H Dixon	Major Engineers	Lieut Colonel
Wm Roy	Captain Engineers	Major
Jo Archer	Captain Engineers	Major
G Huston	Captain Engineers	Major
H Gordon	Captain Engineers	Major
J Brown	Captain Engineers	Major
H Dibbing	Captain Engineers	Major
Ro Dawson	Captain Engineers	Major
Wm Master	Captain Engineers	Major July 23 1772
John Maclean	Captain Engineers	Major
J J Buchanan	Captain Engineers	Major
D Hay	Captain Engineers	Major
J Hunter	Captain Engineers	Major
Wm Blackadr	Captain Engineers	Lieut Colonel

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Besides the above Officers who are on Campaign the Half Pay Officers have received the Benefit of their great Singleration and their Rank is mostly preserved in the Army though they have not received the Half Pay of that Rank they had when put on the Half Pay List.

Read the following Letter from Lieut Col Fletcher and Major Stevens

To Colonel James Stuart Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

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

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

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:ment ought to be considerably increased

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

We are with the greatest Respect

Sir

your most Obedient

humble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lieut Colo and Engr

Willm Stevenson Engr

Fort St George
16 October 1776

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

Colonel Stuart accordingly gives in the following Opinion in Writing

The Board having done me the honour to ask my Opinion on the Subject of their Memorial and Letter of the Field Officers of the Corps of Engineers and Artillery belonging to their Establishment, I will with all Submission and Deference, as follows

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

Colonels

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Colonels upon the Establishment, but still the Ranks
to be understood as Honorary or Brevet Ranks, and that the
Company is to be subject to no extraordinary expence, nor
New Allowances inclusive on that account.

Subservient to the Interior of Economy
and Utility, it is my Opinion that they also be subject
with the usual view in the Army from that Ranks, the
additional Rank to be Brevet or Honorary, and on the same
footing as the Corps.

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

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

Yrs

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

The Board assenting to the Matter recommended in the above Opinion of Colonel Stuart Resolve, that the Reasons upon the subject be transmitted Home as a Number on the Packet and that they have recommended to the particular attention of the Court of Directors.

A Certificate from the Acting Com.

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

Adverting next to the Proposal of Engineers
and Artillery, it is my Opinion that they also be put upon
with the usual rise in the Army from that Rank, the
Additional Rank to be Brevet or Honorary, and on the same
footing as the Corps.

And as Junior Officers, whose Singular
merit is so well known to the Board and to every Officer
who served with them, from Inclination & Public Duty
and to the Judgment of this our Principal Council, generally
his original Design of returning to England himself,
& begs leave to make it as my Request to the Board that, in
addition to the Paragraph already made recommending
the Officers to succeed to the Command of the Corps of Engineers
when Vacated by Lieut Colonels Roy, the Board also be
recommended here to have the Ranks of Lieut Colonel, by
Brevet, given home.

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

Pink.

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

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

A Certificate from the Acting Comr. [illegible] marder

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

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Wrote the following Letter to Commodore Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore and Commander in Chief of his
Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes thanking him for the offer of their services

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

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

We wish you a pleasant Voyage and safe Return, and are with Esteem and regard Sir your most obedient humble Servant

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15th October 1796

G. Stratton Council

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Gov.r President

Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer
George Hackay

Thursday 15th October

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an individual Vacancy which the present is not, viz Duty to the Company, and in Justice to Colo Stuart Town of Opinion that the Subject ought to be taken into consideration before the Dispatches of the Governor & that the Court of Directors may be acquainted with the Sentiments of the Board and that if necessary we may be furnished with further Orders in season for the same

On this Subject the Court of Directors say

"And as Sir Robert Fletcher during the time he was formerly in the Command of our Forces did a third and Voice as Third in our Council and Commission of our Service that he do resume the same Rank he shall again succeed to the Chief Command but it is our absolute Order that no Consideration shall after Sir Robert Fletcher be admitted to the Privilege save and determined such succession shall by have acted and Vote as Third in our Council and Commission when Military Affairs are under Deliberation in the same Manner as we have directed with respect to our Council at Bombay

And respecting General Clavering

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

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And Relative to Colonel Stuart, that —

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

Provided to the advantages and Emolu-
ments to be enjoyed by Colonel Stuart We direct that he be
allowed such as are usually annexed to the situation and Rank
in which he is hereby Installed either regarding his present
or future appointments —

From a Consideration of the foregoing
Order it will appear that the Company have committed
the Commander in Chief of Madras and Bombay to
such

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On

State in Council in Military Affairs only, for the Commander in Chief of India, who is to succeed to the Governor General in case of his death, or absence, and political affairs also, which if included in the General Orders relative to Military Commanders will have been unnecessary and it will also appear that in the Orders relative to Colonel Stuart, Memorandum Orders are not countermanded to which they have [illegible] that it seems to me, the Company advertising to the great Power known unto the Indies of the Military Commissions by the late regulations, Judged it incumbent to prevent any Innovations by preventing them from obtaining the Posture Seats in any Department except when Military Matters were in Consideration, would give them

At the Board Honble Mr Sullivan desired to discuss the Subject of these Minutes before the dispatches of the Grenwich, Resolved that they lie on the Table for further Consideration. Being Mr Sullivan is desirous that the Company should be acquainted therewith, Ordered, that they be transmitted to the Court of Directors, Inclosed in the Packet by the Grenwich.

The above Minutes to Some Numbers in the Packet

Ordered likewise that Col Stuart be made acquainted with the Contents of the Minute delivered by Mr Sullivan wherein he is mentioned, and that he also become be informed, that what he may have to say on the Subject shall also be transmitted home, a Number in the Packet by the Grenwich.

Sir

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Journals of Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr. Jourdan respecting the Commencement of Lord Pigot

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

Order'd to lie upon the Table until the Departure of the Greenwich now under Dispatch for England

General Letter to the Court of Directors of this Day's Date Read and Sign'd

Order'd that the Packet be closed

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15 Came in the following Letters

To Richard Sullivan Esqr.

Sir

Letter from Col Wilson

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

I am

Sir

your most Obedient Servant

H Wilson

Seringapore
the 10 October 1776

Salisbury in Madras Road
the 15th day of October 1776

Sir & Gentlemen

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

You will have that I am under the unavoidable necessity of transmitting the Enclosed to you, which I have this moment received, and thought the shortness of my stay here, at this critical Season, may not admit of my having your Answer in time; I hope never the less, that your determination will be such as may give satisfaction to His Lordship: I have authorized Mr Spurway my Secretary, to open and communicate your Answer to me, and am,

Sir

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Sir & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Edward Hughes

George Stratton Esqre President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commodore and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in India

Sir

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

After all the trouble which I found myself under the necessity of giving you, I am concerned that on the receipt, I have now the Honor of receiving from you, you should meet with further requests; But I cannot help calling your attention again to my situation; My Health (I Thank God are good, altho' separated from my family, but I have been so much engrossed and this I cannot take circumstances as you see me. I beg therefore that you will ask the Gentlemen in the Fort (if I am to continue under a Guard of Horse as well as Foot) whether it would not be more decent that the Company's Troops of Horse should be ordered on that service in the room of the Nabob's Black Cavalry, sent hither by those Gentlemen the Morning after my Confinement Seven Weeks ago, which you saw answered and now we continue here for no Guarded I appeal to you whether it is Advisable for me to move out of sight of the European Guard

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I am indeavouring great concern to find you
shall understand these Gentlemen two days ago broke open
the Company's Treasury to get about a Sack and half
of Pagodas, a little Red Egg which he had been carrying up
these Eight or Nine Months, this set afloat me such a
melancholy Reflection that I cannot avoid telling you of
for the most fatal Consequences from a worthless Treasury
which these Gentlemen will certainly experience: their
Dependance being wholly on the Cabob, nothing could have
furnished them with so good an excuse for keeping him pe-
tisfied, as any keeping from them the Key of the Treasury,
If they can get nothing from him more I know not what
they will offer on the Company's account, or in discharge
of the Debts to the old Creditors, the Payment of which has
been so often and strongly mentioned by the Company and
particularly recommended by the Directors in my addition
when in England, I am writing as the Month of June
that we mentioned to the Governor Council and Council of
Bengall the State of our finances and the necessity of
your Resources, on which they would have been so good as
have added to our little Store for exigency; but we were
unfortunate as to have them pay no attention thereto, this
is a subject foreign to my intention when I took up my
Pen to address you, but the Importance of it is such that
it dwells on my mind Having no other Channell than
your self open for Representation, I the more readily em-
brace it being persuaded that you have a pleasure in

assisting

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

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

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your most obedt

humble Servant

(Signed) Pigot

St Thomas's Mount

14th October 1776

In Consequence of which the following Letter was immediately wrote

To Sir Edward Hughes

Commodore & Commander in Chief

of his Majesty's Ships in India

Sir

We have just now had the

Honor of your Letter dated Thursday accompanying Copy of a Letter to you from Lord Pigot

We think it necessary to inform you that there were only Six (6) Black Cavalry stationed at the Mount and five (5) on the Road from there to the Fort which were intended only for the purpose of conveying Letters and Intelligence to us, of which we concluded this Lordship was acquainted from Major Monro's not having however at this time

have

Letter to Sir Edw. Hughes that 6 Black Cavalry only had been stationed at the Mount to be removed

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have ordered them to be removed,

We cannot help expressing our surprize at that part of his Lordships Letter wherein he says how separated from his family. & you well know the Malabar only them but all other persons who chose to return have free access to them.

Fort St George
the 15th October 1776

We are with much Esteem
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
George Stratton & Council

To Major Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir

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

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

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

We were always desirous of rendering Lord Pigot's situation as agreable as may be consistent with the Publick Security, and we purpose to shall endeavour you will shew him every Indulgence which the nature of his Situation will admit of.

Dear

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My Lord

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the 15th October 1746

Your most Obedient Servant

16 The following Letter was this Day Written

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

Honble Sirs

Letter from Major Monro in reply

I received your Commands of the 15th Instant and have in obedience thereto Ordered the Cavalry at the Mount to Madras & Informed Lord Pigot at the time they first arrived at the Mount the precise Hour to send for you - and have more than once repeated the same to his Lordship have constantly sent them dispatched with Letters wherein I had occasion to write to your Honours on your Service. and they have never once been employed in any other manner whatsoever -

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

may

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maybe omitted Immediately given Orders, and Instructions. I am with the greatest Respect

Mount
16th October 1796

Honble Sirs
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Hal. Horne

To
The Honble George Stratton Esqre
President Governor &c Council

Honble Sirs

From Major Horne his Application and Lord Pigot's reply respecting the Removal of his Papers

I have again applied to Lord Pigot about the removal of his papers and intimated to his Lordship the inconvenience you laboured under for want of that apartment: his Answer is, the papers are of the greatest Consequence they may remain where they are, untill he himself goes for Home; and further observed he had no future Intention to remove them to; Further they were not only the Apartments below were those papers were; But the Armirality House which you had also

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

agitation

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

Mount
16 October 1776

To George Stratton Esq.re
President &c. Council at
Fort St George

Gentlemen

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

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

Having already made you a tender of our
Assistance and Support in Establishing and maintaining
the Authority of your Government, in our Letter of the
which has been transmitted to you in Duplicate
we can only renew the Assurances therein contained and ac-
quaint you that we judged it expedient to communicate
our Resolutions to your Subordinate Councils of Masuli-
patam, Vizagapatam and Ganjam we therefore enclose

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a Copy of the Circular Letter Shalor wrote to Strange that Occasion.

Weare Gentlemen

your most obedient Servants

Warren Hastings

P. Clavering

Rich. D. Barwell

Francis

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

W.H.

P.C.

R.B.

P.F

Fort St George 19th October 1776

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gov. Pres.t

Henry Brooke

Inchdale Palmer Esqrs Francis Fowke

George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

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

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

Letter from Col. Stuart in consequence of Mr Bourdan's Minute and claiming a Seat at large!

Honble Sir &Sirs

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

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

and

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in Council, while he resides at the Cape. Therefore during his absence the Command of the Army is absolutely & legally vested in him.

Having already stated what in my opinion the natural construction of the words mentioned in my appointment, I trust the Board will place some confidence in what I shall now say; when I declare upon my honor, that not only the present Chairman (Mr Roberts) who was in the Chair the day the Paragraph passed the Court of Directors did expressly tell me, That in the future contingence of the Command of the Forces falling to me I was by the words of the Paragraph alluded to entitled to a Seat and Voice in Council at large on the same footing as my Predecessors in Bill as every Gentleman in the Direction with whom I had the honor to converse did clearly understand it in the same manner, as I decided at first in the Committee of Correspondence without considering the Law and the Gentlemen in the Direction I had at the time in view, and according to my information decided to be read) the Resolution immediately following Sir Robert Fletcher's last appointment, which resolution, they meant, in any case, to dispense with.

I shall conclude with assuring the Board that I am not a wish for more Power or Privilege than, in my Conscience, I think necessary to enable me to do my Duty, and those from the just Stake in the Colony entrusted they will be entrusted, that all my Power and Privilege will ever be exerted in the support of their legal authority.

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

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

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

your most obedient and most humble Servant

James Stuart

Brigadier

Tuesday afternoon
15th October 1776

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Minute and Resolution of the Board thereon

Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher having left this Settlement, on the Greenwich in order to proceed to the Cape for the Recovery of his Health. The Board in consequence of these Resolutions. the 15th. Instant. now take into Consideration the Minute entered in by Mr. Saunders and entered on that days Consultation; likewise the Letter from Colonel James Stuart. the Riders of the Court of Directors by the Salisbury and by the Royal Henry. and agreeable to our Opinion with Mr. Saunders that it is necessary to the Letter of the Riders by the Salisbury to give Colonel Stuart a Seat in the Council at large. but when they consider at the same time the present Situation of the Company's Affairs under the Presidency so unfortunately wholly Lord Pigot remaining on this Coast. the impossibility of procuring any Advice or Assistance from Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher for Eight or nine Months. and how much must depend in case of Attack or Danger, on the Officer at the Head of the Troops. and how they likewise consider the Ability and Zeal shown by Colonel Stuart in the late Services he rendered to the Company and to this Settlement. and in which he risqued his Life and Fortune Successfully in support of the Constitutional Rights of this Government. they cannot but be of Opinion that it will be for the good of the Service to give Col. Stuart during the Absence of Sir Robert Fletcher or until the Arrival of the Court of Directors Ships the Seniority, a Seat and Voice in all Public Deliberations, and in doing so they flatter themselves that their Honble. Employers will not look upon this Resolution from their Commanded as

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any marks of a wilfull Disobedience in Servants, to who have already done so much, to enforce a Compliance with their Orders

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

The following Letter is therefore wrote to Col. Stuart

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

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

The Honble the President & Council have been this day pleased to Resolve, that you shall have a Seat as a Member of this Council at large, during the absence of Sir Robert Fletcher, or until the Pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known

I am Sir
your most Obedient Servant
P. J. Sullivan
Secy.

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19th Octr. 1776

Mr Jordan delivers in the following

Mr Jordans dissents to the Resolution respecting Col. Stuart's Seat at the Board

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

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

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

F. Sourdan

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

A Minute having been delivered in by Sr. Robert Fletcher and Mr. Sourdan at the last Consultation, proposing for the Reasons therein Advanced that Lord Pigot should be released from his Arrest, the Board proceed to take the same into their most serious Consideration. Previous however to their coming to any Resolution, the President acquainted them, — that having deemed this a Matter of Real importance to the Peace and tranquility of the Settlement, — he had thought it expedient to require from Colonel Stuart the Acting Commander in Chief, his ideas on the subject, — who had accordingly favored him with his sentiments in the following Letter — clearly expressive of his Opinion, on the impropriety of releasing his Lordship at this Juncture from his Arrest —

Letter from Col. Stuart stating his objections to Lord Pigots Releasment and recommending that he be sent Home —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs —

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

Fletcher

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

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

Communicated

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

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

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

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

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

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect

Gentlemen Sir and Sirs

Your most devoted Humble Servant

Jno. Stuart

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Minute of the Board on the subject of the preceding Letter and Resolution to defer the Release of Lord Pigot.

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

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

Resolved therefore for the above Reasons, as well as those assigned by Col: Stuart that Lord Pigot be not now released from his Arrest as proposed by Sir Robert Fletcher and Mr. Sourdan —

Mr. Sourdan delivers in the following Minute on the above Resolution —

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Mr Sourdan's Minute on the above Resolution

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

P. Sourdan

Minute of the Board in reply to Mr Sourdan

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

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out have given in their Minute for the Release of Lord Pigot, until the day preceding the departure of the former for the Coast of Coromandel, when it was impossible for them Sir Robert Fletcher to attend at the deliberation of so important a Question —

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

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

Letters to Bengal respecting Lord Pigot's Retirement, and proposing to send him Home —

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 12.th and 13.th Instt. acquainting Us with the Sentiments and Resolutions you had thought proper to form upon our Proceedings previous and subsequent to the late Convulsion in this Government —

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

Enclosed

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

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

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

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

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

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Letter, in consequence of this information, write on you a Number in the Packet —

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

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

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

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

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

We have the Honor to be!
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants—

Fort St. George
19th October 1776—

Wm. Stratton (of Council)—

Mr. Sourdan disapproves of the above Letter—

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

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Senior President

Monday
21. Octr. 1776

Hen.y Brooke
Alex.r Stuart
Arch.d Palmer
Sam.l Lurdan
Geo: Mackay

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

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

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	69
Tank Diggers	816
Coolies	474
Lascars	86
Stone Cutters	40
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all to	1521

We have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

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Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. and Chief Engineer

Read Letter from the Senior Surgeon

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Honble Sir and Sirs

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From Messrs. Pasley and Anderson

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed. and most H. Servants

Gilb. Pasley
Sal. Anderson
} Surgeons

Mr. Adderton appointed Assistant Surgeon

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

Read Letter from Captain Charles Clifton

To the Honorable George Strattton Esqr.
President and Governor &c. Council of Fort St. George
Honorable Sir and Sirs

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

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

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

I am with the greatest Respect &c.
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your Obedient Humble Servant &c.
Geo. Clifton

Pritchinopoly
14th October 1776

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

His Request not granted

Read General Letter from the Chief and Council at Tanjaur &c.

Military

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Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We are concerned to inform your honor &c of the Death of Captain Philip Bandinel of the 1st Circar Battalion which happened here on the 21 Instant

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

Lieutenant Francis Gowdie of the 2d Circar Battalion who went to Calcutta with your permission for the benifit of his health arrived here some time since, and has applied to us thro' the Commanding Officer for his pay during the time he was absent. We request to be favored with your Orders on this subject

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

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Charles Smith
F Ravenscroft
Tho: Dagnelly
Robt Hughes
J Huddleston

Ganjam
23 Sept. 1776

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Ordered, that Chas. Goudie do receive the Arrears of Pay that may be due to him —

Read a Letter from the Chief and Council at Cuddalore

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

Honble Sir and Sirs —

From Cuddalore representing Repairs necessary at Cuddalore and Trichinopoly —

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

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

We are very respectfully —
Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants —
Edw. Saunders
Hll. Maitland
Thomas Brasyer
E. Wallcfield

Cuddalore
30th August 1776 —

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To Repair the Inside Wall of the North Curtain at Cuddalore viz.t

Bricks			2 .. ..
Shell Chunam	379 Para		15 ..
Jagary	1906		6 .. 10 .. 40
Bricklayers Coolys &c.a			12 .. 21 ..
Small Materials			.. .. 21 .. ..
		Pagodas	36 .. 10 .. 40

To Repair Soldiers Barracks at the Braming Sale).

Flatt Tiles	15000		3 .. .. ..
Oxenhired			.. 30 .. ..
Tiles	2500		1 .. .. ..
Oxenhire			.. 10 .. ..
Wall Bricks	1000		.. 28 .. 10
Oxenhire			.. 8 .. ..
Shell Chunam	130 Para		5 .. .. ..
Jagary			2 .. 17 .. 50
Bricklayers Coolys &c.a		10	23 .. 5 .. 60
Mangosplanks	150 f.t		4 .. 5 .. 40
Palmiras	50		6 .. 23 .. ..
Rafters	1100		22 .. .. ..
Carpenters Work		13 .. 15 .. 40	46 .. 2 .. ..
Iron	1708		5 .. 30 .. 60
Roof Nails	19 lb		1 .. 23 .. ..
Rafters &c.	56 lb		7 .. .. ..
Smiths Hammermen Bellows boys, Charcoal and Paddymuck		3 .. 43	18 .. 12 .. 60
		Pagodas	87 .. 14 .. 40

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To Repair the Company's House at Cuddalore					
Tiles	5000	2			
Oxen hire		20			
Shell Chunam	5 Para	2	10		
Jagary		4			
Chunam stone	10	20			
Bricklayers, Coolys and boys	3		6	10	10
To Repair 5 Officers lodgings at Trepassore Viz.t					
long Straw	20,000 bundles	1/- 21			
Straw	560 d.o	13 11			
Country Sticks	82 d.o	3 36			
Narr	56 d.o	28			
Matts	100	4 32			
Shell Chunam	28 Para	1 3	10		
Chunam stone	70	3 14			
Thatchers and Coolys		10 7			
Bricklayers & Coolys		6 37	10		
Jagary		21			
Palmira Cadjans	1000	12			
Twine		10	40		
Small Materials		21			
Iron	36 lb	1 9			
Smiths, Hammermen, Bellows boys, Charcoal and Paddy husk		1 28			
Palmiras		2 21			
Mangostarks		5			
Carpenters Work		5 26		19	5 40

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To Repair the Horse Stables at Trichapilore Viz.t

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

To Repair the Bridge of Trichapilore Point

Palmeiras	20.	2.. 35..	
Country wood		21.. ..	
Carpenters		1.. 21..	
Nails	48.	21.. ..	5.. 14.. ..

To Repair Prisoners Room at Trichapilore

Shell Chunam	26 Para	1.. ..	
Sagary		20.. ..	
Chunampoto	3	6.. ..	
Bricklayers coolys &c.a		38.. 40	
Palmeiras	5	27. 40	
Carpenters		1.. 31.. 40	
Nails	108	1.. 10.. 40	
Iron for Window Barrs	508	1.. 30.. ..	
Smiths, Hammermen &c.a		31.. 40	8.. 26.. 40
			112.. 11.. ..
Wall		36.. 10.. 40	
Barracks at Brammy Gate		8/. 14.. 40	
Commandants Quarters at Cuddalore		6.. 10.. 40	
		Total Pagodas 242.. 4.. 40	

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Absolutely necessary to be made

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

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam —

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

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

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

We are, with Respect —
Honble Sir and Sirs —
Your most Obedient humble Servants —
Jann. Johnstone
P. Perring
H. Williams
Hen. Crawford
Walt. Barlow

Vizagapatam
28th Sept. 1776

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

H. Crawford

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Henry Crawford Esqr.

