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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gov. Presidt

Henry Brooke — James Stuart

Archdale Palmer — Evan Jourdan

George Mackay

Friday 13th December 1776

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and

approved

The acting Commander in Chief lays before

the Board the following Letter

To Coll. James Stuart Commanding the Honble Coy

from Major Cook Capts Rdngstone and Barclay declaring on the Name of their Brother Officers that they draw of no Reward or Gratification that was intended to be given them by the Govr and Council in consequence of the part they acted on the 21st August

India Company's Troops on the Coast of Choromandel and Commandant of the Garrison of Fort St George

Sir

It having been Maliciously Reported that the Troops of this Garrison were induced by promises of gratifications or reward to obey the orders of the present Government on the manner they chearfully did the 21st of last August, Therefore in order to contradict such a false and scandalous Aspersion, The several Corps composing the Garrison

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Garrison, do hereby respectively empower their Commanding Officers, (in their name) most respectfully to represent to the Honble the Governor and Council, That in doing their duty on that day, They neither expected nor Looked for any gratification or reward, And that if any was thought of by the Governor and Council, It was unsolicited and of their own good pleasure, No gratification or Reward has as yet been received on that account, And they declare, Had they the least suspicion, That the receiving a reward would have the appearance of their being actuated by any other motive than their duty, They would rather wish to Decline accepting any, than their characters as faithfull Soldiers to the Contrary should suffer

We have
With Respect
We
Your most Obedient and
Fort St George
9th Dec.r 1777
Most humble Servants
Wm Cook
Major for 1st Batt.n
2d Regt
James Pringlaun
Capt. for 1st Batt.n Sepoys
J Barclay
Capt. of 1st Batt.n Sepoys

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The Board having considered the above Letter on the part of the Garrison and Signed by Major Cook for the Battn of Europeans whom he Commanded and by Lieut. Coll. Edmonstone and Capt. Barclay for their respective Battalions of Sepoys, declare, that the Honble and Soldier like Sentiments therein expressed, serve to encrease the good Opinion of these Corps, and that in Consequence of their uniform good behaviour, and the very great improvement in Discipline, Duty and behaviour of the European Battn since Major Cook has had the Command, and the excellent Order in which the Sepoy Battalions above mentioned are at present, the Board think them deserving of some Mark of their Notice, Although as it is truely stated by the Garrison, no promise or Intimation directly or indirectly was ever made or offered by any Person whatever as an inducement to the Garrison, or to any part of it, to do their Duty as they did on the 24th of last August or at any other time Resolved, therefore that the following Distribution be made by the Commander in Chief.

To

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To the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment doing duty in Fort St. George 24th Aug.t 1776.

		P.s	f.	c.
25 Serjeants	2 Pagodas ea	50		
18 Drummers	1 .. 21 ea	27		
26 Corporals	1 .. 21 .. 30 ea	39		
392 Private	1	392		
		508		

To the 4th Battalion Sepoys do. do.

1 Serjeant Major		4		
9 Serjeants	at 2 Pag.s ea	18		
1 Commandant		5		
9 Subedars	at 13 P.s ea	27		
20 Serredars	at 12 do.	40		
56 Havildars	at 11 do.	56		
53 Naigues	at 3/4 do.	39	31	40
12 Drummers	at 3/4 do.	9		
10 Puckallys	at 1/2 do.	5		
756 Sepoys	at 1/2 do.	378		
12 Ditto	at 1 do.	12		
		593	31	40

To the 7th Battalion of Sepoys do.

To one Commandant		5		
To nine Subedars		27		
To 20 Serredars		40		
To 10 Serjeants		20		
To 12 Drummers		9		
To 60 Havildars		60		
To 60 Naigues		45		
To 10 Bustys		5		
To 744 Private Sepoys		372		
		583		
Total		1684	31	40

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Draught of a Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors Via Suez, is read and approved.

Resolved, that the following General Orders be issued to the Establishment

General Orders respectg the manner in which the new Battn are to be Draughted from the Old

As the first step towards carrying into execution the General Orders of the 10th respecting the new moddeling of the Carnatic and Circar Battalions of Sipoyo it is hereby Ordered that in each Battn be forthwith draughted from each Grenadier Company 2 Havildars, 2 Naigs and 21 Grenadiers and from each of the three eldest Battalion Companies, 2 Havildars 2 Naigues and 22 Private and from each of the others 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 22 Private or in proportion to the Effective strength of the Private of each Company deviding the Sick and absent also proportionably, the Commanding Officer of the old Corps to have a right to keep his Commandant and Staff besides having the Choice of one Subadar, one Jemidar one Havildar, 1 Naigue, 1 Drummer, 1 Fifer and one European Serjeant the Eldest European Subaltern who with the 5th and 9th in Seniority are to belong to the additional Battalion is to take Charge of the Draughts and to have the Next Choice of one out of each Rank

in

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in the same manner as the Commanding Officer the
rest is to be Divided by Lot. one Subadar of Grenadiers
and two Subadars and 5 Jemidars from the Batt.
Companys, together with the three Europeans Sergeants
all of whom are to be drawn for by Lot, and afterwards
exhibited to the Draughts, which are then to be kept
as ten seperate parts of Companys to be in Charge
of the Eldest Subaltern as before mentioned but to
remain under the Command of the Captain of the
Old Battalion and to be paid by the Paymaster of
his Battalion untill the Draughts arrive at their
Randevous

And in Order that impartiality in the
may be done, the Eldest Subaltern having Charge of the
Draughts is to be present to see that after the Men are
Rank'd and Sized their Names or Numbers to be
put in a Hatt and drawn by Lot by Rank & File
according to the above proportion to remain with
the Old Batt. or with the part of the National
ones, every man is to keep his own Arms and
Accoutrements and Necessaries and where Duty is to be
Done in Garrison or Otherwise the Draughts to
Continue to furnish their proportion according to their

Numbers

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Numbers were the Captains or adjutants lately appointed are at Present in the Neighbourhood of the Battns Ordered to be Draughted to form their Corps they will attend to see it done, according to their Ranks & take Rank and Station, after the Draughts are made, seperate Returns are immediately to be sent to the Adjutant General of the State both of the Old Battalions and of the Draughts

Orders will follow soon respecting the Randevouze of the additional Battalions the Mark of the Draughts and what further is necessary to Complete all the Battalions to the Establishment already ordered of the Carnatic and of the Circars

The 13th Carnatic Battn is to be Composed of the Draughts from the 4th and 5th now at Madras and the 11th at Angole the 14th Carnatic Battn is to be Composed of the Draughts from the 2d Battn at Vellore the 9th at Conjeveram and the 10th at Arnboor The 15th Carnatic Battn is to be Composed of the Draughts from the 2d 6th and 12th Battns now at Tanjore Districts The 16th Carnatic Battn is to be Composed of Draughts from the 8th Battn at Trichinopoly and Vellum the 1st at Palamcotah and the 3d at Madura

The

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The 4th Circar Battn to be Composed of the Draughts
from 2d 3d and 5th Battns in the Masulipatam District

The 6th Circar Battn to be Composed of the Draughts from
1st 4th and 6th Battns

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13th The following Letter were this day Dispatched

To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief and the Council at
Masulipatam

To Masulipatam desiring that the Troops under the Command of Capt Colling, be recalled

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 30th ulto.

As the Zemindar has made his Crops and the Season of the Year, is very unfavorable to the Troops under the Command of Capt Colling, We desire that they be recalled with all Convenient Expedition; leaving only such a Force with Ammunition, as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the Country

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends &c

Fort St George

13th Decr 1776

G. Stratton
for Council

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To the Rajah advising him that Warlike Stores have been sent to Tanjore for its Defence and that Engineers have also been sent in order to make such Improvements and alterations as shall be thought requisite

To the Rajah of Tanjore

Sir

Ever since I have been in the Government

you must Doubtless have perceived the unwearied Diligence with which

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which I have supplied your Fort of Sanjore with Ammunition, Great Guns and warlike Stores proper for its Defence and the number of able Engineers which have been Sent thither to make Such Alteration and Improvements in the Works as to render the place very Strong so that you shall never be in Danger from an Enemy. I have also given Orders to inspect the other Forts in your Country and on their Representation such measures shall be taken by this Government with regard to them as that all your Country may be Safely Secured When you consider these matters I hope your mind will continue to be more & more Satisfyed and at ease, reposing entire Confidence in this Government, who have no other view but to make you and your people happy and your Country more and more flourishing what can I say more

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1474 Fort St George 14th Dec.r 1776.—

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r

Governor President.

Saturday 14th Dec.r 1776

Henry Brooke — Jas. Stuart

Archdale Palmer ———

George Mackay ——

Mr Jourdan indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The President acquaints the Board,

that he has assembled the Council this Morning at the requ-
est of Colo. Stuart, who now lays before them the following
Letters.

From Colo. James mentioning the Proceedings of a Genl Court Martial, obtaining of his having put Lieut. Lloyd under an Arrest and requesting such orders as may enable him to proceed on his Expd

To Colo. James Stuart

Commander in Chief.

Sir I am concerned that my first address to
you, should be on such a disagreeable Subject; I should have done
myself the Honor of writing you much sooner, had I not been
fearful, disturbing you during your late Indisposition.

Herewith

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Herewith is enclosed part of the Proceedings of the General Court Martial which was this Day transmitted to the Judge Advocate General — the Sentences of which, tho' approved of, are not yet put into Execution, on Account of that unhappy Man who assaulted and wounded the Adjutant therefore is also enclosed a Letter from Mr Burne; who thank God is in a fair way of Recovery, and if you should agree with me in Opinion, that his request should be indulged — I should be happy on that account to save him, tho' I mean at the same time to carry every thing to the last Extremity. The other Affairs is little less distressing tho I have us'd my Endeavours to rectify by advising, nay even entreating Lieut. Lloyd to desist, tho in vain, I have therefore been under the Necessity of ordering him under an Arrest and as things have proceeded so far, it must I think of Necessity, go on, but I must observe to you, that there is only one Field Officer and one Lieut. doing duty in the Garrison, excepting those who sat on the last Court Martial, and therefore request your orders concerning Assembling such a Number as may compose another, as I should imagine none of the former can set on Account of having already given their Opinion, and excepting myself, are the only Evidences against him —

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It is an easy Matter to give you an Insight into Mr Lloyds Character, but what is before you and my acquainting you that he threatened the Court this Morning to commence a prosecution against them for Illegal proceedings at Bengall and at Madras may enable you to Judge of his Religious disposition

Your resply will much Oblige him, who is with due respects

Sir

Your very Obedt and most humble Servt

D. James

Letter from Colo James to the President &c Members of the Court Martial with Copy of Lt Lloyds Letter to him

Fort St George 14th December 1776.

The General Court Martial, which sat on the 7th Inst. being assembled agreable to the Garrison Orders of Yesterday, have read the following Letter from Lieut Colo James, accompanying their Proceedings and a Letter from Lieut Lloyd one of the Members

Copy of Lieut Colo James's Letter

To Lt Colo Nixon President and the rest of the Members of the General Court Martial

Gentlemen

Your proceedings which the President to me the 7th Instant at noon have been respectfully read with the most serious Attention, and you now have my full Sentiments thereon

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thereon, that I entirely approve of all and every part of the Sentences, pronounced against the three Prisoners, being clearly of Opinion, they come under the Articles of War expressed by the Court. Which Sentences should have been made publick and carried into Execution this Day, But I am under the Necessity of Assembling the Court, to present them the proceedings, with a Letter from one of the Members, wrote without Thought of the Consequences, that may attend so unpresidented, so imprudent a Step, and presented to me, before the president did that of the proceedings; which I think it my Duty to the Service in general to lay before the Court and to desire fully your Opinions and Consideration thereon If the Court thinks proper to ask in what Sight I looked on the Tenor of the Letter mentioned I am ready to Answer their Summons.

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obedt humble Servt
(Signed) Ed James

Trichinopoly
9th Decr 1776

Copy of the Letter accompaning the proceeding

To Lieut Col James
Sir

There produce to you a Cane, with which the prisoner Guest, has been beat in a most cruel Manner to my Opinion it is an unlawful Weapon the marks on his

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on his Shoulders shou proof sufficient of ill Usage, as a Member of the Court, I can say nothing further, and beg as this is only a private Opinion, that it may not be made publick except you are called on by me to be asked if I Did not acquaint you with it. I am Sir

Your Obed.t Servant

December 15th 1776 / Signed / W.m Leg.e Lloyd

Coll.o James is requested to attend, and being come before the Court informs them, that his Reasons for addressing them as above, are as follows

The first paragraph of Lieut.t Lloyd's Letter I gave it as my Opinion, that he is guilty of a Breach of his Oath as it appears he discovered his Opinion given before the Court 2dly I consider the following Words in his Letter" and beg as this is only a private Opinion, that it may not be made publick" as an Insult to myself, and the third part" Except you are called on by me to be asked if I Did not acquaint you with it" As a Threat to the Court. Coll.o James further informs them On Saturday last as I was sitting at Dinner Lieut.t Lloyd came in, seemingly, greatly agitated, which was obvious to the Company — He called me into a Room and delivered me this Cane (showing one) saying " This is the Cane, with which Mr Burne beat the prisoner Guest, and here is my Letter. I had but a cursory View of it when Coll.o

Nixon

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Nixon presented the proceedings, Had read Mr Lloyds Letter a second time before the proceedings were delivered in I should not of a principle of Humanity have moved it, and not been the Cause of his Censure, I think it incumbent on me to inform Gentlemen, that Lieut. Lloyd enquired me to preserve the Cause, as being a Justice of peace.

Lieut. Lloyd requests that the following Speech may be inserted on this Days proceedings, that the Deputy Judge Advocate has represented to him, the impropriety of it

The Address

My Reasons of addressing Col.o James in the manner was that a strict sense of Justice Integrity &c My there was no other meaning in it than what is in that Letter, and I humbly conceive that the Contempts of the Court or any Allusions to the Court or any Member Why I desired Col.o James to Secret was that as a Number of young Gentlemen in the Garrison it might occasion disputes or come to the Knowledge of the Men which was to my Intention and not that any Doubt Legality of what I did

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Lt Colo James leaves the Court and Lieut Lloyd after being admonished as aforesaid is ordered to retire. After due deliberation the Court Order that the following Letter be addressed to Colo James by the D. J. Advocate.

To Lieut Colo James

Commanding Trichinopoly

Sir

The General Court Martial which assembled this Morning according to your orders of Yesterday, have directed me to inform you that they have received your Letter of this Date accompanying their proceedings, and a Letter from Lieut Lloyd a Member of the Court, of which you request their Opinion. The proceedings are herewith returned And their Opinion of Lt Lloyd Address to you is as follows. That the Conduct of Lieut Lloyd in addressing you by Letter, and his carrying the Stile previous to the President delivering the proceedings of the Court Martial to you, is irregular and highly unbecoming an Officer and Disrespectful to this Court. It is therefore their Request that you may Order Lieut Lloyd under an Arrest to take his Trial for the same

I am Sir Your most obed. Servt

G. Fotheringham D. J. A.

From the D. J. Advocate to Colo James

Trichinopoly 14th Dec 1776

a true Copy

Geo. Fotheringham

D. J. A.

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From St. Burn to Colt. James respecting the assassination

To Lt. Colt. James

Sir

Having Just been informed that unfortunate man has underwent his trial for this morning's desperate action Should he stand adjudged to suffer Death permit me to observe, that the flagrant imposition I held him detected in, urged me to treat him very severely, finding entreaties & admonitions disregarded, This Sir I mention to you, not doubting of its meeting the utmost attention computable with the demands of publick Justice and the good of the Service; my Zeal for which has alone prompted my actions therefore further, I will not urge your forgiveness, however much it might conduce to my inward Satisfaction, whatever period is destined to be [illegible]

I am with perfect Esteem

Sir Your most affte. and Obedt. Servt.

James Burne

One o'Clock,

The President then lays before the Board the following Letters which came by this days Tappal

From Lt. Lloyd with Copy of his Letter to Colt. James and requesting to be absolved of his oath as a Member of the Court Martial

To the Honble the President and Council of Fort St. George &ca.

Honble Sir and Sirs

I beg leave in the most respectfull

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manner to lay before you the following Circumstances, on the
6th of this Month Hugh Guest private Soldier was brought
before a General Court Martial of which I was a member,
For Mutinously assaulting and Stabbing Lieut.t Burn
with a Bayonet in the Execution of his Duty — & there
upon I do leave to refer the Honble Board to the Court
Martial — The Prisoner in his Defence the next Day
called a Cane to be produced with which he had been beat,
and Showing his Back in the Open Court Exibited recent
proofs of Violent blows shamefull to humanity the
appearance of which is not inserted on the Proceedings —
After Sentence was passed I waited on Coll.o James with
the Cane and the following Letter

To Lieut.t Coll.o James

Sir I have produced to you a Cane
with which the Prisoner Guest has been beat in a most
cruel manner, to my Opinion it is an Unlawfull
weapon; the Marks on his back and Shoulders show
proofs sufficient of Ill Usage; As a Member of the
Court I can say nothing further, and beg as this is only
a private Opinion of my own that it may not be made
publick except you are called on by me to be asked if
I did not acquaint you with it I am

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To Lt. Col.o James

Sir

From Lt. Burne to Lt Col James respecting the apprehension

Having just been informed that unfortunate man has undergone his trial for this morning's desertion action Should he stand adjudged to suffer Death sometime to observe, that the flagrant imposition Shd. him detected on, urged me to treat him very severely, finding entreaties & admonitions disregarded, This Sir I mention to you, not doubting of its meeting the utmost attention compatible with the Demands of publick Justice and the good of the Service, my Zeal for which has alone prompted any actions thereof further; I will not urge your forgiveness, however much it might condone to my inward Satisfaction, whatever to [illegible] period is destined

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Honble Sir and Sirs

1482 Fort St George the 4th Dec.r 1776

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4th Inst of this Month Hugh Guest private Soldier was brought
before a General Court Martial of which I was a member,
For Mutinously assaulting and Stabbing Lieut.t Burn
with a Bayonet in the Execution of his Duty — I there
humbly beg leave to refer the Honble Board to the Court
Martial — The Prisoner in his Defence the next Day
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Court I can say nothing further, and beg as this is only
a private Opinion of my own that it may not be made
publick except you are called on by me to be asked if
I did not acquaint you with it I am

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Dear Sir

Your Obedt Servt

Saidapetta 19 Decr 1776.

W Leyb. Lloyd

I must here beg leave to remark, the reason why desiring Coll. James to keep it at Saidapet that it might not be the subject of dispute, and not from any doubt of the legality.

The Members of the Court met again to Day and Coll. James attended, As nothing happened at that time but what I humbly conceive may be publickly examined into, as the Sentence of the Court was before approved off and Coll. James not being a Member, I humbly beg of the Court to enquire what past at that time while Coll. James was present (at last that part noted in writing) to be produced, It being this that occasioned the following Arrest took Place.

"Saidapetta 19th Decr 1776.

"Lieut. Wm Leybourne Lloyd of the first "Company of Artillery ordered in Arrest by me at the Desire "of the Presidents and Members of the General Court "Martial which assembled this Day agreable to the "Orders of Yesterday, For a Conduct irregular and highly "unbecoming an Officer and disrespectfull to them, he

being

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being a Member of the said General Court Martial on

Which was Served on me some little time after the

Court broke up.

As a Member of that Martial Court I am Sworn

to Secrecy therefore must be Silent regarding any part of the

Proceedings, when the Court was Shut, But Gentlemen it

is my earnest prayer to be absolved from that Oath of Secrecy,

and I pledge my Honor and Life that I will after being

absolved give good and just reasons why I make that proqr

I presume it can be no Contempt of the Martial Court

such an appeal, I am Ignorant of all Forms of Law on

this head, nor am I any way Religious, I act from principles

of what I think is Justice and Humanity, As it is

a nice point I have addressed Sir Elijah Impey begging

his advice, When the Arrest was served on me I requested

the Gentlemen who served it, would deliver a Letter to

Colo Lamee, He waited on me some time after, and

when I produced the Letter he told me Colo Lamee had

ordered him not to receive any from me, as he would

not untill he had Considered further of it, The Letter

I intended sending which I showed the Gentleman was

requesting him Colo Lamee as an Officiating Justice of the

Peace to take Care of the Cows untill further advice would

be

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be had — Mr Wilson Surgeon of this place was in

Court when the Prisoner should his Bonnier and Likewise

save the Cane

I am with respect

Touchunoholy

the 9th of Dec 1776

Your most Hble Humble

Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd

To the Honble the President

and Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Sirs

From Lt Lloyd informing that Letters he sent to the Adjutant and Commandant were returned to him unopened

I addressed you yesterday the 8th Instant on a most serious Subject, I now beg leave to lay before you with all respect some other Circumstances, This morning I sent a Letter to the Person who officiates as adjutant and who served the Arrest, it was returned unopened, I then wrote on the Cover it might be opened in the presence of two or three Officers if he had any doubts, it was again sent back unopened, I then wrote to Colo James as Commanding Officer of the Garrison, he asked the Messenger that brought it who it came from and being answered

from

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from Lieut. Lloyd he sent it back unopened, owing allowances
Shut whereby I might appeal (being in Close Arrest) Insur-
-ted the attendance of two Gentlemen, who are not in the
to come to my Quarters
Military Profession, which they did, I then made them acq-
-uainted with my proceedings, and should the Letters as was
returned, likewise read them a Copy of my Letter to the Honble
Board of Yesterday — As I do not know whether my
Letter to you was forwarded by last Nights Dawk, I shall
on the Cover of this request it may be forwarded with out
Delay — I am Gentlemen
with all due Respect —
Your most Obed.t Humble Servant
Wm Seybourne Lloyd

Tanjore
the 10th of Decr 1776

To
The Honble Governor Red.t Humble Servant
&c &c &c
Fort St George

Sir

I have gone reasons for
suspecting the Cane I mentioned
Yesterday is Delivered up to Mr
Burne

The Proceedings of a General Court
Martial held at Tanjore on Wednesday 4th Decr
1776 and continued by Adjournments till Saturday 7th
Decr are therefore read —

The

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The President then requested the Commander in Chief's Opinion, on the Letters and Proceedings abovementioned.

