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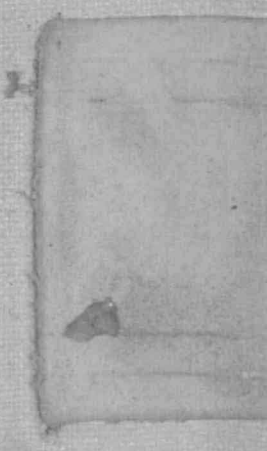

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We the Captain Lieutenants of Artl
humbly beg you will take into cons
ration the following lines, which w
hope will convey to you a just idea o
our situation

In the infantry an officer rise
to the rank of Captain in about the
same time we do to the Rank of Capt
Lieutenants, and as our Commissions
only entitles us to rank next below
the youngest Captain. We have the
mortification to be constantly supe
=ceded for five or six years, or some
times longer, during which we do
duty with our present Rank on
little more than Lieutenants Pay

His Majesty seeing the Hardship
his Captain Lieutenants labourd
under in this case issued the follow
order the 26.th of May 1772. Viz.t

"The King has been pleased to
"direct that for the future the Captain
"Lieutenants in the Royal Regiment
"of Artillery and Corps of Engineers
"shall have rank as well in the
"army as in the respective Corps as
"Captains that the present Captain
Lieutenants shall take the said
"rank from this day, and all future
"Captain Lieutenants from the date
"of their Commissions.

We have been informed that

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The Governor General and supreme
Council of Bengal. following the
example of his Majestys service. have
Captain Tank of Captains to the
on that Lieutenants of Artillery
(As establishment
this applica not induced to make
Viens. we do
to our Pay: only
Rank secured to us &c to have our
Custom of his Majesty's
at Bengal, by adopting the
regulation on this Coast.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedient
most humble Servants
John Bagauld
Arthur Jones
Tho.s Yeates

St Thomas's Mount
24th Jany 1777

Extract of the Minutes of Co
at Calcutta 17th April 1775

Agreed that the present C
Lieutenants of Artillery do take Captain
as Captains in the army from
day: and that any Officers of Artillery
who may hereafter be appointed
Captain Lieutenants shall take rank
as Captains upon the Establishment from the
date of their Captain Lieutenants
Commission—

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Agreed that this Representation of
To be referred to the Court of Directors
the Captains Lieutenant of Artillery
be referred, and recommended to the consid
-ration of the Honble Court of Directors

Cadets appointed
Resolved that the following Gentlem
be appointed Cadets on this Establishment

James Saint Ange Collins
Thomas Bushell
Levingston Callender
.... Cuppage
Alexander Boswell
George Coupland
George Burrows Clarke
..... Hughes
Frazer
George Balfour
Thomas Dallas
Joachim Sundt
John Bruce
James Marshall
Rofs Lang
Michel Junot.

Read letter from the Surgeons

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Surgeons representing the Want of Medicines
The Stores being defficient
in most of the useful Medicines and
Invents coming in Monthly from out
Garrisons and Subordinacies we take

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the Liberty to lay before you the inclosed Lists as a necessary supply untill the arrival of the Ships of the Season.

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
and most humble Servant
Gilbert Tasley
James Anderson } Surgeons

One Bill ... £137.12.6
D. D. 519.19.1

Minute thereon

As the Surgeons represent that a supply of Medicines is absolutely necessary to Jany. Agreed. That the Indents amounting to £657.11.7 be purchased, and it be particularly recommended to the Company to comply in the fullest manner with the Indents that are yearly made to them.

Mr Henry Hollis approinted to act as Persian Translator.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr Henry Hollis has done the Duty of Persian Translator to his entire satisfaction during the absence of Mr Holland. and therefore recommends that he be appointed to act as Persian Translator & to receive the Emoluments annexed thereunto

Approved & ordered accordingly

Read letter from Capt. Lance

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council

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To
The Honble Sir & Sirs
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Evance — I beg leave to acquaint the Honble Board that Lt George Evance with the Detachment of Sepoys under his command marched from hence for Carangoly at 4 o'Clock this Morning.

With the greatest respect I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
and devoted humble servant
Jam.s Baker Evance
Capt Commd.

Chinglepet
23d Jany 1777

Read letter from Captain Douglas

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Douglas — I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that in obedience to your order of the 10th Inst. I arrived here yesterday: and as I found that Captain Machavell, was gone from hence with your permission, and Captain Evance left with the command here until my arrival. I of course took the command of this Fort and Garrison in consequence of your orders.

I also received from Captain

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Evance all such orders and regula=
=tions as had been left them by Capt.
Macharell relating to this Garrison
I have the honor to be
Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
and devoted humble Servant
Wilm Douglas
Captain of 1st Regiment

Chingleput
27th Jany 1777

Read Letter from Colonel Lang

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having always
considered that obedience and deference
to the orders and regulations of his
employers, are the indispensable duty
of an officer more especially in this
distant Country. I never complained of
the Inattention which the Honble the
Court of Directors have shewn me on
more than one occasion. No Power
can be dearer than that which my
honble Employers possess either to
suspend or advance the Rank of any
of their Servants. But as I am conscious
of having discharged my duty to them
for upwards of two and twenty years
with unremitted Zeal & Chearfullness
and as my Silence regarding the suppress=
=sions that are passed might be urged
against me in Europe to warrant new
and similar Steps

From Col. Lang to be recommended to the Commanding Officer more to succeed to the Employers, are the indispensable duty of an officer

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I have presumed to trouble you with this a Doups. I will not pretend to enume to your Honble Board the Services on which I have been employed not only on this Coast but likewise on a very remarkable occasion at Bengal in 176 In the Course of the Mysore War I was honoured with several Marks of the appro= -bation of this Government - but in all instanc of service it belongs to the honble Board to judge and determine - should you think my pretensions worthy of your Countenance I doubt not but you will be pleased so to recommend me to the Honble Company that they may not in future subject me to any further such like hiaroships - I can with great truth affirm that I never allowed private views to stand in competition with the Public Good and that in all Situations in which I have been employe I have Zealously attended to the faithfull discharge of my Duty

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient & very faithfull Servant

Rofs Lang

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Minute of Colonel Stuart thereon

From the particular predicament in which I find myself in respect to Colo. Lang by favour of the Honble Court of

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Directors. I hope the Board will indulge me, in declining to say any thing on ye Subject of Colonel Langs Memorial, as the Board will doubtless see the delicacy of the Case.

James Stuart

Minute of the Board thereon

As the Court of Directors have always taken it upon themselves to make Appointments to the superior Stations in the Civil & Military Lines the Board cannot without presumption take it upon themselves to recommend Col.e Lang to succeed to the Command of the Army but as we wish to do Justice to every Officer it is agreed to transmit a Copy of Col. Langs Letter a Number in the Packet by this Ship.

From the Nabob with Letters from the Govr of Pondichery

Read letter from the Nabob enclosing Copy of a Letter from General Law advising of his being succeeded in the Government by Mr Bellecombe - also Copy of a Letter from Mr Bellecombe advising of his having taken charge of the Government of Pondichery, and assuring him that it will be his constant Endeavour to strengthen the Friendship Subsisting between the French Nation and the Nabob enclosing likewise Copies of the answers proposed by the Nabob

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to be written to the above Letters

Entered in Country Correspondences

Read Letter from Colonel James

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

Hond Sir & Sirs

From Col: James

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you the several returns of the Troops belonging to this Garrison for the Month of December.

Your Commands of the 3d Inst. has been duly received. the Honble President & Council may rest assured the 6 Companies of the 2d Battn of the Regiment shall be ready to march at the shortest Notice

With all due respects

I am

Hond Sir & Sirs

your most obedient

& most humble Servant

E. James

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Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have been

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have been

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From the Chief Engineer respecting the Works in General in consequence of having received the orders of the Court of Directors thereon

favored with Extracts from the Letter of the Honble the Court of Directors of the 5th of April last, conveying their sentiments and Remarks on the several parts of the old, and new Fortifications

that the Business of Fortification may stand on a clear light, it will be necessary for me to recapitulate some parts of what hath been formerly said on that Subject. I shall therefore preserve the order I have hitherto followed, and speak of the Works on the several Fronts seperately

West Front

Soon after my arrival in India I formed three different Projects for rebuilding the West Front, which was at that time defenceless: in the first I had in View the preserving as much as possible the Form of the old small Works but finding there was much wanted towards a good defence, the other two were designed to obtain from one large Bastion a more connected, and better defence than could possibly be procured from the smaller Works. These Plans were transmitted to the Honble Court, and the following year they were pleased to send their Remarks upon the Projects. I had the Opportunity of reconsidering the several designs with the advantage of their observations, and to explain myself more fully where it was necessary, and

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I hope, that I had been able to obviate the
objections as occurred to the Honble Court
also in order to render the Fortifications
as compleat as possible. I pointed out the
advantages to be derived from the
alterations formed on a regular system
and the Works that might be properly
introduced to make a place of Strength, thereby
to guard against the inconveniencies arising
from imperfections in the original design,
which Circumstances, or Situation
heretofore probably did not permit, and
it seems clearly to have been the intention
of the Honble Court that I should have
formed my designs with these cautions,
as in their Remarks on the West. Front
accompanying their Letter of 25th March
1772. they are pleased to say "The
insufficiency of Lawrence's and Pigots
"Bastions have been long since strongly
"represented, and under the imperfection
"of the whole of Mr. Smiths Construction,
"including the Nabobs Bastion and the counter=
=scarp all round pointed out. The Masonry
"was never intended to support the present
"weight of Rampart and Bastion, nor does
"it appear that the Escarp and Counterscarp
"were intended for a wet Ditch" ——— It
"is a change of circumstances in the Companys
"System, that now makes the defect of their
"Forts appear more striking, and inadequate
"to the purpose of protecting such important
"Concerns ——— The present Consideration