Secretary

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

Your Obed.t Servant

(signed) Peter Perring

Vizagapatam
20th Sept.r 1776.

A true Copy
Henry Crawford Sec.y

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

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

Vizagapatam
20th Sept. 1796

(signed) Morgan Williams

True Copy
Wm. Crawford &c.

Mr. Martin to proceed to Ankola

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

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Transmitting Estimates of Barracks and Hospital – and communicating Capt. Powell's representation respecting Dustucks for the supply of the Bazar at Ellore &c.

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

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

We so far agree in opinion with Capt.n Powell, as to conceive it necessary, that in those Garrisons, where Jummalee is used as the principal part of Diet upon its rising in the Bazar above 4 P.s 5 36 12 & Candy of 16856 which is in proportion to Rice at 70 C.r Pagodas & Madras Garce of 9256 is 18 the difference should be charged and the Troops supplied, in like Manner as

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

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

Masulipatam
1.st Sept.r 1776 —

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

Flat Bricks 12x10.000 @ 1.s 8.d p.r Mill			1455.	30. —
Terrass d.o 270.000 @ — 2000 p.r Pagoda			135.	— —
Flat Tiles — 200.000 @ — 12 p.r Thousand			52.	8. —
Tiles — 55.000 @ — 2500 p.r Pagoda			22.	— —
Stone Chunam 5656 Candys @ 3 — 15 p.r Candy			1870.	11. —
Pattah Sand 59 p.r d.o @ — 12 p.r d.o			118.	32. —
Jaggree — 28 d.o @ — 10 — p.r d.o			280.	— —
21 Fathom Pegue Teak Timber 160 @ 5 each			380.	— —
Rajamundery Short d.o d.o 48 @ 2 — 23 for each			120.	— —
15 Fathom Scantle — 312 @ 1. 40. 20 each			585.	— —
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Sheathing Planks	310 @ 30	℔ Hundred	93.	..	..
3 Inch Common Planks	20 @ 3	℔ Inch	60	..	..
Thole Palmiers	80		12	33.	36
Palmeira Rafters	900 @ 3	℔ Hundred	27	..	..
Spike Nailes	280 ℔		14	6.	40
6 Penny do.	120 do.		9	4.	16
4 do. do.	180 do.		20	..	20
40 do. do.	180 do.		11	11.	40
Iron	2¾ Candy		37	28.	..
Jar	60 Gallons		18	8.	29
Bricklayers and Coolies &c.			1660	..	..
Bringing Bricks from the Glacis into the Fort			320	..	..
Bringing Chunam			35	..	..
Carpenters and Sawyers &c.			222	23	..
Smiths and Charcoal &c.			70	..	..
Sundry Materials			60	..	..
Leveling the Ground, cutting Foundations &c.			100	..	..
		Total Madras Pagodas	1888	7	21

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Estimate of the Expence of Building Barracks to Contain three Hundred Europeans. Maulighatam 1st August 1796.

Wall Bricks	1651.000 @ 1.	℔ Pr. Mill	1938	6	..
Terrace do.	566.000 @ 2000	℔ Pagoda	283	..	..
Flat Tiles	35.000 @	12 ℔ Thousand	91	15	..
Tiles	95.000 @ 2500	℔ Pagoda	38	..	..
Stone Chunam	861 Candy @ 3.	15 ℔ Candy	2873	31	..
Pattah Sand	900 do. @	12 ℔ do.	234	36	..

Jaggery

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Jaggree	45 Candy @ 10	Candy	450	
21 Feet long Teque Teck Timber	136 @ 5	Each	680	
Pajamundry short ditto	84 @ 2..23	each	210	
15 Feet long Joists	516 @ 1..46..20	each	967	23
Sheathing Planks	350 @ 30	Hundred	105	
3 Inch Comen Planks	350 @ 3	each	105	
Whole Palmira	150		136	21..30
Palmira Scantlings	1.600	@ 30	48	
Spike Nailes	500	lb	25	11..49
6 penny do	150	do	11	16..60
4 do do	300	do	33	16..60
10 do do	100	do	25	
Iron	3½	Candy	17	33..36
Tar	100	Gallons	30	13..75
Bricklayers, and Coolies, &c.			2350	
Bringing Bricks from the Place, into the Fort			130	
Bringing Chunam			80	
Carpenters, and Sawyers, &c.			325	
Smiths, and Charcoal &c.			80	
Sundry Materials			80	
Leveling the Ground, Cutting foundations &c.			180	
		Total M. Pagodas	11.818	41..70

Mr. Mitchell
Engr.

An Account of such Articles now remaining in the Honble Company's Stores as are mentioned by Capt. Mitchell in his Estimate to be wanted in Building a Barrack and Hospital &c.

Madras

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Wall Bricks	323,150		1123.	28. 19
Coping Bricks	93,60		113.	17. 60
	16in m. ft			
Jaggree	26. 17. 11/2		295.	18. 68
Stone Chunam	13.586in ft.		1979.	12. 59
Kistna Sand	11600 Ft		99.	2. 22.
Mats Palmira	100		90.	14. 74
Shalling Boards	1300		390.	.. ..
3 Inch Comar Plank	112		336.	.. ..
Long Teque Timber and Joist	528		2021.	11. 40
Pajahmundry short Timber	60		150.	.. ..
Spike Nails	2000lb		101.	.. 30
Bar Iron	90Cwt		1227.	10. 40
			11221.	117. 12

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

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

Dieto!

Troops to be supplied at fixed Price

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel James commanding at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Col. James with Intelligence from Seringapatam

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

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

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Trichinopoly
5th Octr 1776

Inclosed with true respects
I remain
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt and most Humble Servant
E. Sanders

Intelligence from Seringapatnam.

From Colonel Wilkes
Intelligence from
Seringapatnam

Hyder Ally arrived in the Fort with his Son Tippoo Saheb and his Army on Thursday the 10th Instant, the Garrison consisted of 8000 Horse, 12000 Infantry, 18000 Match lock Men, 130 Guns of which are very large, 100 Elephants 300 Camels 10 Europeans 30 Frasses, Commanded by three European Officers.

Out of the Fort at the Distance of 4 Miles is Hyder Ally's Camp consisting of 40,000 Horse 15,000 Infantry, 60,000 Match lock Men, 4000 Spear Men, 30 Guns per Elephants, 14,00 Camels 10 Europeans, 1000 Frasses Commanded by 14 European Officers.

Hyder Ally is daily recruiting and collecting of Troops from all Quarters, he has compleatly repaired Seringapatnam in those places which were damaged by the Flood.

Hyder Ally has sent a strong Detachment to Dindigul, Caroor, Calum &c Bangawanam, and those Northern parts of this Country to keep the Marattas Quiet the Detachment is Commanded by Meir Saheb. There is Peace between Tobiadhy and Nagoba, it is said they are joined Nizamally. it is also said that Murraroo Row whom Hyder had taken Prisoner has made his escape and will join Nizamally.

It is currantly reported at Dindigul, Caroor, Calum &c that Hyder Ally's preparations is for this place and Madura.

Trichinopoly
5th Octr 1776

Read

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Read Letter from Mr. Stockwell—

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

Honourable Sir and Sirs—

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

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

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

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

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

Depending

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

Tanjore
29th Septr 1776 —

Honourable Sir and Sirs —
Your most Obd and Humble Servant
Elizabeth Stackwell

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

Particulars to be required —

Read a Letter from Lieut Colonel Lane —

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

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From Col. Lawes for Instructions respecting Assistance required by the Nabobs Mannager

Honble Sir and Sirs

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

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

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

I remain with, all due respect

Honble Sir and Sirs —

Your most Humble Servant —

E. Lawes —

Trichinopoly
16th Octr 1770

Assistance to be given —

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

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

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

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

From Vizagapatam transmitting plan of the Bomally district and Letter.

Honble Sir and Sirs

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

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

Vizagapatam
11 Oct.r 1776

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

From Mr. Johnson Engineer

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

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

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

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

with much Respect

Gentlemen

Your most Obt. Humble Servant

Sam. Johnston

Vizagapatam
3. October 1796

Struchey
Hen.y Crawford Jun.r

Read the following Letter from Mr. Halliburton

Mr. Secretary Sullivan

Sir

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

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

Jam.s Mr. Halliburton desiring to succeed Mr. Holland as Persian Translator

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Imployed upon me—

In the year 1774 Mr. Tracy thought me sufficiently qualified to recommend me to the Committee of Revenue to translate the Summers and other papers which came before them I was employed in this way for several Months during which time I never received any salary or allowance whatever thinking my services well requited if they were the Means of recommending me to my Superiours and Satisfied to. Messrs. Brooke and Sourdan Members of that Committee whether I acquitted myself under them to their satisfaction—

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

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

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

Your most Obed.t Servant

David Haliburton.

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Ordered

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Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Col: Stuart communicates Sr. Robert Fletcher's recommendation that Capt: Candler be removed from the Wellasore district— and that Captain Lysaght be appointed to command there

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

Capt.n Ellerby to command the vacant Battalion

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

Complied accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Nabob Haider Ally Cawn the 4.th Instant,— Entered in Country Correspondence &c. Agreeing to an Abatement of 20 3/4 Pag.s 15 Anas of the Customs heretofore paid by the Company's Weavers which the Board deeming Moderate, the President is desired to acquaint the Nabob thereof with, and to inform him the Abatement is to commence the 31.st July 1776, the day on which the Sashire was Delivered him—

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

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Brabourn—

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

Letter from the Nabob with Answer sent by Lord Pigot to him— and a Letter in reply to his Lordship &c—

On

1775

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On the 26th February 1775 in the Morning, Lord Pigot delivered a Paper written by himself in English to Mr. Chamber the Company's Mounchie and Persian Translator, Condalut Omrah and Amur ul Omrah my two sons whom I desired to go and wait on Lord Pigot at the Company's Garden, and tell me with this Message, That if Lord Pigot would lay that Paper before the Board that day, and whatever that Paper contained, whether I Consented to it, or not, he would do it by Force. This very much astonished me, and Immediately told Mr. Chamber and my two Sons, that I had never said any such things to Lord Pigot, and how could he write in this Manner in my name; afterwards Mr. Chamber took a Copy of Lord Pigots Paper, and carried it to his Lordship. My Lord Pigot had taken the Liberty of writing such things without my Knowledge, I did not know what Tabilia he might tell some in Council; For this reason in Answer to that Paper, I wrote a friendly Letter to the Governor and Council dated 27th February 1775. And I suspect that Lord Pigot has never laid before the Board either his own Paper, or my Letter, I have sent you enclosed, Copies of both in English; I have also sent a Copy of my own Letter in Persian, to explain this to you From this Business you will understand all his Actions

Dated 21 Shaubaun 1189 Hegira.

5th October 1775.

The President acquainted the Board that the Nabob had delivered to him a Paper containing the amount of the Orders he had given upon the Tanjore Country. That the Nabob has likewise given him an Order directed to all his Amildars &c. commanding them to Account with such persons as the the President may name for all Sheistum collected in the Tanjore Country since the 5th Instant, and directing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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be kept use without putting him to that expence.—

The President adds that having explained this to the Nabob, this Highness in testimony of his sincere Friendship to the Company readily assents thereto.—

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Lord Hobart dated 25th Moharrum 1211 Hegeri or 21st February 1796.—

In answer to your Lordships Letter of the 23d February 1796, or 3d Moharrum 1211 Hegeri, to be informed, what Orders had given on the Tanjore Country, and what Troops intended to be sent on a Deputation thither, —

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

The Board having repeatedly explained their Sentiments with Respect to the Rights of Succession and unconditional Conduct towards the Nabob, it is now unnecessary for them to remark on the above extraordinary procedure of his Lordship.—

Minute thereon

From

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From the Nabob under Date 5th October, inclosing Copies of Papers from Sondeman and Ally Neuas Cawn Entered in Country Correspondance No , complaining of frequent disturbances created in the Nabobs Country by the Inhabitants of Tanjore

From the Nabob representing Disturbances occasioned by the Inhabitants of Tanjore

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

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore desiring the Assistance of Sepoys to collect his Revenues expressing his Apprehensions on hearing that Colo. Harper was to be removed and requesting that a new Commandant may not be sent to Tanjore - complaining of the Behaviour of Mr. Sheffield and his People - and representing the State of the Country &c. &c. &c. - as Reported by him to the Rajah of Tanjore &c.

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

No. 93 No. 94

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

To the Rajah of Tanjore &c.

The Rajah of Tanjore in reply to the above mentioned Letters

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

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

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

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

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

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

In consequence of your desire, I have represented to the Nabob the difficulties that your People have met with in obtaining the Annacut, and at the same time have requested his Highness to give such Orders as may be necessary, that the same Assistance may be given you in the repairing of the Annacut as was customary in the time of Pretaubsing.

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

I am

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

Mr Charles Edwards appointed Paymaster at Tanjore

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

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

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

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

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

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

To Lt. Colonel Harper
Commanding at Tanjore

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

Sir

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

I am Sir
Your most Obt. Humble Servant
P. S. Sullivan Secy.

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To Mr. George Forster

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

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

I am Sir
Your most Obt. Humble Servant
P. S. Sullivan Secy.

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2d. came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the Works—

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

Bricklayers	67
Labourers	1236
Tankdiggers	303
Coolies	Lascars

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Lascars 54
Stonebutlers 35
Sundry Artificers 6
Amounting in all to 1181

I have the honor to be with respect &c.

Fort St. George
22d. October 1776

Thos. Hall Stratton
Secretary & Accountant

Fort Mont. Col. and Mach. Surveyor
Patrick Bolt
Lieut. Col. and Chief Engineer

At a Consultation Present

Monday 28th Octobr. 1776

The Worshipful George Stratton Esqr. Chief President
Coll. Wm. Brooke
Mr. Hall Stratton
Mr. Saml. Swinton
Mr. Marshall
Colonel Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

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

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr.
Military Secretary
Sir

Some Mr. Sylvius regarding to be furnished with Extracts from the Records relative to the Contract entered into by Capt. Cowley for furnishing the Troops &c.

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

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Desired me to request the favor of The Honble Board to Indulge him with such Extracts from their Records or Consultations as may appear to have that Effect, which Indulgence I flatter the Mayor & Honble Board will be pleas'd to Grant.

I am Sir

Your most Obt. Humble Servant

Mr. Sykes

Fort St. George
28th Octr. 1776.

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

his request complied with

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

Sir

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

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

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

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

Whether Actions brought for damages for false imprisonment or upon any other account, are to be tried by Jury or not?

Whether Actions for Contempt can be brought before the Mayors Court?

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

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

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

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

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

Prosecutors

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

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

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

Madras
13th Sept. 1776 —

Sir Elijah Impey

To John Turing Esqr. —

Sir —

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

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

B

Fort St. George 22d October 1726

I will answer the Matters stated in the Order in which they are arranged according to the Heads of my Judgements

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

2. The the Receipt of Presents and taking excess of Usury is made penal by the late Act of Parliament, that act will not in any Opinion Authorize the Mayors Court to proceed by Indictment. Before the Act it could not inflict a Fine and the act gives them no Authority so to do, Suits for those Offences must be carried on exactly in the same Manner as the Civil Suits which the Court now entertains. The Judges of the Court as in all other Cases and not a Jury must determine them.

3. By the Words of the Charter the Mayors Court is authorized to try all Civil Suits Actions and Pleas between party and party These words comprehend all Actions on contract expressed or implied and for all injuries to the Person, Property, or Character, whether in those Actions a Specific Sum be to be recovered or discretionary Damages for an injury, Sometimes Damages particularly because when I was at Madras a Member of the Mayors Court informed me that on this head formerly that the Mayors Court had no Jurisdiction in Cases where

Damages

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

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

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conclusion from Matters of fact. The Mayor and Aldermen of the Mayors Court duly obliging the Selves to oath of Judge and Jury are as competent to give Damages by their Judgment, as any Specific Sum demanded in the Original action —

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

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

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

7th I cannot see any Power given to the Mayors Court with respect either to the Clerk of the Market or the regulation of the prices of provisions, I cannot therefore see any right the Court has either to extend the powers of the Clerk of the Market or regulate the prices of provisions; nor know of any other Law or Rule of Action for the Members of the Court than the

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

8. and I believe the other Judges of the supreme Court will ever be willing to render such assistance to the Mayors Court as is consistent with our Judicial Authority, but any advice we give must be understood private and not ex officio. c.

The Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal is not a Court of Appeal from the Judgment of the Mayors Court and no Court of Law can give a Judicial Opinion except on Appeal on a cause originally instituted before it.

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

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

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

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

I am Sir

with great respect

Your very Obt. and very Humble Servant

Elijah Impey

Fort William
4th. October 1776.

The following Appointments recommended by Colonel Stuart are ordered to take Place —

Vacancies to be filled up —

Engrossed

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Ensign Oliver Wheeler to be Lieut. in the room of Lieut. Daniel Monlieth Resigned date of Rank 16th. Octr. 1776

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

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

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

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

The Honble Francis Pechell Cadet to be Ensign in the room of Ensign Francis Cookson Promoted – date of Rank 27th Sept. 1776

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

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

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

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble Tho: Stratton Esqr Governor President

Mssrs Brooke

Arch. Palmer ... Fran.s Sheridan

Jno: Macleane

Colonel Stuart indisposed.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

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

To Mr Richard Sullivan

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

Sunday 29th Octobr 1776

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

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

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

I remain, Sir, your obedient Servant

George Forster

Tanjore 26th Octr 1776

Mr Forster desires to Friday or Saturday for the Recovery of his Health

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

Forthwith

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

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

To the Nabob.

In the Nabob informing him of the Resolution the Board have come to respecting Mannamantagoody and likewise recommending to him a Reduction of his Expences.

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

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

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

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

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Fort St. George 20th October 1795

My Lord — I cannot but deem the Term of Twelve Months in every Respect Moderate, — The Abatement shall therefore be made accordingly, commencing from the 31st July of this present Year, the Day on which the Letter was dated to your Highness —

So much concern in observing the Complaints which have been made to your Highness by Tondiman, and Ally Sewnaboaver, of the Disturbances occasioned in Districts of your Country by the Inhabitants of Tanjore. This Matter I will immediately represent to the Rajah, — and at the same time point out to him the necessity of taking such effectual Measures, as may prevent the like Complaints in future) —

The Rajah of Tanjore having thus already represented to this Government the Difficulties he has encounter'd in obtaining the Remaind, I am under the necessity of repeating to your Highness my former Request, that you will be pleased to give such Orders as may be necessary, that no Assistance may be withheld from the Rajah's People in obtaining the Remaind in like Manner as was customary in the time of Prataub Sing —

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

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

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

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

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

The Secretary lays before the Board the Proceedings of the Committee for the Examination of Invalid and Pensioned Sepoys wherefrom it appears, that 99 are Recommended to be Discharged and that 39 are Reported fit for Service, and Recommended to be Ordered to join their Battalions —

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

Agreed

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Signed that Mr Colin Bowerbank Dent is appointed Paymaster and Storekeeper to the Garrison of Stanley.

Fort St. George 30th October 1776

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

To Lieut. Colonel Harper
commanding at Tanjore

Sir

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

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

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

P. S. Sullivan Sec.y

Fort St. George
30th Oct. 1776

To Mr. George Forster

Sir

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

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

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

P. S. Sullivan Sec.y

Fort St. George
30th Oct. 1776

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

Sir

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

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

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I have the Honr. and that should be him no more. I have observed your Hs. and according to the Boards directions have at liberty the Foreigners who were detained here.

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I am Sir your Obt. Servant
W. Harper

To R. J. Sullivan Esqr. Military Secretary.

At a Consultation. Present
The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Chairman Presidt.
Wm. Brooke
Alexr. Palmer
Jno. Burdon
Geo. Macleay
Col. Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

The Secretary lays before the Board the following Letter from

Mr. George Foster

To Charles Oakely Esqr.
Secretary to the Civil Department.
Sir

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

I beg leave to observe, that I am entirely unacquainted with the motives of the Gentlemen at the Board for their seemingly unwarrantable

From Mr. Foster advising of his having left Tanjore and declaring that his journey thither was without the knowledge of the Board.

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

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

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

I remain your most obedient Servant
George Forster.

Tanjore
3d Oct. 1776.

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

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

Read Letter from Mr. Stockwell.

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

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

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

Letter

Sent S. Thomas 11th. Septembr. 1776.

Letter from his Lordship to give us the Paddy, he would then give Orders for it being delivered us &c.

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

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

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

I beg leave to subscribe myself

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedient and Humble Servant

Elizabeth Stockwell

Tanjore
28th. October 1776

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

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From Mrs. Stockwell enclosing a List of the Merchants Names, Places and quantity of Grain purchased by her in the Tanjore Country and regulating the Batta with a Tender of their Assistance in the Recovery thereof.	To Paddy	Bought of Cojanel Naig at Carpoore			2429.	6.	3		
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	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Coolure	5282.	8.	1		
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Mallamjaburam	1132.	9.	1		
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Malagarum	137.	.	2		
	Do.	Do.	Do.	at Comaryssuram	24.	2.	2		
									Do.

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" Do. Do. Do.	at Tirukattypully	455. " 2. 2	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Cadul Nanule	1143. " 2. "	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Nunbel Mallygarum	1313. " 2. "	
" Do. Do. Do.	at Chundrahemum and Prasnan Agarum	3116. 11. 1.	
To Paddy Bought of Vanguchetty at Pettucotty and Country		25000. " "	
	Collumd.	43187. 6. 1	550. " "

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

The Grain purchas'd in the Pull Collaboundry were Secur'd in the following Villages Viz.t

Some Paddy at Sadu Cave Chettrum

Do. ...at Mannumuddy Chettrum

Do. ...at Nemuma Chettrum

The Governor to furnish the Rajah with Copies of Mr. Stockwells Letters to the Board on the subject of her Claims in the Tanjore Country

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

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

The Secretary acquainted the Board that the Attorneys of Capt. Wood late Town Major, had desired he will lay the accompanying Bills before them, and in the Name of Captain Wood to request that Payment may be ordered accordingly.