Whereupon Coll Stuart begs leave to inform the Board, that as the business on which Dr Coll James writes to him and desires his interference, is a Matter of Life or Death with the Prisoner Guest, he did not chuse to say any thing on it, without previously communicating with the Board. He now takes occasion to declare his Sentiments, that on no Account stated in the Correspondence or Proceedings of the Court Martial, were it even competent for himself or the Board to interfere as in his Opinion it is not, ought the Sentence of Death on Hugh Guest for (stabbing) adjutant Burne be Mitigated or Done away, for that according to his Ideas, no provocation can justify a Breach of any Office, much less to the Committing an Assassination, and that it would be attended with the most fatal Consequences to stop the Course of Justice on this Occasion.

Coll Stuart's Reasons for entering into Examination the Sentence of the Court Martial on Hugh Guest

Colonel Stuart further adds that it would be improper on this occasion as he thinks Dr Loyd ought to undergo a Trial, to say any thing) respecting that Gentleman, But, he cannot avoid observing, that at Dr Coll James was a Competent Judge of what was proper to be done with

Coll Stuart's Minute respecting the propriety of Coll James's taking the opinion of the Court martial on the Conduct of Dr Loyd

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with Lieut. Lloyd upon his coming to Town before the Sentence of the Court Martial was published, it was totally unnecessary to take the Opinion in the Manner he did of the Court Martial, because, the Consequence is, — that the Members composing that Court having already given their Opinions respecting Lt. Lloyd, — they cannot Sit in Judgment upon him which will Oblige Colo. Stuart, — to order a Number of Officers to Trichinopoly sufficient to form a Court for that purpose, a Circumstance inconvinient to the Service and attended with Expence.

As Colo. James has a Power to approve or disapprove of the Sentence of a Court Martial the Board think it unnecessary to remark on the Sentence already passed on H. Guest

Agreed, — As Colonel James has a Warrant empowering him to Cause General Courts Martial to be held, and to approve or disapprove of the Sentences they may pass, — and as Colo. James has already approved of the Sentences of Death passed upon Hugh Guest that it is unnecessary for the Board to make any further Remark upon the occasion

A Court Martial to be ordered for the Trial of Lt. Lloyd

Resolved, That Colonel Stuart do Order a Sufficient Number of Officers to Trichinopoly to form a General Court Martial in order that Lt. Wellesbourn Lloyd, may be brought to his Trial

The Artillery at Tanjore to be compleated from those now Stationed at Trichinopoly

Ordered, That a Sufficient Number of Officers and Men of the Corps of Artillery to make up (including those already at Tanjore) half a Company compleat be march from Trichinopoly to

to that Garrison with all possible Expedition

The President acquaints the Board that at a former Consultation the acting Commander in Chief represented that on Sir Robert Fletcher's leaving this place for the Cape he had laid Claim to all his Appointments and allowances of every sort as the Commander in Chief during his Absence by which means Colo. Stuart who now Commands the Army is deprived not only of these Advantages but has hitherto derived no Benefit whatever either from his Appointment to the Command of Vellore or Tanjore by his being kept here on publick Service Some Members being absent the Consideration of this matter was deferred and the President now submits it to the Board whether from Colo. Stuarts particular Situation and from his having rendered the Company essential Services during the time he has been Commander in Chief he is not deserving of an allowance of Batta as Colo. from his arrival here and that the same should be continued to him until Sir Robert Fletcher's Return

Colo. Stuart to be allowed Colonels Batta from the Date of his Answer

Resolved that Colo. Stuart be allowed Colonels Batta from the time of his arrival until he shall be relieved from his present Situation of acting Commander in Chief, unless by any Accident to Sir Robert

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Robert Fletcher or Sherwise Colo Stuart, should succeed to the full Command of the Army, he will then be entitled to the Pay and allowances annexed to that Station, and must of Course refund whatever he may receive on Account of his Rank as Colo from the time he may be in the full Command Resolved, — Also, — That Pay and Gratuity to Sir Robert Fletcher as Commander in Chief of the Army, be not issued to his Attornies, — until his Return, or that Advices are received from him. —

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The following Letter was this day wrote to — Baldwin Esqr
with the General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors
Via Suez

To — Baldwin Esqr
at Grand Cairo

Letter to Mr Baldwin with a Packet for the Court of Directors which he is to forward in the most expeditious manner possible

Sir

The accompanying Packet which will be delivered to you by Capt Thos Dibden addressed to the Honble the Court of Directors of the English East India Company I have the Commands of the President and Council of Fort St George, to request you will forward to them in the Safest and most Expeditious manner possible to their House in Leaden Hall Street London. The reason they take the Liberty of recommending it that as the Dispatches are of Importance, they could wish them to be sent by an Express Messenger a Trusty Hand, to whomsoever you may think proper to employ at Alexandria, with Directions to that Person to forward them with all convenient expedition to Marseilles, from whence some Person of Confidence may be entrusted with the Packet all the way to London They request however that you will be guided by your own Judgment in the affair The Expences attendant on the Measure, the English East India Company will discharge, on your drawing a Bill upon them to that Effect

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I am with respect

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Sir

Your most Obedt Servt
R J Sulivan Esqr

Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Hon'ble George Stratton Esqr

From Coll. Ross with report of the Number employed in the Works

President and Governor &ca Council of Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir and Gentlemen,

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	54
Tankdiggers	99
Coolies	237
Lascars	75
Stonecutters	37
Sundry Artificers	0
Amounting in all	139 People

I have the honor to be with respect

Hon'ble Sir and Gentlemen

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Your most Obedt and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lieut Coll and Chief Engineer

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At a Consultation, Present,

The Honble George Stratton Dpy Govr & Presidt

Monday 16 December 1776

Henry Brooke —— James Stuart

Archdale Palmer —— Evan Lloyd

George Mackay ——

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved

The Board were pleased to take into their Memorial Consideration of the Acting Commandant in Chief's Letter in Council, the 9th Instant and then ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Govr & c. Council of

Fort St. George

Memorial of Lt. Blunt containing his Sentiments and Plan for new Modeling the Army

Honble Sirs & Sirs

My indisposition still preventing me from attending my Duty at the Board, I take this method to thank you for communicating to me some of your deliberations on certain affairs connected with the Office and Employment I have the honor to be entrusted with, and also for delaying your final resolutions, till my Opinion could be had

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had I in a Minute delivered into the Board the first day I was able to think of Business, and immediately after having perused a Minute of the Board upon that Subject. I have given in frank, my Sentiments and plans for new Modelling the Army. I have since that time employed my Thoughts in what further appears to me necessary, not only with Respect to the Cantonments which it seems have likewise come under your Deliberation, but upon every Other subject to which I think it is the Duty of my Station to attend. In giving my Opinion on these important subjects, it is with becoming Deference to that of every Member of the Board, and not presuming to Dictate for as my present situation will not allow me to speak to these Subjects in my place, I am under the Necessity of putting my Sentiments in writing Another reason Why I enter so particularly upon these Matters at this time is, that I think it a duty I owe to the Board to recapitulate at the close of the Year every Circumstance or Occurrence that has fallen within my Observation with my Opinion thereupon,

As it has not been in my power, however well Inclined for reasons known to the Board to gain a local knowledge of the face of the Country, I may very possibly in my

Opinions

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Opinions upon that and many other Subjects treated of in the Memorial, be in error but trust to the Candour of the Board that they will put the best construction upon my Motives for giving such Opinions

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt and most humble Servant

Lawl. Stuart

Memorial

Shortly before my Arrival in this Country Sir Robert Fletcher having remarked that notwithstanding the Printed and other regulations there was no Uniformity observed in the exercise and Manoeuvres of the different Corps, had ordered the adjutants and Serjeants to repair to Madras in order to give One form to the whole Army. Sir Robert was pleased to give this in charge to me and with the assistance of the Adjutant General for he has great Merit on the Occasion, their business has been finished and the Adjutants long since returned to their Corps – I can now venture

Discipline &c of the Army

to

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to assure the Board that a regular, uniform System of Discipline, economy and Oeconomy, is established, so That, Trust, the Service will be simplified and much trivial repetition in General Orders saved — Sir Robert was pleased likewise, upon my representation, to order that the Commanding Officers of the European Battalions should be intrusted with the drilling and forming the Recruits belonging to their own Corps and to abolish the former System of sending all the Recruits of the Army to Chingleput, which seemed to serve no Publick purpose, because it was always found Necessary that they should undergo a second drilling when they joined their Regiments. I can likewise assure the Board that this confidence in the Commanding Officers has had its proper effect; and the Recruits of this Year have been very expeditiously brought to be able to join their Battalions, for general, I can say from good information and what I have seen the Army is in very good Condition and that the Officers shew the greatest Attention and inclination to keep it so.

Strength of the Army. Arguments for an augmentation

As to the present strength and numbers of which the Army in the Carnatick consists, with the permission of the Board I shall here make a few Observations. I have collected the Opinion of every Military Man, whom

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whose Duty called upon them to give an Opinion upon the subject and they Agree that considering the Number of Garrisons and Stations of the Company's and their Nabob's present possessions, which we are equally bound to protect, the present Establishment of Twelve Battalions of Sepoys (though a thousand strong each) is in one respect adequate, even as a peace Establishment for the Carnatic. This being the case, before the Company came under engagements to take Tanjore under their Military protection, and to appropriate, as at present nearly Four thousand Men of that Twelve for that purpose, can we, without just cause of Alarm leave this great extensive Country left with a Force of only about Seaven hundred Europeans and Eight Battalions of Sepoys perhaps not compleat? Do these things in this state

Necessity of an augmentation before Cantoning

is, in a Manner to invite an enemy to invade and insult us? Returns of Cantonments have been talked of lately for I am informed (but how is it possible, new Model these Eight Battalions as you please, that any can be spared for Cantonments without Leaving the important Fortress destitute of Garrison — The Board will therefore, I hope perceive, that the first step essentially Necessary for the safety and preservation of these valuable Possessions is to Augment the Army; at least in proportion equal to

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that part of it now employed in Tanjore, and even there it comes under to the former inadequate Establishment — In what manner that may, in my own humble Opinion, best be done, I have endeavoured in part to shew in my Minutes already delivered into the Board — and I shall in this memorial add something further on this important Subject —

I have laid it down as a Maxim, that the more we come to depend upon the Natives for our Armies and are necessitated to furnish them with Arms and Discipline for our Preservation, We ought to be the more anxious Solicitously to have a full proportion of European Officers in order to watch the beginings of what might prove fatal to the Settlement — This proportion at the lowest rate I would fix at One Captain to each Battalion of Sepoys One Subaltern and One Serjeant to each Company — I add further that the more we Augment the Number of the Sepoy Corps, the necessity of maintaining this watch and controul becomes the greater — I was upon this principle that I presumed to urge the Measure of preserving this proportion in the proposed Augmentation of the four additional Lanratick Battalions — There is not a Member of the Board who has it more at heart to save the publick

reasons for having One European Subaltern & Serjeant to each Company

Money

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Money than I have. With this view of economy I have,
since delivering in my Minute, considered attentively the
nature of the different Establishments of the Army and
particularly the Number of Commissioned and non Commissioned
Officers upon the present Establishment of a Battalion of
Europeans where I find that to fifty Six Privates the
full established, although in fact as is the case at present
the strength of the private of each Battalion Company is
at a medium only 42 Privates are appointed 1 Capt, 1 Lieut
2 Ensigns, 4 Serjeants and 4 Corporals a number beyond the
common proportion, though perhaps in this Climate more
necessary, were the expence not to be considered, I say therefore
that after weighing every inconvenience I give it as my
Opinion to the Board that it will be more beneficial to
the Service in general, that eight Ensigns and Eight
Serjeants be taken entirely from the Battalion Companys
and appointed to the Sepoy Corps, than that those Corps
should not have their full proportion of European Offi-
cers but if this proposal is thought too expensive when
the augmentation of five Battalions is to take place then let
the whole army be on a footing of only seven Europe Subaltern
to each Battalion until the further pleasure of the Court
of Directors be signified. A European Company will

then

Plan to save expence by taking one Ensign and one Serjt from the Batt. Company

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then stand 1 Captain 1 Lieut. 1 Ensign 3 Serjeants and one
Lance Serjt. for without pay / and 4 Corporals including a
Lance Corporal — In this Manner may be saved in the
Calculation for new Modelling and Augmenting the Army
in the Carnatic the pay of 32 Ensigns and as many Serjeants
and there will need only 8 Lieuts. to be added and four
Vacancies to fill up in place of the Captains. This plan
I have no Objection to come into for the sake of Unanimity,
and let it be provisional untill the Court of Directors
shall decide finally upon it — The Calculation of the
expence upon the two different plans will be exactly
made in a few Days —

This at enough good

I would not presume to press this Matter
of an Augmentation so earnestly if I did not conclude
from the General Letter of the Company & Grenville
Para 23d. that the intentions of the Court of Directors
were "that the force within the Company's possessions
should be augmented provided Means were found, without
"lessening the Investment — These means are certainly
to be found for this Augmentation from the Tanjore
Subsidy, for the increase of Infantry which I shall
propose at present, will not be equal to the Numbers
Actually in the Rajahs Dominions —

The Company Authorize an Augmentation

Fund from Tanjore plan for an Augmt. on that acct

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It is my Opinion then, that Three Battalions of Sepoys, in numbers as upon the new establishment proposed, should be raised and formed as soon as the Twelve Carnatic Battalions were formed into Sixteen; and this to be done,

mode of augmentg by ordering each Battn to raise and form additional Companies, which are afterwards to be incorporated and this to be the proportion of Infantry

Cavalry to be raised I shall propose likewise Three Regiments of Horse of about Three hundred effective each, but not until the means can be found without putting the Compy to any Expence but the difficulty of obtaining Horses will I fear, be an invincible Objection at present against carrying this plan into execution for the Nabobs Cavalry are on this Account, not half compleat of Horses, as it is reported, with

Mode of supplying Horses. what Numbers they can muster, under a Review indeed they have up the Horses before they come to Muster feast; altho' perhaps the fault may be chiefly owing to the bad management of the Nabobs Agents However According to my Information if Government chose to employ Agents in the Nyaums Country, a sufficient number of horses might be there obtained by a free Market established at Condapilley and from thence being purchased on the Coast Account brought Duty free through the Carnatic by the way of Angole

should

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European Troops to be reduced

Should this Cavalry Scheme ever take place I should recommend to the Board to reduce the European Troops and throw the Money into the Mass, because (without meaning any Reflection on the Officers) the incomplete state of horses especially at present (when there are only from horses remaining vide last returns) and other Circumstances, have hitherto rendered that Corps almost useless; providing for Captains Troops according to the Company's late orders, and also suitably for the other Officers; and distributing the non Commissioned Officers and Sowars According to their Merits on the new Corps that are made

Supposed Expence of the Whole

I believe upon calculation it will be found that the Annual expence on new modelling the Carnatic Battalions together with the five Additional Batt.ns proposed even these three Regiments of horse will not come to more than 250,000 Pagodas which is 150,000 Pagodas less than the Annual Subsidy from Tanjore

If the Board incline to proceed immediately in new modelling the Army in the manner before mentioned, Whenever they come to a General Resolution on the Measure, with their permission I shall give the orders for the Drafts, as expressed in my minute delivered to the Board and at the same time according to the Instructions 8th 7th I shall recommend to the Board the

Under cover the orders concerning the Drafts into the execution to be left to the Acting Commander in Chief

Captains

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Captains and Adjutants, and appoint them for the additional Battalions with orders immediately to proceed and to be present at the drafting from the respective Batts the Officers and Men, in the Manner set forth in my Minute and when the Drafts are arrived at their rendevous the proper Officers will make a Report and Return of their effective State with the number of European and Sepoy Officers and Men wanted to compleat to the Establishment. This will afford a little time for me to continue my enquiries into the Characters and Disposition of the Subaltern Officers fittest to be appointed to these Corps, being a matter of great importance for which I consider myself as responsible.

Rendezvous for the additional Battalions

The rendezvous which I shall propose, will be as follows. The Drafts from Pallamcottah Madura and Villeure and Tinchinapolly at Tanchinopoly. The 3 Battalions in the Tanjore District at Tanjore Three of Cuddalore Vellore and Conjeveram at Vellore Three of Madras and Angola at Madras. Thus I have endeavored to explain this business to the Board I hope in a satisfactory Manner.

Garrisons proposed for the European Batts next change of Quarters.

With regard to the general change of Quarters which may take place next Month, I shall after the above orders are executed take the Liberty to lay a plan

before the Board, and shall here anticipate in part by giving it as my Opinion that one entire European Battalion should be stationed at Trichinopoly; One at Tanjore and Vellum One at Vellore and one at Pondamallie. My reason for having Two entire Battalions to the Southward is to prevent the new French General from all thoughts of tampering or Meddling with any Tanjore Concerns; I take this Occasion to Observe to the Board that the influence we have in the Tanjore Country is a galling sore in their side, and the way to prevent their intermeddling is to fix that place as soon as possible in the best posture of Defence; and to have Troops in sufficiency to watch their Motions — not that I have the least apprehensions from the French, if the Garrison of Pondicherry is to be encreased in no greater proportion than according to our last advices by which we are informed that the number of European Regulars of all kinds at present does not exceed Nine hundred and the force expected from Mauritius with Brigadier De Belcombe may amount to Fourteen hundred or more, Making together Twenty Three hundred Men, with a very small proportion of Sepoys — But Twenty

Garrison of Pondichery extent of the works

Five

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Three hundred Men is a very insufficient Garrison for Pondicherry where the Works are not nearly finished, and the Circuit by measurement of the exterior revetement of its Ramparts 4 3/4 Miles — Besides, they want the sinews of War, and there is no power in India likely to give them a subsidy sufficient to set them on Motion; I conclude, therefore, that we have only to Guard against their Political intrigues and under hand Management.

Nothing to be apprehended from the French by Land Armies

I have proposed that the entire Battn be at Pondamallee, because there seems no necessity to have (if any part of it) more than one Company in Garrison here; And the comparative state of the Sick of the same Regiment at Pondamallee and Madras, which Sir Robert Fletcher at my request, laid before the Board some time ago, seems an invincible Argument for this measure, since on any emergency the whole Battalion may be in Madras in three hours time — As a preparatory step to this I have, with the permission of the Board ordered all the Invalids from Vellore and all, except Forty, from Chinglapett forthwith to be marched to this

No European Battn to be at Madras

Garrison

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Garrison and the duty will then be done as is the case now by the

Invalids and Sipoys only.

I shall have to say but little on the present numbers

of the European Regiments and establishment of the European Battalions because the means of recruiting them is so difficult with the great expence attending the transporting Recruits here must render this an Object only con-

sistent for the Court of Directors in the first instance determine upon. I may, however, be allowed to observe that, considering the Vicinity of Pondicherry and the strength of the European force there, our Force Ought to be proportionally greater than theirs, and I should therefore, propose, instead of having Two Regiments of Two Battalions each, which almost forever will deprive the Colonel from having all his Regiment under his eye at Once that each Battalion should form a separate Regiment, and that one Company of Grenadier

I propose to add one Grand Co to each Batt[n]

should be added to each, so that there would then be Four Regiments, each consisting of Two Companies of Grenadiers & Eight Batt[n] Companies, and even then the whole European Force, exclusive of Artillery would not exceed Seventy Four hundred which surely is not too great a peace Establishment

Concerning the Corps of Artillery the Last intelligence and Activity of Major Horne, so far as has fallen

Artillery Company

within my knowledge and information, has put that very useful body of Men on the very best footing, and their being

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being kept together at the Mount has proved very beneficial to the Service Perhaps an Augmentation of one Company of Artillery as the proportion for Tanjore may be necessary

of Tanjore what has been done or intended for its Defence

I owe honor conferred upon me of the important Command of Tanjore, made me more than Ordinary solicitous to have it put in a proper state of Defence, with all possible expedition — The Gentlemen of Council were so kind as to post over some of the former of Officers, and entrust (Mr Brooke) the (Military) Storekeeper) in some measure with the dispatching and forwarding of Military Stores before the Monsoon Shews from time to time with the permission of the President in order to accelerate matter given Orders and Directions to Lt Coll Kenyon and to the Assistant Engineer, upon many important points, before the Board were pleased lately to send Major Stevens and two other Engineers to do the business more completely — But I think it my Duty now to report, that upon good information I judged that heavy stores might be sent by Sea to Porto Novo Patam in Palk's Straits, and from thence with ease and expedition conveyed by a good road to Tanjore. The experiment has been tried and succeeded beyond expectation Twelve battering Cannon with their complement of shot were sent from this Garrison besides a great quantity

Saving by sending the Stores to Porto Novo Patam

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of other Stores have been conveyed to Tanjore in this manner.