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"ought only to be how to supply the defect,
"and remedy the Evil without subjecting
"them to a greater, or falling into a second
"Error, similar to the original"

Were a considerate, and experienced Engineer particularly (of experience) in the Company's Service and a competent Judge of their concerns, to set down to project an addition or improvement to Fort St George and the Thereby mastor of sufficient Funds, and Time without apprehending any danger during the Execution of the Plan, it is very probable he would totally remove or demolish the Tabots, Lawrences and Pigots Bastions with all the Works of the present West Front, and from a new Ditch, which should extend the Glacis to the Bank of the River all round, carrying out the Saliant angles of the Glacis before the curtain Bastion to the foot of the Retak Bridge, somewhat like Colonel Ross's projects N°2 or 3 probably still more comprehensive in the Intention Extent of the Town. This would at once add strength and convenience, but the Expence, and danger of Execution seem to forbid such an undertaking considering at all times the precarious state of Peace in India

In my answer to these Remarks, I took the liberty to observe, that the objections of the Honble Court to the Projects N°2 or 3 were directed to the Expence, and danger

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of Execution, considering the precarious State of Peace in India, as either of them would certainly make the Place much more respectable than the Plan N°1. after the old form or the proposed Scheme in the Remarks, some what after the same manner.

I gave my Sentiments fully with respect to those objections, and I had flattered myself they would have been satisfactory. The danger attending the Execution is now over as the Body of the place is secured, and the outworks themselves nearly completed. The expence hath been considerable, but the Ground proved extremely bad for foundations, and on Examination more Works appeared insufficient, and unfit to remain than were at first comprehended in the Designs. It was orginally intended to remove only so much of the old curtains as was immediately necessary for proper communications, and close in with the new Works but upon opening the ground it was found necessary, and expedient in order to prevent accidents too liable to ensue from Works being carried on piece meal to rebuild them the whole length, and thereby render the Work in that part compleat. The Expence therefore of those Curtains cannot be attributed to the new design, but to the insufficiency of the old Works, as whatever Plan had been followed the rebuilding the Curtains would have become equally necessary, and it appears from the Remarks the Honble Court were sensible of the

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insufficiency of the whole of Mr Smith's Works, as well Tabots Bastion as the Escarp and counter-escarp all round.

The Masonry being totally inadequate to the weight of the Ramparts &c. The Escarp in a ruinous State, and the counter-escarp in some parts fallen into the Ditch, the rest in no Condition longer to support the Covertway

Tabots Bastion.

It was my Intention the Tabots Bastion should have remained as it was some time longer, had not the Curtains been found so unfit to stand, but the sense the Honble Court entertained of its insufficiency joined to my Opinion that there would soon be an absolute necessity for a reform at any rate, and consider-ring it was the desire of the Honble Court that the Place should be put in the best state of Defence the Plan would admit and that the other new Works should be so alignd or planned as to admit a new Bastion similar to that projected. I could not consistant with my duty avoid recommending the reform to take place at a Time so favorable. To have have deferred the Execution until another opportunity would have been to have thrown the Front a second time into disorder. The Ditch being then dry and the Work itself so immediately connected with those on hand it could then be performed with much greater ease

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and oeconomy than if it had been under=
=taken afterwards by saving expence
of baling the Ditch and making Dams
a second time and the Foundations by
being laid at the same time with the
rest would become less liable to accidents
which the Honble Court very justly
observe were to be apprehended, as the
Ground was bad through out and so much
so at that place as to have made it neces=
=sary for the old work to be supported by
brick abut-ments quite across the Ditch.
When to these reasons are added, that we
were thereby enabled to connect the Defen=
-ces. and throw out the Glacis in a proper
direction, and also to ascertain the faces
of the Caponiers which must have been
so constructed as to yield a proper defence
to their collateral Works. I flatter myself
the Honble Court will be well satisfied
of the Expediency of the measure

Although I shewed in my
Ou Works answer to the Remarks of the Honble
Court, that even without the addition of
outworks the Projects N.o 2 or 3, greatly
exceed the Project N.o 1 in point of strength
yet on adverting to my Letter it will
clearly appear that I never deemed the
Plan of the large Bastion without outworks
of sufficient strength for the defence of
the West Front as all my designs were with
outworks in my report to the Honble
Court of the 23.d March 1774. I founded

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out the imperfection of the North West and Southwest Ravelins, and in my second Project, which accompanyed my Letter, I endeavoured to adopt some counter guards to them to cover those parts of the Curtains that were exposed by the removal of Rigby and Lawrence's Bastions, and at the same time I observed that if the design with the large single Bastion was to be carried into Execution I thought it would be the cheapest and I was sure the best method to construct at once proper Ravelins as they would greatly encrease the defence and by being able to contain a number of necessary Buildings that were much wanted would become otherwise very us[illegible]

The Board approved of the proj[illegible] the large Bastion, and ordered it to [illegible] into Execution, which was done [illegible] Dispatch. When the body of the pe[illegible] secured, it became proper to remove, [illegible] Ravelins as they were obstructions to the defence, as they traversed the covert way, the Counterscarp, and a considerable part of the Ditch before the Bastions, by which the Fire from the Flanks of the collateral Works were intercepted so that a Body of Men might be securely lodged under cover of those Ravelins as they then stood, and from thence effect a Defence into and a Passage over the Ditch, without our being able to avail ourselves of the Fire of the Flanks for defence

I then

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I then recommended carrying on the outworks and secured to the two large Ravelins mentioned in my letter to the Court of Directors of March 1771. and as the Honble Court had before approved of my giving different Projects. I took that opportunity of laying before you another design for outworks, when I informed you I should have been glad to have carried out the Saliant angles of the large Ravelins somewhat further if the Situation had admitted of it, that their faces might have been defended more directly by the Bastions where the fire was more oblique than I could have wished. but, as there were Inconveniences attending the carrying out the Ravelins from their Size. and nearness to the Bridge, and the black Town, the second design was made to consist of two small Ravelins with Lunettes in which the defences were more contracted, and the fire more direct than in that in that with the Large Ravelins –

From what has been offered I flatter myself the Honble Court will be satisfied that the utmost attention hath been given to the propriety and expence of the several Works, and that no unnecessary Works have been constructed, or Expences incurred that could possibly have been avoided, as without outworks the West front of Fort St George would have been very insufficient for the Defence of a place of so much Importance

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South Front

Importance=

The Honble Court in speaking of the West front in the 30th Paragraph of their General Letter of the 10th April 1775 very justly observe, that while any part of a Fortification is incomplete, or less defensible than the rest, an Enemy will not hesitate in his choice of attack. It was on applying this Maxim to the South front that I propose the alterations - The Tenailles appearing to me in their present State very defective, all of them being liable to be lost at the same time, and as it would be attended with inconsiderable Expence, and add greatly to their strength, and security. I propose to separate them, that they might a mutual of being despended upon, and likewise be defended from the Body of the place: and ② advantage that is now neglected. and as the two Flanks of the Southwest Tenaillon, and the Tenaillon intercepts the fire from the Counter guard before the Thorne Bastion, in defence of the reverse of those Works, and of the South face of the Nabobs Bastion, it is absolutely necessary they should be removed. I propose to add a few feet to the last face of the South East Tenaillon to assist in securing those Works from being taken in reverse and to afford a proper defence to the proposed Bonnet at the South East angle. From those alterations much evident advantages are to be derived that

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that on reconsideration of the matter I doubt not they will meet with the approbation of your Honor &c. For tho' the confined extent of the Beach between the Sea, and the River may in some respects add to the difficulty of carrying on approaches, yet on the other hand it would enable an Enemy to defend them with advantage while carrying on as they cannot on that side be attacked from the Fort but with infinite Inconvenience to the Garrison, so that considering the inferiority of the Works on this Front as they now stand with respect to Defence, and that the Black Town must be gained before any of the other fronts can be attacked. I do not think this Front in it's present State so secure from the designs of an Enemy as the Honble Court may imagine

The natural strength which the River affords appears to me less important than is generally conceived it being every where on that side fordable, and at certain Seasons very shallow

East Front The principal difference between the Project of your late chief Engineer and what hath been since offered for a Wall to the Eastward to preserve the Works against the Ravages of the Sea, is that the former was intended to follow the Direction of the Beach merely to answer that end, whereas the latter which contains nearly the same Masonry with the former was designed

to

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to serve the two fold purpose of security against the Sea, and Defence to the Fort, being constructed in the line of Fortification to serve as the Counterscarp to the Ditch, instead of another Wall for that purpose, as no part of the proposed Wall projects much beyond what hath already been executed to the North East I am still satisfied, notwithstanding the Changes of the Sea Beach, and the Violence of the Surff, with that due attention to Seasons, what is now proposed may be performed so as to render the Place secure against the effects of the Sea in a monsoon ever so violent though it may not be practicable to pursue this Work at all Times and as you have thought proper to contract for the Execution. The Charge will therefore be limited to the Measurement which will remove any apprehension of enormous Expence.