Pull

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

Bill amounting to Pags. 52. 16. 6 for the subsistance and allowances for the Month of August as Captain.

Payment thereof granted.

Ordered that it be paid.

Bill for procuring Intelligence for one Year

Bill amounting to Pags. 187. 6. ... for Extraordinary Charges in procuring Intelligence for one Year.

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

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

Bill for six Months Batta as Town Major

Bill amounting to Pags. 292. 33. 40. for six Months Batta as Town Major for receiving, landing and receiving the Military arrived this Season.

granted.

Ordered to be paid.

Bill for erecting Offices and Making Repairs

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

This Charge not to be admitted.

Ordered, as no Individual has a privilege to make any Repairs to Houses of the Company, nor even the Commanding Officer to the Amount of more than 100 Pags. without the permission of the Board, that these Charges be not admitted.

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

Bill amounting to Pags. 192. 21. 2. - for his Pay as Aid de Camp to Lord Pigot from 1. May to 23. do. 1776.

This Charge not to be allowed.

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

The Amount of the Bills due to Capt. Flood to be deducted from Pags. 1500 which Sum being remitted to the Company and the Ballance to be paid to them by his Attorney.

Resolved, that the Amount of the Bills now Ordered to be paid, be deducted from the Sum of 1500 Pags. due from Capt. Flood to the Company, and that his Attorney be called upon for the Ballance.

Read a Letter from the Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

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

We have now employed upon the Works —

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

Fort St. George
3. Novr. 1776 —

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

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

Cuddalore 2. Novr. 1776

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

Honble Sir,

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

I am with respect —
Honble Sir,
Your very Obt. and Humble Servant
Edn. Saunders —

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

P. of the Detachm.t Sunderland consist of

Dawes — 3 Ensigns — 1 Surgeon and 1 Mate 53 Rank and File — 1 Serjeant and 4 Corporals — a Packet for Mr. St. Jane delivered me by Capt. Marlow goes by this Safety —

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The Europeans from Bombay to proceed to Madras, and be the Ships to join their Battalion at Anjengo

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

Read Letter from Bombay.

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

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

By this Majesty's Ship Bombay I do now return the remainder of the European and Sepoy Detachment from your Coast as particularized in the inclosed Return.

I remain with Esteem
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obt. Servant
Wm. Hornby
John Carnac
Robert Jordan

Bombay Castle
4th. Sept.r 1796

Rd. Bombay

Read Letter and Report from the Committee of Accounts

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

Honble Sir, and Sirs.

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

Trichinopoly

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

Order of the Board

To be sent to Trichinopoly

Vellum

There are Hircarrahs continued at Vellum, as there are 4 at Trich.y and 4 at Tanjore we think those at Vellum may be dismissed

Ordered accordingly

Chingleput

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

This to be explained

Conjeveram

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

No such Charge to be allowed in future

Cuddalore

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Cuddalore

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

One to be discontinued

Trincomalee

The Paymaster has paid 2 Subalterns & a Lieut. Davis from the Establishment by the Regulations he ought to have been paid only 20.

Copy of this to be sent to the Paymaster

Sanjaum

The 4th Battalion of Pioneers has to each Company a Waker contrary to the Establishment which allows 2 Conicopolys in lieu of the Wakeels

The Establishment which admits of 2 Conicopolies, to be entered at Sanjaum as well as the Leewards

Their are in constant pay at Vellour ..... 3 Carpenters
Trichinopoly ..... 3 Do.
Vellum ..... 1 Do.
Madura ..... 5 Do. and 2 Blacksmiths
Pallamcotah 3 2

Ordered accordingly

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

In the several Subdivisions the Number of Battalion charged as present be carried thro' Regulations We wish that an abstract were sent

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Orders of the Board

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

Ordered accordingly

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

Ordered accordingly

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

Ordered accordingly

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The Commissary General represents that Bills continue to come in for Auditing which are countersigned by the Town Major and sometimes by the Adjutant General He takes leave to remark that the Commissary General being the Check there cannot be any occasion for the Bills to be countersigned by the Town Major, except in the Article of House Rent the Quarters being under the Direction of the Town Major —

Referred

The Article of House Rent amounts Monthly to a very considerable sum — He thinks a List of the Quarters should be Monthly given in to the Office of the Commissary General by the 25th that he may judge of the propriety of paying the Demands for Houses —

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

He has read the Bazaimajor's Letter, and for the Reasons urged by him, the Artificers he thinks may be continued at Vellore — He however should however make a Monthly return of the Number employed in the Storehouses to accompany the Monthly Returns of Stores that the Committee of Stores may be enabled to judge of the propriety of the

Referred and Ordered accordingly

Number

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Number employed ....

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

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Francis Gourdon

Fort St. George
30th. October 1796

Jno. Maubray

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Andrew Majendie

Southward

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Batta to be allowed from place to place assigned by the Commissary General

Southward Days

From Madrass to Tonnamalee 1
Conjeveram ... 2
Chinglapet ... 2
Cuddalore ... 4
Ullore ... 4
Amboor ... 6
Trichinopoly ... 9
Tanjore ... 9
Ullum ... 9
Madura ... 13
Pallamcotah ... 16

From Chinglapet to Madrass ... 2
Tonnamalee ... 1
Conjeveram ... 1
Cuddalore ... 3
Ullore ... 3
Amboor ... 5
Trichinopoly ... 8
Tanjore ... 8
Ullum ... 8
Madura ... 12
Pallamcotah ... 15

From Tonnamalee to Madrass ... 1
Conjeveram ... 2
Chinglapet ... 1
Cuddalore ... 4
Ullore ... 4
Amboor ... 6
Trichinopoly ... 9
Tanjore ... 9
Ullum ... 9
Madura ... 13
Pallamcotah ... 16

From Cuddalore to Madrass ... 4
Tonnamalee ... 4
Conjeveram ... 4
Chinglapet ... 3
Ullore ... 3
Amboor ... 5
Trichinopoly ... 5
Tanjore ... 5
Ullum ... 5
Madura ... 9
Pallamcotah ... 12

From Conjeveram to Madrass ... 2
Tonnamalee ... 2
Chinglapet ... 1
Cuddalore ... 3
Ullore ... 2
Amboor ... 4
Trichinopoly ... 8
Tanjore ... 9
Ullum ... 9
Madura ... 12
Pallamcotah ... 15

From Ullore to Madrass ... 4
Tonnamalee ... 3
Conjeveram ... 2
Chinglapet ... 3
Cuddalore ... 3
Amboor ... 2
Trichinopoly ... 6
Tanjore ... 7
Ullum ... 5
Madura ... 10
Pallamcotah ... 13

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From Arnboor to Madrass	Days 6
Ponamalee	5
Conjeveram	4
Chinglapet	5
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	2
Tritchinopoly	8
Tanjore	10
Vellum	10
Madura	12
Pallamcotah	15

From Vellum to Madrass	Days 9
Ponamalee	9
Conjeveram	8
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	1
Arnboor	9
Tritchinopoly	2
Tanjore	1
Madura	5
Pallamcotah	1

From Tritchinopoly to Madrass	9
Ponamalee	9
Conjeveram	8
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	6
Arnboor	8
Tanjore	2
Vellum	2
Madura	4
Pallamcotah	1

From Madura to Madrass	13
Ponamalee	13
Conjeveram	12
Chinglapet	12
Cuddalore	9
Vellore	10
Arnboor	12
Tritchinopoly	4
Tanjore	4
Vellum	4
Pallamcotah	3

From Tanjore to Madrass	9
Ponamalee	9
Conjeveram	9
Chinglapet	8
Cuddalore	5
Vellore	1
Arnboor	9
Tritchinopoly	2
Vellum	1
Madura	4
Pallamcotah	1

From Pallamcotah to Madrass	16
Ponamalee	16
Conjeveram	15
Chinglapet	15
Cuddalore	12
Vellore	13
Arnboor	15
Tritchinopoly	7
Tanjore	4
Vellum	4
Madura	3

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Northward

From Madraspatan to Ongole ... 9 From Chicacole to Madraspatan ... 30
Masulipatam ... 16 Ongole ... 23
Vizagapatam ... 22 Masulipatam ... 14
Chicacole ... 30 Vizagapatam ... 8
Sanjam ... 22 Sanjam ... 2
Samulcotah ... 18 Samulcotah ... 12
Ellore ... 16 Ellore ... 14

From Ongole to Madraspatan ... 9 From Sanjam to Madraspatan ... 32
Masulipatam ... 9 Ongole ... 25
Vizagapatam ... 15 Masulipatam ... 16
Chicacole ... 23 Vizagapatam ... 10
Sanjam ... 25 Chicacole ... 2
Samulcotah ... 11 Samulcotah ... 11
Ellore ... 9 Ellore ... 16

From Masulipatam to Madraspatan 16 From Samulcotah to Madraspatan 18
Ongole ... 9 Ongole ... 11
Vizagapatam ... 6 Masulipatam 2
Chicacole ... 14 Vizagapatam 1
Sanjam ... 16 Chicacole ... 12
Samulcotah ... 2 Sanjam ... 14
Ellore ... 2 Ellore ... 3

From Vizagapatam to Madraspatan ... 22 From Ellore to Madraspatan ... 16
Ongole ... 15 Ongole ... 9
Masulipatam 6 Masulipatam. 2
Chicacole ... 8 Vizagapatam. 6
Sanjam ... 10 Chicacole ... 14
Samulcotah 4 Sanjam ... 16
Ellore ... 6 Samulcotah 3

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

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

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs —

From Anjengo with Intelligence received from the King of Travencore —

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

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

We Remain very Respectfully
Right Honble Sir and Sirs
Your very Obedt and Most Humble Servants
Wm Biggs
Arthur King
B. Carleton

Anjengo
26th October 1716

The King of Travancore's Letter to Mr. Bigger 17th Octr 1716

From the King of Travancore to the Chief of Anjengo —

At the Sea Side of Chellam a Settlement of the Dutch Company in Travancore Calagelle, the 28th of the Malabar Month, was entered the

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

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also and Shall approving of his passing the Roads commanded by me Sorte, hope the English Company will assist me — Account of which I shall want 2000 Arms, as requested and hope you will use your diligence to send them as soon as possible — All the News as soon as it arrives with me, you shall be acquainted with it — Sed finem &c.

The King of Travancore —

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

To the Honble the Governour of
Fort St. George —
Honble Sir —

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

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

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

Wishing you Health and happiness —

I remain — Honble Sir —

Your sincere Friend —

The King of Travancore

Seringapatam
20th Octr 1776 —

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The President to advise the Nabob of the purport of the above advices the Consideration of the Subjects to be deferred until then

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

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

Sir

I wrote you the 27th that I had delivered Mr. Forster the Letter you inclosed me, and that he told me he should go off immediately, and I should see him no more, but to my surprise he conceal'd himself in the Garrison till yesterday, indeed I had intimation the day before that he had been seen, on which I sent people to search for him, and did intend to send him away with a Guard of Sepoys for presuming to stay after his receiving such positive Orders to quit the place, but he must have got intelligence of my intention, as I find he went off in a hurry Yesterday Morning, and I am inform'd proceeded thirty Miles before he stopped. This you'll please to acquaint the Board of - If you Judge necessary I am Sir Your Obd. Servant &c

W. Harper

Tanjore
1. Nov. 1796

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

Read Letter from Nabob dated 2. Nov.r entered in Country Correspondance Vol. 98 with Paper of Intelligence from Vizagapatam, to the following Effect, That Sucharam Baupoo, Nana, Shaar M.r

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Letter from the Rajah with Intelligence from Seringapatam

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

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

The Gov. informs the Board that the Embarkations making by Hyder Ally are not design'd to go against the Carnatic, but against the Mahrattas.

Read Letter from Hyder Ally Cawn, to the President, congratulating him on his accession to the Government. Entered in Country Correspondence Vol. 300...

From Hyder Ally Cawn to the Governor

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Lieu.t President

Wm. Brooke

Thursday 7th Nov.r 1776

Arch.d Palmer

Geo. Mackay

Colonel Stuart and Mr. Sourdan indisposed

The following Draught of a Letter to the Nabob is read and approved. Ordered in Country Correspondance

To the Nabob

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

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

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

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

collected in them, and upon no Account whatever to expend any of those Stores without the knowledge and Consent of the respective Commandants &c.

Secondly, To ensure success to our Operations, your Highness should order to be collected in those Forts above mentioned Provisions sufficient not only for the Expenditure of their respective Garrisons, but likewise for our Army should it take the Field. The Provisions I would recommend to your Highness to have collected, are Sheep and Bullocks, Rice Dholl and Ghee Flour also Draught and Carriage Bullocks with their Bags &c. And that this may be accomplished with diligence and care, your Highness will be pleased to send proper Officers of the Circar to the different Garrisons, whose whole attention should be confined to that Object alone. At the same time your Highness will do me the favor to inform me what quantities of Provisions are already in store, and what Addition you may be enabled to make to them.

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

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

Your

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

Your Highness may remember that a few days after the departure of Lord Pigot for Tanjore, I took the first opportunity of urging to you punctuality in the performance of your Engagements with the Company. You then saw the necessity of following my Advice, and accordingly gave me every Assurance of making good the Payments you had entered into with Mr. Hynde in May 1776.

In consequence of which I received from your Highness in the course of the Month of April last among other Bills two for 2,62,936 Pa. payable at Certain periods, which Bills if discharged, with the several sums mentioned in my Letter of the 3. May to your Highness would have completed the above Engagements.

I cannot express to you the happiness I felt at so striking a proof of your Highness's attention to the Interests of the Company. but - how great was my surprize and concern to find, on coming to the Government, that there appeared due of those very Bills 12526 Pa.

Exclusive of the above sum of 12526 Pa. and of your Old Debt - there appeared due from your Highness to the Company Pa.

On the 30th. September on Acco. of the Sagheir 15,000 Pa.

31. October on Account of Sondry Bills &c. ..... 9,550 Pa.

to which must be added on Account of your current Charges from the 1st. May to the 31st. Oct. ... 210,000

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and with the above 12526 Pa. make in all ... 499,817

From which indeed must be Reduced Pa. 23,000

the only sum Shaw yet received from your Highness.

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

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

As in regard to the Interests of my Employers, as well as to the prosperity of the Carnatic has led me to be there explicit, and as my views are turned entirely to the Peace and prosperity of your Country, and to render you truly formidable to your Enemies, I made not a doubt but your Highness will excuse me, for communicating to you my sentiments so freely.

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

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

Read Letter from Captain Hopkins commanding at Palamcottah.

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

Sir

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

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

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

I am. Sir —

Your very humble. Servant

Chas. Hopkins

Palamcottah
28th. Octr. 1776 —

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

his conduct approved

Read Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper Commanding at Tanjore —

Sir —

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

From Colonel Harper advising Mr. Forster having left Tanjore

I am —

Sir,

Your most Obedient humble Servant

H. Harper —

Tanjore
2. Nov. 1776

Read

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

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

Sir

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

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

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

For some time past there have been two Comps. of Sepoys from this District doing duty at Vizagt. who from being divided in the Standing Guards forget all the exercise, which is so prejudicial to discipline. As there are above three hundred Sumery Sepoys and Topasses there already stationed there, methinks, they are fully sufficient, for the commanding of a place of so little consequence and no way tenable. If then Request, you will represent this to the Honble Board and get them withdrawn

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I have the honour to be &c.—

Chicacole
19th Oct. 1776

Sir—

Your most respectfull and Obedient Servant
Laur.e Murphy

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

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

A true Copy
Laur.e Murphy

To Captain Laurence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circar—

True Extract
(Signed) Wm. Crawford
Secr.y

Sir

1327 Fort St. George 7th November 1776

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 6th Instant, and 8th Instant by the former your Self to be unacquainted with the Orders of the Honble the President and Council, relative to Officers Commanding Detachments or Parties of Troops, We therefore enclose you a Copy of them that they may be transmitted to the several Officers on Detachment without Delay.

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

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

Whenever the discipline of the Troops renders a change necessary we shall have no objection provided the situation of Officers will allow of it.

Vizianaram Rauze having occation for three Companies of Sepoys at Vizianagaram for a few days, we have directed Lieut. Roberts to march them thither.

We are Sir

Your most Obt. humble Servants

(signed) Sam.l Johnston.
P. Perring
W.m Crauford

Vizagapatam
13. Decr 1776

A true Copy
Jno. Murphy

1328 Fort St George 9th November 1726

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I received your Letter of the 13th Instant accompanyed with an Extract from the Honble Court in March 1725, with which I was not hitherto acquainted, but as it literally says. "As "delays which might prove prejudicial to the Companys Interest "would frequently happen, were those Officers to wait for Orders "from the Superior Military Officer in the Circar or District, "before he complyed with each particular Requisition from the "Chief and Council &c &c. I then conceive the true Spiret and meaning of it in a farmore extensive light, and that it is only provisional, in times of trouble and Necessity, when the Senior Officer is at too great a distance, and not in a direct line with those Detached parties. How wide is the difference now when we are in profound tranquility? when those very Orders you sent to Lieut. Roberts came here by the same Post, and were forwarded from hence? You inform me that you Order'd Lieutenant Roberts to March three Companys of the Rajas Seapoys from the Cunjeum Pass to Vizianagrum; any bad consequences attending this Act will fall upon you, as you have taken it without my knowledge. Those five Companys of the Rajas have hitherto been under the direction of the Commanding Officer, who has occasionally Issued such Orders as might be necessary concerning them to the Subaltern Officers stationed with them at the different Out Posts; nor have you until now interfered with the disposition of them. I must then remark that the present Innovation of sending your Orders directly to One of those Subaltern Officers, is extremely Irregular, and as you must be sensible of the impropriety of this Manner of proceeding, I expect your future

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

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

Sam.l Pe.d
A.n Hurseley

A true Copy
A.n Hurseley

Chicacole
16th Octr. 1776

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

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

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

Intelligence from Poonah Dated 13th October 1776

Ragobah left Surat and Marched along the Sea Side with 300 Mawaligers for Sepoys and halted at Nauserry in the Moralla District. As soon as Sawy Madarow General Succaram Bapjee became acquainted with it, he thought it requisite to send an Army against Ragobah, but fearing he should run away, he first sent an Ambassador with a Letter to him with the hopes of prevailing on him to agree to peace.

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In the Year 1757 Sadobah General of the Morattia Army Cousin to Nannah Cawn with one hundred thousand Horse marched against Delhi and possessed himself of all the Towns round that place. when Intelligence was brot to Heeran the Commander of the said place he sent his General Named Abdallha with one hundred and fifty thousand Horse against Sadobah to relieve Delhi. Abdullia gave Battle to Sadobah and got a compleat Victory it was reported that Sadobah was Slain in Battle and he was not heard of for about two years, when a Man came to Poonah soon hearing that Nannah was dead and that the Son of Mahadeverow was in the Government who pretended to be Soudabah the Uncle of the said Mahadeverow, Mahadeverow fearing that he would claim a part of the Country for his Share, sent him a Prisoner to Puttanah Jarsey Seddah or Fort upon a Hill, where he remained till last Year, when laying hold of the opportunity of Chundrah Row Killadar of said Place being absent with his Army, he made interest with his Wife, got out of Prison, usurped the Government, and this Year raised an Army of fifteen thousand Horse, and thirty thousand Foot, with which force he conquered the Concanah Desham belonging to the Morattas being southwest to Poonah about 120 Miles distance where he remains to this Day, and sent forces so near as fifteen Miles to Poonah telling Soonamee or Cagno that those Places were in his possession.

Succaram Bapjee General to Avery Madavarow and Colonel Upton being then at Soarandarah Seddah about 30 Miles distance Northwest from Poonah heard this News and immediately sent for four Officers or Sardars, Mullarjee Clear, Jayajah Sindah, Sillatjee Saudoo, and Collajee Dumdare, with Order to get in readiness their Forces consisting of twenty thousand Horse to go and attack the pretended Sadobah before he became

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too powerfull.— The four Cordan: made Answer that they could not proceed until their Arriars of pay were discharged. Succaram Bauher prevailed on 10,000 Horse to March promiseing to settle their Accounts and pay them; in ten days the 10,000 Horse did set out on their March and Halted at five Miles distance, the others were to join them as soon as they received their pay.

The reason of their not sending Force before now to Coarcanah Defolum was on Account of the hard Marches they had for four Months, and imagining that Cadabah's forces being but small it lay in their power to drive him away at any time when they thought proper.—

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At a Consultation Present—

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Governor President.

Henry Brooke.

Monday 11.th Nov.r 1776

Arch.d Palmer Jam.s Lourdan

Sir. Mackay—

Colonel Stuart indisposed—

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved—

Read the following Letters from the Nabob—

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated 26.th October 1776—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Honor

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

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from Tanjore informing me of his preparing Troops and Drawing Military Stores from Pagodatown. Copy of his Intelligence Enclose. In Consequence of these Reports and to preserve the Tranquility of the Carnatic it is necessary that my Troops should be clear'd off that they may be ready to join the Company Troops when ever they Require. As Lord is every Respect a true Friend to the Company and a Well Wisher to the Tranquility of the Carnatic, I enquired early of these intended Disturbances, that you may not lose time in attending to these Matters.

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

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

What can I say more?

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

Circar ..... Dr.

	Pgs
To Orders to the Troops	1100000
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Pags	3385000

Circar ..... Cr.

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1184 Fyle 1774 2nd Dem.	By Balance due to the Circar for this year	Chuck. Amt 1293699 8¾	550510 10
	Advanced to the Inhabitants 200,000		85106 10
1185 Fyle or 1775 1st Dem.	By the Revenues due for this Year	601540 00 Fs 9 - 3/2	255944 7
	Borrowed from Mr. Benfield and others which was Advanced to the Inhabitants	300000	127659 9
		Chuck. 7809099 9 12/18 Fs.	3323021 4

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Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton. November 6th 1796.

From the Nabob enclosing Copy of an Extract of Mahomed Yajeb Cawns Copy of a Letter to Lord Cornwallis and Copy of his Order to Sir John Shore.