The Zeal and dispatch with which Mr Brooke in his Department co-operated with me in forwarding these Stores before the Monsoon, deserves the attention of the Board and that Gentlemen has in his profession a Calculation by which it appears that 5396 Pagodas has been saved in this Single trip of a small Vessell, difference of what the Carriage of these Stores by land would have cost, Upwards of four hundred Bullock Loads of small Stores were sent by land sometime before this I gave directions to Lt Col. Harper to provide Fascines, pickets and Gabions to keep in Store, a precaution very necessary, which I used the freedom likewise to recommend for Madras, because they serve upon an emergency to make new or to repair old Works and may when unfit be used for fire wood Exact

Old Tanjore Stores

Surveys have been made of all the old Stores of the Garrison of Tanjore and such part of them as are fit for Service separated many of the old Guns now upon the Ramparts are either too small in the bore, or otherwise unfit for Service; and the Gun powder, upon trial, has been found not to be sufficiently strong, so as to make it generally useful. Concerning the Fortifications at Tanjore,

Build in the Small Fort and Town Rampart

Major Stevens several Months ago laid before the Board

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Toward a plan for building Quarters in a permanent way
in the Small Fort for Accomodating the Commanding
Officer and Staff, 300 Europeans, 1 Company of Artillery
1 Battn of Sepoys, and Two Powder Magazines: which
will probably now be carried on under his Direction When
the Board determine upon the manner He is to new
Model the Rampart of the Town by lowering the old
Towers and Cavaliers and to employ them Materials to
strengthen the other parts of the Wall, so as to give a
more equal range or Command of the Country round. This
may be done without using a single Board, and the large
quantity (already made and paid for) lying now on the
Glacis will go some way to compleat the Buildings in the
small Fort — He means to make such a Disposition
in the Front of the small Fort towards the Town,
that the Troops within that Fort may be in safety
from any Sudden tumults or insurrection, and may
at the same time command within the great Fort
You would at a very small expence and in every
short time, Tanjore will be rendered the strongest
Country Fortress, perhaps, in India. The Sepoys
are at present poorly Accomodated — One Battn on the
Coast at present at Tanjore Fauxsebray and one Battalion in a painted Choultry

over

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near to Tanjore the third Batt.n and two Companies
lately sent from Vellore are employed in assisting the
Rajahs Managers in collecting his rents — But as this
is an employment totally destructive of the Corps I shall
propose to the Board, when the Augmentation on account
of Tanjore takes place, another plan for this purpose; and
shew already recommended the Staff, immediately necessary
for the Fort and Garrison of Tanjore

After the present Works absolutely wanted
about which Major Stevens will be employed are finished
it becomes then a matter of great importance to persuade the
Rajah to consent to the clearing of certain grounds within
the great Fort, as also sufficient space for an Esplanade before
the Gate of the small Fort towards the Town and for
erecting Sepoy Barracks with other buildings that may
be necessary — The Cotts which Mr Brooke in
consequence of orders from the Board gave Directions
to prepare for Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Vellore are now
finished and in their construction have given satisfaction,
so that the Europeans of these Garrisons who hitherto lay
upon a heap of mud generally impregnated with Saltpetre
filled up with a straw Matt over it, now sleep upon Cotts
well

Spaces wanted in the Great Fort

Cots for the Army

well Covrd and raisd from the Ground

As soon as the Board shall think proper to Dispence with my presence here, I propose, with their Permission, to proceed to Tanjore, from whence I shall regularly advise them of every other Circumstance Deserving their Attention

To Cause to be blown up

Upon considering the situation of Chilliore it appears to me clear, that now we are in possession of Tanjore, the Walls and Fortifications of that place ought to be destroyed that it may not afford a place of rendezvous for Horse and Hospital to an Enemy as it at present too extensive and too much commanded to deserve the name of a Fort, and is of no earthly use as such to the Comps in possession of Tanjore. My desire would be to employ the bad powder in Store at Tanjore to blow it up, and to retain the Garrison, Guns, Stores and every material that can serve to Strengthen Tanjore. Wherever there remains one Shelter or Fort within many Miles of Tanjore which in this Country must pick an Enemy to encounter able difficulties

Ball, cast for the French Guns

I had almost forgot to mention that, upon observing the Stores here a considerable quantity of serviceable Battering Cannon which had been brought from Pondicherry

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and were useless and supernumerary on this Garrison, but to which there was no ball, and having heard that at Tanjore, there was a Foundery and Workmen but to that Business, I ordered an experiment to be made, and some ball to be cast, and although I had some doubts lately of the Success of this experiment by reason of the porous quality of the Metal, I am informed within these few Days that Major Stevens has no doubt of its succeeding in which case the Supernumerary Cannon in this Garrison will be sufficient for Tanjore— The Carriages for these Guns may be made here in the same Manner as those for the Sealeer, which are now finished

on Cantonments and observations on the plan under deliberation of the Board during Col. Pearts absence

I observed from the Records for several Years past, repeated mention made of the necessity of some fixed Central position for Cantoning part of the Army; And Conjeveram or somewhere near that place, or Wandewash, has been thought to be a proper Situation, Yet Nothing has hitherto been done in this essential business

I shall give my Opinion to the Board upon that Subject after I have taken notice of the minutes lately under discussion of the Board, in my Absence and during my illness, and since communicated to me by the President— By that plan I find Five Battalions of

of Sepoys destined for a chain or outline to the Jaghire, besides those allotted for an inner Chain most of whose Stations are in or near Open Villages, where every conveniency is to be now erected for the Troops, and the Board seem to be of Opinion that this scheme should be carried into execution without delay — The first observation I beg leave to make is that it is impossible for us to find the number of Battns proposed for this or any similar purpose, even after the new modelling of the Carnatic Force, as such a Number cannot possibly be spared from the Garrisons untill the Augmentation to supply the place of the Force now employed in Tanjore be raised — and even then there will be some risque — The second observation I shall make is that no useful purpose can be Answered by these placing single Battalions at such distance from each other that may not without any extraordinary expence and with almost equal expedition be answered by keeping these Battalions or whatever number can be spared in Vellore, Arcot Conjeveram Pondamallie Madras and Chinglapet &c for by the Minutes it is understood, in case of an Alarm or emergency the Battalions from the Villages are to assemble in some central place

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place (suppose Conjeveram) I say then in this case the Battalions which may be ordered to hold themselves in readiness, will, with equal facility, join from the Garrisons above mentioned at this very central place. One objection against the Plan to three open and divided Cantonments of single Battalions, is the chance and risque of a sudden forced March from Pondicherry, in the event of the French (acting) secretly, in concert with any Country power intending to invade the Carnatic. for when war is commenced by the French we are to expect it will be by a Blow, without previous Declaration. Besides, I cannot think of any good reason for thus seperating the Corps intended to be Cantoned, because in this, as in every other Country, when it is known to the people in the Villages where Grain refreshments and Provisions to the Bazaar that an Army is to be Assembled, I should imagine they would flock to that place. And if a Depot of certain provisions or Stores is to be made which cannot be supplied by the Country people, the Contractor or Commissary will find it easier to make his Magazines in one than in Seven places, which one place, whether at Conjeveram or any other more eligible Station, should be made by

plan for a double Cantonment

lines or Stockades in some tolerable degree tenable and secure Against Any Surprize or sudden assault. I believe it

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It will be found that there is scarce a Marish Town where some part may not be rendered tenable for Securing Magazines, and even drawing lines to Cover any Number of Troops— You will besides, have Houses and other proper places for your sick near at hand with other conveniences Which all well fortified places afford Your Army is thus compact by together, free from surprise and Any part of it ready to move at a Minutes notice.

I perceive that the building of Houses and making cover sufficient to protect the Troops from the inclemency of the Weather, has been one principal Objection to the execution of any Scheme or plan of Cantonments hitherto proposed— This in part is provided by the cover which Tents and if necessary Huts would afford

As to the Troops which are in condition to keep the Field in the proper Season, I cannot see why they may not continue encamped in Tents as usual; And if the plan which I shall propose, is adopted, I am sure the Tents might serve two Years, the Expence of which cannot be very great— If particular circumstances should at any time oblige the Troops to remain longer in the Field than the time I shall propose, I am certain by falling upon a method of shutting or covering the tents with Cases of Linen proper

prepared, the Troops might continue in the Field without any inconvenience— Shifting the Troops has been practiced successfully during six weeks or two Months very Campaigns in Germany last War, and I can see no reason why it may not be done in this more Mild Climate.

The Cantoning of Battalions Separately, can in my Opinion, be considered only as Larger Out Guards, to give early intelligence of the Enemy's Motions— But the whole Settlement must be dead asleep, if even the Public have not at least several Weeks Warning before Any Country Power whatever approach the Passes or Rivers leading to the Carnatic, and I shall never entertain so bad an Opinion of the Cabinet intelligence of Government as to imagine that any Durbar in India can come to such hostile Resolutions without its being known instantly to this Government, or to some other of the Presidencies.

Thus much I have thought it my duty to say concerning the Minute so far gone into Securing my Absence from the Board and since communicating by the President— I shall now give my ideas with regard to the Cantonments, and the Forces necessary in times of Peace and of War, supposing we are

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are to have in View in the former case the conveying of part of the Troops to fixed Duty, or in the latter case acting upon the Defensive when great bodies of Horse are expected to enter the Carnatic

Designs of Cantonts. and some necessary Opinions, &c.

The intentions of Cantonments is away from those Places which should be two different Cantonments for each part at or near Conjeveram, and one to the Southward at or near Sugaur Coleroda or Annamalla mounding) as may be best adapted for that purpose, but of this I shall be enabled more perfectly to Judge after having been upon the ground which I propose very soon in the course of my progress through the Carnatick. If I may be permitted the Comparison, I should consider our Situation like a chase of two good Grey hounds after a Hare. While one body of the

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the Troops is in pursuit, the other must catch them on the Loom —

The principal Powers that are supposed to make the inroads are either Hyder, the Mahrattors or the Nyzam and it is impossible to say through What Passes or Ways the two former may come or return — I have a list of thirty five passes, and were it possible to stop up and Guard those Done would be to watch their Motions after they have got in, or on their Return out of the Country to attack and defeat them Piecemeal, which in my Opinion may be done by means of three two bodies Cantoned with Occasional detachments from our great Garrisons and Forts of Amboor and Velloore, and the Forts in the continuations to the Cantonments at Conjeveram on one hand and on the other to the Southward towards Trichinopoly and beyond it But my ideas respecting the time absolutely necessary to keep our People in the Field and to secure the Country from any Apprehension from these Freebooters are such, that, that Period need be but short, and yet the Publick Service would be effectually Answered — Every one knows that the Rabbi rents depend upon securing the Crop, and that these great Armies of horse never Attempt to enter the Country and indeed could not Subsist, untill the Crop on the

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Time necessary to keep the Troops Cantoned

Ground is come to a certain height and nearly ready to cut — The duration, therefore, of the Cantonments or encampments by mid January, will be from a fortnight to three weeks before the Crop is ready to cut, until it is all reaped and stored and reported to be so by the Nabob Manager — The space of time cannot exceed two Months or ten Weeks and it all on the fine Season — The Corn and Rents thus Secured by three regular Cantonments and the protection of the Forts and Garrisons, the difficulty of subsistence will make it impossible for such an Enemy to penetrate farther into the Country, and the Inhabitants seeing Methods taken for their security will encrease the Cultivation especially near the endeavours of the Troops

Numbers in times of Peace and War for the Cantonments.

As to the numbers employed after the proposed Jaghire augmentation the Carnatic Stores alone consists of Twenty one Battalion and three Regiments of Horse I think, in time of peace, Six Battalions at least with the Grenadier Companies of some more may be formed to form the Conjeveram Cantonments; And Three Battalions and some Sepoy Grenadier Companies to form the Cantonments to the Southward — Two Regiments of Horse at Conjeveram and One to the Southward — Two European Grenadier Companies at Conjeveram also two European Grenadier Co.s to the Southward, with Detachment from the European Battalions sufficient to manage the Batt.s Gun

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Guns of the Sepoys at both Cantonments Four Companies of Artillery at Conjeveram, and half a Company to the Southward — Thus in times of peace the principal part of the Army will be accustomed to all that Service and Discipline to be expected in War — and by the rotation of the Army almost every Man, in two or three Years will have had his turn and know his Duty —

In time of War when double the Army must be encreased, the Number of Battalions and other Troops of these four Cantonments may be double the Number now proposed or more if necessary — The point is to have a certain plan or System, and that the Country people may know what they have to depend upon for their Security — I have spoken here of a Detachment from the European Battalions sufficient to Manage the Sepoy Battalion Guns, because it is my intention, as soon as the Army is Augmented and settled in Quarters, to Order every European who has strength and length of arm sufficient to turn a Sponge to be taught the Gun Exercise; and, if the Board goes with me, to fix some small Annual Reward or encouragement to be given to the most expert, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, for I shall most religiously keep to the Standing Order and shall never permit a black hand to touch a Cannon, or even to draw it —

The whole European Military to be taught the Gun Exercise

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but I propose to Accustom both the Sepoys and Europeans to

the near sound and real use of Cannon, by having the Guns

Worked in the Line intermixed with the Divisions every

Field Days and I hope the Board will think the extraordi-

nary Expence of Powder for that purpose, absolutely necessary

Cannon to be used with the divisions of the Troops while at Exercise on Field Days

I consider our Grenadiers, Artillery and Sepoys

as the constant real Compleat body of the Army; and

foreseeing all Accidents from the Climate or from want

of Recruits from home I should Almost be satisfied if the

European Battalion Companies in time of Service can

furnish Men enough to keep those Corps compleat to

the Establishment and to work Sepoy Guns

In all these Calculations of Numbers,

Nabobs troops Considered

I have said Nothing of the Nabobs troops or particularly of his

Cavalry, although I dare say his Highness would have

no Objection to dispose of them as we thought proper for

our (communicating) Own plans for the Security of his

Country and Such ajunctions, I think, would effectually

deter any Enemy from entering the Carnatic

This naturally leads me to say something

upon what we really have to apprehend from any Country

power or what probability there is of their really invading

the Carnatic and Seat of Hyder Ally

of Hyder Ally

This man seems to be in the Mouths

of almost every body as a Bugbear to frighten and Alarm us

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England it is the same, and even the Stock-jobbers play here
after Change Alley. I have with the most minute
attention collecting from the Company's Records in England,
and elsewhere informed myself of every Material circumstance
relative to, or occurred in what is called the Ballagaut
War and our differences with Hyder. I have also how
that business concluded. I have in my profession, a Copy
of General Smith's Commentary upon that War; and
have particularly noticed Hyder's Letters, Messages and
Conversations in several periods of the War; from all which
it appear to me, that, on Hyder's part it was a War of
self defence, and because I believe Hyder to be a Sensible
Man and to know his true Interest I conclude he was
sincere when he explicitly declared upon all Occasions,
and particularly to Mr. Hornby then Chief at Tellichery
and by his Message by Mr. Stracey, whom he sent
over; for that purpose to Madras, that nothing was further from
his Wishes than a War with the Company, because he
knew they would in the end, ruin him; but that measures
him, he could so protract the time and increase their expe-
rience so as even to distress the Company by their Conquest
And what is very remarkable he warns Mr. Hornby
of what he great Year performed, that he would force
a Peace personally by visiting an Incursion into the
Carnatic. That at that time, when he was successful he
concluded

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concluded a peace without any Material Advantage
or addition of Territory, for what reason now having
no Difference with him is he wantonly to make in-
cursions to burn and plunder this Country, when he
must be sensible that such Conduct would draw upon
him not only the Strength of this Presidency, but
also a regular System for his Destruction, supported
by the influence, Arms and immense Treasury of
Bengal & and his destruction would speedily follow-
not by a Battle that Land Way though the forces
penetrating at an immence expence to Seringapatam
from hence but by the co-operation of Sea Armaments
at Mangalore and from other parts on the Malabar
Coast I shall never, therefore, be led to think that
without any reason he will bring himself into
such difficulty but if he does, I hope the Force of the
Carnatic alone will be sufficient to chastise him
The truth is that Hyders apprehensions and great
Armaments, are on purpose to be prepared to save
himself from the Maharattas, of whose Civil wars
he has greatly availed himself; and this he will
do very probably by paying them an immense Sum
of money - for seeing this he has been squeezing every

Hyders Conduct and true Interest

Person

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Superior powers are sent and is now forcing contribu-
tions from the Dutch at Cochin and in the
Neighbourhood of the Rajah of Travancore, where
some Disturbance has broke out as it is our Interest
to support this Rajah I dare say Flydark Officers
Commanding in those parts will not Dare to
penetrate into that Country if we Signify our
disapprobation Those Measures that Hyder's
name will not so often be brought forward by any
Authority to frighten the Settlement, or as a
reason for Cantoning the Troops or Augmenting
our Force a day sooner than the utility of such
Measure, after mature and Discussion on general
grounds, may lead the Board to adopt

In confirmation of this my Opinion,
I do not find that Any Authentick information from Europe
Patamars, conveys intelligence to suppose he has any intention
of moving towards the Carnatic

The other Powers from whence incursions
the Mahrattas are supposed to be expected is the Mahrattas or respect
to whom I observe that although in the Treaty with
Coll. Upton whom they agree never more to demand a

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Thous on the Company's possessions in Bengall, this
engagement is not extended to the Carnatic, Yet, as with
Both
their people are usefull paper, I shall only look to their
Interest and the Means they have to make such an
incursion, And

Security arising from the power of Bengal

First, Their great Security is, the
power and extensive influence of the Company's Govern-
ment as now fixed at Bengall by Act of Parliament
and their being in Actual possession of near two Million
in specie in their Treasury This act of Parliament
has been translated and promulgated in Persian, and
the Governor General and Council lately, with
a Political View, gave every degree of Pomp and
Eclat to Colonel Upton as their Ambassador, who
penetrated by slow Marches through the Decan
towards Poonah, by which means every power in
Indostan must now be sensible of the Nature
of the new Constitution of the Company's Government,
and that if any one State is Attacked by them, they
draw upon themselves the Force and Strength
of all the Company's Dominions, Why then shall

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we suppose, that, after the Governor General and Counsil
concluded a Treaty by their own Authority with the
Mahrattas with respect to Bombay, they will, by insulting
this Government, bring themselves into such Certain Danger
and Difficulties, & for Bassein in this case would there
be attacked; and upon our Front we should make a Diversion
towards their Seat of Government. But another insurm=
ountable is in their Way, for although the Ministerial
party (if the report be true) may have gained, of late,
some Advantage, and got into their power Sudaba, who,
as the elder Branch, ought to be the Peshwa, yet as
it is an Infant, who has that name, and the poli=
tical Interest and Government of the Country is in
the hands of these Ministers, who are not Soldiers
nor must entrust to others the command of the Army,

Diffinulties in the way of the Mahrattas by the Minority of the Peshwa

I do not imagine they will dare to risque a considerable
Force upon any distant expedition especially while
Ragunaut Row is a live — but, should they attempt
any thing against the Carnatic it will be seperately by them=
selves and we shall have full time to be prepared to receive
them — however I do not find that there is any intelligence
that conveys the smallest suspicion of any such Design
or their part. —

Nothing at present to be apprehended from the Mahrattas

For —

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of the Nyoams

In regard to the Nyoams I believe there is no Man seriously apprehends any thing of Insult from the Debilitated State of that Famous Government, but, if at any Time he shall again be drawn into engagements of that Sort with any other Power, a Detachment from Bengall joined to our Troops from this Coast may put a Visit to his Capital in their Disposers; but by the last Advices no hostile idea prevails at his Durbar

Upon the whole, the conclusion I draw is, that there is no likelihood, during the ensuing Year of the Carnatic being invaded by any Country Power

I have given my reasons for this conclusion and if to the Board they appear solid, I think it is Our Duty to convey this our Opinion to our Honorable employers, that they may know the State of affairs in regard to these Powers and be freed from every present Apprehension from Nyoam and Mahrattas

Only Dangerous the French joining these Powers

I would not have the Board imagine from this examination, and conclusion upon the State of these Powers at present, that we are to neglect or delay for any time the new Modeling and Augmenting of our Army Because a European War may, may most certainly will, alter the Disposition and Resolution of some of these Powers

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powers, and a very large Garrison at Pondicherry co-operating with them and furnished with Money will become a very serious Matter indeed —

of Madras, Fortification and Stores

The Powers vested in the Commander in Chief in case of Madras being attacked independant of my Duty in other respects, led me when I was able to look into the State of the Works and the environs of the place Some time ago I proposed to the Chief Engineer to make us a short State of what would be proper to be done incase of an Enemy Attacking this place in its present State, & I desired Captain Mansuy to make a calculation of how soon he could bring all the Guns in Battery which Papers are I believe now before the Board — The Chief Engineer is, I am told, at present employed in composing a very full Memorial detailing the Reasons for the Mode of construction of the New Works already nearly made and of those proposed by him to be made, and also the causes that have concurred to prevent the Works from going on with the Dispatch the Court of Directors had reason to expect, with his Observations upon what was communicated on that Subject in the last Dispatches from England

The good Opinion I have of the Chief Engineer makes me think he will be able to give a satisfactory

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Satisfactory Account of all these proceedings — but what I am concerned about is, lest the limitation of the yearly expence to 50,000 Pagodas should leave this important Fortress for any long space of time, not only unfinished in the new Works, but with several very apparent Weak parts in the old for, from the Southwest extremity of the new Work in the continuation of the old Works towards the St Thome Bastion, there is evidently something wanted to be done along the South Front, as the Curtain is too narrow to admit Cannon, and the Works before it are liable to be taken in reverse — The South East and North East Angles at the extremity of the Sea line, require the most particular Attention, and should be covered with such Works as are capable of rendering the Sea line secure against Surprize along the beach, indeed there is an Absolute necessity to alter those parts, either in the manner proposed by Lieut. Col. Ross, or, by some expeditious Works of simple construction that will effectually command and range the Beach and flank the adjoining works — The sea line is at present in such a state of ruin as to give a striking picture of bankruptcy and distress to every Stranger that sees it —

Danger of leaving the Fortifications unfinished

The lines of Direction of the black sea Wall seems to me to be drawn with skill to the Angle near the Hospital, but, like most of the Works in this Country

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abruptly
it appears to have been begun with ardor and absolutely
left off unfinished, at the part of the Wall here alluded
to, a Redoubt or Work might be constructed with advantage,
to keep the approaches of an Enemy at a Distance but
beyond this place, there is a great length of Wall which
goes up immediately to the Glacis and which Ought to
be removed, as it would serve for a very good flanking Cover
to an Enemy in their Approaches

Provision Stores at Madras Compleat

Immediately after I had the honor to be
appointed to the Station, I now occupy I thought it Doubtly
My Duty to attend to the Stores of the Garrison and
Mentioned to Mr Sourdan who has that Department
in the room of Mr Stoney, my intentions to visit the
Magazines; and it was agreed that, as soon as he had
taken an Account and supplied the deficiencies, I
should be acquainted — I have no doubt but this is
finished, and that the Board is in possession, before
this time, of an Accurate State (mentioning the time
they were last visited) of the Deficiency wherever arising and
the expence of supplying them; As soon as my health
permits I shall make it my business to visit and
report their state to the Board.