The Fortification of the East Front being within the proposed Wall to the Sea no difficulty can attend the Execution. The advanced Wall being first built on examing the Design of your late Chief Engineer for this Line it will appear that he rests the defence of the Beach with two small detached Works near the Extremities of the Front and on the face from the Flanks of a low recovety at the Sea Gate, as it appeared to me extremely

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probable that if an enemy should attempt
a surprize it would be on this front, by mar-
=ching along the Beach, and possessing them-
=selves of those Works which I by no means
thought equal to a Defence of such impor-
tance. I therefore proposed by my last
design, first to remedy the inconvenience
the Court of Directors apprehending from the
Curtains in my orginal design excluding
the old Line, and interfering with the present
Buildings within the Fort, secondly, To
render this Front less liable to surprize to
which it has hitherto been much exposed
Thirdly To obtain a succession of Flanks
towards the South East and North East angles
and a Well disposed fire to the Sea, and lastly,
to keep the East line by the means of a wet
Ditch much lower than it must necessari-
=ly be made if the ditch before it be dry. I
trust these advantages merit your serious
Consideration as it will appear on inspec-
=ting the Plan that the fire for the defence
of the Beach is greatly increased by the
additional Flanks and the Front secured
against Escalade by the Wet Ditch without
any material increase of Expence. I am
of opinion no considerable inconvenience
can be apprehended from the Sand &c. that
may be blown or washed into the wet Ditch
In the beginning of the year 1771 when we
expected a French War I was alarmed from the
insecurity of this Front which made me

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clear'd out as far as it could be done without endangering the old Walls, on examining the Ditch I find very little Sand has got into it since that time, at any rate the Ditch when cleared out will be equally subject to the same Inconvenience and in either Case clearing it would be a very inconsiderable Cost

Bonnet

The Bonnet which I have proposed before the Saliant angle of the Counterguard at the South East angle I consider as very essential to the Defence of the Fort, because it occupys a point from whence the South and East Fronts are much expos'd. in particular as the Tenaillons on the South Front may be from thence be taken in reverse when they would of course fall as it would be impossible to hold possession of them your honor will then judge how necessary it is this Work should be speedily executed but the Wall before it for defence against the Sea must be first established which can only be carried on at favorable Seasons I think therefore not a moment should be lost in taking Measures for prosecuting this Work.

South Front

The very great objects the Honble Company's Possessions in India now are compared with the time of the last Siege will lead us to believe, that should any attempts be made against Fort St George it will be done with a force unfriendly

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more respectable than that under the
Command of Mr Lally and supposing
the place in all parts to be nearly of
equal Strength in point of Works an
Enemy could not hesitate to direct an
attack against the North East angle
considering the many and great advantages
to be derived from its proximity to the
black Town. I am confident the present
small Work in the Coverway before the
valiant angle of the Demi Bastion
where the French constructed their
Batteries in the last Siege is inadequate
to the Defence that ought to be made
there. and I trust your Honor & Co. will
agree with me in opinion that is was
proper rather to exceed in point of strength
as a part so material, than to leave any
thing in doubt where possibly every thing
may depend the proposed counterguard
by covering effectually the Demi Bastion
and the approach to the Sea line on that
side, and by yielding an additional fire
of upwards of twenty Guns would give
great Strength and Security. I think it
a Work well adapted to the situation,
and that it will essentially increase
the Defence.

I have been well assured that during
the last Siege the Garrison were under
frequent apprehensions of losing the
North Bastion by assault, to which it
was at all times exposed for Want of not

Ditch

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Ditch. To guard against the lake Incon=
=venience in future, I propose a Wet Ditch
all round that front thereby to remove
all danger of surprise. the general
objection to outworks not hous such secu=
=rity. I introduced the small redoubts
on the Centering angles of the courtins
as I thought they would be of considerable
advantage to the whole front This I believe
is was your desire I should as that I now
lay before you whatever appeared to me
essential to the Fortifications of this Place
but at the same time I wished to have it
understood, that I considered those as
the last undertakings of the Works
recommended.

The Works to the Westward have
but little remaining to be done to
may be completed without hesitance
to whatever else you may think proper
to have carried on. The present unarmed
and defenceless State of the East Front
calls for our diligence and attention
to put it as soon as possible out of danger
by embracing every favorable opportuni=
=ty of getting accomplished the awanted
parts of the Wall to protect the Front against
the beating of the Surf and the encroach=
=ments of the Sea, as from the Nature of
this Work it cannot at all times be
carried on, and advantage must be
taken of the particular Seasons suitable
for it. as the Wall advances the Works

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at the North East & South East angles may be constructed and chose to the Southward finished.

Having laid before your Honor &c. my Sentiments on the several parts of the Works of Fort St George with that Freedom which I have thought my indispensable Duty, and with due attention to the several Remarks of the Honble Court, I shall execute with the utmost diligence your Commands on whatever resolutions your Honor &c. may come to for putting the Place in the best posture of defence and compleating the Works

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
13th Jany 1777

Minute of the Colonel Stuart thereon

I am of opinion that the Works which by the Chief Engineers Memorial now read to the Board are meant to cover the N. E. and S. E. angles whether in the form of Bonnet or Counterguard ought first to be begun and finished as also the wall to protect these Works from the Surf in order that the Beach on both Sides may be secure from approaches and the adjoining Works better defenced.

I am entirely against laying open any further portion of the old Works or body of the Place until the above are finished

Because

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Because I think we should proceed by
degrees lest delays in finishing any future
New Works and thus encrease our expence
beyond the means on hand occasion
difficulties which may otherwise be
gradually overcome.

This covering Works above allowed
to may nevertheless be so disposed as to
correspond with the Chief Engineers
Plan - These Works and finishing through
- by the new front now in hand will I
believe be found more than sufficient
Employment for the numbers of
Workmen or Quantity of Materials
that can be furnished as well as for
the Sums of money that can be spared
from this Treasury without soon
distance from Bengal.

James Stuart

Also it will at all times afford us
Minute of the real concern to deviate in the least from
Board thereon the orders of the Court of Directors, unless
the necessity of the Service is evident - and
it appears by adhering strictly to the letter
of those orders, their affairs may in a
great degree be injured, We cannot but
deem it a duty incumbent on us, as
faithful Servants to our Employers,
to act in such manner, as the exigency
of your affairs may require, We have
always been very attentive to the dis-
bursements under the head of Fortifica-

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but allays from the Want of Bricks and
Chunam, owing to a very wet Season
prevented the Engineer from finishing
the West Front which from the Honble
Court's Letter 5 April 1776 is appears
to Us they think compleated, and from
that Idea we suppose they were led to
limit our annual Expences to Pags. 50,000

They have also estimated the annual
Expence of Fortifications at Pags. 100,000 but
the real disbursements on the Works for
these two last years have been little more
than 300,000 Pagodas. The Chief Engineer
having therefore represented the absolute
Necessity of constructing the small tho'
necessary Works to strengthen the North
East and South East angles of the Fort,
and Colonel Stuart being of the same
Opinion. Resolved that they be construc=
=ted, and as these Works cannot be
executed with safety, without a Sea [illegible]
to secure them from the Sea, that so fast
of that Wall as may be wanted, be com=
=menced without delay, but, in order
to conform as nearly as possible to the
Ideas of the Honble Court. It is further
Resolved, that excepting the new Works
abovementioned and the finishing out
of hand the South West Front, nothing
farther shall be undertaken, and in
particular no part of the Body of the
Place opened until these are finished,
and in them that Oconomy be adhered

to

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to as much as the nature of the Service will admit.

Read Letter from the Committee of Works

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Com= =mittee of Works with Mr. Ben= =fields Acct Current

The Measurements of the Works performed since the last Settlement with Mr. Benfield have been all taken, and enclosed We have the Honor to send you Mr. Benfields Accounts Current for the Work done to the 31st Ulto since the 28th Feby 75 the Ballance of which in favor of him your Honor &Co will observe is Ps 120673-20.7½

We are likewise to inform you that the contract for Bricks & Chun= =am will expire the 7th of March and We request your Honor &Co will determine if We are to advertize for new Proposals or in what way the Materials are to be provided in future to be provided.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed Servants
Geo. Mackay
Patrick Ross

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* The President ordered, to be on the Table.
lays before the Board Copys Intelligence from Collar dated 17th Inst.

A Portion marked A in pages 268 and 269 form part of Consultn

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received 26th Jany 1777

a Paper of Intelligence from Collar and acquaints them that he has transmitted a Copy thereof to the Governor General & Council

Hyder ally's Forces after a long Siege have taken Pan Gaora Castle (belonging to the Polligars) and made the Polligar prisoner and sent him to Seringapatam. after this 2000 Sepoys and 4000 Match locks were detached against Ruttana Guera Castle belonging to another Polligar.

Intelligence from Collar

My last advices acquainted you that Shevasam Bawau (Morarons Nephew) Ramchunna Gunasha 4 Sirdars were with 2000 Horse at a place called Darwada near the River Kisma from which Shevaram Bawa marched with a Detachment of about 5000 Horse into Hyders Country: which they plundered and halted at a place called Sevaje (a Jatoor) Hyders Forces consisting of 5000 Horse and 10000 Match locks under the Command of Mahomed Ally Commandant with Guns ammunition and warlike Stores were posted at a place called Harriar Arra about 150 Miles distant from Seringapatam / and 30 Miles from Sevaje / and hearing of the Detachment under Shiviram Bawa marched against him at midnight and finding them unprepared entirely routed Shevaram Bawa and took him prisoner with many other Sirdars Elephants, Horses and their Baggage of this defeat Hyder ally was soon advised and thereupon

made

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make great Lyorings by forcing all the
Guns round Serringapatam and gave
Sugar to the Inhabitants. on Sunday the
same Order to Cotar and other Forts-
a Sett of Hercarahs sent to Serringa-
patam bung returned tell me that
an Ambassador was arrive at there
from Bazullat Jung he was received
very frendly and sent back with a
present of 4 Elephants. 2 Horses and
some Jewells.