Since Sureto to you on the 12th Ramzaun or 26th October I have repeatedly received Advices from Sungere Negreesinteg and that Sultajee has Collected considerable sums from different Parts of the Country besides those which in a former Letter I informed you of such extraordinary Conduct, in treating the Inhabitants cruelly in order to oblige them to pay the Revenue before they become due, is very alarming to them, and requires your immediate care and Interposition. He either means by so doing to prevent me from obtaining any just Demands on that Country or else has some evil design to encrease my Misfortunes; for I have Intelligence of the Malevolent Intentions of Sultajee, Wyder Aly Cawn and others, our mutual Enemies. Ever since Sultajee has been at Liberty, he has been left to act as he thought proper, there is nothing to Controul him, nor has he considered our Welfare in any one Circumstance. Besides Undermining the Revenues, he has Drawn to enlist Troops, and it has been often Reported to me that he keeps up a private Correspondence with Wyder Aly Cawn: From the late Indigestion I have suffered, my Eyes of Late was sore, but when I receive such Intelligence, and consider the great Power, and confirmed Enmity of Wyder, and that Trouble may likewise Arise from the Ambassador of the Dean and the Mahrattas, I am almost Drawn to Despair and pray to that God to relieve me, who has supported and defended me in so many Difficulties and Dangers, but through all these Difficulties and Dangers I have gone hand in hand with the Company and never till this time had I an Idea that our Interests were different. So far as rests with me, they are not, nor ever shall be. My Friendship is duely rooted, and with respect to what has lately happened I know that the Gentlemen in England will do me Justice

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

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

procured.

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proceeded, but sixteen Lacks remain unpaid at the time the second Expedition was undertaken —

When Stock Possession of Tanjore in September 1773 found Subsidy indebted to the Dutch, the Danes, and various Individuals to a vast amount. To the two former, but particularly to the Dutch he had done valuable Districts, a thing incompatible with his situation as a Rajah. He likewise granted Diamonds to the French which as well as those granted to the Dutch came into my Hands, yet stood his Debts, and redeemed the Districts also paid his other Debts, and besides the Charges of the Expedition made other large Presents to the Army — The Receipts from the Tanjore Country have not risen beyond one Million Money stood to the Dutch, and the Presents to the Army. Every one has heard, and you must yourself be sensible of the Disadvantages we labored under, and the Misfortune we were exposed to for want of a sufficient Body of Cavalry during the War with Hyder Ally. As the Neighbouring Powers were considerably encreasing their Cavalry and endeavoring to raise Disturbances in the Carnatick By the Advice of the Governor and Council I purchased Horses at a great Expence, formed them into Regiments, and gave the Command of them to English Officers, many of whom are in the Company's Service —

When Stock Tanjore in September the Revenue of the Year Fyles 1182 or 1772 An Dom. which indeed at the 2d. of that Month was entirely gone. I was at very great Expence on Account of the Grain of 1183 Fyles or 1773 An Dom. The Inhabitants had gone away on Account of the War, I had to use Means to bring them back, and after they returned I had to purchase Cattle for them, and to advance Money to Buy Grain &c for the Cultivation of the Country. Part of the Circar's Share of the Grain of 1184 Fyles or 1774 An Dom was laying in

in the Country, at the time Subjected was released and is still to be Accounted for, as well as the Corps of 1185 Fighters 575 Am. Dom —

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

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

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

Gen.

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

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

Copy of the Order to Mahommed Nujeb Khan Bahader dated 12th January.

The foul Copy of this Order was wrote in the Presence of his Highness the Nabob, the Nabob Shahamut Jung Bahadur, Umeerul Omrah Bahadur, and Syed Mahomed Ibram Khan Bahadur, Abdul Rashid Khan Bahadur, Raya Rayan, Doctor Mary and Boswell, and others, & by Chamber the Company's Munshee

translated

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

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

Arzdasht of Mohammed Nujeib Khan. Wrote the 5th Since at Eight 20th Sultr. 1190 Hegriad — 10th April 1776 —

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

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

Month

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

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

Ordered to lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

Read Letter from Mr. Robert Turing.

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

Honble Sir &c.

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

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Obedient and very Humble Servant

Robert Turing

Madras
11th Nov.r 1766

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ordered, That the Repairs be made accordingly.

Ordered accordingly

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

Approved

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Ordered accordingly

Approved, — the division of the Armourers Godown on the South side of the Fort Square into 3 Double and 5 Single Apartments at the Expence of Pag.s 169.5, and Ordered accordingly. —

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

Ordered, that the Godown Recommended be made Accordingly.

Resolved, that the Apartments to be made on the South Side of the Square, be Covered for the Conveniency and Dispatch of Publick Business, into Offices for the following Employs —.

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

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

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

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief and the Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

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

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

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obt. Hble. Servant
R. J. Sullivan
&c.

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To Lieut. Colonel Ross,
Chief Engineer &c.
&c.

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

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

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

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

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

Sam Sir —

Your most Obedient Hble Servant
R. J. Sullivan
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At a Consultation Present —
The Honble George Stratton Esqr Deputy President
Henry Brooke
Archd Palmer — Franc. Sourdain —
Geo. Mackay
Colonel Stuart indisposed.

Monday
18th Novr 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

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

The President acquaints the Board that he has received from the Nabob Bills and Ready Money in full for the Paybills & Acct of Pondabnalle, and in full of his Acct amounting to Pg. 282515. 28. 56 —

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

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

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated 16.th November 1796.

From the Nabob enclosing the deposition that he Imaum Sahib &c.a respecting the seizure of the Dubbier —

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

What can I say more?

P.S.

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

Translation

Deposition of Sheik Imaum Summadar, and Twenty three Sepoys belonging to Naig Naick Commandant and Merdenah Naick Hawaldar and thirteen Sepoys belonging to Rumanay Soubahdar of the 10th Battalion, who went from Cumbeenum to Arrialore with Narrei Pundit Debier — As also the Deposition of Subberam son of Unmeint Sing, and Ragonaig son of Runguh Naig, who were Centrys at the Door of the Debier's house, contain to the following purport —

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

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the mint of Tondy which is eight Coss distant from Bimalore, but as the Troopers would not allow them to come near the Dubir, they returned to Arriallore, and the Troopers pursued their way with him to the Fort of Tanjore.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob having mentioned in his letter of 3d October —

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

Letter sent by Lord Pigot to the Nabob —

I have received your letter of the 23. July. Being desirous upon every occasion to convince you that I sincerely wish to be guided by the Judgment of the Company, I will let any claim to the Government share of the last Years Crops of the Tanjore Country remain entirely until their Pleasure be known —

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

With respect to the Tresasore &c. Districts I wish to rent them upon the Companys Terms. The Rent I pray is large

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

Minute of the Board respecting the Reduction of the Peasjoy Batt.ns and the Arrangement of the Troops in General

Sir Robert Fletcher in a Minute entered on Consult.n 21st. May having represented that the present Establishment of a Thousand Men to a Batt.n of Sepoys is productive of many inconveniencies to the Service and recommended that all the Batt.ns should be divided and the Establishment fixed in future at 500 Rank and File. The Board proceed to take the same into Consideration

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

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

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Battalions should be raised from those Draughts which would compleat the Europeans employ necessary for the defence of the Carnatick under the Circars. The President having received from the Adjutant General a plan which he desired he would prepare, that he might have it in Readiness to shew the Acting Commander in Chief for his Approbation if well enough to enter upon business by the first Consultation now have the same before the Board together with the present Establishment, and the Expence of the Battalion of Artillery by the foregoing and the Statements laid before the Board by the President it appears that a very inconsiderable expence will be incurred and the service will be much benefited, for should it hereafter be thought necessary upon a Exhibition of Service to augment the Battalions intended for the field, Draughts of both Officers and Men may be made from the Battalions that are in Garrison, which Draughts can be replaced by other Officers from the European Corps and Troops, but we are clearly of opinion the proposed Establishment is better calculated for service than a many extensive one, of Thousand Men being too great a Number for a Captain to command and too unwieldy a Body to be properly manoeuvred therefore that the Establishment of a Battalion of Artillery be in future fixed according to the foregoing Arrangment, and that the Men who are to be reduced be formed into three men Battalions which are to be raised and commanded by Captains, a respondant of the many advantages that will result from the Battalions being properly disciplined another Object of the greatest consequence will thereby be answered which properly falls under the Arrangement we think it now necessary to say a little of the Troops.

We have frequently had under our consideration the Stationing a certain Body of Troops in some Central Situation, a plan

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plan which has been earnestly recommended by Generals Coote, Smith and Fletcher and the necessity of it is evident. During the time that General Smith was in the Command of the Army he was sent by the Board, to find out a proper Place for a cantonment and we are informed by Major Horne, (who attended him as Quarter Master Gen.l) that the Gen.l viewed for this purpose Conjeveram and the bounds of the Company's Airy and he then thought the most convenient Spott for a cantonement was on a rising ground between Chingleput and Conjeveram on the Banks of the River Pallar, the situation being central, healthy and well watered, and such as would cause no inconveniency to Conjeveram. or any of the large Towns. — After considering the great expence of the buildings that would be required for the Officers and Men and the quantity of provisions necessary for the consumption of so large a Number of Men with their Family and Attenders, this Plan was laid aside for the cantonements would cost at least ÷ an expence of ⅛ the Nabob would not consent, to be carried to this which the Company would not, assuredly Account — with Respect to the inconveniency of the Troops being supply'd with provisions it might on the first view appear easily obviated: but on a Moderate estimate of the different Sorts and the quantitys which it may be supplied the neighbouring Countrys, could supply in one year, many difficulties occured and it was thought too great a Tempt to put it to a Tryal. — To obviate this therefore and at the same time to have a respectable Force stationed as Nearly to each other as possible, Major Horne laid before General Smith a plan for a Chain of Cantonements which he entirely approved of, as it effectually protected the Company's Aguire and of fixing head Quarters near the Center, where the whole could join at the shortest Notice — The Advantages that would result from an Arrangement of this sort are —

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1st. The Troops would be more regularly supplyed with provisions.

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

The places proposed for these Cantonments are viz.

1 Batt.n to be stationed at Trichinopore where they could be supplyed with provisions from the Southward and westward of it.

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

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

1 Batt.n at Vellore to be supplyd with Provisions from the Country South and Southwest.

This is the Outward Chain composed entirely of Stations which are thought proper, where another Batt.n should be stationed; and Poonemallee which place is Garrisoned with the Reg.t of Europeans. The above Force can be assembled and any part of this Artillery can join them from the Nearest or the Shortest Place. It is also proposed that as these Troops might have a more extensive knowledge of Line Duty, they should be drawn together and encamped on Conjeveram plain during one Month in every year, where they should be perfected in the General Duty of a Camp and then reviewed by the Commander in Chief, who should distinguish such Officers as had their Corps in the best Order. The time of the year for drawing these Troops together would be when the Weather is cold and healthy, & not the worst at the breaking up of the Monsoon, when it is dangerous besides it is at that Season of the year when it is necessary to have a Body of Troops assembled together. The Maharattas if they threaten the Country, move to the Southward as soon as they

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Battalion of Sepoys —

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

&c.

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Lascars

6 ..... f

5 ..... f

19 ..... f

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Havildars

12 .....

10 .....

4 .....

Naicks

20 .....

3 .....

5 .....

8 .....

Lascoys

180 ..... f

300 ..... f

130 ..... f

100 ..... f

Fc.a ..... f

That in the Roll Book of the Battalion containing the Names of the Lascars, Lascars, Havildars, Naicks and Lascoys the time of their first entering into the Service, when discharged what Battn they served in & when entered their Age and Country be particularly specified opposite their Names

Ordered, that Captain Lyons 1st Battalion be removed to Nellore and that Captain Candlers Battalion be removed to Masulipatam

Capt.n Lyons 1st Battn removed to Nellore and Capt.n Candler to Masulipatam

The following Appointments to take place

List of Promotions

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

Lieut. George Conyngham to be Capt. . date of Rank 18th Nov. 1776
Lieut. Richard Godfrey . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 19th Do.
Lieut. Charles Lucas . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 20th Do.
Lieut. Samuel Blair Lyre . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 21st Do.
Lieut. Thomas Burrows . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 22d Do.
Lieut. John Oldham . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 23d Do.
Lieut. Thomas Archi . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 24th Do.
Lieut. Dugald Campbell . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 25th Do.
Lieut. Jan. Baker Evance to be Capt. of Invalids date of Rank 18th Do.
Ensign Thomas Smith to be Lieut. . . date of Rank. 18th Do.
Ensign Cromwell Massey . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 19th Do.
Ensign Savage Bowden . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 20th Do.
Ensign Charles Sale Pebley Do. . . . Do. . . . . 21st Do.
Ensign Talbot Ford . . . . . Do. . . . Do. . . . . 22d Do.
Ensign Edward Hartley Montague Do. . . Do. . . . . 23d Do.
Mr. Alexr. Dyce Cadet. . to be Ensign . . . . date of Rank 18th Nov. 1776
Mr. Orton . . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 19th Do.
Mr. John Wood . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 20th Do.
Mr. Alexr. Beatson Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 21st Do.
Mr. Donald MacDonald . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 22d Do.
Mr. William Grant Do. . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 23d Do.
Mr. Henry Keating. Do. . . . . Do. . . . . Do. . . . . 24th Do.

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

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

Right Honble Sir and Sirs

A Boat being just now arrived from Bombay with a Letter from our Resident, Enclosing the Packets accompanying Packets addressed to your Honor &c. and the Gov. Governor General &c. Council at Fort William, which they direct us to forward with all Expedition, We accordingly dispatch them Express to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah, whom We have Req. to transmit them to your Honor &c. in the nearest Manner possible.

The Packet for the Governor General &c. Council at Fort St. George, your Honor &c. will please to send thither by the first Opportunity.

We remain with Respect Sirs &c.

Right Honble
Your most Obedient &
Hble Servants
Thos Pigot
Richd. Benyon
B. Barwell

Anjengo
18th. November 1796

23d. Received the following Letters

Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Sergeant Deering that Suggamandoo has fled to Coimbatore - that Capt. Candler has placed Guards in the Country for the protection of the Crops

Since our last of the 29th. Ultimo Captain Candler has pursued Suggamandoo over the hills to the Western extremity of Bimdoor Illimmedy, where he is now encamped on an high Mountain

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

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

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

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

We have the honor to be very respectfully -

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Charles Smith
R.t Saunders
Jno Degnelry
Rob.t Hughes
J. Huddleston

Champion
9.th Nov.r 1796

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

Sir

From Champion with Intelligence that Hyder Ally has assembled a large Body of Troops at Seringapatam and intends entering the Carnatick

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

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

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

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

I Remain &c. &c.

Your most Obed.t and Humble Serv.t

W.m Champneys.t

Bombay
20.th Nov.r 1796. —

At a Consultation Present —
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Lieu.t President —
W.m Brooke
F. Palmer
F. Sheridan
J. Mackay

Monday
28.th Nov.r 1796 —

Colonel Stuart indisposed —

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

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

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

My Lord and Gentlemen —

We

Fort S.t George 25.th November 1796

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

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

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

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

The Marquis of Rockingham arrived here from Great Britain on the 30.th Ultimo —

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

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

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

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

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

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

We have the Honour to remain
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient humble Servants
Wm Hornby
" Johnsone
D. Draper
Robert Gardner
Nader Rainsay

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

Orders in Consequence

Ordered, That the Accts. of Advances to the Cuddalore Detachment, and Accts. of Provisions shipped on the Boumby be referred to the Military Paymaster.

Read the following Letter from Cuddalore

Civil Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Cuddalore during the Absence of the Board on a Bill presented to them by Mr. Peters Surgeon &c.

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

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Edw. Saunders
W. D. Maitland
E. H. Stallofield

Cuddalore 11th Nov. 1796

Concerning Payment

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The Secretary is ordered to acquaint the Council at Budalore that Mr. Peters should have advised of the Medicines sent on the Granville and should enquire for those on the Country, that the Bill must be returned to Mr. Peters, and that he be desired to reexamine the Charge of 175. 32. 4 Which, being for Lint, Bandages, and Country Medicines for 46 Days only, appears to the Board extravagant.

Dispatches in consequence

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

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

Sir.

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

I have had the pleasure to address you last, received two Letters from the Board of Tiagachalam Copys of which with my Answer I have enclosed, and request you will present them to the Honble Board with the rest of those papers.

I am to inform you that the Virgin three Companys of Sepoys are not yet returned to the Garrison Fort

St. George.

I have the honour to be with respect

Sir

4th Nov. 1796

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant

Lieut. Murphy

To Captain Laurence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circars.

Sir

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

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

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

Vizagapatam
30th October 1776

(Signed) Hard
Sir
Your most Obd. humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
P. Perring
H. Wilkins
W. Crawford
Nath. Barton

A true Copy
L. Murphy

To Captain Laurence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole Circar
Sir

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

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
P. Perring
H.y Watkins
W.m Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

A true Copy
J. Murphy

(Signed)

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief and Council of Tiagasatanam
Gentlemen

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

was

was provided by your Order, or of your desire to have one continued there.

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

Sam. Mr.

(signed) Amir. Murphy

Amr. Murphy

Chicacole
3. Nov.r 1726

The subject of the foregoing Letters to remain undiscussed, untill Accounts are received from Vizagapatam respecting the particulars of the Dispute.

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

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizam.

Military Department

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

Honble Sir and Sirs.

From Vizam advising that Capt. Chandler has taken the Fort of Vizianagur and that Muthudoo has been put in possession thereof including also Copy of a Letter from Lieut. Theobald and Inquesting the Orders of the Board respecting the Contents thereof.

Captain Chandler having given it as his opinion that one 18 Pounder, two 6 Pounders, and 8 compleat Companies of Sepoys were necessary for the expedition to Vizianagur, We directed him on the 24th. Ultimo to order a Detachment of five Companies to Dugapoondy a Fort in the Pelashagherie Zumindary and situated in the road from Aska to Vizianagur, to protect that Country from the attempts of Juggannauthdoo, and on the 27th. Inst.

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

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

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

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

Sanjam
29th Octr 1796

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief &c. Council at Sanjam —

Gentlemen &c —

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

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

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

Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble Servant

(signed) Alex. Agnew

Captain

25th. Nov. 1796.

Absolutely

J. Huddleston Sec.

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

Orders in Consequence

Read the following Letter from Captain Hill Russell commanding at Madura.

To the Honble George Hamilton Esqr.

President and Governour &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble. Sir and dirs.

I have this Moment received a Letter from Lt. Bagby, who commands the Mahabs Cavalry at Millore, about eighteen Miles distant from this Garrison, wherein he acquaints me that the Regiment set off for Madras this Morning with their Arms, Accoutrements, and Horses, and that the Reason of this abrupt departure is their having received no

From Capt. Russell informing that Lieut. Bagby, made application thro' him for a Military force, which he refused to grant.

pay

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pay for these Eighteen Months past — Lieut. Rigby has also assisted to me for two Comps. of Sepoys to bring back his people, but as I do not think it prudent to risk the lives of the Honble Company's Sepoys in an Affair of this Kinds I have not complied with his request, and hope my conduct in this Matter will not meet with the disapprobation of the Honble Board —

I am,
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient and most Hble. Servant
William Russell

Madras
16th Nov. 1776

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Captain Russell, that his Conduct has received the Approbation of the Board —

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Harper —

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

Honble Sir, and Sirs —

From Colonel Harper requesting that the Number of Sepoys now employed in Tanjore be increased to one hundred and fifty, the Service requiring such a Number —

I beg leave to inform you we have been much distressed for Sepoys, since our Arrival in this Garrison; nor could the Service have been carried on so well as it has been, was it not for the Assistance the Rajah has at different times afforded, by lending us some of his. I really think it Necessary we should be compliated, to at least one hundred and fifty, which I hope will meet with your concurrence. —

I have the pleasure to Acquaint you, that Serjeant Chee Detachment here in a few Days from Adriapalnam with the last Division of Guns and Stores —

I remain with perfect Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obt. hum. Servt.
H. Harper —

Tanjore
15th Nov. 1776

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Resolved, that in Consideration of the Necessity which is represented in the foregoing Letter the Garrison at Tanjore be augmented from hence to the Number of One Hundred and fifty

Resolved accordingly

Read the following Letters from Capt. Hopkins commanding at Palamcotah and from Mr. Angelbeck at Tuticorin —

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department
Fort St. George —

Sir

From Capt. Hopkins advising of the Arrival of 3 Deserters from Tuticorryne and requesting the Orders of the Board concerning them —

I am to inform you of the Arrival of three European Deserters from Tuticorryne a Dutch Settlement in this Neighborhood, in this Garrison, viz. Matthys Mollidair a Soldier Michiel Baen and Johan Haak Seamen. — I also send you herewith a Letter which I have received from the Chief of Tuticorryne, demanding them back —

You will be pleased to inform the Worshipful the President and Council, that I have detained these Deserters hereuntill I receive their Orders concerning them, and that I have wrote to the Chief of Tuticorryne to this purpose —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Chas. Hopkins

Palamcotah
10th November 1776

To Captain Charles Hopkins
Commander of Palamcotah —

Sir,

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From Mr. Angelbeck desiring that the three Deserters may be returned

Sir

One European Soldier, named Mattys Holldair, of Cologne, belonging to this Garrison, and two European Sailors, named Michiel Haan of Duinringen, and Johan Maak of Wurtenberg, having been kept here in the Hospital are to day deserted from hence, and I am informed that they have taken the way to Pulicat. Therefore I desire you, Sir, to deliver these three Deserters up again to the Netherlandish Company. I leave it to you, whether you will please to send them hither with an Escort of Sepoys, or whether I shall order them to be brought by mine own Men.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Fran Angelbeck

Tutucorryne
8th. of Nov. 1776

The Deserters to be returned on the Terms of the Cartel

Ordered, that the Secretary do direct Capt. Hopkins to send back the three Deserters under a Guard to Tutucorin and restore them on the Terms of the Cartel —

The President informs the Board that he has explained to Hyders Vacquil the purport of the Letter received from the King of Travancore

Pursuant to the Resolution of Council —

The President acquainted the Board he hath communicated to the Nabob the Contents of the Rajah of Travancore's Letter, and in Consequence of the Sentiments expressed by the Nabob, that he had sent for Hyder Ally's Vackeel, and explained to him the whole of the Rajah's Representation. That he further desired the Vackeel would inform his Master, — that he had no Terms of Alliance upon Hyder's Friendship to suppose he would take up Arms against any Power included in an alliance with the English, — that both he the President and the Nabob would immediately write to the Rajah, and desire him upon no Account whatsoever to give Offence to Hyder, — and that he was convenced he would regulate his Conduct accordingly —

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Mr. Lowndes begs leave to deliver in the following Minute

Mr Lowndes Minute on the Subject of the Claims of the Nabob on the Tanjore Country.

in considering the claims of the Nabob upon the Tanjore Country I have been led to attend to the situation of the Company's Affairs as well as those of the Nabob and Rajah. The reflections that have occurred to me, I take the liberty to lay before You

Before I enter upon these subjects I think, in justice to myself and to appear consistent, that it is necessary for me to observe that during the time I had the honor to sit at this Board in part of Mr Wynch's Government I constantly opposed the Nabob in every wish or desire that appeared to me incompatible with the Interest of the Company and that state of Dependance on his part which I conceived to be essential to their security. When Lord Pigot arrived, the Orders of the Court of Directors reduced the Nabob below every idea of Independency. After an offer made by the Nabob of releasing the Rajah, providing for him, and submitting the whole to the determination of the Company when I saw those Orders carried into execution in a Manner I deemed insulting and improper I could not but endeavor to defend the Nabobs rights from the attempts made to injure him by Lord Pigot and his Party. I had from the arrival of the Orders considered the Nabob as a Vassal, I therefore recommended to Lord Pigot I reminded him at Tanjore of the Assignments made by the Nabob, told him he ought to mention them to the Rajah, and I expressed my disapprobation of his Conduct on my return

The Company's Revenues from 1st September last to 1st September next may be Estimated at 16,00,000

Sales of Cossier &c 60,000

Bills on the Company 12,1000

To be received from the Nabob 6,50,000

To be received from the Rajah of Tanjore 1,00,000

28,31,000

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Our Investment and all other Disbursements
including Pay of Troops kept for the Nabobs &c.
may be about 2286000
Extra Expences for Account of Tanjour 114000
2400000,

But We have frequent draughts from Marlborough and some:
times from Bombay. And allowance must be made for the
difficulty there will be in collecting of the Revenues for want of
Currency, the late Exportations to China and Europe having
almost drained the Coast of Specie—

Our Finances if Peace continue, thus appear in a favorable
light, but in case of War, the receipts of the Revenues must fall
short, those from the Nabob fail and Loans be very precarious:
in such an event our dependance must be upon Bengal—

A New System for the Troops is under consideration
for as it would render our present force more respectable, and
as nothing is more likely to prevent War, than for our Neighbours
to know we are prepared, those it will immediately be adopted,
Money is an essential Article, but We ought not to repeat our
application for money to Bengal if it can be avoided—

The Nabobs Debt to the Company.