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Unnecessary practice of giving temporary Rank

I cannot omit mentioning my Opinion regarding the practice of giving temporary rank by an Order of Council and without a Commission, to Field Officers and Captains doing Duty of those who have Leave of Absence to return to England and are continued upon the Establishment — What led me first to take notice of this, was, an instance, publickly known of an Officer, who, in consequence of his Office, was in Orders and Acted as Lieut. Col.s and on his quitting that Office, is now only Captain — In all services that I know of when Officers have Leave of Absence, their Duty is done by the next in rank without any expectations of having the rank of the absent Man on that Account — If it were otherwise, there would be the greatest confusion in all the different Degrees of rank in the Army, for when the Officers return again to their Stations as is their right, you are under the Dilemma either of Multiplying the important high Ranks of the Army to a degree of confusion, as I before Mentioned, or of turning them back again to their effective Ranks, a practice entirely unlikely and unprecedented — Military Rank, like the Classical Character, is indelible, and nothing but a Court Martial or Notorious offence ought to take it away — all this I should think it my Duty to say to the Board, were they even Vested with the Powers of making Field Officers additional to the Establishment

Establishment, which it is Well known they are not or even to supply the real Vacancies of effective Feeld Officers, otherwise than provisionally; because I apprehend the Court of Directors will take notice of it and many of my particular Friends will be degraded without any Offence on their part; and this is my real reason for warning the Board to Annul these fictitious Ranks, at least Occasionally as Vacancies happen to fall

Plan for the Hercarrahs under Capt. D. Thos. Geils

When I entered upon the Command of the Army, I found at my Door a Number of Fellows in rags who called themselves Harcarrahs, and at my Service I have had them examined separately, and do not find that more than two or three of them can serve any other purpose than to carry Messages or as Menial Servants, in which Offices I shall never think of employing them

A body of intelligent accute Hercarrahs, with a well tried Chief Hercarrah (even Although Twenty the present number of these useless Creatures) is what I most Ardently wish for as without Guides and intelligence I shall be totally incapable to Act with Security and confidence in my Station

I have seen in the Company's Records the reasons that have hitherto prevented the

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establishment of a Company of Guides As I wish on this occasion to save the public Money and also the Reputation of Disputes, I shall now take the liberty to propose to the Board what I think, at a very small expence, might in time of peace at least Answer the same purpose — Was this simple proposition that, Captain Lewis Thomas Guide (whose merit is known to the Board) be appointed with a competent salary, Captain or Master of the Guides and Pilots to whom I shall deliver over in the Lumps, this useless Crew, with Orders to shift and change them until he has got what I too much want, Viz.t Men who can not only serve as Guides through every part of the Carnatic, but of whom some may be capable even to get at the source of Intelligence using the exertions to oblige them to bring their Wives and Children to reside here —

On the Subject of the Nabob and his Troops

For mentioning the Nabobs Troops I must observe that from their being hitherto irregularly paid, and therefore, not kept in constant discipline and Exercise, I cannot think in their present state, they are much to be Depended upon —

The Constitution of his Six Regiments of Cavalry is on Theory, excellent — but I believe they are not one third part mounted or compleat —

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I am so far from being of Opinion that the Nabob has the most distant idea of Separating or Disconnecting himself or his concerns from Making common Cause with the Company or with the State of Great Britain, that for my own part I should wish that the President be impowered to recommend to the Nabob to put three Regiments of Cavalry into the best order possible, — I have said that I believe he has no idea of disconnecting himself from us I add even that I do not think he really ever had. Designing men for their own purposes may have, at times misled him but in general it was only a quarrel with some individual Members of this Government, and not a matter of State One reason Why I say so is that after having read every thing with attention that has been printed or wrote on the Subject of the Nabob and his Concerns, from Governor Saunders time to the present I do think there has been the smallest surmise or suspicion, that he ever tampered with, or in any of his difficulties had recourse for Assistance or Council to the French or to any Country power hostile to the Company And here, I cannot

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avoid mentioning, both for the honor of the President, and that our Honorable Masters may be convinced of the present Sentiments of the Nabob, of the reform he has lately made in his Affairs by the dismission of above 6000 useless rabble and considerable Retrenchments of other expences; I say to the honor of the President and also in justice to the Nabob because the Nabob did this in consequence of a very serious friendly from the President; and he did it as I am informed, from the conviction he had that the President could have nothing else in View but his Interest — And in this Manner I am convinced he may be induced to look more narrowly into his own Affairs, to supply the Magazines in the Fort properly, and to detect every other Circumstance recommended from home for the Mutual Interest of all parties — I must own it seems but justice that this Government should support him in all his just claims and Demands on his Neighbours and treat him and his Family with every mark of respect and attention —

The Glory and Honour of the English Nation no less than the Interest of the Company is concerned in it, for holding as the Company and

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the State now do, the ballance of power in India; from the usage and treatment that this Nabob receives, every other Country power will form a Judgement of what they are to expect when they repose an entire confidence and Security on British faith and Protection

Sam. Stuart

Minute of the Board approving the Plan of the Commander in Chief for new Modelling the Army & expressing their entire approbation of his Memorial

The Board having Attentively perused and Considered the Memorial of the Acting Commander in Chief cannot but in Justice to him express their Opinion that he is highly deserving of their Thanks, for the many lights he has thrown upon those Subjects which are treated of in the Memorial. They do not mean here to enter at large upon it as that Paper being now a Record will be transmitted to the Company, and they are convinced it will mark his Zeal for their Service when they know it was wrote at a time when his Life was in imminent Danger from indisposition The Board have already given one proof of their approbation by following the Plan then recommended for new Modelling the Army by the addition of Six Battalions without any Augmentation (except in a trifling degree) of the former Number of the Establishment. And as the Acting Commander in Chief has declared to the Board, that he wishes for no Augmentation beyond the Means of Government to keep it up, so, altho he has

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has stated in treating of the Augmentation for Tanjore that it may be necessary to have three Regiments of Cavalry of three hundred each, and also to represent to the Court of Directors the propriety of some addition to the European Corps. Yet as all the Augmentation that he Argues at present, relates only to the raising of five Sepoy Battalions for the Tanjore Country It is evident that the means may be found for this Augmentation from the Tanjore Subsidy. In the Mode of Cantonments laid down by Coll. Stuart, the Board observe a Plan which by being occasionally varied according to Circumstances will serve either for times of Peace or War, and with the least Expence possible to the Company, with respect to the Neighbouring Powers, their Views, and the Consequent Political Situation of the Company on this Coast they are well worthy of the Boards attention. For all these Reasons the Board request that the Acting Commander in Chief will not only continue to transmit them at the close of every Year, with his Sentiments in full upon all Occurrences connected with his Station but likewise that he will, as Circumstances may render it necessary, communicate freely to the Board, whatever he may deem essential for their information

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Resolutions in Consequence

Resolved, that the Board are highly satisfied with the Improvements the Army are daily making in every part of their Duty

Resolved, that the present Establishment of Sepoys, consisting of 12 Battns for the Carnatic, is inadequate to the Defence of so extensive a Country, joined to that of the Tanjore Dominions, — and therefore that an Augmentation of 5 Battalions should be made as recommended by Coll. Stuart in the 5th Para. of his Memorial and paid out of the Tanjore Subsidy

Three Battns of Sepoys to be raised for the Service of the Tanjore Country

Resolved, that each Battalion be officered in the Manner proposed by the Acting Commander in Chief, and in Consequence of the Augmentation for the Tanjore Country, that the whole Army be on the same footing of Seven European Subaltern Officers to each Battalion, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known

That the Battns be officered in the manner proposed by Coll. Stuart.

Resolved, for the Reasons advanced by Coll. Stuart and in consequence of his Opinion that the Nabob's Establishment of Cavalry is not sufficient in time of War, that three additional Regiments of Horse of about 300 each will be proper to be raised for the Tanjore Country, as soon as means can be found, without putting the Company to any Expence upon that Account.

Three Regiments of Horse to be raised for the Tanjore Service

Resolved

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Resolved, as the European Troops of Cavalry from the inconsiderable[ness] of its Numbers, has been of but little Service to the Company, tho' at the same time a very heavy Expence; and as 56 of the Horses are now dead, which reduces it to 4 or thereabouts from the 1st Jany 1776 no further allowance be made for Horses, but that the Men be kept together until further Orders, and receive their Subsistance as Usual

The Establishment of the European Troops to be discontinued

Resolved, that the mode of drafting Officers and Men for the additional 2 Battalions of Sepoys, and carrying the intentions of the Board into execution with Respect to those Corps, be left to the direction of the Acting Commander in Chief

The mode of drafting Officers & Men for the new Batts to be left to the Direction of Coll. Stuart

Resolved, that the Consideration of the Change of the Situations, and Stations of the European Battalions as recommended in the 10th Para of Coll. Stuart Memorial, be deferred, until the General Arrangement of the Army comes under the deliberation of the Board

The Consideration of the Change of Situation to be deferred

Resolved, that the alteration of the European Establishment, by dividing it into four Regiments, instead of two of which it at present consists, and of attaching an additional Grenadier Company to each Regiment as recommended by the Acting Commander in Chief in the 11th Para. of his Memorial, be submitted to the Consideration of the Court of Directors

The alteration of the European Establishment recommended by Coll. Stuart to be referred to the Court of Directors

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Resolved, That an Augmentation of one Company of Artillery to the present Establishment, as proposed by Coll.o Stuart, be recommended to the Consideration of the Court of Directors

The Augmentation of the Artillery to be referred to the Court of Directors

Resolved, That the Board approve of the Conduct of Mr. Brooke the Military Storekeeper and Coll.o Stuart in the Dispatch they have shown, in sending the necessary Stores to Tanjore

The Board approve the Conduct of Mr. Brooke and Coll.o Stuart

Resolved, That Major Stevens be directed forthwith to proceed on rasing the Buildings within the Small Fort agreeably to his Plan, and also with new Modelling the Town Wall and Rampart and that Lieut.t Col.o Harper be ordered, to transport to Tanjore, those Military Stores which are at Vellum, according to a Return lately rec.d by the Commander in Chief from Major Stevens

Major Stevens to proceed in rasing the Buildings at Tanjore, the Military Stores at Vellum to be transported to Tanjore

Resolved, That Major Stevens be called upon for his Opinion touching what is necessary to be done in the Great Fort at Tanjore

Major Stevens to give Opinion on what is necessary to be done to the Works at Tanjore

Resolved, for the Reasons advanced by Coll.o Stuart in the 19th Para.: of his Memorial that the Walls and Fortifications of Vellum be blown up, as soon as such a Measure can be reconciled to the Rajah of Tanjore

The Fort of Vellum to be Destroyed,

Resolved, That the Board approve of the Casting of Ball for the Battering Cannon at Tanjore mentioned in

Common Ball to be Cast at Tanjore as recommended by Coll.o Stuart

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in the 20th Para. of the Memorial provided the Experiment Answers as on an Estimate being laid before them, it appears they can be cast at a much less Expence, than they usually cost the Company

The Plan proposed by Colo. Stuart for Cantonments to be adopted

At the Board in Consultation 18th Novr last determined upon a Plan for forming a Chain of Cantonments round the Sagheir, - Yet as on reconsideration that Plan appears liable to many inconvenience, it is Resolved, that the Plan of double Cantonments proposed by Colo. Stuart be adopted, for the Reasons contained in the 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th Paras of his Memorial

Resolved, that the Establishment of Hircarrahs be put on the best footing to answer the Public Service, and it is left to Colo. Stuart to Report to the Board the Plan he may think most proper

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The following Letter was this day wrote to the Commandg Officer at Tanjore, agreeably to the Orders of last Consultation

To Lieut.t Coll.o Harper

Commanding at

Tanjore

Sir

The Hon.ble the President and Council not having as yet had Sufficient time to go thro' the whole Correspondence relative to the proposed Works at Tanjore, have, on order that no time may be lost, directed me to inform you that Major Stevens is forthwith to proceed in erecting the Buildings within the Small Fort, agreeably to his Plan, and also with the new Modelling of the Town Wall and Rampart and further I have it in charge to acquaint you that the Military Stores at Vellum, according to a Return lately sent to Coll.o Stuart by Major Stevens, are to be forthwith transported to Tanjore, and that all the Lascars, Bullocks, &c.a you can assemble, as well as those of the Rajah if he will be pleased to lend them are to be employed on this Service

You will be particularly cautious in your Explanation of this Matter to the Rajah, as I am acquainted by him that these Stores are in every respect Supernumary at Vellum but at the same time, answer to the Guns at Tanjore, for which Reason they are ordered thither

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Present

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Sam.l Lee

Your most Obed.t Servant

R. J. Sullivan

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At a Consultation present

Tuesday 17th Dec.r 1776

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r &c.a &c.a

Henry Brooke —— James Stuart

Archdale Palmer —— Sam.l Jourdan

George Mackay ——

The Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved

The President acquaints the Board

that part of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry belonging to the

Nabob having Mutinied for want of Pay, and marched from their

Encampment at Mellorenear Madura to St Thome, where

they Yesterday arrived, and from thence having gone to Chepauk

where they demanded the Arrears in a tumultuous Manner,

the Nabob had sent to them to request that some of the

Troops in Garrison might be sent to protect him from their

Insults

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Inasmuch That in Consequence, the President had Communicated with the Acting Commander in Chief, on the present Measures to be pursued, as the Delay in summoning a Council might be productive of bad Consequences, and that they Resolved upon sending out a Party of Sepoys under the Command of Lieut.t Col.o Edrington the Adjutant General, - who was to endeavour with every persuasion possible to prevail on the Mutineers to deliver up the Arms, Horses and Accoutrements, but by no means to use violence to their Persons until further Orders - The Orders given to Lieut.t Col.o Edrington on this Occasion were as follows

Governors Garden House
nine o'clock Tuesday Morning
17th December 1776

Lieut.t Colonel Edrington

Sir By the Governors Orders I am to request you that the Town Major is to March to St Thomé forthwith along with the Company of Grenadiers and Piquet of the Garrison and two field pieces, which I wish to have the desired effect; by intimidation, to bring these unhappy People to terms (Delivering up their Arms and horses) without bloodshed But as they seems to be of that determined turn, that it would be of the worst example, both for our own Troops and

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and for the Nabob, that they convey their point orders
off with their Arms

It is, therefore, my orders, with the approbation of the
Governor, that after making the proper Dispositions of the
Europeans you suppose behind the Sepoys you plow the
Batt.n Guns in Front, and then acquaint the persons from
the Nabob that you are ready to convey the Nabobs orders
into Execution, which orders you must make him openly
Declare in presence of your Officers, and tell him to go
again to those People and warn them for the last time, to
surrender their Arms and horses, & shou[illegible] their blood
will be on their own heads; and that if they do so, as
you do not wish to take away their lives, you will
post your word to them that the terms offered shall be
executed — Viz.t "that they shall be put on the same
footing with the rest of the Nabobs Troops, — that is
"14 Mo.s in arrear, which the Nabob will surely pay
"when he has the means, and the Difference due to be
"paid to them, now and that altho they are guilty of
"Mutiny in thus making resistance, and marching
"through the Carnatic and therefore deserve Death, yet
"the Clemity of his Highness will lead him to pass from
"that severity but on no Account will he suffer them

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" or any Soldiers to make towns with Arms on their hands",

If after all this they continue obstinate, you will please to mark and observe the most forward or the principal ringleaders among them, and Dismount them by the bayonet in the Arms and legs if they won't do it otherwise rather than by forcing but some innocent wretch suffer. If these ringleaders make any effort to cut with their swords or to offer any assault to our people, You are to come to extremities with these individuals; but not to fire in bodys upon this unfortunate Mask of people, unless in a Body they attempt to make an impression or to break through our men.

Again I pray You by all ways to try to bring them to reason by fair means without blood.

By order and with Communication of the Governor

[Signed] James Stuart

acting Commander in Chief and Commander of the Fort and Garrison of Fort St. George

P. S. take care to clear all the Avenues within Guns Shott of idle people or mob who have no business there, lest you be forced to extremities and they meet with an accident, let no man take a Gun off his Shoulder without orders if Possible do the business with the Bayonet

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The President then acquainted the Board that after communicating the acting Commanders in Chief's Order thro the Adjutant General to their People, and before the Grenadiers and Piquet of the Garrison had arrived they had peaceably delivered up their Arms, Stores and accoutrements to Lieut. Colo. Pidington, and That their Natch had paid them so much of their Arrears as to bring them on a level with his other Regiments of Cavalry and had promised them full Payment of what might be due to them, when he should be enabled to discharge the arrear of his Troops in general.

The Board approves of what has been done on this Occasion.

The President acquaints the Board that News from Poona mention that Sweram Caubar, Son of Mahadaseram and Ram Chundra Gunasheavah, with 20,000 Horse were just on the other side of the Kistnah on the 8 Nov.r and it was confidently said that their intentions were ag.t Hyder's Country - it is not said when they will march but it is conjectured that they will wait there until they are joined by a greater Force which they are in Expectation of.

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The acting Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute

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At the Board on the 30th Dumber 1775 thought proper to give temporary Ranks to certain Officers doing duty for others Absent on Leave in England, it seems just that Major Horne who may be called upon to do Duty as a Member of a General Court Martial, or otherwise, should not be Commanded by any Field Officer, who in consequence of this temporary Rank may have acquired Precedence — And, therefore, altho' I have already given my Opinion entirely against these Temporary Ranks, yet until they are totally abolished, I hope the Board will please to pay that Attention to Major Horne, which, in every respect, he Deserves by Giving him also Temporary Rank, so that he may not be Commanded by Officers to whom he was Senior before such Rank was introduced.

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Approved and Ordered accordingly.

The Board in consideration of the Nature of the Service on which the Detachment from hence to Bombay was Employed and in particular the Expence which the Sepoys were put to in the Separate Maintenance of their Families whom they were under the Necessity of leaving on the Carnatic, and more Especially because Capt.n Kelly was

permitted

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permitted on that very particular Occasion to promise such Encouragement to the men, as might induce them to go upon the Service then required, and did in consequence assure them of Double Batta while on the Expedition

Resolve, to allow Double Batta to the said Detachment while on Duty at Bombay or in the Field in like Manner as was given the Bengal Detachment from that while on Board of Ship the usual allowances shall be granted and that the extra Allowances paid at Bombay or in the Field shall be deducted from their extra Batta

The acting Commander in Chief lays before the Board his own Correspondence, together with that of the Chief Engineer, Lt. Colo. Thomson, and Major Stevens on the Public Service of Tanjore, during the interim of the Boards more pressing Business, and with the views on his part, that no time might be lost in providing for that important Garrison, as well as to procure information for them finally to Resolve upon a fixed Plan for a permanent accomodation of the Garrison necessary to that Place and for new modelling and Strengthening the Works of that Fortress, so as with the smallest expence to give it

additional

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additional Strength as also to point out the State and Condition of the Military Stores, shewing what are still necessary to be provided.