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Received the following Letter from Major Horne

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lord Pigot has applied to me to write to the Board that as Captain Horne requires Mr Bacon is going to Europe He requires Mr Hammond may have permission to accompany Mr Brown with his Letters to the Company

From Major Horne to Pigot

to have leave to take his dispatches to Europe

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
Humble Servant
Matw Horne

Fort Mount
31st Jany 1777

2d The above Letter having been sent round the Secretary is directed to make the following reply

To Lieut Colonel Horne
Commanding at the Mount

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President &c dated the 31st Ulto and to acquaint you that if it is his Lordships wish that Mr Hammond should accompany Mr Brown

To Lieut Col Horne

Mr Hammond permitted to go.

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with his Dispatches via Surg. they can have no objection thereto, but they cannot admit he has any right to require that Mr Hammond may have this journey from them

Fort St George
the 2d Feby 1777

I am
Sir
your most obed. Servant
R. J. Sullivan
Secy

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gov. Presid.
Henry Brooke + James Stuart
Archdale Palmer & Francis Fowke
George Mackay
The Minutes of last Consultation read
and approved.

Read letter from Captain Mackintosh
To the Honble George Stratton Esq.
President & Governor &c. Council
Fort St George

From Capt Mackintosh
requesting leave to
proceed to Europe

Honble Sir & Sirs

My health being impaired much by this Climate and my own affairs in England requiring my Presence, I beg permission of the Honble Board that I may have their leave to resign my Commission in the Honble Companys Service and return to Europe, but before I leave this Country, I think it a duty incumbent on me to return my very sincere thanks to the Honble the President and Council for the

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the trust they have reposed in me, in appoin=
=ting me to the Command with which
they have honored me. and in which I hope
I have acquitted myself to their satisfac=
=tion. could the consideration of my long
services in this Country. both in Majestys
and the Honble Companys Service, entitle
me to a favourable recommendation from
the Honble Board I would esteem myself
happy in returning to my native Country
with what must ever be the most sanguine
wish of a good officer. the approbation of
those he has had the Honor to serve

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed. humble servant
Jam.s Mackarell

Madras
3. Feby 1777

Agreed that Permission be granted him to
resign the Service and that he be made
favorable mention of to the Court of
Directors

Granted.

Read letter from Ensign Agnew

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

having by the Ships of the
last year received Information that my
Guardians are dead and that my private
affairs will necessarily require my atten=
=dance in England. I am to request your Honor
&c. Permission to proceed along with my
Friend Mr. M.Pherson on the Ship Leeds
now

From Ensign Agnew
requesting permission
to proceed to Europe

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now under Dispatch and that I may be
made such mention of to the Honble the
Court of Directors as may enable me to
return without prejudice to my Rank on
this Establishment

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Pat Alex. Agnew

Fort St George
5th Feby 1777

Granted. Agreed that Ensign Agnew have permission
to proceed to England on the Lion's
General Letter to the Honble
the Court of Directors of this days date
read and approved.
The 8th and 13th Par. not conforming
to the Minutes I have given on the Subjects
contained in the said Pars Subject to them.
Ordered that the Packet be closed

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Letter to the Nizam

A Letter was wrote on the 24th Ulto to Nizam Ally Cawn as entered in Co. Corr. No 12. — requesting Copies of such Letters or other Public Papers as might have been wrote by his highness to Lord Pigot

The following Letters in consequence of the Dispatch of the Leones for England. were omitted in the foregoing Consultations

To Richd. J. Sulivan Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

Letter from the Sepoy agent

I The Sepoy cloathing for the year 1776 being now ready and as the whole have been made up agreable to the Establish= =ment for the year 1775. and the cloathing marked with the number of each respective Battalion. I beg to know if they are to be issued on the like Scale for each Battalion or in any other and what. I am led to address you on this matter by having lately had Indents for cloathing for some of the Carnatic Battalions agreable to the Establish= =ments for 1775. and Indents for the cloathg of others agreeing with the Scale which I have been informed is established for the year 1776

I am
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Geo. Savage
Sepoy Agent

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To W.m George Savage
Agent for the Sepoy Cloathing

Sir

To the Sepoy Agent.

I have laid your Letter to me of the
1st Instant before the Hond.le the Pres.t & Council
and have their commands to inform you,
that the Sepoy cloathing is to be issued
agreeably to the Establishment which will
be delivered to you by the Adjutant General
who will likewise acquaint you the
number of additional Battallions for which
new cloathing is to be provided

I am Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
R. J. Sullivan

Fort St George
3.d Feby 1777

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

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

I have the Hon.r to
Letter from Col.o James acquaint you Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald with
the 3.d Battalion of the 1.st Regiment arrived
here this Morning and agreeable to the
Orders I received from the Commander
in Chief. The Grenadier Company
with two Battalion Companys, com=
=pleated, under the Command of Captain
Hughes, marched to the Plain, from
whence, I have ordered them to proceed
to Tanjore on Saturday Morning Lieutenant
Major Henry Marcell, whose arrival

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here shall immediately be made known to the Honble Board

Sorry I am to inform you, that Ensign Willm Michell died this Morning

I remain with all due respects
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedient &
& most humble Servant
Ed James

Trichinopoly
30th Jany 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to inform you that I arrived here this Morning with the Detachment under my Command I intend halting tomorrow, and to be at Ponamallee the Sixth in the morning early, where I hope to find some one to issue the Pay for the present Month I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Men are in tolerable good Health

from Col Harper

I am with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
H. Harper

Camp at Chingleput
the 2d Feby 1777

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President & Ca Council at
Fort St George

Gentlemen

Having received two anonymous

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Letter from Govr General & Council with anonymous Papers

anonymous Papers by the Madras Dawk which were addressed under cover to the Governor General. We think it proper to transmit them to you hoping that the hand writing will enable you to detect the author of them

We are
Gentlemen
your most obedient humble Servts
Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Ruch. Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
the 16th Jany 1777

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received a Letter dated the 6th of Sept. subscribed by Messrs. Straton Brooke, Flutcher, Floyer Palmer, Jourdan and Mackay together with sundry other Papers by which We find that in consequence of some disputes at your Board the above mentioned Gentlemen had arrested the Person of Lt Tegot and assumed to themselves the administration of the Honble Companys affairs at your Presidency

Tho we do by no means pretend to pass our Judgment on the Points in Question which led to so extraordinary an Issue yet We think it our duty to

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declare in the most explicit manner that the Subversion of Government lately effected by Mess.rs Stratton & Co.a appears to us even from their own Statement to be wholly unjustifiable & that nothing on our opinions could warrant their having proceeded to such extreme Violence but Lord Pigot's having been guilty of the most flagrant Breach of the Laws of this Country.

With these Sentiments we must continue the address We now make use of in our Correspondance with your Settlement as We can acknowledge no other President and Governor of Fort St George but Lord Pigot until our Honble Employers have pronounced their Sentence upon this Matter

Bombay
19 Nov.r 1776

Extract of a private Letter from Bombay under date the 19 Nov.r 1776.

To my very great mortification and disappointment I am without a line from you or any other of my Friends on the Subject of the late most extraordinary violent and unheard of Proceedings at your Settlement also many different Patamars are come in. We have heard from your new administration but even from their own Story We cannot acknowledge them & have accordingly told them so by this

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accompany our Letter as usual to Lord Pigot &c.a it would ill become me unconnected as I am to pass an opinion on the Conduct of either party. but this I am certain of nothing but his Lordships having been guilty of Treason or Felony or his being insane could warrant the length to which His Opponents have carried matters Council have taken the opposite side of the Question which is most astonishing.-

One of our Cruizers goes to Surat with Lord Pigot's Packet to the Directors.

Let those whom the Subject concerns reflect very seriously. It is not more than probable, that all honest and impartial Men both at home and abroad will now clearly perceive that the Resolution which the Gentlemen of Bombay have formed on this most important occasion does not proceed from a pre determined Opinion but is founded wholly upon the Report which the Partys themselves who made an appeal to their Arguments have submitted to them nor will it be less obvious that they had never been misled by the pernicious Information of those whose particular Interest has very probably proved a Spur to their natural Depravity, or deceiving such as may very possibly have proved

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them too much encouragement to calum-
=niate those who had not the same interes-
-ts motives with themselves nor could
never be induced by the highest advantages
of Fortune or other Gratification to pursue
means which shoke at the most sacred
Laws of their Country & make a Breach
which Tyranny will one day enter to the
total Ruin of the Publick Safety - How
far those who certainly had it in their
Power to check these unfair Courses and
to restore Order by a bare disapprobation
of the Violences which were committed
may be regarded as accessary to those
facts which they promoted & of which
they approved in the fullest manner as
as partys in the same Cause they will
doubtless think that it behoves them to
consider. These are the unbiassed sentiments
of a Man who is not conscious to himself
of any unjust prejudices or partiality for
or against any Man or any set of Men &
as a faithful Servant to the East India
Company and a good Citizen feels the
deepest concern for the Wounds which are
given to the Publick thro' the sides of a
Man whose Courage & Conduct cannot
be forgotten without the highest ingrati-
-tude and Malevolence.

Copies of the foregoing from the Gover
Gen.l & Council of Bengal were transmitted
to the Honble Court of Directors. Numbers
in the Packet by the Lioness

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Mr Dent inclosing Protest from Mr Munro

I have the Honor to inclose you an attested Copy of a Protest that Mr Robert Duncan Munro late Paymaster of Chingleput has thought proper to make against me for accepting this Post, which as you are sensible I have done in obedience to your orders I take the Liberty of claiming your Protection and advice on the occasion being with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient & humble Servant

C. B. Dent

Conjeveram
4th Feby 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Report of the Chief Engineer:—

We have employed upon the Works,

Bricklayers	81
Tankoggers	770
Coolies	380
Lascars	84
Stone Cutters	38
Sundry Artificers	3
Amounting in all	1356.