The Monthly Current Expences may
till September 1777 may be estimated at about ..... 800000—

But then of the 10 Battallions now charged to the Nabob.
3. that have been doing duty in the Tanjour Country are charged
to it and of course the Nabob ought to have a deduction made on
his Account of these Charges—

Considering the late conduct of the Nabob, any Jealousies
that might have been intertained of his Power or Views will
subside, and it must appear that his whole dependence is placed

upon

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upon the English.

He is said to owe to the Company his Old Debt Pags.
Creditors and Sundries upwards of 50,00000

And his Revenues being at present so short
hard 3,00000 the sum necessary for the discharge of such
an Army, tho' with the utmost Economy would require 5 or 6 years—

"understand that he has dismissed part of his Troops, on
making arrangements for the discharge of his Debt to the
Company, for the maintenance of his Cavalry, and the payment of
part of his Creditors, and that he means to compose himself and
family to certain sums: but that the Arrears to his Troops and
his Orders on the Tanjour Country must be paid from thence—

"The Court of Directors on the subject of the Restitution of
Tanjour, say, —

10 ..... "On the 25th Sept. 1771. We find the Nabob obtained from the
"Rajah his Arrears of Tribute with interest thereon, under pre-
"tence for his Expences and Charges previous to his Children
"succeeding to 4,32,000. besides the cession of certain Districts
"to the Amount of 4,80,000 Rup.s p.r Annum, We must therefore
"conclude that the charges of the first Expedition against
"Tanjour were more than reimbursed by the above Acquisitions."

20 ..... "Should we find that this has been the case
"We direct that upon any regard to the Article of the Treaty
"of 1771. which respects the Alienation of part of the Rajahs
"Dominions if the Nabob had not a just Title to those Territories
"before the conclusion of that Treaty We deny that he obtained
"any right thereby, further than to the temporary Sovereignty of
"such Districts as were assigned to him for Securing the
"payment of his Expences, and which were to be returned to the
"Rajah when such Payment should be Completed. —

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21. . . . . As the Expedition against Tanjour in 1773. was short, "being undertaken in August and concluded in September the "Revenues of that Country, could not suffer great diminution by "that War, and the receipt of the Revenue for more than 2 Years "would have rendered the Nabob a more considerable Gainer after defraying all Charges incurred by his Excellency in the said Expedition.

22. . . . . He could wish you to obtain a Statement of the Nabobs "Receipts and Disbursements on the above Account, but tho' you "it is impracticable, however He recommend it to your attention "in order to prevent him from pleading the above Circumstances "as an Excuse or reason for delaying payment of his Debts to "the Company or those to his Private European Creditors in "case they should be speedily demanded."

From hence it would seem that the Court of Directors wished to restore to the Rajah his Country but did not mean the Nabob should suffer a loss in money by the Expedition. It is but Justice to the Nabob to state his Case as it respects the Rajah.

During the French War subsisting the Father of the present Rajah assisted, or withheld assistance to the Nabob, as best suited his Views. In 1762 the Nabob claimed Arrears of Tribute – The Rajah refused to Pay, at length a Treaty was settled fixing the future Peishcash at 4 Candies of Pagodas, a Sum very inconsiderable, and the reasons for this accommodation were, that the 79th Regiment and other Troops had been sent upon the Manilla Expedition and that the Expences of a War would take away the Amount of the Arrears of Peishcash. subsisting Peishcash. The Peishcash was from time to time paid. In 1769. the War with Hyder became very serious. The Rajah was required as a

Vassal

became

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Capital to send his Quota of Troops. He sent some Horse and Foot, but they were ill paid. and ill one Service, and when Mr. Bradley was sent to remonstrate he was received with insolence in the presence of Hydres Vackeel. The Rajah had assisted Hydre also with Money and Cattle and his conduct had been such that in 1769. the Court of Directors expressly empowered the Governor and Council to call him to account. In 1771. the Rajah failed in his Payment and gave other cause of Complaint to the Nabob, who required assistance to reduce him. The Troops marched, a Breach was made in the Fort, but a Treaty between the Rajah and the Nabobs Vackeel soon caused it to be raised. Of this the Court of Directors were duly advised. In 1773 failure of Payment and intrigues of the Mahrattah Court were again represented to the Governor and Council as Complaints, and an Army Marched against Tanjour and the Nabob finding it prosperous fit - He raised Troops to defend it, he increased his Cavalry, which during the first and second Sieges did considerable services. He says he found the Country deserted, he advanced Money to bring back the Inhabitants, and that by all these means he finds himself greatly indebted upon account of Tanjour, and requests assistance of the Board to recover these demands. It appears that the Rajah did not make the Payments in proper time; which considering how small a Sum his Peishcash was to his whole Revenue, appears the more inexcusable, and were it on this account alone, the charges of the Expedition and the maintenance of Troops for the Country could in point of Justice fall on the Rajah, who could not but have been well satisfied with being restored on such conditions. Considering the Rajah as a Vassal of the Empire and how far the improsperity of his conduct might have been the cause of the War, it may appear

but

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but Justice to the Nabob that he should be indemnified for any Expences or losses he may have sustained by the restoration of the Rajah. We have voted that the Troops of 1775. was the property of the Nabob and the Nabob claims our interference in securing part of the Revenues which he says are now anticipating and dissipating by the Rajah. He says in case of War from whence is assistance to come? not from Tanjour, as We have experienced nor in his present situation can much be expected from him besides these We ought to consider the long and faithful Connection that has subsisted between the Nabob and the English: That his present distresses arise from the loss of the Tanjour Country in consequence of Orders from the Company which he did not oppose and then We shall be inclined to give him all the Assistance in our power consistent with what has been done— for We must not risk even the appearance of a breach of Publick faith

On the Nabobs forces I beg leave to say, that I proposed to Lord Pigot a Plan for a General force, for the defence of the Carnatick, and if it could have been reconciled to the Nabob it would have been in my opinion a great security to the Country, but his Lordship did not take the means to make such a Plan acceptable. Yet even on the present footing the Nabobs Cavalry by being properly paid may be rendered very useful and their Pay with that of the Troops kept by the Company for him will be more than his proportion of the General Establishment necessary for the Defence of the Carnatick

Of the Rajah it must in Justice be said that his placing his dependence upon the English for the defence of his Country carries with it a very favourable appearance, yet it will be necessary to represent to him the Danger of the Anticipation of his Revenue, the necessity of punctuality in his payments and

temporary

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temporary Engagements should be formed with him to prevent his connection with other European or Country Powers. While however We please ourselves with his present confidence in us, We ought not to forget his conduct in the Mysore War.

The French have Troops at the Islands Mau and Bourbon from France, but We do not apprehend they will attack the English until they are what from the American Affairs will take[illegible]

Hyder can gain nothing by a War with Us and of course I think will not attack us unless he be joined by the French: It does not seem probable he would trust any great Number of them to land in his Country. If they were to join 6 Battalions of Sepoys, 2 Battalions of Europeans with the Nabobs Cavalry with Money to pay them would I think not be sufficient to defeat any attempt of either or both. We ought however to be at all times prepared.

Ordered that the above Minute delivered in by Mr. Sheridan, do lie upon the Table for further Consideration.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Col. James Commanding at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

I think it my Duty to acquaint you with a disagreeable Event which happened the 16th Instant and which I was informed of by Letter from Capt. Russell Commanding Madura: that the second Regiment of Cavalry Stationed at Nellore went off with their Horses and all necessary accoutrements, their Route not yet

From Col. James advising that he had dismissed so many of the two Regiments of the Nabobs Cavalry in Order to prevent them from deserting

yet known.

His

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This account alarming as it was, Was but the beginning of Confusion, for the Report spread, that the other two Regts. were ready to pursue the same measures. — Called for the Nabobs Manager and consulted with him, about the best means of preventing this threating Disaster —

The Manager said, that as the people were in the utmost Distress in respect of Maintenance, it would be in vain to compose their Spirits without offering them some Relief: He intreated me therefore in the Name of the Nabob to advance some Money.

Accordingly I dispatched six guards of sepoys different ways each with a Letter, in search of the Regiments promising them, that if they returned to Trichinopoly Plain Sword pay them instantly five Thousand Pagodas, & cause Sword be answerable for One Thousand every Month, till their Affairs were settled by the Nabob —

As to the two Regiments Capt. Dugall Campbells and Capt. Barrows, I sent to each of them One thousand five hundred Pagodas, in order to pacify them, promising to do all I could, to assist them in their distress —

As my whole View was to prevent so disastrous a Calamity, of will Disciplined Regiments deserting their Colours through want of their pay. I flatter myself, that my Conduct will meet with your kind approbation —

I am with all due respects
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed.t and most Humble Servant
C. Smith

Trichinopoly
18th. Novr 1776

Hon.

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The President acquainted the Board that on the 16.th Instant the Sabbe had delivered him Bills and Ready Money as follows Viz.t —

On Acc.t of his Ballance due the 31.st April 1796	}	125,269
On Acc.t of Treasure &.c Districts in full for the Remaining part of the Peishcush Due	}	5,000
In full for a Peishcush 30. Fus.li Rec.d &.c	}	100,000
In full for the Peishcush on Rec.d Tirumallee farm for Rog.i 1205 and Cal.r	}	1,550
		289,819

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Came in the following Letters

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

Honble Sir and Sirs,

From Masulipatam advising that Capt.n Colline is arrived with the Troops under his Command at the Tetapillie District

The first Measure we deemed it necessary to take upon receipt of your Commands of the 5th. October relative to the Expedition against Rajanah Dourah in the Cotapillie District, was to ascertain as nearly as possible the Season supposed to be the most favorable for undertaking an Expedition against him; and having Consulted several Persons who had been there, and had been Witnesses of the pernicious Effects of the unhealthiness in general of that Country, the present Season was judged to be the most favorable for undertaking the Enterprize: and Capt.n Collins having confirmed us in this Opinion, We proceeded in conformity to your Orders of the 5th. October to set the Expedition on foot without loss of time — Captain Collins accordingly marched from Samulcotah towards the Tetapillee District the 19th. and arrived with his Detachment on the 21st. Inland within three Miles of the Fort, wherein Rajanah Dourah continues, seemingly with intention of waiting the Attack — The first Object with Capt.n Collins is to secure the Rebel in this Fort, by preventing, if possible, his making his Escape through one of the four Outlets therefrom —

We have the pleasure to inform your Honors &c. that by our latest Information from the Camp at Tetapillie, the Detachment was in perfect Health, and in no wise apprehensive of the Contrary —

The

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The Detachment sent from Chinglepat is composed of five Companies of Sepoys and part of a sixth which, at the request of Capt.n Calliaud, we granted him.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Charles Pleyer
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Pringle

Manalipatam
26th Nov.r 1776

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

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

In the Course of the Month of November the People employed on the Works upon a Medium were as follow.

Bricklayers	15
Sandriggers	650
Coolies	80
Tomcatties	30
Lascars	40
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all	821 People

Letter from Colonel Pleydell inclosing the Number of People employed on the Works

We have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obt and most humble Servants

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Colo and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
1st Dec.r 1776

Cuddalore

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Cuddalore 23. Nov.r 1776

Honble Sir,

From Mr. Saunders advising the Receipt of a letter directed to Sir Edw.d Hughes and acknowledging the Receipt of the Money which accompanied Mr. Sec.ry Cahuleys Letter

Yesterday received your letter of the 18.th accompanying one for Sir Edward Hughes and which in Consequence I dispatched to Negapatam —

The Money with Mr. Secretary Cahuleys Letter of the 18.th Instant arrived this Morning —

Agreiable to my letter addressed you the 21.st — Captain Lowdon proceeded Yesterday to Madras — he requested of me to give him a Letter which Request I informed him I would make known to You —

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir,
Your very Ob.t and Humble Servant
Edw.d Saunders

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r
President and Gov.r of Fort St. George

At a Consultation Present —
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Governor President
Mr. Brooke
Mr. Palmer — Franc.s Lourdan
Gen.l Maclean
Colonel Stuart indisposed —

Monday
2. December 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved —

The President lays before the Board the following Extract of Intelligence received from Palamcottah &c —

Extract of a Letter from Palamcotah 27.th November 1776 &c —

Extract of Letter from Palamcotah containing Intelligence respecting Hyder Ally's Army

Yesterday I received the following extract from Anjango Dated 10.th Instant. "I have just received account that the Troops from Ceylon and those of Cochin are embodied 3000 Strong and intended against Hyder, which they are ordered at all events at

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most to being to action this Solicitor reasonably supposes must not a little revive the Spirits of Freemens spirits as it is beyond a doubt they were cursedly damped. I have just received by private intelligence from a Person distant a day's Hyder is at Erroor, 3 miles from Dindigall but it is hourly expected he will march for Tanjore in order to be in readiness to oppose the Armies of the Marrattas and the Nyaum who are going against him. After this at Camp near Trichinopoly a place in this Country that formerly belonged to Morarow — at present about 2000 Horse and foot at Dindigall, part of which about a Month ago went against a Polygar belonging to the Nabob Country Joined by one of Hyders, after a little Brush fighting with some killed and wounded on both sides especially a Number of Hyders they then retreated back to Dindigall

Read a Letter from Captain Russell Commanding at Madura.

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have just now received a Letter from Ryango dated the 20th instant with the following paragraph.

"Hyders Troops still continue before Tritchina and Oraingaroor, and about eight days ago surprized a detachment of 150 Europeans and Malays going to reinforce Tritchina from Cochin, and cut every man of them to pieces. The Dutch are daily sending reinforcements from Columbo to Cochin."

Yesterday one of the Mercaras belonging to this Garrison

Capt. Russell informing that Hyder had surprized a detachment of 150 Europeans and Malays belonging to the Dutch, & had cut them all to pieces

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Garrison returned from Dindigal and informs me that 400 of the Cavalry stationed at that place have received orders to March to a place called Coely where a large Body of Troops are ordered to assemble —

Shall the Honour to be —
Honble Sir and Sirs,
Your most Obedient and most H. Servant
William Russell

Madura
21st Nov. 1776

The President lays before the Board the following letter from Captain Russell to Colonel Stuart —

(Copy)

Colonel James Stuart &c —

Sir, —

From Capt. Russell to Col. Stuart with Intelligence respecting the Strength of Hyder's Army —

The two Sepoys that were sent from hence to Syringapatam on the 11th of last Month, returned yesterday evening, and the following is the intelligence I have collected from them Viz. That upon their arrival at Syringapatam on the 2d of October, they were stopt at one of the Gates, where they were closely examined, and their cloths very strictly searched to see if they had papers or writing of any kind about them — That, they were not admitted into the Fort, but kept prisoners at the same Gate five days, and afterwards sent about their business. That, for some days they kept about the environs of the Fort, and made it their business to enter into conversation with the Sahuen, Soldiers Bazar people &c, from whom they received the following information — That Hyder himself was in Syringapatam and his son Tippo Saib in Camp with fifteen thousand men about six Miles from it. That Hyder has in his

Line drawn — One hundred Infantry Sumpter dressed in blue and plain hats — Three hundred European Cavalry well Mounted and accoutred in the Persian style dressed in green with red Lapels — Two hundred European Infantry with Red Coats French and English Arms — Thirty thousand Men Mounted and armed in the Country fashion, and eighteen thousand Sepoys with English French and Portuguese Arms, uniformly Dressed in red, blue, Green and Yellow Jackets, with Turbans and Drawers much in the same form as our Sepoys wear them. —

That Mirzah Moguel, Ambassador and Agis Cawn's Son, are killed of amongst people who lost Generals, and that there are two French Officers who seem to be in good repute, by their Pallanchins horses &c. That, they have drawn up their Battalions at exercise a little way out of the Fort, and that they marched and fired but very indifferently — That, the Troops are by no means regularly paid, and that rice is rather dear at Seringapatam.

That the talk amongst the Soldiers and people in the bazar, was, that Hyder, after the Monsoon inspected the Battalions by the Sultan and Maratta's —

I have the honour to be &c.
(Signed) Wm Russell

Madura
21st Nov. 1796

Read a letter from the Nabob as ordered in Country Correspondence &c. inclosing Depositions of divers Persons who were stationed with the Dubbeer at Arriatore, when he was dispossessed by the Orders of Lord Pigot.

The President lays before the Board the following Rect. of a Conference between the Nabob and Lord Pigot, which his Highness requests may be entered on Record —

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Translation

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Translation

Conferrence between the Nabob and his Lordship.

Conferrence between the Nabob and Lord Pigot respecting the delivering up of Tanjore to the Rajah.

On the 10th Zuhiz or 1st February 1776. Ameer-ul-Omrah Bahauder went to Lord Pigot about Eight Oclock in the Morning to pay his compliments to him it being a day held by the Moors as a Festival. His Lordship told him that he intended going to his Highness to make his compliment to him, but Ameer-ul-Omrah told him that his Highness had been fatigued sitting up in his Durbar to receive Nazeers, and was then laid down to sleep, and that if his Lordship thought proper, he might come to his Highness at any other hour of the day. His Lordship said that he would put on one of the Coats which his Highness had given him and wait on him in the Morning to make him the Compliments of the day— His Lordship then told Ameer-ul-Omrah that he would depend on his Highness favor to prevent his people from making any disturbance on their quitting Tanjore. Ameer-ul-Omrah replied that his Highness would do every thing in his power for that Purpose, and further that his Highness could particularly expect two things, which his Lordship as his Friend had firmly promised— First that his Lordship would not allow his Highness's Creditors to disturb him, and that what Money he had expended in the Tanjore business should be refunded him — Second— That his Lordship had assured his Highness that tho' the Company had ordered the Rajah to be repossessed of the Country, they had not fixed the time, therefore it was in his Lordships power to continue the Country in his Highness's hands as long as he thought proper— Ameer-ul-Omrah told his Lordship that the Nabob had said that his Lordship never departed from his promise therefore he placed great dependance on his two

Assurances

Assurances and that he had no doubt that his Lordship would
Continue the Country to him, and not raise any disturbance
in the Tanjore Affairs his Lordship said it was true he had
made the above two promises but that it was proper that the
Nabob should attend to his Advice and that he would then
attend to what the Nabob said on this subject —

In the Evening of said day about half after six Lord Pigot
Mr. Stratton Mr. Stone and Mr. Chambers came to the Nabob
to visit him — Omer ul Comrah & Syed Mullo. Mahomed
Abdrahim Cawn and Mahomed Salabet Cawn Bahaudeer were
with his Highness — Lord Pigot after making his Compliments
to his Highness on the Festival, told Mr. Chambers to read the
Order which he had in his possession — Mr. Chambers begg'd his
Highness patience for a little while he should peruse the Order
not having read it before — He afterwards read it, it being
comprised in a Letter written by his Lordship to Colonel Harper
who had gone from Trichinopoly to Garrison Tanjore and the
Contents of said Letter were as follows — The Nabob having
sent Orders to his Killedar at Tanjore to withdraw his Guards
from the house of the King of Tanjore, you are therefore to go
to the King, and deliver him the inclosed Letter, and you are to
post Guards round the house of the said King for his protection —
The Nabobs Killedar will remain in the Fort with a thousand
Sepoys, and he will hoist the Nabobs Colors at his house — you
are to hoist the Company's Colors at your Quarters, and you are
to tell the King of Tanjore to hoist his Colours now where he
formerly did —

In the Letter, where our Sovereigns Name should have
been mentioned, the word King was used, which Mr. Chambers
explained to his Highness — when his Highness heard this, he
asked why do you call him King you should call him Tondar

Mad —

you call him Rajah. Rajah Cherbur who is one of my Inferior Servants is Rajah, and the Tille of Rajah is a trifling Tille yet the present Nizam never given Indjagre even that Tille— Mr. Chambers told his Lordship that in India no one was called King. but the King at Delli his Lordship said very well, This is only a Draught of the letter. I will take out the word King, but the Company in England thought he had that Tille— His Highness Observed. You may Judge from this circumstance, how far the Company in England understand the situation of Affairs here, when they call a Subject and Amendar of my Country. King.—