To the Right Honble Lord Pigot

My Lord

By this conveyance I do myself the Honor to transmit you the Plan of the little Fort of Tanjore, with the Design of a Rampart for fortifying it against the Town together with those of Barracks for 1 Grenadier and two Battalion Companies of Europeans, and a Battalion of Sepoys with their Officers; an Artillery Park; two Magazines and a Labaratory: which I would sooner have forwarded had I not laboured under some difficulties in keeping the Buildings tolerably Level to save Expence &c. It would be natural to conclude from inspecting the Plan that the Project for the Battn of Sepoys is not compact, but they are constructed in this Form on Account of having Ground for good Foundation. &c

The References in the Plan lead to the several Buildings near the Barracks for the Europeans are drawn in finished Lines others for three Battn Companys and

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and should it be at any Time necessary to compleat the Battalion there will be room for the remaining three Companies in the other Wing of the Square.... You may observe by the particular Plan of the Barracks, that they might occasionally contain near double the Number they are constructed for.

The Sepoy Barracks are planned by allowing a room 24 feet by 15 for a Quarter of a Company or 25 Men which though too little to lodge them comfortably yet considering that they will and must have Huts for their Families, I make no doubt but such as remain in the Barracks will have plenty of Room.

It is not improbable but that three Barracks would accommodate two Battalions of the space between the South Wall of the Pagoda and Rampart was given them in addition to the compassed at the Barracks to build Houses for their Families otherwise this spot must be preserved if necessary for a Barrack of another Battalion.

The Officers Quarters if more convenient may be placed in the spaces of the Guarden which your Lordship pointed out to me Viz.s from an Alignment with the North Wall of the Pagoda towards the Magazine

in

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in the S.West Angle.

The Magazines will hold each thousand Barrels with Ease, but the Floors may be made that they will contain each Six hundred more.

My Intention in all the Buildings is to have them built with Brick and Chunam, and the Lodgings, Barracks &c. except the Magazines, to be covered with a Shun Arch as specified by the Particulars Plans. — I know not whether your Lordship and the Board may approve of this method, but as the Country Timbers is not very good especially for Spans of any Capacity, will be difficult to procure in Quantities, and as Palmiras must be brought as far as Jaun Leaves from Nagapatan or Tranquebar which will be tedious and Expensive; I cannot but conceive these Arches as the most eligible mode for Expedition and Expence, I should good and lasting Barracks be desired. — Your Lordship will undoubtedly expect that I should say something regarding the Expence, but as for the Mode of conducting Buildings and Repairs at our Garrisons I see not how an Engineer can pretend to come near an Estimate of their Value, Yet, that your Lordship may from some Idea of the same shond the Plan I carried into Execution; I have made an Estimate of one Set of Officers Quarters

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Quarters, and the Barracks of the Grenadier and Battalion Companies somewhat I make the following rough Estimate of the whole the Sette of Officers Quarters (a) 806½ — 1291

Commandg Officers — Do — about 806/2 — 2209?

Barracks for the Grenadier Company — 1591

— two Battalion Do — 1899

Out Houses — about 300 — 3790

Barracks for 10 Companies of Seapoys about 860 Pay each — 8600

Black Officers about — 1720 — 10320

Artillery Park — 1935

Magazines 2 @ 2876 — 5752

Laboratory — about — 200

Carried Pagoda 31097

Should the Designs for the Buildings meet with Approbation, Caught in Point of Expence, they may be made lighter by laying the Bricks in Mud instead of Chunam, saving as much Plastering in the Officers Quarters as possible; and not laying any Brick and Chunam Floors — But if the Expence far exceeds what may be wished, the only Method which remains to be pursued is to erect such Buildings as may be necessary to cover the Troops with Clay Walls &c.a in the Country stile, they will soon

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some time, but will probably be wanting a most Repairs.

The following is a Compilation, made for the Rampart against the Town, the Front of which I have only supposed to be revetted with Brick work, and have only an Earthen Parapet. The Passage of the Gate to the Town I allow to be revetted and Arched with Guard Room on each side. In like manner I mean the Gate to the Country if made at P; but if it be made at Q a Passage only will be necessary, as the Coberam will serve as Guard Room; and in this Case I have supposed a narrow Passage thro' the Rampart at P as a sally port the same as at M. The Gate at Q would undoubtedly be the handsomest Entrance & possibly in some respects the most convenient, Yet I cannot divest myself of the Opinion I had Viz.t that it would be safer at P; and in other points more, if not in all equally Convenient. Which ever may be Determined upon it is to be wished that it was immediately Ordered, as it is much wanted for the use of the Garrison and will be very convenient for the Workmen and Materials Raising the exterior Revetment of the new

Rampart

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Rampart to its Level 1215 Cub.d Yds. 1/4	1518.	31. 40
Removing about 28 thousand Cub.d Yards Earth for the Rampart with Ramming Water &c.a about 12 A/c.s for a Pagoda.	2333.	14. 0
Making a Gateway and Guard Room in Brick work under the Rampart	978.	" "
Making a Gateway with the same at P and a draw Bridge or Gate way at Q and Sally port at P	1331.	" "
A Sally Port at M	250	" "
Drains about	1000	" "
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Whatever Orders the Board may give your Lordship may depend on it that no Diligence shall be wanting on my Part to bring them forward as expeditiously and frugally as in my Power — I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect &c.a

Tanjore
the
14th May 1776

[Signed] Wm. Stevens
Director Engineer

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To Major Stevens

Engineer

Sir

The Hon.ble the President and Council have been pleased to appoint you to the Charge of the Works of Tanjore, and have put under Your Command Captain Dugod and Ensign Banks. You will therefore proceed thither with all convenient Expedition. Ensign Banks may proceed immediately, and Captain Dugood will join you as soon as he has delivered over the Charge of the Survey on which he is now employed.

Colonel Harper will be directed to order on your Arrival, all the Workmen to be put under Your Management

The Ramparts of Tanjore being in general too high, they should be lowered, as much as can conveniently be done without depriving them of any part of the Command of the Country; and such of the Cavaliers as do not answer some particular good purpose of Defence, should be removed altogether. Parapets should be formed of a proper thickness And the Gateways should be so altered as at the same time that they will become secure they may yield considerable defence to the Dikes.

The South front of the Little Fort being much exposed and without any Flank defence, I wish you to

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to consider of some means of obtaining one Tenth of the small Room of the inner Wall as can admit of the Flank defence and will compose the Communication of the Fausse bray when the Parapets are thereto should be taken away. There are two Towers the one upon the East and the other upon the West face of the little Fort which Projects beyond the rest that with the addition of proper Parapets will yield a Flank defence to those parts of the South East and South west Angles that are most exposed.

The old Materials that will be got by lowering the Rampart and Barriers, may be used in forming Parapets & making good the Ramparts in such places as require it, If they are laid in Clay and pointed with Chunam and the upper part of the Walls secured with a Coat of Chunam or Plaister, they will be equally strong with the other parts of the Fort

As from the Largeness of the two Forts it will be impossible to find Troops sufficient for the defence of a Covertway of such Extent, I think a Passage sufficient for the convenience of supporting a Communication all round them as much as should be attempted. Any part of what that is opposed to an Enemy may be palisaded occasionally

A provision of Materials should always be kept in readiness to consist of at least 2 Wooden Platforms complete and some spare Plank and Joists for Sleepers, Embrasures

&c

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&c. 2000 black Palmeiras, 4 or 5000 Pieces of Country Wood
for Pallisades, 4000 Spike Nails 1500 Gabions, 6000 Fascines
of 12, 9 & 6 feet long 30,000 Pickets of 2½ — 4 and 6 feet long or
100 Mullets which should be increased to twice that number
when there is a certainty of a Design being formed against the
Place — Should an Attack be made either against the great
or little Fort a Work to defend the Communication between them
will become necessary, the Spot on which can best be
determined upon the Spot. You have herewith such Ideas
as have occured to me on inspecting the Plans, They were formed
with a view of having the Ramparts equally serviceable on
either Face by only raising the Parrapet, as the collateral
Works will both ways defend each other —

As there is much to be considered precious to the
forming the little Fort into a Citadel of any importance such
as the Works necessary The interior Buildings Store houses,
Magazines &c.a of which there are now at present. It must
remain for the future Determination of the Board which
makes it only requisite now to have the Communication between
the Forts so secured as that at proper hours it may be shut
against the Town —

In case of an Attack some Works may
be thrown up before the Angles of the surrounding Wall of the
great

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great Pagoda to render it capable of Defence to give them greater Command, I think the Powder Magazines should be placed as near the Ramparts as they can conveniently

Sam. Sir.

Your most Obed. humble Servt

Signed Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer

Fort St George

17th Nov. 1776.

Dear Major

Colonel Stuart with Shawanoes to day for the first time is very desirous of having the Works of Tanjore prosecuted with Dispatch, and therefore wishes to know from you the Number of Workmen that can be collected in order to carry on your Designs for the Buildings in the little Fort into Execution; and likewise how many you imagine may be employed to advantage in the Repairs of the Ramparts that they may if possible, go on together

He is much at ease to find you made no Objections to the Guns and Shot that have been already sent to Tanjore, as he was alarmed by some reports from thence, that the Shot did not answer the Calibre of the Guns. Their Carriages are finished, and will be sent as soon as the Season will permit. As these Guns

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Guns had a full proportion of shot sent with them, he wishes to supply the old serviceable Tanjore Guns with their full Complements, if the Foundry Answers, and is desirous That the Quality of the Mettal may be particularly attended to. As increase of more Guns being wanted they will be sent you without Shot, that you may supply them.

Mortar Beds are ordered to be got ready & Tanjore will have its Proportion when the Number wanted is known from the Returns of Stores, which is wished for as soon as your Board can get it ready, made out according to the Directions sent Colo Stanjon

Colo Stuart will be glad to have your Opinion of the Guns London that has been made by Colo Stanjon

Sam, Dear Major

ever affectionately

yours

Patrick Ross

Fort St George
9th December 1776

To Lieut Colo Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir

On my Arrival here I found a great many Workmen employed, arising chiefly from the Directions given

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by Colo Stuart to the Engineer, to make the Officers Quarters as comfortable as possible, however shall reduce the Number of Workmen considerably, as I conceive that many of them are not worthy of material Repairs, and I mean to do nothing to them but what are absolutely necessary.

I think had Coll. Stuart been well acquainted with the Condition of the Officers Quarters, and of course, of the impossibility them tolerable, otherwise than by making considerable Repairs; He would rather have come to a Determination to have had some built on a regular Plan and of a more durable Construction than the present. — To shew their Condition, and how they will be an endless Expence as well as Trouble, I will just observe that the Quarters inhabited by Capt. Ryland, had in June last the Tyles intirely moved, and some new ones added to make up the Deficiency, that the same Quarters have been retiled 2dly The Quarters that were occupied by Capt. Long had the Tyles, likewise, intirely moved and compleated in June last, that they were again removed about two Months ago, notwithstanding I am told by Capt. Davies, who now occupies them, That during the late Rains the Water ran in at many Part. — These being Captains Quarters you may suppose are not the worst in the Garrison, and the Facts I have related will be sufficient to shew you, Coll. Stuart or the

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The Honble. Board, how frequently Workmen must be employed,
new Lyes wanted and the Inhabitants uncomfortably lodged:
and that such Quarters ought to have no Capital Repairs,
particularly when they are straggling, when they occupy a
great deal of Ground, where it is precious and must when any
regular Plan is executed, be destroyed.

I find the European Infantry Barracks
in as comfortable a state as their (Nature will admit,
except a few Window Shutters which are wanting to keep
the Weather from beating into them; the Roof it has
kept out the late Rains, well, like the Officers Quarters,
need frequently Repairs; In other respects the Barrack
is sufficient for the European Infantry at present
in the Garrison; Viz. 5 Grenadier and 2 Battalion Comps.
and they would be as well barracked as most of the
Company's Troops, are yet I esteem this Building as only
temporary, and will not contain any further Number
than the above.

A new Barrack has been built which will
contain about 50 Men. This, though I believe intended
to be added to the Infantry Barrack, is now proposed
by Coll. Stanser to be made an Artillery Barrack, as the
Infantry

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Infantry have sufficient Cover the Wall of this new Barrack, are Bricks laid in Clay, and the Roof tiled supported by Bamboes. This like the others, I account but a temporary Building, and will need to be new tiled as frequently.

A tiled Shed sufficient to contain about 300 Seapoys has been built against the East Wall of the great Pagoda it is also a temporary Building and like the others will require frequent Repairs — Coll. Kenyon wishes this Shed to be continued along front of the South Wall of the Pagoda but as we have delayed the Execution of it, till We if the Board will come to any Determination for Buildings on a more substantial and regular Plan in which Case We hope no further temporary Works will be necessary

A Necessary House has been constructed over the Drain from the little Fort, for the use of the European Barracks; and Drain made Larger and in a Substantial Manner from the Necessary to the Ditch, which is a Work that was much wanted the Drain is now continuing to the principal Street in the manner I intended in my Design and will be completed in few Days.

The old Foundery which fell down during

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during the late Rains is rebuilding in a more convenient Manner, it will be some Time before it is out of Hand, though all Expedition is used that can be.

A Passage has been made across the Ditch from the little Fort as Capt. Maul informed You) by Directions of Col. Harper, for the Men to go out to exercise; it was not quite compleated, nor can it be till some Water be drained off, and as I have Objections to cutting the Batterdeaux I have let it remain, till the Water may settle, or some other Method found of draining it; it is so far done as to answer the Purpose tolerably well, however it shall shortly by some Means or other be made convenient. - Though this Passage is made where I proposed a Carriage Road, it cannot be converted to that Use, but if such a One be ordered it must be constructed independantly - The present Passage seems well calculated for a Batterdeaux, and should it prove right may be useful for keeping up the Water round the South Face of the little Fort.

The Gate of the great Fort leading to the little one which was intended to have been hung on the

Causeway

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Fauesebray Side, I shall again put up as formerly,
not only from an Apprehension of its falling down the
Banks of the Gateway if hung on the Fauesebray
Side, but also from a Conviction that it ought to be so
hereafter. - for the present I shall put the Fastening
on the Fauesebray Side for the Reasons offered by
Capt. Maule

The Cobras which I thought would
lodge some Powder I am informed is without Remedy
unfit for such a Purpose, and there is nothing left but the
little Pagoda which I have already mentioned in my Letter
of the 6th September / stands in the Centre of the little Fort
and may contain about 200 Barrels. The Brick Building
near it which was converted into a Store house will hold nothing
more than the Arms that are now here and that in very
unmilitary Manner. These two Buildings and a little
Shed which I made in a temporary Manner on a
Supposition that it would not be required above Six Months
to keep the Sun from the Tumbrils and field Carriages,
are all the Conveniences we have in the little Fort

From the above you will judge how

We

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We are situated, and be enabled to represent it to Colo. Stuart and the Board; and from it I should hope they would be induced to come to some Determination on a plan for the interior Buildings of the little Fort, for in the present State of Uncertainty I know not how to proceed; many Conveniences are wanted, but if permanent Buildings are to be erected it is but throwing away Money and Time to build such as can last only 2 or 3 Years, and on the other Hand if we are to make the best Shift We can it is necessary to know it likewise, that such Buildings as are necessary may be done.

As it may so happen that The Board cannot immediately give precise Directions for the interior Buildings it is absolutely necessary that they should at least order a Magazine to be erected which would contain a thousand Barrels of Powder in the little Fort And as some Officers Quarters are now wanting, and others must be destroyed before many of the public Buildings can begin, I would intreat them to order a Set of the Officers Quarters proposed in my Plan to be built which will contain 10 Subaltern Officers The erecting of the Buildings immediately cannot interfere with any Plan that may hereafter be adopted.

And

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And as a Gate to the little Fort, will I think be of infinite Service in carrying on any Works that may be erected in it as well as many other good Purposes I would also wish this Matter to be once more mentioned. — I mean such a Gate and Road as will admit of Carriages.

I have further to observe that when the Set of Officers Quarters abovementioned are finished, that some old Houses which stand where I propose the Artillery Park &c and Seapoy Barracks may be removed without any Inconvenience, and there the Artillery Park and a part of the Seapoy Barracks may be carried on. — These Buildings which I have mentioned viz: the Set of Officers Quarters, the Magazine, the Artillery Park and part of the Seapoy Barracks, are in a great Measure wanted and must be erected either in a temporary or durable Manner, but as the latter may be completed in my Opinion during the next Year, I should hope that Mode would be preferred and as the present Europeans Barracks, some of the Officers Quarters and the new Seapoy tiled Shed will be left Standing, I make no Doubt if the Board will give immediate Orders to follow this Plan that We shall be tolerably

well

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well provided by the Time that the next Monsoon approaches. Should the carrying on of the Reform of the Forts as you have mentioned in your Letter to me of the 17th also be ordered to be executed it will interfere very little with the interior Buildings of the little Fort which I have proposed above, but may both be carried on at the same Time.

The Wooden Platforms which I said were formerly made here in my Letter to you of the 4th September, must have been carried away, as no such Things are to be found; therefore some must be provided.

Col. Harper tells me that the Rajah will Order 2000 Palmeras to be cut in the Country and brought in.

There are about thousand Gabions provided & a few Fascines; and I am now taking Measures for compleating the Gabions to 1500 and the Fascines to 6000 also providing 30,000 Pickets, but concerning these Articles as well of 500 Pieces of Country Wood for Palisadoes and 5000 Spike Nails I shall hereafter write you more fully.

If the Magazine be ordered to be built it shall be first nearer to the Rampart as you desire.

I am your &c. 17th Dec. 1776

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Wm Stevens
D. Engr

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To Coll Stuart, Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

Coll Hay has communicated to me the orders contained in your Letter to him. the greatest part is answered by mine Officially to Coll Roy who will undoubtedly communicate the Contents to You; its Date is the 7th Instant, and must beg leave to refer You to it as I have not time just now to Copy it.

In one particular I have been mistaken, I say that the present Infantry Barracks will compleatly hold the Grenadiers and 2 Battalion Companies but on measuring them this afternoon I find the Parts allotted to the Grenadiers will not contain above 65 Men, however as the Barrack of the other 2 Companies will hold 102 Men Coll Hay seems to be of Opinion that if an equal Division be made of the Whole according to the Compliment of the Companies that they will do very good Shift. But if you think of sending us more I know not where We can put them till Barracks are built and as I have as great an Aversion as yourself to any Temporary or patched Building; it appears to me necessary to build immediately over and above what I propose in my Letter to the Chief Engineer of the 7th Inst. the part of the Barracks for the Europeans marked in my Plan DD; this will

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hold the Grenadiers and two Battalion Companies and does not interfere with any thing at present, or will it destroy any future plan for enlarging the Barracks

Whereas the present Barracks may stand with Repairs till almost every necessary Building be compleated We may accommodate the greatest part of an European Battalion This is to be done it is further Arguement for immediately beginning the Suit of Officers Quarters which I have recommended The Spot I have attended for Europeans Barracks marked DDEE will contain good Barracks for a whole Batt on the present Establishment — It may perhaps be contrived to hold also a Company of Artillery but I cant positively say however the Building of the Range DD immediately will not interfere with any plan that may hereafter be made for enlarging them — The Barracks I have mentioned in my above quoted Letter for half a Company of Artillery is ready to receive them — You have been much misinformed respecting the Hospital in the Small Fort it is only meant to hold such Men as cannot be sent away immediately to Sullum Hy it will hold 16 Men so that if the Hospital be claimed as Sullum Bye must be looked for here for it is impossible to have it in the small Fort at least for the Present

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Present:— Some Days ago asked Mr Gordon about a proper Situation for an Hospital and he said He had seen two Places in the great Fort either of which he thought would do Since he mentioned after my objecting to the painted Poultry being accepted, and in Case of a Siege the necessity of having an Hospital within the Walls— I will go to Vellum to Morrow and see what can be done— And the whole of Hospital &c I will write You from thence—

I believe You need not be uneasy about the Shot and Guns for I believe they will fall each very well, and if I have any Judgment in Shot those they make here are as good as the best European— Capt. Mackay is expected here every Day when you will have all the matter of Fact &c fully together—

I am sorry Mr Lowrey is not here an unlucky piece of Business called him to Tinnivelly from hence; whether I had desired him to come for a few Days— As Appoo is invisible on whom I hoped to make an Impression, it is out of my own Power to do much

The subject of Destroying Vellum has been frequently talked off by almost every Body but you may depend upon it I shall not say any thing about what I know of it— I am glad to hear of the State of your Health and praising God for his kindness I remain Sir

Your very Obliged Servt.

Wm Stevens

Tanjore 4 Dec. 1776.

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To Lieut Colo Roy, Chief Engineer &c

Sir I am thus late in addressing you on the Subject of what is necessary to be done here, from my having been employed in procuring all Information and collecting the Opinions necessary.

As I have not yet been favored in the Noble Board's Intentions respecting the Repairs &c of this Garrison, and as the approaching monsoon may be commenced to set in I have attended to such Parts only of them as are most immediately necessary and can be compleated before the beginning of the Rains The present State of the Wall separating the Great from the little Fort, you are already well acquainted with from Major Stevens's Report. I was much disposed to think that the Gate of the latter at present down, should be immediately put up, but as this from the bad Condition of the Wall open in several Places, united to no addition to its Security, I have given Directions for altering the Gate of the Great Fort, so that it shall shut against it and am making proper Hinges, Hooks and Fastenings for it, this Gate now shuts against the little Fort but by turning the Gates, and fixing them in the opposite Side of the Joints,

it

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it will be rendered more secure than it has hitherto been and have its Fastenings within the little Fort.