I have the honor to be with respect

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen

your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
9th Feby 1777

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gov. Pres.t
Henry Brooke & James Stuart
Archdle Palmer & Francis Gourdan
George Mackay

Monday
10th Feby 1777

The Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved.

The following Letters from the Nabob
with the Papers accompanying were
transmitted Numbers in the Packet to
the Honble Court of Directors P Loney's

Letter from the Nabob respecting Shirvadee Cawn

Translation of a letter from his highness the
Nabob to Governor Stratton dated

In your letter of the 16th Dec.r you say that
if Khaireulleen Khan would throw him-
-self on my Clemency, his past Errors should
be forgiven in consequence of which I wrote
a letter expressing my favorable Disposition
towards Khaireulleen Khan / Bowee alley
Khan who is my servant and was formerly
Shahonee at Tinnivelly, but whom I sent
to Anjengo to learn intelligence of Khaire ul
leen Khan. I also got Mapheuz Khan to
write to him to write to him that he might
desist from his foolish Ways & return to me.

The answers to Mapheuz Khan which
he

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he wrote with his own Hand You Sir Eyre Coote all the People of my Dubar are well acquainted with, & also what he said to Fiomer aly Khan you will be acquainted with by the enclosed Copies of the two Letters how greatly has lord Pigot misled Hyder ul deen Khan. that he has not yet lost his Pride & Haughtiness. and what an independant & free Style does he write. It is very evident from his letter that Lord Pigot has misled & instigated him to this besides my Brothers & Sons there are more than 30 of my Relations here, and if each of these like Hyder ul deen Khan should be misguided by my Enemys and run away. & like him make such Requests before he will return, in what manner will my Government be supported, and how is it possible that the Carnatic should be suffered to answer their Requests

What can I say more?

Copy of the Arzaunt of Fiomer aly Khan.

The Europeans of Anjengo brought back the Ship on which Khyer ul deen Khan was on board bound to Bombay to Anjengo on account of Khyer ul deen Khans sickness and having consulted the Doctors there he was let blood People say. he was so ill that they did not expect him to live. as soon as I heard of his return to Anjengo I immediately sent off an Hircarra with a letter to him and an answer to it. I received a Letter in answer I would go to him with haste. Tis not possible

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from Kerah which is six days journey
and arrived there in three. Sand Ric
Manek Chunder went to them and
delivered Mahmuz Khan's Letter. the three
Brothers being assembled. opened and read
the Letter and seemed displeased. We had
a great deal of Conversation with them and
endeavoured to make them hear reason and
told them they might choose any Person of
the Sircar they pleased to treat with the
Nabob for them but they paid no attention
to what We said. Hhere ul deen Khan says
"That as soon as they had incurred the
"Displeasure of his highness they intreated
"all the People of the Sircar for Gods Sake
"to intercede for the Pardon of their Faults,
"and that they would not again be guilty
"of such offences. but would strictly observe
his Highness Commands. but no one had
any Compassion on their distressed Situation.
afterwards they went to Governor Straton
and told him of their Situation. saying that
they had brought on themselves the Displeasure
of his Highness and were quested he would go
into the Presence and obtain their Pardon
but he was unkind and told them that
they must never come to him for that the
Nabob would be displeased with him.
Nabob would be displeased with him.
having no other resource left they went
to Pigot. who afforded them assistance
and gave them consolation he even so kind
as to say he would discharge their Debts
and for whatever they might have occasion

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he would them Tacks and in future would
shew them more Kindness than any Person
ever shewed to another when he was confined
they had no Friend left on Matrass and at
that time they intended never to shew their
Face to any one Tore Pigot still affords them
Assistance in every Thing and they constant-
-ly receive Letters from him of Consolation.

"They also have been told in a Dream from
the Holy Prophet that they never will
enjoy Happiness till they have risen Rome
in Consequence of which they have got
Arabian Dresses made up, and if they could
receive the Companys Cowl they never
intend to see Madrass again" (some) Some
ago. Ayah Ram Tauge. Recidant) Time
and I promised that they should receive
a letter of Consolation from his Highness
and the Rajah and I wrote Dispatches to
his Highness. but We were not able to fulfill
our Promise. In the mean time the Pur-
-maun enlightening the Moors was sent
the Rajah and the European which has
much disconcerted them. They say of us
and Recidant Thurnor that we intended
to kill them and therefore to let them that
We would get them a Phirmaun of Consola-
-tion, and on carrying them to Madrass
would have taken away their lives. but
God who is good and Merciful has been
kind to them. and that as soon as the
Phirmaun arrived at Anjengo they were
upon their Guard against the Dacans &

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arrifices of us. and they will not give the least Credit to what we say. If the Company's Cowl sealed his Highness's Dealagreable to the Copy inclosed in Maphuz Khans Letter shall be sent, they say we may come into the Fort of Anjengo. and if yet dosnot, they swear by their Fathers, Mothers, Priests &c. that we never shall come into Anjengo. and if we should attempt it, they will not let us have a Boat, in short they behaved very uncivil to me.

He has collected People of this Country and others to the Amount of 30 & upwards & intends keeping more, and is still squandering away this Money his departure is fixed for the 17th Zilhedgah. Things are arrived to such a Pitch by the Protection of Europeans that I have no Power left. but just to acquaint you if he could but be once taken, every thing would be quiet afterwards your Highness would settle Matters as should seem most proper.

Maphuz Khans Letter & two from your Highness according to your Commands I have taken back from him & shall take care of them.

I have sent an Arzoosht from the Hillcoar of Anjengo and Khan ulleem Canns Arzee addressed to Maphuz Khan, to your Highness, which you will doubtless receive.

From Khan ulleem Khan to Maphuz Khan

I received the Honor of your

Letter

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Letter and understand the Contents wher-
-on you say, that I was arrived at Anjengo
and that I intended to go further, that I
have acted very imprudently by deserting
my native Country and Family to undergo
the Fatigues & Troubles of so long a Journey to
quit his Highness's House, which was my
Place of Safety to cross over Floods & Deserts
for that by Peoples interfering Pardon
for my Offences might be obtained and
therefore in order that Things may be
settled respecting me you order me to
return with my three Brothers, afterwards
by Gods blessing my Well-wishers shall
endeavour to obtain by their intercession
Pardon for my Errors & to regain his
Highness's Favor. and that if I entertain
any Doubts you desire me to come to some
place nearer. that somebody may be sent
to satisfy me. you also order me to come
without the least Suspicion that to be quite
easy, and make you happy. My Mother
you say calls me to her recollections day
and night and is very unhappy. Whilst
I lives in his Highness's Garden I often
begged and petitioned you and other
People to undercede for me but none listened
to my distressed Situation when my Honor
and Life was in danger. I washed the Gloss
of my Honor and Reputation against the
Stones and Dirt to Lord Pigot who acted only
friendly to me. When Lord Pigot was confined
Governor Stratton notwithstanding

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former Friendship, but last he showed to me
the Nabob never shewed me the least
Kindness. when I saw how little Favor the
Present Governor shewed me, I knew that
I must be taken. therefore I left Madras
with an intention of going to Mecca, and
to travel over other Countries. I put on
as any go to have the Useful disguised.
When I took upon me the Troubles of Tra-
-velling I had no dread of Fatigues &c.a His
Highness was not deficient in his kindness
to me but it was my ill Fate which seemed
resolved to distress me. and his Highness's
Kindness was soon changed into Displeasure
which compleated our Misfortunes. I and
my Brothers wherever we go, or in whatever
Country we may dwell. We shall always
remain the Well wishers of his Highness
one bad word regarding him will never
pass our Lips for he has taken care of us
and brought us up from our infancy
and has promoted us to high Rank. you
have ordered me to return, but when I
am so well acquainted with his Highness's
Wrath & Displeasure. how can I be sufficient-
-ly reconciled to return. but conformable
to your Commands I will continue 20 days
longer in any go. and if it shall seem
meet to his highness to grant me the Cowl
a Copy of which I have sent enclosed. I will
most certainly return & pay my respects in
the Presence or otherwise I have sworn
by the Almighty to depart from hence on

the

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the 20. Sebedoah and will go wherever I can find a Subsistance.

Rajah Ram Rauoge. Firmer ally Khan and Rec Manek Thunder have been very diligent and have used every artifice in their Power in order to take us but their endeavours have yet proved fruitless & tho they still continue so. but by the blessing of God they will not take us.

Copy of the Fird of Khureed seen Khans Request enclosed in a Letter to Mapholy Khan Bahadur

A Koul from his Highness the Nabob from the Governor and Council of Madras signed by all the Counsellors and the Gentlemen of the Kings Court Mynpoory

That after my arrival in the Presence his Highness shall in no manner be displeased with me, that no affront shall be offered to the Honor of me and my Brothers, and that the Countries I am to Shevagungah according to the former Customs be restored to me that His Highness will not seperate my three Brothers and me but that they shall always remain with me wherever I may go and that his Highness shall discharge all my Debts. What I have said should meet with his Highness's approbation I hope to be honored with the Koul and certainly will return with pleasure & pay my respects in the

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God Almighty who is more merciful than either Father or Mother will provide for us.

Minute of the President.