His Highness observed in Regard to the Colours, that he wished there his Lordships favor to hoist his Colours when they there were— That Indjagee never hoisted his Colours in the Fort, nor was it his Custom. That he (his Highness) had brought the Flag Staff to Tanjore from Nagore and that his Lordship ought to preserve the honor due to the Colours of his Friend— Lord Pigot Peremptorily told his Highness that he thought proper to have three Colours hoisted in the Fort— That the Rajahs Colours should be hoisted in the same place as formerly, the Company's Coulours at the Commanding Officers, and the Nabobs at his Killedars.— Mr. Stratton, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Chambers explained to his Lordship that the Nabob said that the Rajah never had Colours, but that Amongst the Moor Men they showed great honor to Colours, and they farther said to his Lordship that it might give great Concern to the Nabob to Remove his Colours, but his Lordship said, that was nothing. the Colours must be Removed as he had Mentioned— Meer-ul-Omrah Represented what the Gentlemen had before done, but his Lordship insisted on having the Colours removed— His Highness told his Lordship that as he had brought two Counsellors and Mr. Chambers with him

him, the Order would be recorded in the Companys books as having had his Highness's assent, unless he opposed it, that he was therefore obliged to explain his disapprobation, and his situation and rights — that he had only consented to receive a Garrison of his Friends into the Fort of Tanjore, but that he never had nor never would Consent to Reinstating Tulsaja. Lord Pigot and the other Gentlemen laughed, and his Lordship said that he had not shewn the Order to any one till then, even to Mr. Stratton. Mr. Stone, or Mr. Chambers, and that he had wrote the Draught of it as it had occured to him and had brought it to shew to his Highness That he had called on Mr. Stone whose house lay in his road, and had brought him with him to pay his Compliments to his Highness, and that Mr. Stratton had also Accompanied them —

His Highness then Repeated to his Lordship that he had already signified to him in Conversation and by letter, his Consent to receiving the Company Garrison into Tanjore, but not to give up the Country to Tulsajee who was his Subject — That he again desired the very same — That the Business of his taking Tanjore had not been Carried on in a Darbar or by his own opinion only, but by the Orders of the Company, by the advice of two Governors Mr. Du Pre and Mr. Hynde with their Counsellors, and by the advice of two Plenipotentiarys Sir John Lindsay and Sir Robert Harland, and that they and the whole world had been sensible of this Rights — That from the beginning his Business had been transacted with the Governour and Council. That now his Lordship filled the Government, but that when another Governor should succeed him, he might disapprove of what was now done, therefore there could be no End to disputes. That his Highness was by such proceedings thrown into difficulties, and did not know how to Act — Lord Pigot said that the Princes of this last Restored to

one another in time of Peace such Countries as they had taken in time of War — His Highness replied that what his Lordship said Regarded Enemies, but that the present Affair was between Friends — His Highness told His Lordship that he could never have believed that he would write such a letter as he had for the Rajah — His Lordship replied that he had written nothing from himself, but in Consequence of the Companys Order, and that he would take no less till he had first Arranged it with his Highness — His Highness told him that he had left Nothing to be Arranged, for that he had firmly promised Sultaque to reestablish him in the Government of Tanjore — Lord Pigot told his Highness that he only obeyed his Masters orders, yet, he would do the utmost of his Endeavours to Serve his Highness as far as he could consistently with his Masters Orders — Highness told him that he should except the business of Tanjore but his Lordship said that he would attend to his Highness's Advantage with in that — His Highness said you have shewn so much favor to Enemies should shew some to your Friends and I will tell you some thing if you'll not be displeased. His Lordship told him to tell it. His Highness said According to the Customs observed by Princes in this Country, your Lordship cannot enter into any Agreement with Sultaque who is my Subject, and his Lordship told him — The Agreement that I intend making with Sultaque is for your Highness's Advantage and I will Oblige him to be more subject to you than he was before, His Highness said, you say so, but in your Orders you only Mind the Advantage of the Company and of the Rajah. His Highness said whatever Advantage you expect from Sultaque you may have from me, I will Receive the Companys Garrison into the Fort and pay the expence thereof and if the Company desires a Sugnire out of the Country I will give it them, and I will

will also make them a present of 5 thousd Pagodas, or if they
chuse a sum of Money Annually. I will give it them, therefore
you should also favor us the Rights of your old Friend- and
Right Honourable, which can Vizt, the Order of the Company this
minute in their favour- His Highness replied that as great
a Friend to the Company, that he only retained any Rights in
any other of the Dy.s Carnatic and agreed to receive the Company
Garrison into Tanjore as in the other Forts of my Country &
made not the least Opposition to their Order- that there
to every one the Friendship of any Friend to the Company therefore
to use the Power to lay before them the Policy of the Resolve
that prevailed in England, and the true State of Affairs here.
for which they their Justice and Friendship that they will not
destroy my Rights- His Lordship said this not in the Power
of any Men to describe the great Friendship that you have shewn
to the Company in this Business you shall write every thing
that pass, and promise it before these two Counsellors, and I
consent to forfeit your Friendship if I fail of my Word, and your
Highness may tell your Sons that I am a bad Man, and to
have no Connection with me- I will do every thing for your
good. and make you happy, and you shall see that I will be of
Service to you- I will for ever keep your Killadar and a thousand
of your Sepoys in the Fort of Tanjore- when his Lordship
said this. the Nabob asked him, am I to depend on your
promise? His Lordship Answered, you must believe me &c-
The Nabob desired his Lordship to give him his hand and
his Honor that he would not fail of his promise- at the same
time he desired the two Counsellors to give him their hands also
which they did, and he desired them to be Witnesses of his Lord:
ships promise-

Sir

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The President thinks that the above paper contains the purport of the Conversation which passed between the Nabob and Lord Pigot

In justice to the Nabob the President must here remark that he was present, as mention'd by the Nabob, during the above Conference and to the best of his remembrance the foregoing is the substance of the Conversation which there passed

Copies of the above Conference and the Examinations respecting the Dubber to be transmitted to Bengal

Ordered, that Copies of all the papers and Examinations relative to the Dubber, together with the above Conference be transmitted to the Governor Genl. and Council at Bengal

Read Letter from Mr. Dent

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

Hble Sir and Sirs,

From Mr. Dent representing that repairs are wanting to the house allotted the Paymaster at Chingleput

I think it necessary to acquaint you that on my arrival at Chingleput I found the House allotted for the Paymaster in a very indifferent state the particulars of which I take the Liberty to represent, and flatter myself, that your Honor &c. will give directions to have it repaired

The upper part of the back Varanda is badly built, so much so, that the Pillars supporting it, are Cracked in several places, which seems to threaten, the immediate falling, if not taken down to prevent it, although the House with that of the Commandant, the Officers and Soldiers Barracks had a thorough Repair about seven or eight months ago the expence of which, amounted to upwards of two thousand Pagodas

Some other repairs are absolutely necessary to the House &c. The Doors and Windows want framing to preserve the Wood, and the Rafters of the Roof to be barred to prevent the Inhabitants from destroying them; a Godown wanting Shelves, nothing remains but the Supporters, One New Window frame, and two new Shutters

wanting

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wanting on the back claire, most of the Windows requires
reglazing.

Have the Honor to be with great Respect
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
C.B Dent

Ft. St. George
the 2d Decr 1796

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer do Report the Amount
Order in Consequence of the Expence which may be incurred, in repairing Repairs to
the Paymasters Quarters at Chingleput.

Read Letter from Lieut. Col. Innes Commanding
at Trichinopoly.

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

Honble Sirs

From Col. Innes representing the measure which he made use of to recall the second Regiment of Cavalry to their Duty.

I have the Honor to lay before the Honble Board the circumstances concerning the second Regiment of Light Dragoons. Both the liberty to lay before the Honble Board the circumstances concerning the second Regiment of Light Dragoons the Nabobs Cavalry, at the same time mentioning my Endeavours to recall them in a peaceable Manner, I must now beg leave to add the sequel of my proceedings in respect of the said Affair.

I received information the 21st at Night of the Regiment being on the March from Veramally, fully Resolved to go to Madras, disregarding all the offers I had made them, and which were delivered unto them by one of the Company Guards dispatched on that Errand. Being informed of their stubborn Resolution to go to the Nabob, in Order to lay their Grievances before him, I pitched on the

Consequences

Consequences which Must of course happen; in Order to keep themselves and their Horses alive, they will be Obliged to take that by force, what they cannot get by good Will: some Villages and many Paddy fields full of almost ripe Grain, must be destroyed: This and the Exaggeration, of the Damage which the Reader commonly makes on such an Occasion must cost the Nabob, three or four times the Sum which I was willing to advance them, and which might prevent all Damage and confusion. Accordingly I sent Lieut. Bishop to them with proper instructions, He found them very troublesome, but at last gained their consent, to come under the Walls of the Fort to treat with me.

Here it may be said, that I had it in my power to force them to any terms, to deliver up their Arms — But as they were exasperated by suffering so long, and so much, and quite desperate being Eighteen Months in Arrears, I thought it contrary to humanity to hazard the Spilling of any one's Blood either, on their or our side, as my Conscience, would always have condemned me, if in any degree I had promoted their Distruction, and the loss of some on our side, would very justly have drawn on me the Total displeasure of the Honble Board, as also a Reflection from all Mankind. — I therefore represented their misconduct to them, in the mildest terms, and perswaded them to accept of my reasonable proposals, which tended so to them and respect to the Nabob inclined me to make; They listened to all, begged at the same time, that the promises which I had made might be given them in writting; This their request being granted they promised to Obey any Officer I might nominate to take Charge of them: Lieut. Bishop presented himself at my desire, and immediately ordered them to March into the Avenue which leads to Florence, in order to see their Number, to take down their Names and pay them in the presence of the Nabobs People.

Every

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Every Gentleman present, as he seemed their Distress was happy to see them satisfied with the Removal of it, placing not the least Diffidence in their Declaration and subsequent accepting of the Paper which contained the Agreements—Our Troops which encamped them were ordered into the Fort—The Cavalry were ordered to dismount and to ground their Arms, which they did: But hearing their Arms were to be delivered till the Nabobs pleasure was known, they took the Alarm, remounted their Horses, and rode off with all speed. Repeated messages were sent after them which they neglected, giving their Distrust in our promise and their Dreading the consequences of being made Prisoners.

It may appear strange to the Honble Board that they should act so inconsiderately with their own Welfare; But inconsiderate of their not having an Officer, may not be much as Any amongst them will be sufficient to account for their confusion, all which might easily have been prevented if the Nabobs People had carried themselves jointly with us; But they were far from doing this; they were unable to replace the Three Thousand Pagodas which, at their request, had advanced to assuage the discontented minds of the other Regiments at Ellore and Jaffierabad: Being determined to fulfill any Engagements I was under the Necessity of sending it from Cuddelore the Chankar after the Regiment detached to Fort St. David's. Bishop La Bryonce there whether they could be brought back, and to remove all Suspicion I hastened to send the Five Thousand Pagodas; but am sorry to inform you it has had no Effect, they are fully resolved to present the Nabob with their Horses and Arms, and to quit his Service!—

In hopes my Conduct will meet with the Honble Boards Approbation, and knowing they will kindly consider the true motives

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motives which led me to take this step

I remain with all due Respect

Hon'ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t and ever Humble Servant

G.. Lance

Trichinopoly
23 Nov.r 1776

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint Col.o Lance that
his conduct approved his conduct in sending and promising of Money to the
Mutinous Cavalry of the Nabob, Merits their entire approbation.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Hon'ble Sir and Gentlemen

from Colonel Bell inclosing Plans of Barracks and an Hospital proposed to be built at Masulipatam

Agreable to your Direction that accompany'd the Plans, Estimates &.c of an Hospital for one hundred, and Barracks for three hundred Europeans, at Masulipatam, I have, after considering them, formed Designs for those Buildings with which I now present you. and which will amount to nearly the same Expence as those proposed by Capt.n Mitchell -

The Plan N.o 1 and 2 are Designs for the Hospital, in which are shewn the different Disposition of Cotts for Ninety six. One hundred and twelve, or One hundred and twenty Eight men. The Plan N.o 1. was constructed with the Wards only fifteen feet broad on a supposition that Timbers were not in Store of a sufficient length to make them broader, but seeing by the List of Materials remaining that there were Timbers of twenty one feet long, the Plan N.o 2. was then designed with the Wards Seventeen feet broad, which is what I would recommend

to

to be built. — The Section which is drawn on a large sheet together with the Plan shew the Dimensions of all the parts of the Building — and the general Plan points out the situation to be on the first where the old English Factory stood: Care should be taken, that the Water Cistern which is in that Ground may not interfere with the Hospital, which, if not attended to, it may do, should the design of first be followed — If this be the Case, the Compass the Body of the Hospital nearer to, or further from the Gate may preserve the Cistern; if not, making the Cistern to the Eastward instead of the Westward will probably bring all the Buildings clear of it, and in this Case it is to be observed that the Verandas of the Hospital is to be kept to the Westward, as it is intended from thence to hang Curtains against the sand flies. This last method, I imagine, will answer the purpose, and throw the Hospital on high Ground. — My wish is to preserve the Entrance to the Westward in for Uniformity with the Arsenal and the assurance of the Town. But if neither of the above method will preserve the Water Cistern, the Compound must be extended to the Eastward, still keeping the western part in an Alignment with the West front of the Arsenal and in this Case it may be proper also to put the Hospital to the Westward of the Compound and the Entrance to the Eastward to gain the advantage of high Ground. —

A Drain may be made to carry the Water from the Roof of the Hospital to the Cistern.

The Plan of the Barrack with Reference to the Section of the Hospital will fully explain the Dimensions — Each Room will contain sixteen men, or thirteen private, and two non commissioned Officers which in the whole is three hundred. — In the modern Ranges are two Designs with the Disposition of the Cells in each, either may be followed, but I should prefer that of the Section

King

Wing, which is the same with the eastern Range — Should it be thought Necessary the eastern Range may be entered within the Compound wall the same as the western. Sprot, the Window Frames for that Front Next the Street must have Iron Barrs put into them, as must also the End Windows of both the Ranges that the Men may not be able to get out of the Barracks but by the Doors. — There are two Doors constructed in the Southern Wall of the Compound for the Convenience of the Cooks Boys, and Servants cleaning the necessary, as it is intended that these be locked at Night, to prevent the Men from getting out otherwise than by the Barrack Guards. They must be made as high as the Wall —

As it is a Duty to loose so much Water in Masulipatam, as will fall from the Roofs of these Buildings, I imagine a Water Cistern may be made in the Barrack Yard to preserve it, the Ground being high will, I believe admit of its being sunk without receiving any Injury from the salt Water. If this be put in practice the Water from the Roofs should fall into Channels of Brick and Chunam to conduct it to the Cistern, and none of the Water from the Ground should be allowed to mix with it. By sloping the Terraces entirely to the eastern Sides of the Buildings the Water may be conducted by Boxes into an under Ground Channel —

I am with much respect
Honble Sirs and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. and Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
24th. November 1776

The Plans approved and the Buildings to be made accordingly

The Board approve of the Plan No. 2 delivered in by the Chief Engineer, for an Hospital at Masulipatam, as well as the design for a Barrack, And as those Buildings are absolutely wanted at that Settlement — and that the Company will not be put to more than

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24th. November 1776

The Plans approved and the Buildings to be made accordingly

The Board approve of the Plan N.o 2 delivered in by the Chief Engineer, for an Hospital at Masulipatam, As well as this design for a Barrack, And as those Buildings are absolutely wanted at that Settlement — and that the Company will not be put to more than

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Lieut. Col. Gaddemal Refuses, the Materials in store Remaining to exceed those stated in the Estimates Refuses of them both, if in Readiness, shall they be erected accordingly — and that the Estimates be likewise made agreeable to the Recommendation of Col. Kyd.

Ordered in consequence that a Copy of the Chief Engineers Letter, together with the Plans be transmitted to the Chief and Council at that Settlement, and that they be directed to receive Sealed Proposals for erecting these Buildings by Contract, the Contractor taking from the Commissary such Materials as are in store, and at the Price they are now Estimated. Should the Proposals that may be received exceed in any Materials degree, the Estimated Expence of these Buildings, — the same must be referred hither for the Determination of the Board —

2 December 1796 —

Report of the President acquainting that he had gained the Nabob's Consent to Gunners Quarters in the Carnatic and Canara and that a Letter be wrote to the Engineer recommending him to be as frugal as possible of the Revenues in order that he may be enabled to finish the Works in Progress

The President acquainted the Board that deeming the present a favorable Opportunity to gain the Nabob's Consent to a more advantageous Arrangement of his Troops, he had communicated to him the proposed Plan of reducing the Number of Men in each Battn. of Sepoys and thereby increasing the Number of Battalions which might be stationed in such a Manner as to join at the shortest Notice, and at the same time recommended to his Highness to draw his Cavalry from the Ceded and Carnatic Districts, Country and centonments them in some Central Place, when they might join the Troops if necessity should require it and thereby enable us to take the Field with such a Force as would deter either Hyder or the Mahrattas from making any sudden Invasion into the Carnatic. That in consequence of which the Nabob during the Presidency of the Measure had consented that three of his Regiments of Cavalry should be stationed between Arcot and Conjeveram and the

the remaing four in the Tritchenopoly Country —

On the Account of the preparations making by Hyder Ally Cawn with an intention as it is said to enter the Carnatick, renders his views uncertain, the President recommend that a Letter be prepared to the Nabob in addition to the one wrote him wherein he is requested to lay in stores of Provisions &c.a to desire he will take such Measures as to him shall appear necessary for procuring the earliest Intelligence of Hyder's Motions and that he will immediately communicate the same to us, that Orders may be given to make timely preparations for the Peace and Security of his Dominions &c.a — That the Nabob having acquainted the President he will settle his Accounts for the ensuing Year as soon as he receives his Account to 30th April, he proposes that the same be sent him as soon as possible and that it be recommended to his Highness to be punctual in the payment of them that we may have a due and certain dependance upon them in future and that he ought to make this his first and most principal Object. That to ensure essential Service from his Troops he will be also punctual in the pay of his Cavalry and at the same time do all the justice in his power to his Creditors in general —

The President further represents to the Board that in Order to be prepared ag.t any Troubles which may arise in the Country, he cannot but deem it eligible that some certain place should be adopted for the defence of the Tanjore Country The President does not mean that we should in the smallest degree interfere with the Rajah in his Government, But as the Nabob cannot be expected to defray the whole charge of the defence of his own and of the Rajahs Dominions in case of War with Hyder or the Mahrattas, it appears but just and equitable that the Rajah should have timely Advice given him not

not be dispatched this Season unnecessarily that he may have it in his power to bear his part of the general defence of the Carnatick should it be invaded. — That the President is enjoined to conform in every respect to the 11th Para of the Separate Letter to Bengal dated 16th March 96. which directs "That no Treaty with a Foreign Power shall be concluded by the King of Tanjore without the Concurrence of the Company nor any Alliance be formed by him to their prejudice, nor any Aid or Assistance be given directly or indirectly to the Enemies of the British Nation" And therefore the President further is that it be strongly recommended to the Rajah to be as frugal as possible in his expence and that he not discharge any part of his Servants, except in the room of such as die, his personal Expences and the Sums he has stipulated with the Company —

Ordered, that the Letter recommended by the Board be dispatched accordingly —

Read a Letter from Bengal —

To the Honble George Hamilton Esqr
President & Council at Fort St. George
Gentlemen —

We Sigat having requested to be furnished with Copies of the Complaints which had been preferred against him by the Nabob of Arcot, we have thought it proper to transmit to his Lordship Copies of all the Specific Charges contained in the Nabobs Letters to this Government against him, another Copy of which we beg leave to enclose for your Information —

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obed. Humble Servants
A. Clarke

Fort William
the 28th October 1796

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Warren Hastings

Rich.d Barwell

F. Francis

Extract of a Letter from the Nabob of Arcot Dated —

As I cannot consent to a Resignation of Tanjore which is my Right and Lord Pigot his Intentions of going himself to deliver it up to Tulhagee, and of employing part of the Ten Battalions which are kept up by the Company for my Service, and which I pay on the Duty of expelling my Naibs from the Talooks of Tanjore, and Supporting Tulhagee Inclosed is a Copy of the English and which Lord Pigot wrote and Brought with him On the 5th August 1190 Hyjeree —

Letter delivered to the Nabob by Lord Pigot —

As I am now going to Tanjore I hope the Nabob will let the little Time there is be employed in considering which Way I can execute the Company's Orders the Most to his Satisfaction, and that when I come away from Tanjore he will be so good as to let Mujeeb Khan accompany me as a Guard, it will have a good Appearance in the Eyes of the World and show the Faith and Confidence, Lord Pigot has in the Nabobs Officers and Troops —

Dated 26th August 1190 —

D.

He obliged my Garrison consisting of a Subadar by Name Mahomed Mujeeb Cawn and a 1000 Rank and File to he had promised that they should Remain to March out of the Fella Inclosed is a Copy of the Letter which was Written to Mahomed Mujeeb Khan —

The particulars of the Promise made by Lord Pigot will be explained in this Letter and by the Orders which I sent to

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To Mahomed Nujeet Cawn my Munshi, and that he send Pigeons
having observed it were to bind me to forward it to Colonel
Stuart before the English Troops had entered the Garrison
Copy of which Order above before inclosed to you.

Said Nujeet sent a Letter, and signified and confirmed
my Munshi who in Consequence of my Orders made an
Application and Voluntarily remained them. This is a Treatment
I never expected from my friends the Company to officers
where I had a Force of 1200 Men, two Guards composed of the
Company Troops, Sepoys and Cossacks my Munshi
Copy of a Translation of an English Letter to
Nujeet Cawn Enclosed

(Seal of said Nujeet)

since the Copy of Sangore has been translated in his
Government, this Necessary that you should Pursue the Instruc-
tions of the Nabob from Sangore you will therefore
Regard this a full and positive Order for marching them
without the Walls of the Fortress in the Morning — dated 11th
April 1796 or 2. of Sister 1210 Hegira —

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Said 2. Rubbee-ul-Awal 1210

I received new Intelligence, that a Lieutenant had March'd
out of Sangore by said Nujeets Order, at the head of 60. of the Corps
European (Foreign) Troops with their Officers and Guards of
Sepoys, Crossed the River Cauvery and Encamped all Night near
and there surrounded the House of Dubber Shanassy
Inhabitants who were residing there by my Orders for fear of
bringing away any Treasure, forced away the Cattle into their
Stations with them as a Guard, plac'd them under a Guard of
Troops and Carried them together with all my Treasure Public
and Private like Enemies taken Prisoners in War to Sangore

before

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before Lord Pigot, in Consequence of which the Business of my Whole Country has been Obstructed.