At present the greatest Inconvenience the Commandant complains of from their being no Gate from the little Fort towards the Country is the Distance the Troops are obliged to march through the Great Fort to their Exercising Ground, and are thereby at two great a Distance from the little one — He has directed one to make out a Passage across the Ditch in the East Face as well as to admit two Men to march abreast The Salley Port marked P in Major Stevens Plan is already sufficiently large, and this Passage only is necessary to answer the Purpose; One side of it is already formed by some masonry remaining of a former Communication, the other I prepare running at with some Iron Stones now lying on the Counterscarp, and Glacis at that Face of the Fort, and as it is an only necessary to make it six Feet wide, into to be completed in a little time and at a trifling Expence.

Major Stevens in his Letter to you of the 4th Inst. says that the Soldiers may be lodged in the Casemates where they now are, if the men who are off Duty take the Births of those who are on Colo. Harper thinks it too great an Hardship on them to be deprived of their Beds and Cots during the time they are in Duty & has

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has therefore directed me to survey a shed where they may to all lodged without falling under most inconvenience. I have therefore begun a Double Shed of Brick and mud fifty feet in length the Bamboos for the Covering of which are already in the Fort, and the materials will again serve where required for any other Purpose. He has also desired I would inspect the Tyling of the Malabar Houses and Choultries where the Officers and Soldiers are lodged - this will render them as Water tight, and comfortable as the time and their wretched Condition will admit of. It is necessary to mark slight Walls in the Insides of the Squares of the Choultries to prevent the Rain from beating in leaving proper openings

I have told Colonel Harper that I think 6000 Fascines of 10, 8, and 6 feet, 1500 Gabions of 4 and feet, and 25,000 Pickets of Sizes will be necessary as a Garrison Store - he has applied to the Rajah who has promised him my Assistance in his Power even to the making them

I hope you will be Assured that no one Work has been undertaken which Colo. Harper has not thought absolutely necessary, and as what is put in hand will be as much as with all possible Expedition can

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can be compleated before the setting in of the Rains,
I must beg your procuring me the necessary Leave granting
me your own to proceed to Madras where some
Business requires me — I shall not leave this untill
I can assure myself of the Work being speedily compleated.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt and very
humble Servant
Geo. Maule

Tanjore
the
Sept. 20, 1776.

To Lieut. Col. Harper
Tanjore

/Copy/

Sir

As I find myself sufficiently recovered to attend to publick business, I write you this, and at the same time beg the favor of you to let Major Stephens know it as I wish to hear from you both, how Matters go on at Tanjore. I have had some little uneasiness on a Supposition that the Ball sent from hence, as the Compliment for the 16 Guns, are not of a proper Caliber. The Opinion I have of Capt. Mainwaring in whose Department that Business lies that I can scarce give credit to the Report. I dont expect that they are to fit with the precision of an English well cast 24 Pounder, but am persuaded they will be found both the Ball and Cannon, sufficiently fit for any Service to be expected from them,

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there, I shall not be easy untill I have an exact Account of the matter. There has been such a variety of Returns of Stores, that they only serve to puzzle and confound; therefore what I wish you now to give your Attention to, is, that a sort of Board be formed thoroughly to investigate matters, to state particularly what Guns, Mortars and Stores are now at Tanjore really of use, and serviceable, and what are necessary wants to put that Garrison in tolerable State of Defence - I believe the Board will not think of providing any thing more than what is absolutely necessary untill they hear from home, nor do they mean that exact nicety in the quality of the Guns and Stores, as is the practice in this Garrison with this precaution I hope such a Return may be made, as from the quantity you may not too much alarm by the accounts of experience or difficulty of supply - are comparing this return one can easily form a Judgement of the Stores that are unserviceable, and thus we can proceed to business.

I am sorry to hear, our Experiments for casting Ball is likely not to answer, I dare say you will not persevere, if after Major Stevens advice, the metal cannot be cast sufficiently solid, or of the proper calibre

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and I hope the expence incurred has not been considerable.

My Intention is to move the Board, that half of the Artillery Company of Artillery (in which half is included the party already in Tanjore) be in Garrison in Tanjore the eldest Lieutenants will march them, and Captain Mackay will find proper employment for them, so soon as your acquaint me that Quarters are ready, the orders shall be sent to Trichinopoly.

I Make my Compliments to my friend Major Stevens and tell him, that as I have his plan of the intended Buildings in the small Fort, we can correspond with great ease on that Subject; and shall be very happy, if in the Construction of the Barracks for 300 Europeans, he may contrive it, so as with Expedition and small expence, they may be augmented to hold a compleat Battalion on the present Establishment; as also Barracks for a Company of Artillery; for I am certain that Number will be found absolutely necessary, and I trust in the Construction of these Buildings the Work will be such as not to need the continual Repairs and Reports, which the Board is plagued with from every Garrison in the Carnatick.

I am

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The Powder Magazines in the small

and Great Fort, seem to me a matter requiring immediate

attention; and I should think that as the Expence will

be the same, if all these Works are to be executed on the

plan of new Modelling the Rampart if the weather

permits, and proper Overseers can be had, the more

Bricklayers and Labourers that are employed, it would

be more for the benefit of the Service, as much time

may be thereby saved. but this will depend upon

Major Stuarts knowledge of these Matters —

I wish to know from you if the Men have

been fully instructed as yet in the Alterations in the

Exercise and Manoeuvres lately ordered. I desired Coll.

Edmonstoun to write recommending to the Adjutant

to provide the proper Stuff in the Sanjore Country

for the Pouches and Cross belts, for the Battalion

and I suppose the Pouches are blacked and waxed

according to order I am

Sir

Your most Obed.

Humble Servant

James Stuart

Fort St George

2d Decr 1776

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To Colonel Stuart

Sir

We are still waiting for Captain Mackay from Tellicherry, who sailed to day — As soon as he arrives we shall examine into the State of every thing in Garrison in order to send you a particular account of the whole — He has been detained there on account of a General Court martial, of which he was made a Member —

I beg leave to inform you that I have consulted with Major Stevens, and find that the Addition made to the Barracks, is sufficiently Dry to receive the Artillery, whenever you please to order them here and we shall be able to accommodate the men tolerably well — But we have not a Quarter to put the Officers in — They must therefore live in Tents, till Quarters can be provided — for which purpose, I hope an order will be sent without delay, to Build those Major Stevens has represented to the Chief Engineer as absolutely necessary to be set about immediately.

In looking over my Papers I found to my surprise — Major Norris Letter and Reports of the Proof of Powder, which I really thought, I had returned to

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to you— I now enclose them back, and beg you'll be so
kind as to excuse the Neglect.

I have been weeghing and Gageing some
of the Twenty pound Shott that have been Cast here,
I find that they fell the Guns altho they only weigh
Eighteen Pounds and are just the Gage of an Eighteen
pounder— This convinces me, that they must be Called
and to all appearance they are as fine Shott as ever
was Cast. In a few days I hope you'll hear from
me more fully

I remain with Respect

Sir Your most Obed. humble
Servant

H. Harper

Tanjore
18th Dec. 1776.

To Coll. Stuart

Sir

I have been favored with your Letter of
the 2d Inst. and am glad to find you are Capable of attending
to Business again, I have made Major Stevens acquainted
with its Contents, to whom, I had prior to the receipt
of

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of yours, intimated my intention (when Capt.n Mackay returned from Tuticorin) which will be to morrow of Summoning them both to a meeting for the very purpose you mention, and you may depend I shall as soon as possible give you as full and ample an Account of every thing in this Garrison, as we can.

With respect to the Casting of Shott, Major Stevens is of Opinion with me: That there is no doubt of his answering very well; we have had some Difficulties, Chiefly owing to the Weather, being Obliged to fit up the Foundry at the time the Monsoons were coming on, Which made it very damp, and during four days heavy Rain a great Part of it fell in and impeded our progress in the Business. Major Stevens (as well as myself) is of Opinion that the Shott already made, are very good and Solid, but we intend to have them try'd to be certain if they will stand, or not. The Troops are Drilling morning and Evening nor has the least time been lost, since we were able to begin the new Exercise, the weather has been very unfavorable but we are coming on as well as can be expected The Pauches here for the Europeans have been

blacked

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blacked, but I have not heard a word, about the Corps and Pouch belts.

With respect to the different works you mention, which are certainly necessary to be done, and I should imagine the sooner they are begun the better, / this being a good time and no scarcity of People for the purpose, therefore the order is only wanted

I remain with much Respect

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

H Harper

Tanjore

Dec.r 6th 1776.

To Colonel Stuart

Acting Commander in Chief

Sir

On the application of the Military Store Keeper I have had a proof of the Powder now at the Mill ready to be rock'd into Stones which you'll perceive by the accompanying Report is Proof Capt.n Mannoury sent us four Samples of Tanjore Powder which I have proved and am Sorry to find it so very Bad The first Sample which is much the best is not above half Proof and the only use that can be made of it is firing

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firing Salutes and Morning and Evening Guns
The other three Sorts are of no Manner of use, you'l
therefore perceive the Absolute necessity of sending an
Immediate Supply of Powder to Tanjore, as I remem-
-ber there is not 500 Pound of your Powder in the
place except the made up Ammunition which
Surprized me very much when I saw the Return of
Stores sent from Tanjore - But on mentioning
it was informed there was a very large Quantity found
in the place - If these are the only Sorts they have the
place is not Safe were there any Enemy in the
Country for three days or even a Single one I could wish
to have trouble the Powder now at the Mills instead
of being put in our Magazines at Madras was
immediately sent to Tanjore as an Immediate Supply -

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

Sir

Your most humb.e & Lord.p

M Horne

Fort St George
16th Octr 1776

At a Board taking the aforegoing under
their consideration, & after expressing their Approbation
of the Acting Commander in Chiefs Conduct in these

fire

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particulars. Resolve that Major Stevens be em-
powered to go on with his Plan communicated
to the Board for the Barracks & Magazines, within
the Small Fort & at the same time with new
modelling & Strengthening the Wall or Rampart in
the manner that seems most effectual to answer
the intentions of the Board, which are to Strengthen
those Works with a little Expence of new Materials
as possible. That Major Stevens be likewise em-
powered to do what he sees necessary in regard
to the small Fort, & to order Matters in such a
Manner, as that it may have, at least equal Strength
in its exterior towards the Country, with any other part
of the Circuit of the Works; and on as many
parts as possible to flank & be flanked by the Great
Fort; but, also that it may have that Advantage of
of a Citadel as to afford a Retreat to such part of the
Garison as can be accommodated within it, & in all
Events may Command & Range to the utmost within
the Town, in case of insurrection or Mutiny of
the Troops. That Major Stevens be also Authorized
so to construct the Buildings within the small
Fort for the Numbers fixt in his Plan, as they
may admit of a considerable Augmentation at the
smallest expence whenever the Board shall deem it
necessary. And as the Board expect that these
buildings will be made in the most durable
manner, It is Ordered, that no more

temporary

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temporary Works be constructed, except where Major Stevens shall see it absolutely Necessary for the immediate necessities of the present Garrison

Resolved also, that Major Stevens be directed minutely to observe the Nature of the Ground within the large Fort, & to mark upon the Plan for the information of the Board, how much Space ought to be cleared necessary for an Esplanade even on the smallest Scale, before that part of the small Fort, fronting the Town; & to Consider of the propriety of making certain Streets & Avenues there these running at right Angles to that Front, Also that he look out for some place within the Walls & at no great distance from the small Fort, where the remainder of the European Force which cannot be conveniently be contained in the small one, might be accommodated, & to consider of the propriety of intrenching or otherwise enclosing this Ground to to prevent Surprize. Resolved further, that Major Stevens be directed to have in view to fix upon three or more proper Spaces of Ground, at equal distances from each other in the great Fort, & adjoining to the Wall, so that at each place Barracks may be built for one Battalion of Sepoys. At the same time that he be informed, that every thing here said concerning the Spaces of Ground to be occupied within the Great Fort, is not meant to be made Public or to be communicated to the

Rajah

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Rajah at present. The Board have the fullest confidence in Major Stevens, that every thing here entrusted to his Charge will be done not only in the best manner to answer their intentions — but, likewise with the Strictest Regard to Oconomy

Ordered, that Major Stevens be directed to form proper Estimates of the Expence of the aforegoing, & that he do transmit the same to the Board for their information as soon as possible.

The President acquaints the Board, that the Nabob in many of his late Letters, — having Represented the infinite distress he has been reduced to for Money, not only for the Pay of his Army & private Creditors, but, even for the discharge of his Engagements with the Company that he (the President) had strenuously Recommended to him as some small relief, a Retrenchment of the unnecessary Expences of his Government & Household, which have hitherto been very — Considerable and likewise that he would Establish his unavoidable Disbursements, in a degree — proportionate to his Revenues. That the Nabob hath in Consequence begun upon this Reform so Essentially necessary at this time to the prosperity of his Affairs, — and the President has the satisfaction of communicating to the Board

that

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that the Retrenchment of Superfluous Charges already made saves to the Nabob an Annual Revenue of about 20 Lacks of Rupees. And further the Presidents assures the Board, as the Nabob has acquiesced so readily in the Advice he has given him on this occasion he will persevere in recommending to him the most provident Management of his Finances, which from the good disposition of the Nabob, he has every reason to believe will have the desired Effect. The Board are happy to express their entire approbation of the Presidents Conduct on this Occasion, & the more especially, as they are equally well Convinced with him, that the Nabob has been for some time past in the greatest distress for the necessary Supplies of his Government.

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22d Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

D.o
Recd Lieut. Rob.t with
Report of the Number
of People employed on
the Works

To the Honble George Lin Dan Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	54
Tankdiggers	752
Coolies	404
Lascars	78
Stonecutters	35
Sundry Artificers	0
Amounting in all to	1323

I have the honor to be with the respect

Honble Sirs & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t and most

humble Servt.

Fort St George

22d December 1776

Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engineer

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At a Consultation present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr.

Monday } Governor President
23d. Decr. 1776 }

Henry Brooke — Jas. Stuart

Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

Mr. Palmer indisposed

The Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.

Read Letter from Cuddalore with Papers

accompanying

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Ordered, that the above be referred to the Military Paymaster, and the Acting Commissary General.

Read Letter from the Chief and Council at Ganjam

Military Department

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

Lieut.t Gowdie, previous to the receipt of our Letter directing him to remain encamped at Dugapundy had marched in pursuit of Juggannaut 1800, and driven him entirely out of the Vizianagurs Zemindary. Most of his Family are taken, with some Tents, and other Baggage Many of the Inhabitants have since accepted Cowle from the Rajah, and the Country is so far settled as to allow of our withdrawing the greatest part of the Detach.t We have accordingly issued orders to the Commanding Officer for that purpose directing him to leave 3 Companies of the 4.th Circar Battalion for the Protection of the Zemindary and to order Lieutenant Gowdie with 4 Companies of the 3.d Circar Battalion encamped at Dugapondy

To Ganjam informing of the Death of Mr. Bowman Surgeons assistant and requesting that another be appointed in his room

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to march to Tekapour that they may be in readiness to proceed
to Masulipatam agreeably to Your Commands signified to us
by the Military Secretary in his Letter of the 20th Inst.

The Death of Mr Bowen makes it necessary
for us to request that Your Honor &c will be pleased to furnish
us with a Surgeons Assistant to reside at Arka, and
attend the Troops when They take the field. should Your
Honor &c resolve on attaching the Goomaw Rajah
the person whom you may appoint cannot be with us to
soon as the Troops must in that case take the field early
in January.

We have the honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your most Obedt humble Servants

Charles Smith

R. Maunsell

Tho. Dyneley

Robt Hughes

F Hudleston

Ganjam
7th Decr 1776

Ordered, That the Senior Surgeon be directed to send an
Assistant Surgeon to Arka in the room of Mr Bowen

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Read the following Letter from the Nabob, with

Copy of a Letter from Tuljaje the Rajah of Tanjore to Hyder

Ally Cawn

From the Nabob's Copy of a Letter written by the Rajah of Tanjore to Hyder Ally

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton Dated 30th Novr

I have repeatedly sent Advices from Tanjore, that Tuljaje is Collecting the Revenues of the Tanjore Country as fast as he possibly can, and applies them to the prejudice of my Rights, and to encrease his own Power which Lord Pigot very unjustly has given up to him I have enclosed in this Letter for your Perusal the news I received from Tanjore. When I first understood these Injuries, I was much afraid In the year 1773, the same Tuljaje instead of giving one Pushcush wanted to give it to our own Enemies to encrease his own Authority, which Governor General Hastings who was here at that time knows very well. I now send a Copy of the News I recd from Pone the 3d Sheet which I sent in a Letter of 24th March 26th Sheet to the Governor General at Bengal at the Time of the taking of Tanjore, many Letters of Hyder and others People, and the Soul Copies wrote by Tuljaje came into my Hands. I have sent you Copies of two Letters wrote by Tuljaje to Hyder

I understood from the News of Tanjore that Hyder is making Demands for the Money Tuljaje had agreed to pay him, And that Tuljaje assures him he will pay it

According

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According to his former Agreement. Sow the first Siege and also the Seiong.

when and the Governor and Gov.r and Council sent to punish Tulgajee and take Tanjore from him, this amongst many other was one Reason Cyf. that he had acquired such great Power by giving the Revenues of Tanjore to my Enemies in order to disturb the Tranquility of the Carnatic, and to increase his Authority by injuring my Rights. Now in the same manner the whole Revenues of the Tanjore Country are in his possession, which Power Could approve of When an opportunity offers he undoubtedly will raise such Tumult and Disturbances as neither you nor I shall be able to remove.

When the Country of Tanjore was in my Hands, my Sepoys were paid out of the Revenues thereof, but now I have not wherewith to pay my Army, by Reason of the whole Revenue being given up to him, and he by Deviding them amongst our Enemies has acquired four times the Power he had Therefore now write to desire, that out of the Revenues of the Tanjore Country Tulgajee may be allowed sufficient to bear his and his household Expences, then pay the Companys Garrison stationed there, and take into Your possession the rest till I have Justice done me from England after this I will send Copies of the Letters of Tulgajee, Hyder, and Morari Row which Tulgajee and his Father wrote

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Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Thatton dated 4th Decr. 1776.

I have sent enclosed for your Perusal a paper of News received from Tanjore. Whatever I may more News of Tanjore dated 10th Showal or 23 Novr. and received the 22d Showal or 5th December

The Aumildar of the Soubah of Papanasse has agreed to make an addition to the Revenues of 10 Lacks of Rollahs of Paddy, to take upon himself the Payment of the Ballance of last Year and to make Advances to the Tenants. Heis set out for the said place. As the Time the Harvest was gathered in the Tenants were much oppressed and ran away. Some Parts the Harvest is over, and in others the Grain is quite spoilt for want of being cut. Tulgajee has already recd. 5 Lacks of Chuckrums from the District of Tanjore. Tulgajee has sent Hanuck Benka Pilla a present of a Dress on the occasion of his late Marriage.

Being Harvest Time he has taken 2000 Peons into his Service and has stationed them on the different Districts. He cannot entertain Sepoys in his Service without the Permission of the English, therefore he is raising Peons he has at present 700 stationed under the Command of his Slave Tondeman, and 500 under a Slave named Aboogee Naig, besides the Sepoys of Mowla and the Cavalry which he

he formerly kept. Hees daily raiseng Men

Tulgajee has sent Apoo Moodelier a Present of a Turban

a Sword and a Sheild

Hee said that the Inhabitants of the Soubas of Hoom

=humm, Papnassy and Terriaddee, are bringing back

the Cattle which they sent some time ago to Graze at

Alangoor

The Troops and Sepoys belongeing to the Corean who

were Stationed in the Districts of Nault, have not rec.d

any Pay for these two Years in Consequence of which

they have left their Commanding Officer and are comeing into

the Presence. some of them went by the Way of Torkatpillee

and Nutternuggur Hyder sent Word to these People that

if they would come to him, he would pay them their arrears.

They wrote Hyder in answer that they would first go into the

Presence, receive the Pay and get their Discharge and would

then come. The Hircarrahs brought Tulgajee this Intelli=

=gence

Tulgajee received Letters from the Governor of Nagapatton

by the means of Hanmuk Bhumma Pillay.

The affairs of Tanjore are managed by Nudgapah a

Moormehe and Vinguts Petty Tulgajees Physician

They have paid half the money for the Guns ammunition

&c.a which was brought

Breithlayen

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Bricklayers answerfaining the Bastions of the Fort of

Sheevagoonga, one of the Bastions of the Fort has fallen

down and killed 10 Workmen and wounded several others

Copy of a Letter from Sujajee to Hyder wrote by Nair

Pundut Deburow

I carefully understand the Contents of a

Letter sent to Cinhat Narunah, and a Letter from Zeinul

Abudy Khan to me, in which it was particularly mentioned

that as soon as the Bills for 50 Lacks of Rupees and rich

Shaw is no doubt but the Business will be completed. I have

wrote very circumstantially to you concerning my own

affairs People suspect that there is great Wealth in

this Place, and there is not one Cash, I have scanned what

Jewells there were, and have even sold some Districts.

For this reason I have supported myself till now.