In the above Letter the President begs leave to remark to the Board that Hurnoodeen Tawn declares "That when Lord Pigot was confined, "Governor Stratton notwithstanding their former Friendship, but lest he should offend "the Nabob, never shewed him the least "kindness" which was the cause of his fearing Marrats. The President therefore thinks it necessary to minute for the information of the Court of Directors that on his coming to the Government, Hurnoodeen Khan waited on him and requested the Guard which Lord Pigot had given might be continued to him, as he was apprehensive that if it were taken away the Nabob would take the first opportunity of seizing him, on which the President told him, he could not allow him the Guard, which he thought was very improper, as it created a Suspicion that the Nabob wanted to seize him which he (the President) gave him his word of Honor should never happen, & that he need not be under the least apprehension on that account - that it was his (the Presidents) Intention to take a favorable opportunity to apply to the Nabob to forgive him his past Offences, and be so far reconciled to him, that his Debts might be paid off, and he and his Brothers

made

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made happy - that he repeated these
assurances to Hairoobeen Khan many
times, and soon after told him he had
spoke to the Nabob, whom he had every
Reason to believe, would shew him every
mark of his affection, and the President
assures the Board, that he was on the
Point of making up those differences
between the Nabob and Hairoobeen Cawn
when he heard this ill advised Youth had
left the Place. As a further Proof of
the President's good Intentions the Board
refer to his Letter to the Nabob dated 16th
December, and here the Board therefore
cannot help observing the bad Tendency
of Lord Pigot's having given Encouragement
& Protection to Hairoobeen Cawn, acting
thus in Disobedience to his Fathers or Law
whom he confesses has supported him &
his Family from their Infancy and
contrary to the Public Stipulations of this
Government with the Nabob since this
encouragement certainly induced him
to requisite the dismembering of the Circars;

[Translation of a letter from his Highness
the Nabob to Governor Stratton dated 22 Zekja
1190 Hegira or 2d Feby 1777

I have received your letter of the 29th
last, and understand the contents - you say
that in the Month of June last Lord Pigot
informed you, that on examining the

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Company's Records he found by my Instruc-
-tions given to Mr Dupre in 1762. that Hana-
-mantagooty was at that time in possession
of the Tajah of Tanjore, therefore that it appeared
to his Lordship and his Council that pursuant
to the Company's order, it should be restored
to the Tajah, and that he hopes it would appear
so to me. I have examined my Records, and
cannot find any Copy of the said Instructions,
therefore do me the favor to send me those
which you have that I may see them.
Hanamantagooty has never been a dependance
of Tanjore, but of Ramnaad. In Mr Dupres
Government, tho he 33 disswaded Tulgaje from
it. He marched against Ramnaad, which
was under Tribute to me, and suppose he had
at that Time taken Hanamantagooty. I could
not therefore have become the Property of
Tanjore, suppose again that Hanamantagooty
has been in Possession of Tulgajes father in the
year 1762. it cannot belong to Tanjore, as it is
part of the Ramnaad Country, at that time
I refused to agree to the Regulations then
made about Tanjore, as may be seen by my
Letter to Lord Pigot dated 24th Febuary 1773 Regard
on 17th July 1772 & Mr Pack and others can
testify Lord Pigots Tyrannical & violent conduct
in the Execution of this Business. The Treaty was
was made for the Tanjore Country only, but
there was nothing specified about any Country
which the Rajah might then have forcible
Possession of you write me that my Instruc-
tions to Mr Dupre in the year 1762, at
which

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which time he was a Counsellor) you consider as a proof against me. This Mr Dupree who was a Man of great Sense & Wisdom & afterwards during his Government with the Concurrence of Mr Hastings (now Governor General whose Conduct & Goodness have been approved of by the King of great Britain, the Parliament & the Company) settle the Tanjore Business in the year 1771 in the firmest manner, and Tulyaje agreed in writing to give up to me Coiloy Allomparvy Armur, Hanamanta gooty and the Fort of Vellore, tho he was then strongly fortified in Tanjore & the Mahrattas has crossed to this Side of the Gauts to his assistance. This agreement was with the approbation of the said two Gentlemen, as also with that of his Majesty's two Plenipotentiaries Sir John Lindsay and Sir Robert Harland who were both here at that time. a Copy of this agreement is now in the Records of the Company, and one hath been sent to Bengal, and another to England. I now enclose you a Copy thereof. how can you forget this agreement of Tulyaje: suppose it should appear to you by the Treaty of 1762, that Hanamanta gooty was the right of Tulyaje, it must appear to you that it became mine by this agreement in 1771. suppose again that it was his right. Why did he send Money to Governor Dupree & Mr Hastings which they refused and returned to him? I beg you will not

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listen to the representations of the Tanjore People as they are intirely false for people of every degree in the Country know. that Hanamanta gooty belongs to Ramnade. you write me that since the beforementioned letter was sent me. the Govr General & Council of Bengal have thought proper to transmit you their opinion on this Subject. and that in consequence you and your Council were determined to send a Commissary approved of by me & Tulyaje to examine into our claims, and that we should abide by his Decision. Tulyaje is my Subject, and it would be a disgrace to my Government and Honor. that I who am a firm ally to the King of great Britain and the Company should be put on a level with him by appointing a Commissary to examine into our claims. I never will admit that any disputes between me & my Subjects be referred to other Powers

I expect in a very short time an answer from my best Friends the Company & that all these matters will be settled by restoring me the Tanjore Country

You write me that Pags. 2 l. 15. are a very reasonable Consideration for the Custom paid by the Company's Weavers, and that you will deduct that Sum from the 13th July in the current year. I am obliged to you for this, and have given orders

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orders to the Mudliars & Boys of the Companys Jaghire not to take Custom from the Weavers from that time, but to deduct the said Sum from the Rents paid to the Company.

You inform me that you wrote to Tulja Row in regard to the Complaints made by the Tondyman and aly Navas Cawn, which was very proper, but it has no effect — The Thefts and Disturbances of the Tanjore Collaries are greater than ever in the Countrys of the Rammaden, Shinagunga Wanapollam and Sarrelore and they are also troublesome in Tondiman which is the Jaghire of the Mohadoon aly Cawn I enclose you a letter from his Son to see Hafeen Cawn you say that I should give the assistance in the repairs of the Mound that I do in Pudrauds Singes time. The Truth is this the Mound is on the Ground belonging to Tutchinopoly and was made by former Subadars formerly in consequence of the Rummulah and Sumiprion of Pudraub Sing, who paid me Tribute and acknowledged obedience to me, I gave such assistance in keeping up the Mound as was no Disgrace to the Tutchinopoly Country, and I have now done the same at your desire, but the People of Tanjore are impudent & troublesome beyond expression. I have received Letters from aly Cawn on this Subject and enclose you Copies of them for your perusal

You advise me to regulate my Business and to lessen my Expences, which I consider

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as coming from your sincere Friend as such
and am therefore obliged to you. I have
frequently informed you that by Fayore being
taken from me my debts are increased, and my
Troops more in arrears and that it is impossible
for me to settle my Business unless my Creditors
and Troops are paid which gives me great
concern. notwithstanding this, I have reduced
my extraordinary expences all in my Power.

I am sure that you will shew Favor
to me soon by relieving my Sorrow and diffe-
culties, for I am of all the Princes in India,
to the Company and the English Nation, &
have joined and always will be joined to
the Company

What can I say more?

Ordered that a Letter be prepared to accom-
pany Copies of the above to the Governor
General & Council of Bengal

Read the following Letter from Mr
Wm Leybourne Lloyd

To Mr Sulivan

Sir

I received your letter of the
22d and as it appears by the Signature you
are Secretary to the Honble Board I enclose you
what I would wish should be communica-
-ted to them

Letter from Mr Lloyd with accu-
-sations against Lt Col James &
Remarks of the Board thereon

I am Sir
your humble Servant
Wm Leybourne Lloyd

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To the Honble the President & Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The inclosed Facts are entered with a view of leading the perusers to a gradual insight of the whole. My Complaints as mentioned by Coll Stuart are intended against an Officer. I have always had the highest Esteem for Mr James but if what I have to alledge (which I think is my duty) cannot appear without such Step, what am I to do.

If every Man who would wish to be good is to be branded with the Name of a Wilkite or a sower of Sedition for using his best Endeavours to rectify Errors which has crept into a Society, then I have done.

I believe Gentlemen you will find in the inclosed more than is sufficient for my Charges mentioned to Coll. Stuart, and as I presume all punishments were intented to deter others from doing wrong so is my Complaints founded. I by no means want to hurt Mr James or his Fortune, and I freely forgive him if thro inattention or imprudence he has hurt my Character.

Whatever fallacious means may be used by custom or otherwise to throw a Gloss over actions that are or has been done in any Society. I am truly sensible no Good Man or Men will be imposed on by such pretensions — I likewise beg leave to

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lay before you my Observations and Opinion, and if I am wrong I hope you will impute it to a good and honest intention.

"It appears to me that the His Majestys Commander chief or the President & Council are impowered to order and issue warrants for Court Martial in the East Indies, they can by no means delegate this Power to any single Person for to appeal (in the time of Peace) or disapprove and order high and capital Sentences) such as are liable to be in general Courts Martial) to be carried in to Execution." as a Prisoner under Sentence of a Martial Court can no way appeal Because the last and highest Power from whence such Courts have have their are to approve or set aside the Sentence

"The Preamble is in this point very explicit, and all the articles mentioning Penalty's are founded on the high (as it is supposed all Crimes are) and the general Cause or from whence arises the Certainty that a Martial Court may act illegally. if every Article may be implicitly followed without the general Grounds in the Preamble being also followed.