I have before inclosed to you Copy of my Instructions to my Officers in the Country of Tanjore in Obedience to which my People employed no Arms in Opposition to the Men sent by Lord Pigot yet they were Confined with the utmost possible disgrace.

Ditto . . . . . Dated 22. Ruby-ul-Sane 1190.

Lord Pigot sent a Man to my Door at Midnight and forcibly Carried Away my Boys, and threatned me in my own Durbar in the presence of my Childrens Brothers and Others saying that he would place a Guard of Europeans at my Door.

Lord Pigot after his Arrival from Tanjore Wrote in my presence and in the presence of my Children the Draft of a Letter to that purport. As I did not Comply, he took it at Mid. I now enclose Copy of the Draft.

Copy of a Paper Written by Lord Pigot with a Pencil and given by him to his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick that his Highness might Write the Contents in a Letter to his Lordship - April 11th 1776.

I am very happy at my friends Return I forgive you for every thing you have done The Man who is faithful to his Master, will ever be so to his friend, now you have finished the Companys Business, I hope you will not forget mine I will lay before you the whole State of my Affairs and Arrears your Assistance to settle them to the Satisfaction of the Company that I may be happy.

I Certifie that this is a true Copy of the Above mentioned Paper.

(Signed) James Urquhart Secretary to the Nabob.

Pitt

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Dito Dated 25th Shawwaul 1211

Report how personally & which he was very much surprised my Authority shd not be Respected when sending me from a Mr. Trade should Circumscribe & Restrict me in Explanations which I pursuant to Instructions might be necessary to Enable me, and that with Letters Crimes might be set Charge me, and that Weight might be set give to every ill founded Report in the Opinion of Council.

Abdul Rasul during his stay at Sangeir not only Insulted and Threatened Mahr Saudit Sahib & from Allyanore and Confined with every Mark of Disgrace the Chiefs who are my Friends but gave Orders for a Guard of Sepoys and two Officers to be sent after Mah. Vishnu Pundit the Owners of the Sabeck of Mangaram, who left the Sabeck before the Arrival of the Cutch belonging to the Company and Subsisted and Rented at Woodiarpolly which is my Country Ship forcibly removed him from thence and Threatened to Cut off the Ears which Shaw received on the Subject from Syed Hyder Ally Khan & Nabob of the Wells of Woodiarpolly

Copy of the Arzdaust for Humble Representation of Syed Hyder Ally Khan & Nabob of the Wells of Woodiarpolly dated the 24th Rubbyal Awul 1190 Hegira and Received on the 26th of the same Month.

Setting forth that a Guard of Sepoys and two Havarrahs belonging to the English arrived at Woodiarpolly on the 3d of Rubbyul Awul for the purpose of Seizing and carrying away Mahomed Hebeeb Khan, The said Mahomed had set out two Days before for Madras. They therefore detained four Men at his House and the rest came to me and said "We have Received Orders from Lord Pigot to go to Woodiarpolly and bring away Mahomed Hebeeb Khan or to return with a Letter from the

Nabob

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"Nabob of the Vella declaring that Mahomed Hebrer Khan is
"not in it You must therefore give us such a Letter and Acquaint
as Where Mahomed is" Answered that We had no concern
with the Vella that Mahomed Hebier Khan Was not in the
Vella and that Said not Know the particulars of the Dispute
The Mircarrahs &c. Therefore Went Away Without obtaining
what they Wanted The Companys Men after Wards searched
House after House throughout your Highnesss Taloake and
Hired and carried Away in a Violent Manner every Defendant
of your Highness whom they saw and now disgrace them No
Violence Was ever before exercided by the Companys Defendants
towards those of your Highness But such Oppression and Violence
has been practised by the Companys Men now that I cannot
describe it. She reported that Lord Pigot after he had compleated
the Seizure of Tanjore intends to proceed to Hammaut Therefore
Mention it for your Highness's Information

Ditto . . . . . Dated 6th Augt 1190 Negera

Lord Pigot has now not only afforded Protection to some
who are my Relations, but he has incited them to Leave me,
when you shall hear the Story you will be surprized. She as
follows Hoiruldeen Khans Family, had served my Family during
five Generations. After his Father before the troubles of General
Lally behaved treacherously to me at Tiringheeconda and entered
my Room while I was sleeping towards the Close of the Night
with two loaded Pistols and a drawn Sword. The very same
Lord Pigot and the Gentlemen in Council were desirous of putting
him to Death, but I interposed and prevented them. This is a
fact Well Known. The Father of Hoiruldeen Cawn afterwards
Died and Hoiruldeen Khan himself and his Brothers were at this
time in their Infancy I compassionated them, maintained them,
and gave them Education I betrothed my Daughter to Hoiruldeen

Khan

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When, and Varied him to a greater degree of Rank Sentrusted
him with the Farm of the Salock of Chunnam and Shiedunga
But he disputed the proceeds of the Country and shipped the
proprietor of the Cycle and the Polygars who had left the Country
and Invaded the Lands. Mr Binfield had a Lascar crane
Assignment on the Salock of Chunnam for 1500 Chuckrams
But this relation Villian placed this Gentleman Comandah in
Confinement and thought he had not paid any part of the
Amount concluded the Comandah to set him at Liberty, to receipt
for the whole Amount and take it from him. And in this
Manner he obtained so many instances of Villanys & Cheating
Treachery inherent in him from his very family & Relation
Unbelief and ingratitude that I know not whether the Relation
would end, and his three Brothers behaved in the same Manner
they formerly fled from Madras and were taken and remained
along time in Chains, they were afterwards released and employed
in Commands. When Heard of the Transactions of Their at Chun
Villian Summoned him from the Salock, after his Arrival
Discovered that the abovementioned Spoils which he had
taken had not satisfied, but that he had also made away with
the Money and Ornaments which agreeably to the Custom of
Hindostan Should given to my Daughter which were a provision
for her during her Life and is a Custom for amongst
Europeans & Gentlemen of many Worthless Commissions, Lord
Sigot Came One Day Applied to my House and told me that
Hairuldeen Villian was indebted in the Sum of Some Hundred
Pagodas to an European, who had prosecuted him in the Mayors
Court and that People belonging to the Court Were on the Watch
to Arrest him and that Lord Sigot had not Power to assist
the Court — Inquiring afterwards into Hairuldeen Villians
Circumstances Discovered that he owed above two Lacks of Pag.

to

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to Europeans and others. When considered that if he should give him his liberty he would be arrested by his Credetors and fall into the Society of Idle and unthinking Men and into a Bad Course of life. Therefore placed him in my own Garden House the same in which dyful Mutock and others my three Children and other Relations live that he might be secure from corruption by Associating himself with such foolish Men and by these Means be reformed in his Manner of living and contract no Debts. When he promised me faithfully that he would not be guilty of such Practices and he gave Credetable persons as Securities for his good behaviour, took him into my favor. But Lord Pigot in Order to gain an influence for himself and Cause veration to me from my family, incited Mutical Reen Khan to escape from me. He accordingly On the 25th. of January absconded from my Gardens with his three Brothers towards the Close of the Night Over the Wall and Went to Lord Pigot. What Stranger pray can Judge of the encouragement which Lord Pigot has given to them than these. Lord Pigot has not Merely treated them with proper Kindness but has furnished them with Magnificent Houses a Sum of Money for their expences and every thing needful which they Wanted he has also allowed them Guards of the Companys Seapoys for their protection and behaved to them with all the attention in his Power. He takes them into his own Carriage and gives them a passage with himself to the Companys Gardens and pays them Respect to the disparagement of my Rank and that of my Children and has flattered them with hopes -

My first Complaint against Lord Pigot is as follows -

When he first arrived here and made known the Companys Orders though I did not oppose those Orders he endeavoured to prevent me

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from Representing the Truth and the Real Circumstances and my
Right to my Friends and the Injury which the Company will
Sustain both With Respect to their Interest and Honor should
those Orders be carried into execution why Second Complaint is
as follows --- After I was Satisfied and Resolved to Obtain a
Garrison of my Friends into Tanjore and that a
Garrison had been Attended into the Fort a Month before yet
Col. Stuart for the gratification of Tuljajee proceeded himself
with an Army on a Service for which One Item belonging to the
Company Could have been sufficient which Was Attended with
the Most Injurious Consequences to the Dignity of my Friendship
with the English. My third Complaint is that the Orders Written
Publick Orders to Mahomed Najeeb Khan my Naib and though
the Contents had been Repeatedly explained to him and
Mr. Chambers and the Letter was afterwards delivered to him
that he might forward it to Colonel Harper and though he had
himself Experienced that he Could Obtain for a Continuance any
Aid with One Thousand Peons and Chalangs. Flag should be
Displayed on the Fort and that he would Supply the Provisions of the
place to the Discharge of the Arrears due to any People which
Had assigned to them by Purwanas, all which particulars clearly
appear in the plain Order which I Issued on the Subject, yet he
Sent to every One of those Persons of the Town which is wholly
Repugnant to the principles of the Religion of the English. My
fourth Complaint is, that he Carried Troops with him to Tanjore
who are to this day in my Pay, yet he employed those very
Troops to take all the Grain of the Country of Tanjore which
Had Raised by cultivating the Ground at a Considerable Expence
and Assigned by Purwanas to my Creditors which has caused a
Damage which it will be impossible to repair both to my
Creditors and Army. My fifth Complaint is that he has broken

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the Guarantee Engagement which the King and Parliament have entered into for the Support of my Rights by forcibly Seizing and Carrying away the Dobbie and others my Officers with my Accounts from my Country. ——— My Sixth Complaint is that in the Course of Carrying into execution the Company's Orders Lord Pigot removed with disgrace my Killedar from the Kella of Bolam in which I had Maintained a Garison of English Forces during five Years at a Considerable expence and which Tulyagee had surrendered in the Year 1771. with other Villages for the Expences of the first War agreeably to the Treaty concluded with him through Mr. Dubois. ——— My Seventh Complaint is, that Lord Pigot after his return from Tanjore delivered to me the Draft of a Letter which he had Written with his own hand and which is now in my Possession and desired that I would write one Agreeably to it The import of it is that I excuse all his Measures with Respect to Tanjore and Resign all my Affairs into his Power He at

that

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that time very much forgot me to furnish him with such Lessons as might enable him to dismiss Sir Robert Fletcher, M.r Mackay and other Gentlemen who had Offered him in Council, When he found that I was too Wise to write such a letter he became my inveterate Enemy, and in Order to vex me sent his Men in the Night time to Seize and Carry away my Men who where in my Gardin, and One Day he came himself and threatned to place a Guard of Europeans upon me which would be a Greater Evil to a Prince than Death.

true Extract

J. P. Ward Sec.y

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To the Rajah of Tanjore advising that a Letter had been wrote to Hyder in Consequence of his Application that his Application for Fire Arms cannot be complied with

A Letter was this Day wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore in answer to his of the 2d Octr entered in Country Correspondence Vol 110

Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Vice President

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer — Francis Fourdan

Monday 9th December 1776

Colonel Stuart indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved

Read Letters from the Rajah of Tanjore under date the 10th Ulto — and 2d Instant, as entered in Country Correspondence Vol 111 and Vol 112

From the Rajah of Tanjore representing the Necessity there is of strengthening the Annaicut and desiring that Application be made to the Nabob for that purpose from Tanjore remaining Bills for 21,000 Pagodas

The President acquaints the Board that having communicated to the Nabob the Substance of the Rajahs Representations with respect to the Disturbances committed in his Countries and pointed out to him the Necessity of preventing the like in future

That the Nabob in Consequence hereof had sent Letters for his Managers at Trivalore and Nannapatam, containing the most positive Orders and Threats which Letters the President gave to the Rajahs Vakeel that they might be forwarded by the Rajah to those Places

Order sent by the Nabob to his Managers to prevent the like Complaints from being made in future

The President lays before the Board the following Draft of Letters to the Rajah of Tanjore which he proposes should be wrote in Answer to the above, which are Read and approved

Fort St George 9th December 1776.

To the Right

Honble Joseph Cumming
him of the Resolution of the
Board and Request to the
last Year's Crop of Grain
in the Tanjore Country
and advising him to take
such means as may be
effectual to him necessary
in Consequence thereof.

One Letter wrote to you by Lord Pigot this
as well as in one that the honr to write to you the Ayoovane
informed, that the Board had Resolved, that the Government
of the last Year's Crop of Grain in the Tanjore Country
was the Property of Nabob. This Resolution was but an
Act of Justice, as Nabob had been at the Expence and
the Grain was sown and Cultivated during the time the Country
was in his hands. I am therefore to request you will give
Orders that a particular and clear Account be drawn out
of the Government Share of the last Year Crop as well
as what is due to the Circar from the Inhabitants which
Account you will send me as soon as possible, in the
mean time you will doubtless think it but reasonable that
whatever the Crop may amount to the same should be pay
to him. I do not mean by this to distress your Finances, or
to alow you to Anticipate your Revenues, in such Manner
as to occasion future difficulties, I am only desirous as the
Company are the Guardians & Protectors of the Carnatic in
general, that strict Justice should be rendered to all. Should
your Revenues be inadequate to the Discharge of this Sum at
present, I can have no objection in Nabob to suspend part
of his Claim, until the next Year, for you may be
assured this Government, will at all times be attentive
to your Interests and the prosperity of your Affairs,
advise me fully on this Subject, that I may

Take

take Measures accordingly.

To the Rajah advising him that the Nabob has given Directions to his People to afford him Assistance in repairing the Annicutt acknowledging the Receipt of the Bill for 29000 Pags.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

I have had the Honor to receive Your Letter of the 5th Ulto and 2d Instant

(Your desire I will inform You of the answer I received from the Nabob concerning the Annicutts, I formerly acquainted You that the Nabob had given Directions in Consequence of my representations to him, that the People of your Country should be supplied with Materials and assistance every other such Assistance, towards the repairing of the Annicutts as was the established Custom in the time of Tulaub Jung. His Highness has again wrote an Order to his Managers at Trichinopoly to inforce his former Directions, which Order has been transmitted to Colonel James to be delivered to him, so that You may not in future expect any difficulties on this head I cannot however avoid recommending to you, to have particular Care taken that the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Districts do not intermix with those of the Nabobs Country many Complaints have already been made and still making against the People of Cudallah for the Trouble they have occasioned I have likewise represented to the Nabob, in the strictest manner the Complaints made against the People of Tondemans

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Country, and to the Inhabitants thereof, to give Orders every Precaution
shall be taken in future to guard against such Troubles
I have received the Bills for Pags 25,000 which
accompanied Your Letter of the 2d Instant, for the amount
of such Investments Your Second shall be credited
I have ordered two Companies of Sepoys from
Vellore to Tanjore as a further Assistance to Your Affairs
in the Carnatic, & Your Reference to Colo Braithwaite
receive the necessary Orders on this Head. Your Packet
has not brought any Dispatches from the Nabob
to his Managers at Arrivalore and Porto Novo, relative to
the Complaints made against the Inhabitants of those
Ports, if any of his People should therefore in future come
into Your Country to commit depredations You will punish
them as they may deserve, as will the Nabob if any of your
should enter in like manner into his
I shall always rejoice at Your Welfare and
Happiness
I am
Dear Sir
Your most
Fort St George
16 December 1776

Mr Jourdan cannot object to the
Words of the Letter, but his disapprovers of the mode for
he thinks the Nabob considering the manner, Lord
Pigot,

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Sepoys delivered up the Country, ought to be explained, and the business settled by Person on the Spot.

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob has complained to him of Colonel Harper & the Gunners detached a Company of the Battalion of Sepoys, to the Annacuttah, to force the Inhabitants of his Country, to assist in the Repairing of that Bank.

Ordered, that the Secretary do inform Colonel Harper, of the Complaint that has been made against him, and that he be directed to inform the Board of the particulars of the Affair.

The Secretary to write to Colo. Harper to inform the Board the particulars of the affair of which the Nabob has complained to the President.

The President further represents to the Board as the Rajah of Tanjore, requires more Assistance of Troops, than is sufficient to enable him to collect in his Revenues, and as the employing of Effective men on such Service, would materially injure their Discipline, he recommends, that in future all Invalid Sepoys, which may be admitted on the List, be sent to Tanjore for that purpose. Approved and Ordered accordingly.

From the Nabob with 3500 Pagodas of the Pondamallie Dist.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob under date 1st Instant with 3500 Pags, on Account of Pondamallie District due that Country Corresponding

under

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From the Nabob of Arcadu from the Rajah of Travancore & Rajah Berbur, with Letters from the Amildars of Tulapuet and Changama respecting the Motions of Hyder

under Date 1st Instant with an Arzdasht from the Rajah of Travancore, and another from Rajah Berbur, together with translations of two Letters rect from the Amildars of Tulapuet and Changama containing Intelligences of Hyder Ally Carn. entered in Country Correspondence Nos 116 No 117. No 118 No 119 & No 120

From the Nabob with Sundry Papers from Tondeboy

Under Date 1st Instant with Sundry Papers of Intelligence from Tondeboy and the Ballaghaut

From the Nabob with Copies of a Letter to him from Governor Law and his Reply thereto

Under Date 4th Instant With Copies of a Letter to him from Governor Law, and of his Answer, concerning the boundaries of the Village of Sankaneoriambut in the Talluk of Nordi-chery, and Poonamalee in the Talluk of Poondamalee

From the Nabob advising that Poondamalee Cowlas was sent to Arnegy, and requesting that a Letter might be sent to the Chief of that Place directing him to assign the Reason of Poondamalee Cowles

Under Date 6th Instant Advising of his having sent Poondamalee Cowles being at Arnegy, and requesting that orders may be sent for his detention; and Delivery to the Nabob's People. Enclosing likewise Copies of two Obligations from the Rajah of Travancore formerly given the Nabob under his Seal; and Copies of Letters which the Nabob had wrote in Consequence to the Chief of Arnegy

The President then proposes that the following Letter be wrote to the President and Council at Bombay, and to the Chief at Arnegy

P.

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To Bombay advising them not to afford a Passage to Hirudeen Cawn

To the Honble William Bomby Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Bombay

Honble Sirs &c.

Inclosed Letters lately rec.d from Shah Nabob
he acquaints us that Hirudeen Cawn with his three brothers
are at Anjengo and he learns that it is his intention
of proceeding to England that Hirudeen Cawn is largely
indebted to him and to many of the Inhabitants at
this place and having run away with Jewells belongg
to his family to a large amount, he requests that we
would make an Application to you to give Orders for
his being delivered to his people.

From this Representation We hope
you will see with us the Impropriety of allowing Hirudeen
Cawn to remain at Anjengo or allowing him to have a
Passage on any of the Companys Ships to Europe

We send this Letter under a flying Seal
to the Chief and Council at Anjengo requesting they will
forward it to your Honor &c with the greatest Dispatch.
The Nabob has acquainted us that he has wrote to
the Chief there on this Subject

We

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Thomas Chun

Fort St George } Your most Obed. humble Servt
12 Decr 1776 } Edmund Pitt Humble Servant

To George Bingley Esqr

Chief at Anjengo

Having occasion to address to the
Select the Governor and Council at Bombay, and indeed
under a flying Seal for your Perusal, You will be pleased
to dispatch to that Presidency with all possible expedition.

I am

Fort St George Sir Your most Obed. humble Servt
12 Decr 1776. Robt Sullivan
Secry

Signed Robt Lang be appointed
Coll. Lang appointed to the Command of Tellicherry
the Command of Tellicherry
to the Command of Fort and Garrison of Tellicherry

The following Note from the Grand Jury
received on the 12th Instant, together with the Secretary's
Answer.

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Answer with the approbation of the Board, are now
Ordered to be entered on Consultation

Sent from the Grand Jury requesting to be furnished with a Copy of the Warrant for the Seizure & Confinement of Lord Pigot

The Gentlemen of the Grand Jury present their Compliments to Mr. Sullivan and request he will send them a Copy of the Warrant for the Seizure and Confinement of Lord Pigot and every Subsequent Warrant for the Confinement of his Person

To George Stanley Esqr
Foreman of the Grand Jury

Sir

To the Grand Jury enclosing an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation

Agreeably to the desire of the Grand Jury communicated to me in their Note of Yesterday I have the honor of enclosing you an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation, whereby Colonel James Stuart was authorized to Arrest the Person of Lord Pigot. The Order issued on the Occasion, was given by Colo. Stuart, in consequence of the Power with which he was invested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt and
most humble Servant
P. Sullivan
Secry

Fort St George
4th Decr 1776

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To his Excellcy Governor
Thomas Pl of 3500 Cash
on acct of the Nabob of
the Carnatic

Recd a Letter from the Nabob on this Subject
acknowledging the Receipt of 3500 Pagodas on full of the Bills of the
Pensionaries Term due on the 1st Instant entered in Country Corr.