The Enemy have besieged the Fort they have brought

their Guns close to the Ditch, and innumerable Shot

come into the Fort. The Walls of the Fort are broken,

in such they are now battering many of the Enemy are

killed and wounded we have Skirmishes every day on the

outside of the Fort. There is nothing now remaining

for them to do but to storm the Fort. I also already

If I had money now and did not make use of it What

other time will it be of more Service to me, I would not

Conceal

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Conceal it from you. God is witness to the Truth of what I have wrote. My Country is the only Wealth I have left. If you will take the Country of Meravour, Wordwatoor, Palkolah and Woodiapalliah and will restore to the former Possessors I will take upon my self the whole Burden of these places, provided you manage it so that I may be in any respect dependant upon Mahomed Aly Khaun and the 4 Lacks of Rupees Pusheash which I should give to him I will pay to you. Thus please to settle all my affairs and take these 4 Places and restore them to their Owners and we will give you 50 Lacks of Rupees. There is no Doubt of this Mahomed Aly Khaun has done this very unexpectedly You are very sensible discreet and provident, I have only just hinted this to you, as I have not Leisure to write more fully, My affairs are very desperate, if you make any Delays now your utmost Efforts afterwards will be all to no purpose. Your Vakeel has wrote you very particularly and I have also wrote a Letter to Lieut.l Abed Khan who will acquaint you of the Contents

I hope you will immediately comply with my Request I do not hope for Assistance from any other Person nor will I seek the Friendship of any one. this you may be assured of.

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From the Nabob with Intelligence from Tanjore

Read Letter from the Nabob under date the 4th Instant, - accompanying Intelligence rec.d from Tanjore

Entered in Co.s Corr.e No.

Read the following Letter from the Nabob,

entered in Co.s Corr.e No. 128

From the Nabob request that the Battalions due to him from the Tanjore Revenues be immediately discharged

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton Dated 18th Dec.r 1776

You have lately been and Eye Witness to the very dangerous Situation of Distress, to which Lord Pigot's Breach of his Agreement about the Arrears due to my Troops from the Tanjore Country has brought me. My House surrounded by my Troops demanding those Arrears which Lord Pigot has not only unjustly withheld from them, but which he has put it only of my Power to discharge. It is equally difficult for me without Money either to keep up my Troops or to disband them But even if I had Money it would be of the most dangerous Consequence to the Company and me to disband my Cavalry as they would immediately go to Plunder. What shall I do, unless you immediately or by the Rights of my Troops and Creditors from the Tanjore Country to be discharged? Lord Pigot unjustly promised in the Presence of you and Mr. Stone to discharge them

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those Arrears out of the Revenues of Tanjore, and unless this ~~~
Promise is now performed, my Business must fall into great
Confusion. As you regard the Safety of my Person and Govern.t
and the Tranquillity of my Country, I request you will
give immediate Orders to pay me the Revenues of last Year
and the Ballances due to me from the Inhabitants out
of the Revenues of this Year, which will be of some
Assistance to me.

I am much obliged to you for your Advice
to me, recommending the Monthly Payments of my Troops,
and this your friendly advice coincides with my own Wishes.
I am now making Arrangements in this Business on which
depends on Your Favor, as the Arrears of my Troops
must be paid from Tanjore. I therefore earnestly request
that you will immediately obtain for me the Revenues
of Tanjore for the last Year, and also the Ballances
due to me therefrom, in this present Year.

The President acquaints the Board that
in several Conversations he has had with the Nabob
he urged to him the absolute necessity of putting his Cavalry
and

advice he had given him on the Subject, being well assured that he had no other views therein than as it tended to the Interest of the Company and for the Welfare of the Carnatic which he should always make it his study should be inseparably connected, That he was much concerned it was out of his power to pay the Arrears due to this valiant Corps for the payment he had engaged to make to the Company, the heavy Debt he owed to Individuals the payment of the Cavalry (as recommended by the Presidents) and their Necessary expences to himself family and Dependants would exhaust all his Revenues, so that unless the promise made by Lord Pigot was fulfilled of having these Arrears paid from the Demand he had on the Tanjore Country he should be reduced to the greatest Distress being apprehensive that the other Regiments would mutiny in the same manner as the two did not long since from the want of their Arrears, the Nabob therefore hoped the President would take this matter under Consideration and give him Relief The President assured the Nabob that nothing should be wanted on his part in writing again to the Rajah on this Subject

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The President thinks it necessary to record the above Conversation to explain to the Board what the Nabob alludes to in the Letter now read from him.

The Presidents having obtained the present State of the Nabobs Cavalry thinks it necessary to lay the same before them for their Information — Viz.t

Cavalry — seven Regiments containing of

5 Regiments of 540 ea. . . . . 2700 Horse

2 Do. of 300 ea. 600 3300

To the first 5 Regiments the follg. force is attached

	Men Artly	Guns	Horse	Light Infantry
	300	20	100	500
Each of 2 Regts	120	4	24	200

Three Regiments stationed in the Great Soubah

From Do. . . . Do. in Trichy Do.

Agreed, that a Letter be wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore to explain to him the distressed Situation of the Nabob and to Desire he will take some effectual and speedy means for shaving off part of the Nabobs Claim on the Tanjore Country, for the Govt. share of the Crop of the last Year.

Mr. Sourdon acquaints the Board that he has already given his Opinion, that this Representation ought

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ought to be made to the Royal in Person, — that a Repetition of what has already been written to him, can be of little avail without further Explanation, which Explanation will have no Effect by Letter — I Read Letter from the Nabob dated 17th Instant entered in Cons. Con. No

From the Nabob request that the Dubash Nam Pandit also his Writers and Accountants be sent for from Tanjore, in order that he may be enabled to settle his Accounts

Translation of a Letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Thatton, Dated 7th Lucaudabar 19th Dec. 1776.

One Amongst the many Injuries and Injustice which Lord Pigot has done to my Rights is the Seizing and carrying off my Accountants with all their Accounts the Aumildars &c. my Servants, and then by writing me in a Letter dated 13th May that he was informed by Narew Pundit Dubash that I had Collected from the Country of Tanjore in the Space of three Years forty Lacks of Pagodas and also that he had Parwanas from the Dubash that the Amounts of the Produce of the Tanjore Country for the Year 1185 or 1775 was only twelve Lacks of Pagodas, that my Servants and Current Charges amounted to the full Sum of nine Lacks of Pagodas and there remained to be collected by Tulpajee 3 Lack of Pagodas I wrote an Answer to Lord Pigot the 3d Rebeeul Sanee or 22 May by which you may be informed I did not collect in the Year 1185 Fizlee according to my Reckoning more than three Lack of Pagodas, but reason of the Dubash Nam Pandit Nudgah my Accountants and Aumildars and other Servants not bringing me an

Their

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their Accounts, I am entirely ignorant both with respect to the Revenues and the Ballances of Tanjore — When Lord Pigot was displeased at my writing to the Governor and Council he privately desired to write to them without shewing him the foul Copy, I sustained to you his reasons for this in a Letter of the 19th Shaubaum or 3d October, therefore at that time I did not mention to you any thing about Nawr Pundut Debure &c. I now beg leave to trouble you to do me the favor to send for Nawr Poondet Debury, Nudgah, Amer Sing Mounshee with his Writers and the Amuldars with their Deputies who are any Servants and Accountants from Tanjore, and to cause them to be brought to me, that they may explain to me their Accounts. Thus Justice will be done to any Rights in this Business.

What can I say more &c

Agreed, that a Letter be wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore to desire he will permit Nawr Poondet Dubbery Nudgah Amer Sing Mounshee with his Writers and the Amuldars to come to this Place for the purposes mentioned by the Nabob — And that Lieut Colo Flaxman Commanding at Tanjore, be directed to give him an Escort of Sepoys to accompany him of such should be his Desire

a Letter to be wrote to the Rajah, agreeably to the Nabobs request

Read

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Read Letter from the Chief Engineer.

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Lieut. Colo. Ross

Sir

I am able to your Orders I have inspected

From Lt Colo Ross to
Estimate of the Repairs
wanting to the Paymasters
Quarters at Chinglepet

the Paymasters Quarters at Chinglepet, and find them much out of repair, particularly the back Varanda, which is in such a bad State that the upper part must be pulled down and rebuilt there is some other repairs wanting on Bricklayers and Carpenters work and the House to be painted underneath is a rough Estimate of the Expence Viz.

Rough Estimate

Brick Work and Terras	80
Bricklayers, Coolies, Boys &c.	15
Timber, Plank, Sheathingboards &c.	80
50 Palmeras	8
Iron	5
1780 feet Paint work	30
Plastering	2
Tar	3
Carpenters work Coolies, Painters Smiths Hammer Men, Bellows boy Chunam &c.	30
	Pagodas 253

I am
Sir
Your most Obed. humble Servant
Wm. Gent
Pract. Engr.

a true Copy
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. and Chief Engr.

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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I have the honor herewith to lay before you an

Estimate of the Expence of the Repairs wanted to the Sepmasters

Quarters at Chingleput Agreeable to your Orders

I am with great respect

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

Your most Obedt and most humble

Fort St George

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Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Ordered that the Repairs be made according to

Read Letter from Lieut Colo Carnac Commanding

at Tanjore

Sir

I have rec'd your Letter of the 10th Instant

acquainting me that Orders were that Day gone from the

Nabob to his Dewaldar at Trichinopoly Commanding

him to preserve the Established Customs, with Respect to the

Repairs

From Colo Harper in Answer to the Complaints made by the Nabob relative to the Leaving a Company of Sepoys to form his Pagoda to mend the Ammunition

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Repairs wanting to the Annacutta, and to afford the same
Assistance to the Sanjore People now that was usual in
the time of Rotaub Sing

I have read with Astonishment the
Complaints made by the Nabob Relative to sending a Company
of Seapoys the 26th Ulto to force the Inhabitants of his
Country to mend the Annacutta. I have to request you
will be pleased to inform the Honble Board, that its
without the least foundation—no such thing I am certain
was ever thought of by the Rajah and if it had I never
could have suffered any People under my Command, to have
Assisted in so great an Impropriety— And beg leave to
Assure them that the Rajah, as well as myself have
ever been carefull of giving the Nabob, the least room
for Complaint. The Number of Seapoys there at the
time were no more than a Subadar Serneidar and twenty
four, which had been posted there long since to take care
of their Material and Tools; and the reason of the Subadar
being with so small a part of his Company, was the rest
being Dispersed with the Amaldars in the Country Buying
Rice
About the 26th Ulto I had accounts from the
Annacutta, that the Subadar, had been Robbed by a Servant
of his own and that he had taken three Seapoys from thence
to pursue him having heard that he had taken the Road
to

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to Trichinopoly and after they had crossed to the other side,
they had some Dispute with a Man they wanted to show the
Road to them on which Occasion, the Nabobs People took
the Seapoys Prisoners to Trichinopoly, and the Subadar
Rode back again. On this I had him severely reprima-
nded, for taking the Seapoys from their post, into the
Nabobs Districts. Coll. James examined the Seapoys, and
found it was to the same Effect as I have above related
and sent them back to me as to the Commandant
mentioned. He was about Ninety Miles from the place
at the time, where his Station is.

Sam Sir

Sanore
the
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Your most Obedt humble Servt
Hy Harpur

R. J. Sullivan Esqr

The President desired to communicate the
Contents of Coll. Harpers Letter to the Nabob

Reasons of the Comr in Chief for the immediate Appointment of a Lieut Major &c at Sanore

The Acting Commander in Chief thinking it his Duty
at all times to give every information in his power to the
Board, wt his reasons for recommending any measure that
may be attended with additional Expence to the publick,
takes

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takes occasion to present to the Board the Detail of what is indispensably the daily Duty of a Town Major. He hopes, therefore, that the Board considering the Importance of Tanjore, and that the means by which alone the influence of the Company can be securely maintained there, is by Observing Strict Military Discipline and watching the beginning of Insurrections or sedition, Considering also the extent of the Ramparts round the Great and Small Forts; He upon these accounts he trusts that the Board will see not only that it is impossible for one Officer to do the whole Duty, but that they will perceive the Necessity for an immediate Appointment of that Part of the Staff to Tanjore Already recommended viz. The Town or Fort Major — Adjutant and — Qr Mr Serjt without which, it is his Opinion the Duty of that Garrison cannot be done suitable to Military Rules or to the Orders and Instruction of the Company for the Military protection of the Rajah and his Government.

Upon this presumption the Acting Commander in Chief has given in his Recommendations to the President of the Persons fit to Discharge these Duties and on whom Govt may safely Depend

James Stuart

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The Duties of a Town Major explained

Duty of a Town Major

1st He receives the Parole and all orders from the Governor or Commandant and communicates them to the Garrison

2d He keeps the Military Detail of the Garrison and Guards all Guards and Detachments

3d He assigns to the Military their Quarters, Barracks and Allows Posts and receives at the Gates all Military Detachments entering the Garrison

4th At all times the Police of the Garrison, and of the Civil Magistrates is (Established) the jurisdiction also over all Persons whatsoever being under the protection of the Garrison is immediately in his province and Department

5th It is particular Duty to keep an account of all Foreigners or Strangers, who at any time enter the Fort; to know their business, where they are Quartered, and to have a strict eye and Watch over them

6th In cases of Tumult insurrections or Fire, it is his Duty instantly to repair with the Troops to Quell the same and assist the Inhabitants that either their Office or the Town Adjutant, who is

properly

properly his Deputy, and must ever be presented within
which
the Port as the channel thro' in the first instance all
persons of the Garrison Civil and Military passes

It is the indispensable duty of this Officer once at
least every Night, to go the rounds of the Ramparts, which
are therefore called the Town Majors Rounds — besides
he ought in person to go through the Streets by different
ways to see the Patrols do their Duty in Dispersing
any Crowds quelling Riots &c.

The President then delivers in the following
Minute

Minute of the Pres.ts recommending a Staff for Tanjore

The President acquaints the Board that
he has had repeated information from Tanjore, that several
persons Natives and European, who are known to be dis=
=affected to Govt. have nevertheless found means to enter
and remain within that Fortress, without any notice
being taken or information sent to Govt. — he therefore
submits it to the Board for their approving a Staff
for Tanjore part of whose Duty it is to take down
the Names occupations and Dwelling place of every
Strangers or Foreigners within the walls of Tanjore

and

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and to report the same with Extract of the Presidents proceedings, That having consulted the acting Commander in Chief upon this Business he agrees in Opinion with him, and recommends to the Board

Lieut Spencer Cochrane to be Fort Major as being an intelligent Active Officer, with some knowledge of the Engineering branch or that he thinks may be of use in that Office

Ensn Peter Campbell to be Town Adjutant having done that Duty ever since the Company's Troops were in Garrison and at Sangore to the entire satisfaction of every body

Serjeant Fetham to be Foreman Town Gaol

The Acting Commander in Chief may be well assured that the above named will Discharge their Duty to Govt in their respective Stations with exactness and fidelity

Appointed Accordingly

Ordered, That the above appointments do take place accordingly

Minute of Col. Stuart signifying to Major the Commandership of Fort St. George and recommending Major Cook to succeed thereto

The Acting Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that his present State of health will not admit of his Discharging to his own Satisfaction the Duties of Commandant of this Garrison and also of the

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the Command of the Army — Therefore begs the Boards —
Permission to resign the Commandship and if the Board
have no other Person in view he thinks Major Cook Shoud
be appointed to that Command and also that he do continue
to Command the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment now in
Garrison — He further acquaints the Board that he has
nearly finished the proper Returns to lay before them of
the effective Invalids Pensioners and Artificers compared
with the Muster and payrolls, both of this and of every
other Garrison in the Carnatick and Circars and that
he proposes forthwith to Dispose of all the Supernumy.
to the Several Corps, so that at one view by Comparing these
Returns with the Monthly Returns the real State of the
Numbers of Invalids Pensioners &c. hitherto dispersed
may be ascertained. He proposes to take the same method
with regard to the Lepoy Invalids Part of whom are now
employed in the Black Town Guards —

Major Cook appointed Accordingly

Agreed that Major Cook be appointed to
the Command of this Garrison agreeably to the
Recommendation of the Acting Commander in Chief
and that he do continue in the Command of the
1st

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1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment now on Garrison.

Ordered that the Commanding Officer

Respecting returns of Invalids

in every Garrison or Quarter, in the Carnatic, or Circars, be directed forthwith to send to the Adjutant General Exact Returns of the Names of all Europeans Artificers Pensioners and Invalids, and also of the Sepoy Invalids and Pensioners with the names and Rank of the whole, and what Regt. they were Invalid, or pensioned from; the returns to be Muster compared with the others, and pay rolls, and to be Signed by the Commanding Officer and Commissary — The Commandg. Officers at Cuddalore, and Chinglapet, are likewise to send in Returns of the Effective Officers and Men (mentioning their Names) of the Invalids, and Independent Companies of those Garrisons

Resolutions of the Board respecting the Sepoy Officers absent from their Corps

Resolved, that it be signified to the Army that all Officers of Sepoys (the Adjutant of the Sepoy Battalions excepted) who either hold double Commissions which prevent them from doing duty with their respective Corps, all who are by permission in the Service of His Highness the Nabob, and also such as are absent in England are from the 1st of next Month not to be returned on the Sepoy Establishment

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The acting Commander in Chief recommends Adjutant

Ensign Bate appointed 28th. to the 12th Batt.n in the Room of Lieut.t Godfrey promoted

That Ensign Black Sanders Bate, be appointed to the 12th Battalion of Sepoys in the room of Lieut.t Richd. Godfrey promoted. Approved and Ordered Accordingly

The Secretary Reports the Death of Captain George Morrison on his Voyage from hence to China.

The following Letter was written to the Nabob the 16th Instant.

To the Nabob

I have lately been honored with the Receipt of Several Letters from your Highness which I shall now answer. With respect to the Government share of the Crop of Grain on the Tanjore Country, your Highness has already been made acquainted with the Resolution of Council on that Subject, in a Letter addressed to you on the 25th June last. The Rajah of Tanjore has likewise been informed, that, that share was Resolved to be the Property of your Highness and that of Course he is to Account for it.

Your Letter of the informs me that

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that Lord Pigot promised your Highness that the Orders
you had given on the Tanjore Country and the Arrears
due to your Troops stationed there should be paid, also that
Nazeb Cawn with one thousand of your your Highness's
Seapoys should remain in the Fort of Tanjore and your
Highness refers me to the Letters from you to Lord Pigot
of the 10th and 29th April wherein your Highness declares
that his Lordship had made you the above Promises
I must beg leave to acquaint your Highness
that Lord Pigot made these Promises without any
Authority from the Council, nor did he ever lay before
them the Translate of your Highness's Order to
Nazeab Cawn of which you have now enclosed a Copy—
Upon this Occasion I can only say that as your Highness
had reason to suppose Lord Pigots Promises were given
under the Sanction of the Council, since all the Business
between your Highness and the Council is transacted
through the Presidency, I shall think it my Duty to
mention these Circumstances to the Company that they
may act in consequence as shall appear to them just
and equitable.

Your

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"Your Highness is pleased to acquaint
"me that those Troops which you pay under the Compd
"Order were employed by Lord Pigot to take away by
"Force the Revenues of the Tanjore Country through
"these Revenues were made over to your Creditors and
"Troops and that no part of that Money went to your
"Creditors who had Tuncaws, to the Company, or to
"Tuljajee." With respect to the above Purposes I confess
to your Highness it gives me much Surprize Your
Highness says that no Part of the Revenues of Tanjore
for last year went to your Creditors, to the Company or
to the Rajah, Your Highness adds to whom then are
they gone! as neither the Council nor myself understand
what your Highness alludes to I shall be much
obliged to you for an Explanation.

In relation to Kirudeen Caron whose
flight your Highness informs me of in your Letter of
the , I must acquaint you, that on coming
to the Government, I took away the Guard, which
had been placed over him by Lord Pigot, and then
gave him every Assurance in my Power that I would
use my best endeavours with your Highness. to forgive
him

him his past Errors — and recommended to him in the strongest terms to return to your Highness — of this Stock an early opportunity of acquainting you I was therefore the more surprize and concerned when I heard of his flight from this place — At your Highness's desire a Letter was wrote to the President and Council at Bombay informing of the impropriety of giving him any Countenance or Protection, or to allow him to have a Passage on any of the Company's Ships for Europe.

If your Highness will allow me to plead in behalf of a Misguided Young Man, who I hope is by this time sensible of his faults I would request, that a Letter or Person may be sent to him from your Highness, to assure him if he will return, and throw himself upon your Clemency you will forget his past Conduct. This is a Duty I owe both to your Highness and your family, for it will always afford me a Secret pleasure, to be in any measure instrumental to their happiness.