These Gentlemen are my own Sentiments. I hope they are honest & good.— I shall this afternoon set off for the Presidency and will do myself the Pleasure of waiting on Mr Stratton and

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and if the Honble Board should think proper to examine me I shall ever be ready answer their Summons

I am

Gentlemen

with all respect your most obedient humble Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd

Tritchenopoly
25th Jany 1777

Open Facts

Fact the 1st My Complaints never have been enquired into, nor were they admitted to appear on my Trial, no further then what is alluded to in the Prosecutions and the Proceedings of the 9th of December, as entered on that Court Martial.

2d It appears on oath before the Court Martial I was a member of, that Mr James Burn did cruelly beat and mattreat Hugh Guest a private Man brought Prisoner before that Court.

3d The Man shewed his Back & shoulders in the same Court on which appeared recent bruises

Remarks of the Board

The Board have no authority to judge of the Proceedings of the Court Martial the Articles of War point out the proper mode of redress to Mr Lloyd if he thinks himself aggrieved.

This matter has no doubt been well weighed & considered by the General Court Martial, that tried Hugh Guest

The General Court Martial, entered on their Proceedings such matters as appeared to them of

any

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of a violent nature, then any consequence.
occular Proofs was not
entered on the Proceedings
of that Court Martial
when delivered into Col.
James the Reasons why
this did not appear, are
secret.

4th Lieutenant Colonel. The warrant expresses
James has power delegated as much
from the Honble the Pres.
and Council to approve
or disapprove of Court
Martials in this place,
or to do away or mitigate
the Sentences of such, or
to carry into Execution,
the final appeal there-
fore rests in them
only.

5th I complained to the
said Colonel James. he
refused to hear my Com-
plaints, and for a reason
one I made to acquaint
him of the Prisoners ill-
usage. He told James
accused me of Perjury,
before the Court I was
a Member of, and signs
my arrest. this appears
on my Trial.

The General Court Martial
which sat on Mr. Lloyd in
Consequence of his being
put into arrest by Lt.
Col. James, hath ultimate-
ly determined this point-

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Fact. 6th The Prisoner Hugh Guest did some time before he was tried complain to Captain Calvert of the ill treatment he received from Mr Burn, which appears on this defence on the Court Martial I was a member of.

7th Captain Matthias Calvert was a Member of the same Martial Court by the Prisoner was tried at and prosecuted the Prisoner which appears on that Trial

The King is the only Prosecutor at a Court Martial & the Court it self is the Judge of what Evidence is to be admitted

8th The Prisoner challenged Capt. Calvert in the open Court, and objected to his sitting as a member & gave for his reasons why he made that objection. Viz. because, the Captain Calvert had prosecuted him, yet Calvert Calvert kept his seat as a Juror & Judge on the Trial.

The Court Martial was only Judge & the reasons given by Hugh Guest in the objections to Captain Calvert

9th That same Court on the 9th of December 1776 after hearing down Col. Gamis's accusation) desires

as this Matter has been decided by the General Court Martial which on to Mr. Lloyd. The Board do not think

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desires me to withdraw, think themselves Com-
petent to pass sentence upon me, & then finds me guilty, I cannot be pass an Opin-
ion of irregular behaviour upon it.
in carrying a Letter &
a Cane to Col. James -
this appears on my
Trial
2d That same Court desires another Court Martial
I may be ordered in arrest was ordered on purpose
to be tried for what they to try M.r Lloyd, from
had alreadoy found me whose Judgment there
Guilty &c. this appears - lies no appeal to this
on my Trial. Board.
3d That same Court leaves
is Colonel James is judgem!
to enlarge my Crime whatever Charges I!
which appears on my Col. James exhibited against
Trial M.r Lloyd have already
12th Colonel James did then decided upon by
enlarge my Crime this the Court Martial
likewise appears on my before mentioned.
Trial.
13th Colonel James appeard This is answered by
the first Evidence in sup- the Remark on the 7th
-port of the Prosecution Fact
against me - which
appears on my Trial
14th Colonel James approves Lt. Colonel James by his
of the Sentence of that Court Warrant is authorized to
Martial I was tried at approve or disapprove of
which appears in the the Sentences of Courts
Garrison orders of Martial held at Trichino-
Torchinopoly -poly -

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Yesterday January
the 6th 1777.

13th I was arraigned with a general Court Martial
three private Men whom
I had command'd belong'd
-ing to the Company I was
Lieut.n, and whom I
had command'd, who
were convicted for capital
Crimes having deserted
their Colors, and the
height of my Crime was
only irregular behaviour
this appears on the
Proceedings of the Court
Martial I was tried at
16th I applied to Colonel
James by letter after
the Sentence of my being guilty was made
Public for leave to go on any of the Garrisons
and to the Presidency.
such leave was not
granted - till January
22.d 1777

to the Board of Command
or Chief and above
on the Establishment

Resolution in Consequence

From the above Remarks on what Mr.
Lloyd has exhibited as Charges against Lt.
Colonel James it appears that the Board
conceive Mr. Lloyds complaints do not
require further notice.

Ordered, that the Secretary do acquaint

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Mr Lloyd of the foregoing Resolution

Minute of the Commander in Chief respecting Persons remaining on England without Leave

The acting Commander in Chief represents to the Board, that in consequence of removing the eight Subalterns from each European Battalion to the Sepoy Corps and the Officers who have leave to serve with the Nabobs Troops the Duty becomes severe upon those remaining with the Battalions, and therefore recommends that the Companys orders respecting Officers remaining in England, beyond a certain time without their leave signified to the Board be followed by filling up their Commissions in succession, and naming Cadets to be Ensigns

Ordered, that a return of all Officers absent in England & the time they have been absent, be forthwith made out by the Adjutant General to be laid before the Board.

Ordered likewise that a return of the Officers in the Nabobs Service be laid before them. & that in future no Officer be allowed to enter into the Nabobs Service, without the Board's permission signified thro their Secretary

No Officer to enter into the Nabobs Service but by Permission of the Board

It appears to the Board that Ensign John Hare & Charles Grant have been absent in England since the year 1774. and that Ensign Robert Campbell & Ensign — Orton have neither joined nor have been heard of. Resolved, that they be no longer continued on the Establishment & that the Vacancies occasioned thereby be filled up by the following Cadets

Ensigns Hare Grant Campbell & Orton absent struck off the List

Mr Cox

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William Baillie to be consign dated 4 Feby 1777

Appointments

Robert McTerrand	D°	D°	5 D°
James Forbes	D°	D°	16 D°
John Lee	D.	D°	14 D°

The Commander in Chief represents to the Board that when the Public Service requires his leaving the Presidency - it will be necessary that the adjutant General, or some Officer doing that Duty should attend him, at the same time, as the returns from the army must be sent to the Presidency, and the General orders there preserved in an Office as matter of Record, and for the information of the Board, and as the Board in the absence of the Commander in chief & adjutt. General may find it necessary to have the assistance of an Officer officiating as adjutant General he recommends that an assistant be appointed but without additional Rank, & that Lieut Saml Hoare be nominated accordingly

Lieut Hoare appointed assistant Adjutant General with S J Dunn.

Agreed, that Lieut Hoare be appointed assistant adjutant General - & in consequence of the additional trouble of that Office, that he do receive on that account 3 Pagodas P Diem.

Capt Eagles to receive an advance of £1000 for the purpose of recruits

At the recommendation of the acting Commander in Chief - Ordered that Captain Edward Eagles do receive an advance from the Military Paymaster of 4000 Pagodas for the purpose of recruiting Men, for the new formed Battallions of Sepoys.

Letter from the Nabob the

Read Letter from the Nabob dated as entered in Co Corry

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Tinnivelly Polygars revolt

The many troubles which have been lately occasioned by the Polygars in the Tinnivelly Country & requesting the aid of some of the Company's Troops to reduce them to obe-dience.

Reply thereto-

The Draught of an answer is there-upon read & approved as entered in Co. Cons. No. 16.

Read also Letter from the Nabob C. C. S. - representing the Expediency of receiving soon his demands upon Tanjore - in reply to the Explanation required of him respecting the application of the Tanjore Revenues and declining to promise Pardon to Khan Zeman Khan.

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Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Report of the Chief Engineer

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	78
Tankdiggers	766
Coolies	375
Lascars	84
Stonecutters	50
Sundry Artificers	0
amounting in all	1353

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

your most obedient & most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut. Col. & chief Engineer

Fort St George
23d Feby 1777

From the Nabob obliged to deviate from his agreement relative to the Hists of this year

Came in Letter from the Nabob dated 18th Feby. representing that on examining his accounts he had found it necessary to make some deviation in his agreement in point of time, but not in the Sum of his Payments to the Company for the year Entered in Co. Corr. No. 18.

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov.r Pres.t

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer × Francis Jourdan

George × Mackay

Monday — Coll. Stuart absent on Service

24th Feby 1777 — The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President & Co.a Council
Fort St George

Secret General Letter from Bengal respecting Bombay & a supply of Treasure

Gentlemen

We have been favored with your Letters of the 4th & 30th Ult.o the first enclosing sundry Papers of intelligence and the latter transmitting to us Copies of your Correspondence with the President and Council of Bombay on occasion of the late Change in your Government.