Read the following Letters

From Capt Calvert acquainting
him of his appointment to
Command

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

Honble Sirs

I beg leave to remind you that I have served
the Honble Company with an unimpeachable Character and
Conduct upon fifteen Years, and am informed a removal of
the Troops will take place in January next, I therefore
will be pleased to consider me in the distribution of Commands
you have reserved the smallest favor or advantage since I am
had the Honor to be in the Service except such as has fallen
out casually in the course of Duty. I have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs

Your most Obedt and most humble
Servant

John Calvert

Tanjore
4th
28, Novr 1776

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From Lt.t Geo.e Godfrey remind.s of his Services, and requesting to be nominated to a Command

To the Honble The President
and Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The time approaching when probably the new arrangement of the Sepoy Battalions to the different Commands may take place — I hope it may not be thought intruding thus early to address the Honble Board,

Over confident of their constant attachment in matters of this sort to the propriety of the request — I am induced to take the liberty recapitulating the grounds which lead me to hope some attention will be given to my pleas of becoming a candidate for such a Command —

The principal and only satisfactory record that an Officer can produce to his Superiors (exclusive of his Character) in his Services, pointing out mine since the Year 1763 may not be thought improper or unnecessary —

I hope appear either improper or unnecessary —

To the Northward I served under Gen.l Calliaud at Bengall on the occasion of the general resignation, I then

orhote

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Humbly Upon May as a Grandson often without Desiring
that long period) ever missing as Love of Duty — on the Marranow
Expedition and both Sieges of Tanjore —

Trusting that my Endeavours on the above occasions
to fulfill my Duty warrant best equal to those of those Officers
and being desirous of convincing The Honble Board to the
utmost of what is above set forth — begs to acquaint their Honrs
Officers of this Army particularly to Colonels Lang Baillie
and Major Hornbrooke at Madrass —

And should it be necessary I am well assured that
all the Officers returned to Europe since the Year 1765 would
support to the Honble Court of Directors the propriety of
what I have above alleged —

My Character & Conduct previous to having the
Honor of bearing a Commission in the Honble Companys
Forces and when in His Majesty's may easily be known
by referring the Honble Court of Directors — to the Letters
given into them in December 1764 by the Officers I had then
served under —

These Gentlemen are all the pretentions
I have to your patronage on the present occasion and
were I to judge by the frequent examples of your Candour &
constant attention to an Officers services and Character
in

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on applications of this sort I would flatter myself with Kindness
Trusting entirely to your Gentlemen in this application
I will conclude with assuring you — Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt Servt
Robt Godfrey
Capt 12 Battr

Tanjore
2d December 1776

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St George

Honble Sir

From Cheram I sent to Seringapatam for Intelligence. I have Rec'd the following Accounts that Hyder Naig, Coman Zeby, and Tipoo Zeby, are in Seringapatam, and that Ybram Zeby is the Killidar of that Garrison. that in it is, 5000 Horse 6000 Seapoys, 10,000 Hatch Cock Peons, 300 Topt 100 Europeans and 1300, Sick men, and that there are Encamp'd, in Thuckkeram Batt. under the Command of Allum Cann, Damedar Alargo body of Troops, with artillery, and a quantity of Stores

That Mier Zeby is Encamp'ed 60 Cose to the Northward of Seringapatam with 5000 Horse, 6000

From Col Wood dated Palacatcherry 25th Novr Intelligence from Seringapatam

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To

The Hon.ble

the Court of Directors

for the affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

The Petition of Samuel Pechell

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was appointed a Lieutenant in the Service of the Honble Company in the Year 1768 and has ever since continued in the Discharge of his Duty to the best of his Abilities

That your Petitioner has been Stationed at Vellore for the last Eight Years

That your Petitioner has a Wife and Family in England entirely dependant upon him for Support

That your Petitioner has been Eight Years in India and has not been Home

That your Petitioner has Interest to solicit the Honble Court of Directors to grant him Leave of Absence to visit his Native Country

That your Petitioner has been Recommended by Colonel Wood Commanding Officer at Vellore for Leave of Absence to visit his Native Country

That your Petitioner has been Recommended by Colonel Pearse

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Shall communicate it to the Honble Board

I am Sir

Your most obedt Servt

T. Mackarell

The President acquaints the Board that on
Application from the Nabob, he had granted him a Guard
of Sepoys to carry 10,000 Pags. to the Cavalry mentioned
in Capt. Mackarell's Letter

Guard of Sepoys granted to the Nabob

Read Letter from Lt Coll. James Commanding at Trichinopoly

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to transmit to you my
Several Returns of the Garrison for the Month of Novr,
And beg leave to mention to the Honble Board that
Mr. Wilson our Surgeon, is very much in want of
a proper Assistant to remain at Morriore Hospital having
only

From Coll. James advising that a Surgeons Assistant is wanted at Trichinopoly

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Sir

My last Duplicate was not to be dispatched upon in the
possession of a Surgeon
Lt Freeman with Dispatches

Inclosed Copies Letters and Lre
Journey Abstract and
Invoice Lords
Dispatches

Ordered to be upon the Table

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at

Manufactures

From Manufacturer advising that Rajanah Pauran disposed of his Renasal Est. and that he has fled to the Woods

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

We have had the Honor to receive your Commands from the Military Department of the 7th Instant and Commendably thereto five Companies of the 6th Coast Batt. of Sepoys have received Orders to hold themselves in readiness to march forthwith to Arkat

We have the pleasure to inform your Hono
rs that by a Letter rec'd from Cossid Colleen, We learned he had
on

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on the 25th Instant dispatched Rajamah Downy of his principal Boat in the Tolafulla District, without sustaining any loss, he however has made his escape into the adjacent Woods. But as Lieut Collins is endeavouring to inform himself of the Route he has taken, We hope to hear further from him on the Subject in a few days, when you shall be duly informed of the measures he may deem have taken —

We are Respectfully
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedt humble Servants
Chas Floyer
Chas Desvoeux
James Hodges.
Alexr Grange

Masulipatam 30th Novr 1776

The Troops under Lieut Collins Command to be recalled

As it appears from the above Letter that the Zemindar has made his Escape, — and as the Season of the Year is very unfavorable to the Troops under the Command of Lieut Collins Resolved, That they be immediately recalled, leaving such a Number only with Zemmeraugee, as may be deemed necessary to protect the Country. —

Read

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Read Letter from the Highlands

Council of Augusta

Military Department

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.

Bengal and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs and

Sirs

Inclosed we transmit you Copy of a

Letter which we received from Capt. Candler

by which your Honor &c will be informed of the situation

of Affairs in the Tinnivelly Country and the

state of the Troops on service there

Doctor Bowen died here the 23d Instant

and Capt. Candler has been obliged to leave the Detach-

ment and is now dangerously ill at Tekapouram.

Lieut. Gordon from whom the Command of the

Troops in the field is devolved by the Absence of

Capt. Candler, and Lieut. Frith has taken a Battle

or Tackul belonging to Puggamaidoo, as also some

Country

From Gingee abstract
of Draft of Bengal
Tackul Estimate
Negapatam Fort St George
taken Tranquebar &c
having received Instruction
&c to encamp near
Pugapoody

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Country made Guns, a number of Mall and Matchlock Guns, a few Firelocks, and other Stores,

On Account of the sickly state of the Troops We have directed Lieut. Gordon to continue where he is at present encamped near Degastondy, and not to send any Detachments in pursuit of the Enemy without express Orders from us. We have also directed him to send hither the Pauter whom he has taken prisoner, hoping by his means to prevail on Juggannaut Doo to return to Vizianagur and submit to his Brother

The Chief has written to the Rajah urging him to lose no time in taking the necessary measures for raising a Body of Peons, and We shall not fail to withdraw the Detachment as soon as it can be done with safety to the Country.

We have the honor to be respectfully

Hon.ble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t humb.e Serv.ts

Charles Smith

R. Maunsell

Tho.s Dyneley

J. Haudleston

Cuyam
26. Nov.r 1776

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To Charles Smith Esq.r

Lieut.d Colonel of Pensacola

Gentlemen

I am sorry to acquaint you of the great sickness that Exists, and is likely to prevail amongst the Detachment under my command. That Contagion has been owing to the immoderate rains lately fallen for it continued pouring incessantly for four days, in somuch that the country round Bizaguenos was for many days after nearly underwater which has obliged me within 8 days to send 130 Men extremly ill of bad fevers to their respective Cantonments at Mika, and Ishaforee.

On the above account, I have thought it my duty to withdraw the Detachment from Bizaguenos Fort and encamp them on a rising ground near Dispasa so centrically situated, as to be able to afford immediate Assistance, or repel any force, which the enimy may send to disturb the Country. at present I can hear nothing of Paggumaubee or his people, and the Remainder of Pensacola is seemingly quiet, the Inhabitants

however

however are not as yet returned to their Villages

I have stationed a Company of Sepoys in Vizagar fort and another at a strong Barrier, called Gonjam all soon, these are the only strong holds, and the two keys that secure the most valuable part of the Country.—

This arrangement of the detachment is the only one I can advise to protect the Country and at the same time, to preserve the health of the people for were they to continue longer at Vizagar sickness must in a little time weaken the Coms. so much as greatly to retard any future service that may be required of them.

The Rajah of Monedoo has not been of the smallest use to me, neither in trying to get back the Pals or in endeavouring to dispose the hill people to admit of his Government, nor has he yet a single person to secure his property the moment he is in a capacity to protect and secure his own acquired possessions I shall not fail to acquaint you he, and his father both inform me that it will be still a full Month before the Detachment can with safety be withdrawn, and that after 2 Comps. stationed as above mentioned is the whole he will have occasion for

I have thought proper some days ago to send back to Ava the 10 Cr with the spare stores, and

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And have received on the 11th inst the 2 first Sections...

Lieut Bowen, Lieut Scott, and Graves, have obliged to go to each quarters, this latter requested particularly some for leave to proceed to Trincomale for the Benefit of his health, which is granted.

Ordered with great Pleasure

Gentlemen

Your very Obed and most humble

Servants

Transmitted 11th Decr 1776

(signed) John Call

A true Copy T Hudleston Secy

The Board approve of the Order given by the Gentlemen at Ganjam to Lieut Gordon, to continue encamped in his present Situation

Gordon approved

Read minute and Letter from Colo Stuart

Minute

The President has done me the honor to communicate what has already passed at the Board relative to the proposed Augmentation of the Number of Sepoy Corps by lessening the present Establishment of each Corps.

From Colo Stuart recommending Officers to the Command of the additional Battalions and the mode in which they should be named

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I did not imagine it required such Dispatch, but as the Board seem to press the Matter, although I am not at all well, I shall not fail on my part to forward their intention, at the same time, I beg leave to observe that in my humble Opinion an attention is due to the Commander in Chief of all the Forces in India, who may expect to be acquainted before any Material alteration takes place in the Military Establishment of the Presidency. Indeed I will frankly confess to the Board, that with this idea, as a Private individual, I had wrote to them upon this Subject. I have likewise to acquaint the Board that there must be some mistake in regard to my ever having given My Authority to any Plan for this purpose. Sir Robert Fletcher, it is true, spoke to me several times in a transient way and I may have had conversations with the Adjt General and have even run something in writing on the Subject, but it were better that paper called my plan should be omitted in the Records for it certainly is not mine.

I shall now as well as I am able at present, state, what I have to say on the Subject, and propose what seems to me the most expeditious and natural way to have every thing in readiness for embodying the additional Battalions, taking at the same time the very necessary precaution

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Ordered that Nine Battalions be equal in every respect to Men from which they are Drafted.

That the Nine Battalions Camaticks Battalions to be from four additional ones, and the four Circar Battalions, Two, making in all Twenty four Battalions, and for this purpose let the Captains Commandg the Artillery Corps in the Carnatick and Circars after complieting their Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and Grenadiers, be ordered to Draft from each Grenadier Compy 2 Havildars 2 Naigues and 22 Grenadiers, and from each of the three Battn Companys 2 Havildars and 2 Naigues and 22 Privates, and from each of the other one Havildar one Naigue and 22 Privates or in proportion to the effective strength of the Privates of the Company Dividing the Sick and absent proportionally.

That the Commanding Officers of the Corps to keep his Commandant and Staff and to have the choice of one Subedar One Jemmedar one Havildar one Naigue One Drum one fife and one European Sergeant. The eldest Subaltn who ranks the fifth and Ninth in seniority is to have charge of the Draft & to have the next choice of one Man out of those Ranks in the same manner as the Commanding Officer. One Subedar of Grenadiers

and

and two Subedars and 7 Jemidars from the Battalions together with three Europe Sergts who are all to be taken by lott and appointed to the Drafts which are thus to be kept as two seperate parts of Companys under the Command of the Eldest Subaltn to remain under the orders of the Captain and to be paid by him until the Drafts are embodyd

And in order that impartial & justice may be done, the Eldest Subaltn having charge of the Drafts is to be present to see them after the y are Ranked and Sized their Names or Numbers are put in a hat and Drawn by Lotts by Ranks or files according to the above proportions to remain with the old and with the additional Companys Whenever then the Board think proper to order the incorporating of the additional Battalions, it is done by joining the parts of Companys thus formed of three Neighbouring Battalions making Seven entire Companys

Numbers

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As regard to proportioning the Number of Officers and calculating Matters on the most occonomical plan I am not now in condition to enter into a Minute Discussion, but the Board may easily furnish themselves with the proper estimates so as to know with precision the total additional expence for Twenty four Battalions, but let it any farm Opinion, notwithstanding the extraordinary

expences

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expence, that each Company of Sepoys ought to have
a Surgeon or Surgeons Mate, and upon consideration will
lead to such Mode of Economy is to take
place with respect to reducing the Number of Officers
that are in the Seven Battalions as the Companies
there at themselves expence.

The Board will also consider that whenever
the Marine shall any thing immediately necessary
and entirely omitted or unprovided in the orders from the
Home by the 23d and 24th Paragraphs of the Court Letter
of the 22d of April 1775
Not Formerly provided for augmenting the Force of the
Carnatick, in consequence of 3500 Sepoys 300 European
and half a Company of Artillery then now Stationed
in Tanjore and Districts, notwithstanding Proportion of Infan-
try that Augmentation is to consist of can only be
raised and formed by the Seven Carnatick Bat-
talions therefore it seems to the Board necessary that a full
Proportion of Officers commissioned and non commissioned
should now be preserved in their Corps. It appears to
the Board that the other additional expence ought in
prosperity and justice at least so far as regards the
Seven Carnatick Battalions to be Defrayed from
the Tanjore Subsidy, that neither the Nabob nor

the

nor the Company should be burdened with it; and that this should be considered as the beginning of increasing the Military Establishment on account of the Military Protection the Company are under Engagements to give to the Rajah of Tanjore.

To lessen the Number of Officers in the Corps or Sepoy would indeed be shewing the cause; and I trust that after what has been said the Board will find it the truest oeconomy not to attempt any saving on that head. There cannot be the least doubt but that the Service will be benefited by this Scheme, besides it brings the Military Establishment nearly on the same footing as in Bengall; and every Attempt to assimilate the Military Service in all the Presidencies must be attended with advantage. A Material consideration will occur I dare say to the Board which will lead them not to diminish too much the force of certain Garrisons merely for the sake of keeping entire Corps on the new Establishment together, as for example at Amboor, Madura, Pallamcottah, Angole and places in the Carnac, where there are now Battalions of one thousand Men each, should that Strength of Garrison be found

necessary,

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necessary, the Battalion should be kept in each One Battalion and three Companys of another

As to the Captains Subalt. Officers and Staff to be assisted on account of this New Arrangement, the Brevet will Strictly Observe to Sir Robert Pitchers Recommendation left with me and to direct as Shall, after the most Minute enquiry and inspection, proved as Zealous Active and Deserving Officers, for much, very much Depends upon the Constitution and Discipline of these Sepoy Battns. as no Officer ought to be over their Corps who has not a Spirit of emulation and real Zeal for the Service. Upon the whole my Opinion is that the strength of each Company should be one European Subaltern and one Serjt one Subadar two Jemadars four Havildars five Naigues Drum Fife, Sixty five Private: Capt. Commandant, Black Commandant and Staff as at Present Buchalls &c. at present — On the above calculation of Number of Private to form the Draft there may become immaterial mistake which will be easily rectified in practice; indeed the Battalion not being complete must prevent any positive precision in the

this respect, but the foregoing are our general ideas on the Subject. The expence as before observed will probably exceed some plans or calculations offered to the Board. But as the Corps thus fully composed may on the shortest Notice from their own body additional Companys from whence any Battalions in future wanted on account of Service may be raised with every advantage, I hope this with other considerations will have its due weight with the Board, so that Augmentations may be made gradually otherwise when Necessary Corps and new Corps are suddenly wanted, they would be Composed of Recruits and raw Men not fit for Service, and the encrease of Rank of Serjt. Officers becoming from this very Considerable it ought not to be hurried

Sam.l Stuart

Fort St. George
3.d December 1776.

N.B In Drafting the Plan when Brothers or near Relations are of One Corps they ought not to be Seperated.

By the above plan it appears that besides Commissioned

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Commissioned Officers &c. each Corps's excl. consist of 50

Privates &c. Rogues Do. 650 Privates ... 750

added Monthly by ... 24

Effective Establishment ... 18,000

The present Establishment consists of

60 Privates &c. Rogues and 360 Privates

added Monthly by 10th Part of Establishment ... 176 10

Present Augmt. ... 360

By Sir Thomas Rumbold Three hundred and Sixty Men

To

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

Chief and President &c. Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sirs and Sirs

Conformable to the Company's Instructions

Dated the 29th of March 1775, I take occasion to recommend to the

Board, the following Captains to the Command of the

four proposed additional Carnatick Battalions of Sepoys,

and of the four additional Battalions proposed for the

Circars, likewise the following Subaltern Officers to be

Adjutants to the same. Viz — N.B. The Gentlemen

marked thus (*) recommended by Sir Robert Fletcher.

Capt.

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To Captain Richard Nelson — } 13th Carnatick Battr
Ensign James Mackay Adjt —

To be compoſed of the Draſts from the two Battalions now at Madras and the Battalion at Ongole, and to rendezvous at Madras

To Captain Hugh Robert Alcock } 14th Carnatick Battr
Lt Richard Anderson Adjt —

To be compoſed of the Draſts from the Battalions at Madura, Callamcottah, Cellum and Tinnivelly Rendezvous at Tinnivelly —

Capt.n John Davies — } 15th Carnatick Battalion
Lt John Cuppage Adjt

To be compoſed of the Draſts from the Battns in the Tanjore Diſtricts, to rendezvous at Tanjore

Captain Thomas Lane } 16th Carnatick Battr
Ensign James Richardson Adjt

To be compoſed of the Draſts from the Battalions at Amboor, Villoure and Conjeveram to rendezvous at Villoure

Capt.n Thomas Bridges } 17th Corps Battalion
Ens. Jos. Little Adjt

To be compoſed from the Draſts from the three Battalions in the Masulapatam Diſtricts, to rendezvous at Ellore

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Capt Thomas Brooke - 1st
Lieut Geo. Hall Agt. 1st & Lieuts Ballys

to be compleated of the Draft from the three Batts
in the Grayson and Fitzpatrick Districts, and
to rendezvous at Gillmore or Lichmafek
Ply have recommend to the Board to delay appointing
the additional Subaltern Officer until the Batts are
arrived at their Rendezvous and returns rec.d from all the
Sixty Corps of the effective and Numbers wanting to
Compleat to the New Establishment

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2. Decr 1776

Jam.s Stuart

Mem.d the Board think proper immediately
to fill up the vacancy by the preceding Appointments
of Capt Tho.s Brooke & Lieut Hall to Duty, give it as his
Opinion that as there are present
Captains for rather Lieuts doing Captains Duty, who
on Union come upon full pay there will remain only
Lieuts to be promoted to Companys, Lieut
Stuart being entirely against entertaining any temporary
or fictitious Ranks in the Army.

Gt

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Col.o Stuart's Letter and Minute lie upon the Table

At the Board are in hopes that Col.o Stuart will have so far recovered from his indisposition as to be enabled to attend Council in a few days, — It is Resolved, that his Letter do lie upon the Table for further Consideration

Two Guns ordered from Chinglepat to Conjeveram — &c.a

Ordered that two Guns be sent from Chinglepat to Conjeveram, — &c.a — that no Conductor be allowed —

Read Letter from their Acting Commander in Chief

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

From Col.o Stuart recommend.g Capt.n Johnston to succeed to the 3.d Coast Batt.n —

Honble Sir and Sirs

Agreeable to the Compliance Instructions Dated the 29th March 1774 I beg leave to recommend to the Board Captain James Johnston of the 1.st Batt.n 1.st Reg.t of Europeans to the Command of the 3.d Coast Batt.n of Sepoys in the room of Captain John Candler Deceased.

I

1459 Fort St. George 8th Dec.r 1776

Have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

Fort St George
8th December 1776

Jam.s Stuart.

The 2d Lieutenant has been already nominated to the Command of one of the additional Batt.n of Sepoys to be formed in the Carnatic, but as the Commander in Chief recommends him to succeed to the 3d Lieut.n Batt.n vacant by the Death of Capt.n Gardner, the Board direct that he be appointed accordingly and that Capt.n Lieut.t Robert Alexd.r be appointed to the Carnatic Batt.n in his room.

2d Lieut.n appointed accordingly

Mr Gregory Foster having returned from the Southward, it is Resolved, that he be called before the Board and reprimanded for having proceeded to Tanjore without their permission

Mr Foster to be ordered before the Board and reprimanded

The Secretary reports the Death of Ensign James Richardson

Ensign James Richardson Dec.d

The

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The acting Commander in Chief having represented to the Board, that it would be for the benefit of the Service, and a great Saving to the Soldiers to have the half Mounting Money given to the Regiments, for the procuring of the proper Necessaries for that purpose, Resolved, that on the ensuing Clothing are in future the Money for the half Mounting be given to the Regiments, and the Necessaries provided there only under the direction of the Commanding Officers

The half Mounting in future to be provided by the Commanding Officers of each Regiment

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By Same in the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.

From Gabl Roberts Report of the Number of People employed on the Works

President and Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sirs and Gentlemen

Herewith I have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	19
Stonecutters	927
Coolies	201
Blacksmiths	36
Divers	19
Amounting in all	1300 People

Which I have to be with respect

Honble Sirs and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt and most humble Servant

Gabriel Roberts

Lt Colo and Chief Engineer

Fort St George
the 4th December 1776

By the Nabob with his Commits to the 30 April 1777. and requesting him to send a Chest as early in the following Year as possible for settling the Affairs of the ensuing Year. Entered in Country Correspondence Vol.

The following Letters were this day dispatched by Order

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order of Council

To Lieut.t Col.o James

Commanding at Tanjore

To Lieut.t Col.o James
a Letter to the Nabob
Amildar

Sir

Several Complaints having been preferred to the President and Council both by the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, with respect to the Repairing of the Annacutta, I am directed to acquaint you, that you are to deliver the accompanying Letter from the Nabob to his Amildar at Trichinopoly, which contains positive Directions on that Subject, and that you take especial Care, that the old Custom with respect to the Annacutta be preserved, and the same Assistance afforded the Tanjore People now, that was usual in the time of Pretaub Singe

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16th Dec.r 1776.

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

To Lieut.t Col.o Kenyon
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir

Complaints have not only been
made

To Col.o Kenyon advising him that orders have been sent to the Nabobs Amildar requiring him to afford the same Assistance in the repairing of the Annacutt as usual in the time of Pretaubsing and desiring to know his Reasons for detaching a Company of Sepoys into the Nabobs Country

1463 Sir G. Pigott's Papers