I have read the Letter your Highness has rec'd from Gov.r Law, together with your proposed

Answer

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answer, and I make no doubt, but your Highness will act in this Matter in a Manner the most consistant with Equity and Justice. Your Highness has already been made acquainted with the Contents of the Letter I rec.d from the Rajah of Travancore, and of my Answer to him wherein I advised him, to be extremely cautious not to Act in such a manner towards Hyder Ally Cawn as to draw down troubles on his Country from that Quarter, - And this Advice I made no doubt has been strengthened by the Directions he has rec.d from your Highness

List of Officers in the Corps of Cavalry on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	first Rank	Date of first Rank
John Lonyn	Captain	3d July 1770		
William Augustus Young	Lieutenant	5th April 1773		
Henry Darley	Cornet	9th Sept 1773		
George Brudenel	do	5th Jan 1776		

List of Officers of Artillery on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	Rank first Rank	Date of first Rank
Edward James	Lieut. Colonel	17th Nov. 1771	Capt. Lieut.	15th June 1759
Mathew Horne	Major	17th Nov. 1771	D. A. Genl.	15th June 1758
Charles Clifton	Captain	11th Oct. 1768		
John Kennedy	do.	13th do.	do.	10th Feby 1762
Aug. De Morgan	do.	14th do.		
Donald Mackay	do.	6th Augt 1770	do.	5th Nov. 1765
John Rigault	Capt. Lieut.	8th Oct. 1770	do.	1st Mar. 1766
Arthur Jones	do.	17th Oct. 1771	do.	1st April
Isaac Manoury	do.	8th Dec. do.	do.	23d June
Thomas Geils	do.	7th July 1775	do.	26th Oct.
George Nodler	do.	18th Dec. do.	do.	2d Jany 1768
George Davis	Lieutenant	9th Feby 1767	do.	20th Nov. 1765
Edward Tanner	do.	22d Feby 1769	do.	4th Jany 1768
James Histop	do.	26th May 1771	do.	15th Oct.
John M.cGregor	do.	8th Dec.	do.	13th do.
Will.m Sydenham	do.	16th Feby 1772	do.	5th do.
Joseph Moorhouse	do.	16th Feby 1772	do.	1st Dec.
William Lloyd	do.	18th September	do.	3d do.
John Judson	do.	25th Augt 1773	do.	23d Oct. 1769
George Douglass	do.	13th Feby 1774	do.	24th do.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Jn.° Anderson Eastland	Lieutenant	16th June 1775	Lieut.t Fire Wk	25th Octo 1769
George Hodson	d.°	17th July d.°	d.°	12th May 1770
Edward Serne	d.°	1st Apr. 1776	d.°	15th Sept.
Joseph Johnston	Lieut. Fire Wk	20th Jan.y 1772.		
David Smith	d.°	9th Mar 1772		
Henry Hagan	d.°	25th May d.°		
Richard Jones	d.°	27th d.°		
Robert Sutt	d.°	17th Aug.t		
John Slipper	d.°	22d Nov.r		
Charles Webb	d.°	25th Aug.t 1773		
Andrew Thomson	d.°	13th Nov.r 1774		
Thomas Sutcliffe	d.°	8th August		
John Baillie	d.°	10th June 1775		
Rob.t Speediman	d.°	11th d.° d.°		
Thomas Winbalt	d.°	12th d.°		
James Gibson	d.°	13th d.°		
Robert Cox	d.°	26th Dec.r		
Hugh Mallet	d.°	5th May 1776		
Jn.° Philip Burton	Cadet			

List of Engineers on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Patrick Ross	Princ.l of Ld Col	15th Sept 1770		
William Stevens	Dirct & Major	11th Jan 1774	Pmt Lt Col	7th Jan 1764
George Burghale	Lt Colonel	12th dito	dito	
George Maule	Lt Colonel	24th Aug 1773	dito	31st Aug 1770
Alex.r Mitchell	dito	11th Jan 1774	dito	11 Feby 1771
Alex.r Dugood	dito	20th June 1775	dito	27th Jany 1771
John Theobald	Lt Engin.r & Lieut	18th Apr 1774	dito	12th June 1773
James Johnston	dito	20th June 1775	dito	18th Apr 1774
George Banks	Pmt Lt & Engin.r	6th June 1774		
William Gent	dito	20th June 1775		

List of Military Officers in the Honble Company's Service on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	first Rank	Date of first Rank
Sir Robert Fletcher				
James Stuart				
Ross Lang	Colonel	12th Octr 1772	Ensign	6th Apl 1756
William Flint	do	12th Octr 1773	do	1st Sept 1757
Abraham Bonjour	Lieut Colonel	27th Augt 1770	do	11th do
John Braithwaite	do	22d Octr 1772		
John Bellingham	do	12th Apl 1773	do	31st May 1758
Humphry Harper	do	21st Octr 1774	do	1st June do
James Fitzgerald	Major	22d Octr 1772	do	3d July do
William Baillie	do	12th Apl do		
Eccles Nixon	do	21st Octr 1774		
George Brown	do	22d Octr 1774		
Henry Marcell	Captain	9th July 1765		
Samuel Sears				
William Cooke	do	13th Nov 1765	do	6th Sept 1759
Charles Hopkins	do	14th do do	do	11th do
Henry Aug. Mr Cosby	do	16th Nov do	do	28th July 1760
Robert Kelly	do	27th do do	do	6th Octr do
John Short	do	12th do do	do	7th do do
John Cotgrave	do	1st May 1767		
Robert Godfrey	do	27th do	Lieut	11th June 1764
William Collins	Captain	28th Octr 1767	do	12th July 1765
Richard Nelson	do	1st May 1768	do	17th July do

No.	Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
	Matthias Calvert	Captain	2 May 1768.		
	Alex.r M.c Kenzie	d.o	3 d.o d.o	Ensign	2 Sept.r 1763
	Hugh Robert Alcock	d.o	4 May.		
	Thomas Bruce	d.o	16th June d.o	d.o	1st May 1764
	Sam.l Murphy	d.o	3d July	d.o	25th July d.o
	William Keating	d.o	20th June 1770	d.o	9 Oct.r d.o
	Charles Rumley	d.o	25th June d.o	d.o	1st Feb.y 1765
	James Powell	d.o	22d June d.o	d.o	3d d.o d.o
	William Douglass	d.o	27th d.o		
	Charles Frazer	d.o	28th d.o		
	Arthur Lysaght	d.o	30th d.o		
	Robert Wood	d.o	1st July		
	William Russell	d.o	2d d.o		
	Robert Chefshyre	d.o	6th d.o		
	Robert Giblings	d.o	7th d.o		
	Patrick Barclay	d.o	9th d.o		
	Thomas Bridges	d.o	15th d.o		
	Robert Long	d.o	16th July d.o		
	James Eddingtoun	d.o	15th d.o		
	James Johnston	d.o	17th d.o		
	George Nixon	d.o	12th Aug.t 1771	Ensign	6th Feb.y 1765
	Donald Campbell	d.o	13th d.o	d.o	8th d.o
	John Davis	d.o	14th d.o	d.o	9th d.o

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Alexander Duncan	Captain	5th Dec 1771	Ensign	
Robert Watts	do	17th Feby 1772	do	11th Feby 1765
James Hughes	do	26th November	do	4th Mar do
Thomas Rowles	do	27th do	do	18th June
James Galbraith	do	12th Feby 1773	do	27th July
George Smith	do	12th April	do	29th do
Henry La Motte	do	16th May	do	13th Nov
Edward Edmonds	do	17th do 1773	do	14th do
Thomas Lane	do	18th Augt do	do	15th do
Frant Swain Ward	do	6th Sept do		
Edward Eagles	do	13th do	do	30th do
Edward Collins	do	15th Octr	do	30th Dec
Joseph Billcliffe	do	8th Nov	do	27th Feby 1766
David Muirhead	do	12th do	do	8th June
Thomas Bagot	do	13th do	do	13th do
William Phillips	do	22d Feby 1774	do	20th June 1766
Alexander Patterson	do	19th June 1775	do	31st do do
Jn° James Durand	do	8th June 1776	do	15th April 1763
Walterhouse Adair	do	25th Sept do	do	15th Nov 1766
George Conyngham	do	12th Nov 1776	do	2d Dec 1766
Richard Godfrey	do	19th do do	do	3d June 1767
Charles Lucas	do	20th do do	do	26th August
Samuel Blake Eyre	do	25th do do	do	2d Sept

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Thomas Burrows	Captain	22 Nov 1776	Ensign	16 Sept 1767
John Oldham	do	23 do do	do	24 Oct
Thomas Leche	do	24 do do	do	30 do
Saml Baker Evance	do	25 do do	do	31 do
Dugald Campbell	do	26 do do	do	3 Nov
Robert Ferrier	do	27 do do	do	7 do
Thomas Walker	Lieutenant	9 May 1768	do	1 Jan 1767
David Denar	do	15 June		
Thomas Trent	do	27 July	do	14 do
Donald McLeod	do	29 do	do	16 Nov do
John Mordaunt	do	10 June 1770	do	2 Dec
Samuel Hoare	do	1 July		
John Fletcher	do	5 do		
John Patterson	do	do		
George Campbell	do	7 do		
Thomas Prendergast	do	10 do		
George Clarke	do	13 do		
Robert Semple	do	15 do		
John Walker	do	17 do		
James Phillips	do	18 do		
Henry Hearst	do	22 do		
John Darell	do	23 do		
Spencer Cochrane	do	25 do		

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Harcourt Woodhouse	Lieutenant	27th July 1770		
John Du Pont	do	31st do		
James O Hara	do	1st August		
Aotsworthy Thompson	do	2 do		
Hugh Montgomery	do	3 do		
John Cuppage	do	4th do		
George Pavey	do	29th August	Ensign	7th June 1768
George Moore	do	31st do	do	10th do
Richard Scott	do	2 do	do	11th do
Peter Bonneveaux	do	3 do	do	15th do
Francis Wragg	do	3 do	do	16th do
Cornelius Grant	do	5th do	do	16th Oct
Samuel Welsford	do	6th Sept 70	do	17th do
John Campbell	do	7th do	do	19th do
Alex. Wynch	do	8th do	do	20th do
Robert Scouler	do	12th do	do	26th do
William Blacker	do	16th do	do	31st do
Daniel Burr	do	19th do	do	3 Nov
Francis Gowdie	do	20th do	do	4th do
Michael Rottie	do	21st do	do	5th do
Thomas Moseley	do	22 do	do	6th do
Henry Malcolm	do	23 do	do	7th do
Archer Arnold Langley	do	26th do	do	10th do

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David M.c Clintock	Lieutenant	27 Apr 1770.	Ensign	12 Nov 1768
William Champeneys	d.o	1st Octo	d.o	19 d.o
James Gee	d.o	2 d.o	d.o	25 May 1769
Donald Campbell	d.o	6th d.o	d.o	9 Octo d.o
David Marishall	d.o	14 Nov	d.o	17 d.o
Hugh Delks Harding	d.o	19 d.o	d.o	4 June 1770
George Mackay	d.o	28 May 1771	d.o	6 d.o
Benj.a Bowen Bishop	d.o	5 May d.o	d.o	11 d.o
George Roberts	d.o	1st July	d.o	17 d.o
Edmund Brown	d.o	2 d.o	d.o	18 d.o
Francis Maxwell	d.o	12 August	d.o	20 d.o
Thomas Stonhouse	d.o	21 d.o	d.o	22 d.o
Edward Johnston	d.o	8 Octo	d.o	24 d.o
James Stewart	d.o	10 Dec	d.o	26 d.o
Edmund Woodward	d.o	20 May 1772	d.o	28 d.o
John Baillie	d.o	3 July	d.o	29 d.o
Urban Vigors	d.o	17 d.o	d.o	2 Aug
Francis Skyrme	d.o	18th d.o	d.o	3 d.o
George Muatt	d.o	4 Nov d.o	d.o	4 d.o
Edmund Nelson	d.o	22 April	d.o	5 d.o
John Taylor	d.o	13 May	d.o	6 d.o
Edward Sourdan	d.o	18 d.o	d.o	7 d.o

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Richd Anderson	Lieutenant	23d Oct 1772	Ensign	8th Augt 1770
Patrick M.Gill	do	21st Nov	do	10th do
James Alexander	do	26th do	do	12th do
Joseph Butler	do	23d Dec	do	13th do
Samuel Lorrimore	do	12th Feb 1773	do	14th do
Bartholomew Vigors	do	11th Apl	do	15th do
William Bruce	do	12th do	do	16th do
William Brand	do	6th June do	do	22d do
Archd Brown	do	14th July do	do	23d do
Philip Mayne	do	24th do	do	25th Augt
Wm Aug.s Le Grand	do	2d Sept	do	27th do
Noble St George Wright Abbot	do	13th do	do	1st Sept
John Watkins	do	14th do	do	3d do
John Mc Mahon	do	8th Nov	do	4th do
John North	do	9th do	do	6th do
Thomas Cotton	do	13th do	do	8th do
Henry Fonke	do	8th Dec	do	10th do
Thomas Meeke	do	12th do	do	15th do
Walter Douglass	do	13th do	do	16th do
Joseph Roberts	do	26th do	do	17th do
John Snelling	do	27th do	do	19th do
Henry Quinn	do	29th do	do	22d do

V. Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of first Rank
William Patterson	Lieutenant	30 Dec 1773	Ensign	23 Apr 1770
Alexander Montgomery	do	22 Feby 1774	do	24 do
Arthur Dunkin	do	1st May do	do	26 do
Arthur Crawford	do	1st April do	do	28 do
William Flint	do	5 May do	do	30 do
James Trail	do	25 July	do	1 Oct
John Clarke	do	8 August	do	5 do
William Goddard	do	9 Sept	do	7 do
Thomas Townsend	do	12 do	do	8 do
Thomas Dunwoody	do	1 Nov 1774	do	13 Oct do
Robert Croker	do	16 Aug 75	do	16 do
Lauchlin M Kennon	do	1 Feby do	do	17 do
Thomas Douglass	do	2 do	do	22 do
Geo: Fotheringham	do	27 Mar	do	31 do
Hamilton Marmeon	do	25 April	do	2 Nov
Thomas Knox	do	27 do	do	5 do
John Cox	do	27 do	do	8 do
George Wahab	do	28 July	do	9 do
Archibald Eagle	do	7 Augt	do	10 do
Robert Hope	do	5 Sept	do	11 do
George Waight	do	21 do	do	12 do
Arthur Stewart	do	21 Oct do	do	13 do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Nathaniel Dawes	Lieutenant	26th Dec 1775		
Thomas Leighton	do	29th Jany 1776	Ensign	21st Nov 1770
James Oliver	do	5th Feby do	do	22 do
Richard Eastland	do	6th do	do	26th do
James Russell	do	7th do	do	27th do
George Stewart	do	6th Mar	do	28th do
James Burn	do	18th do	do	29th do
Richard Greaves	do	27th April	do	4th June
John Pringle	do	1st May	do	7th do
Hugh Wheeler	do	8th July	do	9th do
Caleb Pearson	do	26th Aug	do	16th do
James Pearson	do	2d Sept	do	13th do
Francis Torrens	do	10th do	do	14th do
Edward White	do	11th do	do	15th do
Robert Brownker	do	12th do	do	16th do
Carey Lalande	do	21st Sept 76	do	19th do
Morris Alex. Lind	do	22d do	do	20th do
Oliver Wheeler	do	16th Oct	do	22d do
James Foster	do	17th do	do	23d do
Francis Cookson	do	18th do	do	24th do
Thomas Smith	do	18th Nov do	do	25th do
Cromwell Massey	do	19th do do	do	26th do

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Savage Bowden	Lieutenant	20th Dec. 1776	Ensign	27th Dec. 1770
Charles Sale Ashby	do.	21st do.	do.	29th do.
Talbot Ford	do.	22d do.	do.	30th do.
Edw.d Wm. Montague	do.	23d do.	do.	16th Jan. 1771
Richard Chase	do.	24th do.	do.	15th do.
Mat. Chr. Friedel	do.	25th do.	do.	16th do.
Jonath.r Doveton	Ensign	17th Jan. 1771		
Thomas Underwood	do.	19th do.		
Rich.d Wilkinson	do.	21st do.		
Thomas Young	do.	22d do.		
James Walter	do.	23d do.		
Alexander Watson	do.	25th do.		
Æneas Mackay	do.	26th do.		
Walter Anderson	do.	29th do.		
David Willson	do.	31st do.		
Andrew Read	do.	3d do.		
David Campbell	do.	4th do.		
Peter Wright	do.	7th do.		
John Forbes	do.	10th do.		
Robert Love	do.	11th do.		
Alexander McPherson	do.	21st Jan.y 1772		
William Moultrie	do.	3d Feb.y		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
James Jenkins	Ensign	5th July 1771
Stephen Swain	do	17th do
James Dalrymple	do	22d do
John Richardson	do	14th Mar
John Wade	do	28 April
Alexr Frazer	do	13th May 1772
Alexr Read	do	18th do
William Michie	do	19th do
Theobald Stafford	do	15th July do
John Scudamore	do	31st Aug.
George Baker	do	13th Sepr
Daniel McNeal	do	23d Octr
Tho. Cumb. Ross	do	10th Nov
Thomas Hallcott	do	21st do
John Oatridge	do	25th do
Blick Sandys Bate	do	3d Feby 1773
James Shaw	do	4th do
Thomas Parr	do	5th do
Peter Campbell	do	9th Mar do
James Campbell	do	6th April do
James Turino	do	1st May do
Mitchell Lowe Knox	do	16th do

No.	Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
	Lionel Westropp	Ensign	17th May 1773
	Joseph Tibble	d°	18th d°
	Henry Rice	d°	6th June
	Jos. Porter Eyton	d°	7th d°
	William Kenzie	d°	8th d°
	Michael Fleming	d°	23d July
	James Mitchell	d°	26th d°
	Henry Desveaux	d°	9th August
	John Spencer	d°	18th d°
	Thomas Bowser	d°	20th d°
	John Glover	d°	2d Sept.
	Barry Close	d°	3d d°
	William Terry	d°	5th d°
	John Browne	d°	6th d°
	Samuel Jacobs	d°	8th d°
	Thomas Williams	d°	18th d°
	James Cram	d°	5th Nov.
	Charles Grant	d°	8th d°
	George Aubery	d°	9th d°
	John Grant	d°	10th d°
	John Sabbiner	d°	12th d°
	John Halliburton	d°	13th d°
	Charles Smart	d°	14th d°
	P. P. Grand (d)	d°	15th d°

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
William Andrews	Ensign	8th Dec 1773
John Crisp	do	12th do
George Ure	do	13th do
William Jones	do	26th do
Willm Brocket Stevens	do	28th do
James Bagshaw Butler	do	29th do
Samuel Pickett	do	30th do
William Godfrey	do	31st do
Eccles Smith	do	1st Jany 1774
John Weller	do	3d do
Patk Alexr Agnew	do	20th Apr do
Johnston Kennedy	do	5th Jany do
Edward Gibbings	do	6th do
Robert Oglivy	do	7th do
John Greenwell	do	1st June do
Archd Gillon	do	13th do
Josh Aug.s Rogers	do	8th August
James Mackay	do	22d do
Francis Baillie	do	2d June 1775
Lewis Grant	do	3d do
Robert Mackay	do	4th do
Thomas Sampson	do	5th do
Alexr Pattaloo	do	6th do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
John Stevens	Ensign	9th June 1775
Edward Bridges	do.	17th July do.
John Tindal Evans	do.	18th do.
Thomas Moore	do.	24th do.
Fran.s Cumine	do.	31st do.
Ranjot Jackson	do.	1st Augt do.
Geo: Sackville Brown	do.	22nd do.
William Johnston	do.	3d Sept. do
John Wynch	do.	4th do.
Thomas Fisher	do.	6th do
Walter Thompson	do.	11th do.
Thomas Brisbane	do.	15th do.
Matthew Hill	do.	16th do.
Parke Pepper	do.	17th do.
John Prendergast	do.	18th do
Charles De Castros	do.	19th do.
Andrew Boswell	do.	20th do
Simon Baillie	do.	10th Dec.r do
William Forbes	do.	11th do.
Thomas Mylne	do.	12th do
Hector McLean	do.	13th do
Sam.l Stewart Hall	do.	14th do.
Robert Cameron	do.	15th do

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank
Hector Dominecetty	Ensign	16th Decr 1775
William Taylor	do	16 Jany 1776
Alexr Radford	do	17th do
Jas Minim Maconichy	do	18th do
Thomas Coke	do	19th do
Lescombe Stretch	do	28th April do
Thos Eastabrooke	do	29th do
Thomas Gordon	do	6th May do
Gabriel Doveton	do	7th do
William Hammond	do	13th May do
John Green	do	23d Augt do
Jn Barker Bonsanquet	do	24th do
Alexander Cuppage	do	25th do
Aldwell Taylor	do	26th do
Patrick Campbell	do	26th do
Thos Levingston	do	27th do
Walter Herbert Lloyd	do	28th do
Benjamin Lucas	do	29th do
Thomas Carey	do	30th Augt
William Dick	do	30th do
Edward Jolfrey	do	31st do
Jas Pennicuik	do	31st do
Saml Geanret	do	1st Sept do
John Chalmers	do	2d do

No.	Names	Present Date of Rank	Present Rank
	John Elphinston Dundas	Ensign 3d Sept 1776	
	John Bamber	do 4th do	
	Robert Steele	do 5th do	
	Will.m Duncanson	do 6th do	
	Thomas Davis	do 21st do	
	Fran.s Henr.y Drake	do 22d do	
	Thomas Price	do 23 do	
	Anthony Beale	do 25th do	
	Thomas Nash	do 26th do	
	Francis Anstruther	do 27th do	
	George Clarke	do 28th do	
	Alex.r Dyce	do 18 2/12 do	
	Orton	do 19th do	
	John Wood	do 26th do	
	Alexander Beatson	do 28 2/12 do	
	Donald M.c Donald	do 22d do	
	William Grant	do 23 do	
	Henry Keating	do 24th do	
	Charles Corner	do 25th do	
	Sam.l Doveton	do 26th do	
	James Johnston	do 27th do	

Names	Present Date of Rank	Present Rank
William Kennedy	28th Nov. 1776	Ensign
John Croley	d.° 29th d.°	d.°
Philip Walton	d.° 30th d.°	d.°
William Langhorn	d.° 1 Dec.r d.°	d.°
Robert Macklin	d.° 2. d.°	d.°

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a Paymaster General on whom he proposed should be
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Horse [illegible] Men twice in every Month and make
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acquainted the President that as he was convinced of his
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