It is with much concern We observe that the Presidency of Bombay have taken a resolution which is apparently so repugnant to the Companys Interests. We have strongly remonstrated to them against it and We hope that the Reasons We have set forth in our Letter to them will produce the desired effect. We enclose a Copy of this Letter that you may see We have done every thing that depended on us to establish the authority of your Government & prevent

the

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the fatal Consequences of an appearance of Disunion in the Company's Presidency

We are under great embarrassment from the foregoing Terms in which you have repeated your application to us for the supply of a Fund of Money for military exigencies. We shall always be ready as far as our Power and Finances will admit to grant every aid that may be required of us for the support of your Presidency in cases of real danger but we must own that the present Emergency does not appear so alarming to us as to make the immediate necessity of providing and laying up a Fund at Fort St George for future services an object of such importance as to be placed in comparison with the Inconveniences to this Country which must evidently result from it. The Currency of Bengal has suffered a sensible reduction by the immense Drain of its specie for many Years past & We are convinced that We could not at this Juncture export the Quantity which you require without considerable Injury to the Company's Revenues and to the circulation of the Country. We must therefore request that you will be pleased to dispense with our Compliance with this measure.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants

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Warren Hastings
J. Clavering
Richd Barwell
P Francis

Fort St George
the 27th January 1777

Ordered. that the letter to the Presidency of Bombay mentioned in the aforegoing, be entered hereafter. & in the meantime that a Copy of it. together with the above be transmitted home a number in the Packet by the Prince of Wales

Read & approved the following Draught of a Letter to the Govr General &c. at Bengal.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the honor to receive your Letter of the 16th Jan. enclosing two anonymous Papers that had been sent from this Settlement to the Governor General before the Receipt of this Letter. We had prior that Papers of a similar nature were circulating in our different Garrisons & Subordinacies - and that no pains were spared to keep alive the flame of Faction & discontent. but. We have hitherto been unsuccessful in our attempts to discover the Persons who may be engaged in it.

We have lately received a Letter from the Nabob accompanied by Copies of Letters to & from his Son in Law Hauzoodeen

Fthaun

2/ Letter to Bengal respecting Khan Zeman Khan & the Nabobs Title to Hurrasanda- goody with Papers thereon

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Khan, which now wait on your Honor &c"
enclosed — In the Letter from Hamroodeen
Cawn to Mauphuz Cawn your Honor &c"
will observe the declaration "That when Lord Pigot
"was confined — Governor Stratton notwithstanding
"their former Friendship, but, lest he should offend
"the Nabob never shewed him the least kindness"
which was the cause of his leaving Madras. But
President has therefore thought it necessary to
declare for the information of the Court of Directors
that on his taking Charge of the Government,
Hamroodeen Cawn waited on him & requested the
Guard which Lord Pigot had given him might
be continued, as he was apprehensive if it were
taken away, the Nabob would avail himself of
the first opportunity to seize him. on which the
President told him. he could not allow him the
Guard, deeming it improper & unmanly, as it
created a suspicion, that the Nabob wanted to seize
him, which the President gave him his word of
Honor should never happen. & that he need not
be under the least apprehension on that account

That is was his (the President's) intention to
take a favorable opportunity of applying to the
Nabob to forgive him his past offences, & be so far
reconciled to him, that his Debts might be paid
& he & his Brothers made happy: That he
repeated these assurances to Hamroodeen Cawn.
& soon after told him he has spoke to the Nabob,
whom he had every reason to believe would have
restored him to his affection — and the President
assures us, that he has on the point of making
up these differences between the Nabob & Hamroo-

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Hhaureoodeen Cawn. when he heard this ill advised
Youth had left the Place. and here we cannot
help again observing to your Honors &c. the bad
Tendency of Lord Pigots having given encouragement
& Protection to Hauroodeen Cawn. acting thus
in disobedience to his Father in Law, whom
he confesses has supported him & his family
from their infancy. since such encouragement
evidently induced Hauroodeen Cawn to make the
Extraordinary Requisition to the Diminishing
the Tuscar in his Favor

Per the 6th Inst. as we were closing our
Dispatches to England by the Lion's. We received
a Letter from the Nabob. in answer to the repre-
sentations which have been made to him
respecting Rannamantagoody & Arnee. explaining
his Rights to those Countries. & complaining of
the compulsory manner in which Lord Pigot
made him execute the Treaty of 1762. with the
Rajah of Tanjore — Copy of this Letter now waits on
you for your information

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servants
George Stratton &c.

Fort St George
24 February 1777

Since signing the above We have had the Honor
to receive your Letter of the 27th Ult. enclosing
Copy of your Letter to the Presidency of Bombay
Copies of which shall be transmitted by the
Prince of Wales for the Information of the
Honble Company.

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The President lays before the Board the following Draught of a Letter to the Nabob which is read and approved Entered in Co. Cons. vol. 19.

To the Nabob

To the Nabob regretting the Deviation made from his agreem.t of Payments to the Company.

I have had the honor to receive your highneſs Letters dated the 3d & 12th Inst. and am much concerned to find by the latter that your highneſs has found it necessary to make a Deviation from the agreement you made with me the 12th Decr. in the Settlement of your Affairs for the present year, for having communicated the particulars of that Settlement as you desired to the Council on the next day and advised the Company thereof by the last Ships it may not have a good appearance to them that any alteration should be made in it as a friend and well wisher to your Highneſs Properety and Welfare I wish much that the Situation of your Highneſs affairs would enable you to comply with your first agreement as your Highneſs must be sensible that the Companys Incomes are but barely sufficient for the Payments of their Troops and the Provision of their investment & therefore any delay on the part of your highneſs in the punctual performance of your engagements with the Company must distress their Affairs. your highneſs may remember that the Settlement made was as follows Viz.

Current Charges from 1st May 1776 to 30th April 1777 at 30000 Pagodas } 360000

For the arrears of current Charges from 1st May to 31st December 1776 [illegible]

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Your Highness engaged to give me the
following Bills

1 Bill payable 31st March 1777 for 140,000
1 Do Do 31st May 1777 100,000

240,000

And to pay in Cash Money

In January 30,000
February 30,000
March 30,000
April 30,000 120,000 360,000

And towards the discharge of the
Ballance 30th April 1776 your Highness 100,000
engaged to pay in last month 5th this
No part of the forgoing sum hath yet been
paid nor have I receives the Bills therein
mentioned, but in lieu thereof you have been
pleased to make me personally the following
Proposal Viz:
That your Highness will pay
one Current Charges in Feby 30,000
in March 30,000
in April 30,000
in May 30,000
in June 30,000
in July 30,000
in August 30,000

360,000

And with respect to the payment on Account
of your Debt your Highness is silent
This is so different from the first Settlement
made with your Highness that it must have
a very extraordinary appearance to your

faithful

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faithful friend the last by a Company
appropriated my endeavours on this head
proceeds from a real regard to your Highnys
Interest for as your Property is inseparably
connected with that of my Employers it is
a Contradiction to suppose that that prospe-
rity can attend your affairs while they
continue to be involved in difficulties from
the want of Money. This is a matter well
worthy of your Highnys most serious
Consideration

The Present acquaints the
Board that having applied to the Nabob for
particular information relative to the
Polygars on the Trinnevelly Country, agreably
to the Resolution of last Council, & encouraged
by this Highness's information that those who
were disaffected might be reduced to become
by some of his own Cavalry having repaired
the Sanction of the Board had directed
the Secretary to send orders to the Commandant
and Storekeepers at Trichinopoly, Tellicherry,
Manoura & Palamcottah to supply Captain
Dugald Campbell who is to command the
Party with Stores agreably to the following
List, given to him by Captain Campbell at
the Nabobs desire

The Commandants and Storekeepers at Tellicherry Manoura & Palamcottah to supply Captain Campbell with Stores for the Reduction of the Polygars

Wants for a Detachment of the Nabob.
Wallajahs Troops under the command of
Dugald Campbell, from the following
Garrisons Viz. From Tellicherry to be sent
to Trichinopoly
2 Iron 12 Pr.s on field Carr.s with

List of Stores

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Lumbers & Tumbrils compleat

From Trichinopoly the above Guns to be compleated with Field ammunition and every other necessary article.

25 Barrels of Europe Powder
25 Do. Country Do.
150 Barrels of Musquet Ball ammunition
Europe Powder
70 Barrels of Cartrige Ball ammunition
Europe Powder
100 Mamatties
100 Pickaxes
100 Hatchets
30 Sap Hooks

The above articles to join Captain Dugald Campbell on his March to Palamcottah

From Palamcottah
100 12 lb Shott

A general order to the Garrisons of Trichinopoly Madura & Palamcottah to supply Captain Campbell with what other Stores he may want

Dugald Campbell
Captain

Fort St George
12th Feby 1777

Consign Alex. Read to do duty with the Nabobs Troops

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob has requested Permission for Consign Alex. Read to do duty with his Troops ordered accordingly

Ordered, that the following Letter be wrote to Lt. Colonel Horne.

To

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To Lieut Colonel Horne

Commanding at the Mount

Sir

Letter to Lt Col. Horne with advice of the Dispatch of the Prince of Wales

The Honble Companys Ship the Prince of Wales will be dispatched for England the 5th of next Month. This I have the commands of the President & Co to reserve you will communicate to Lord Pigot, and at the same time to inform his Lordship that any Packets he may have to send to Europe, will be taken the greatest care of

I am Sir

your most obedt servant

R. J. Sullivan

Secy

Fort St George
24th Feby 1777

Read Letter from Mr Wm Ley Lloyd

The Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Lloyd with an accounts to the Court of Directors

I beg leave in the most respectfull manner to lay before you the accompanying Packet under a flying Seal. humbly requesting the same may thro the Board be forwarded to the Honble the Court of Directors

You will find in my narrative an Extract from an order published at Trichenopoly whether Colonel Stuart did give such opinion or if Colonel James was impowered or authorized to publish such. I know not

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

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with all respect
your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Leybourne Lloyd

Mount
the 22d Feby 1777

Order thereon

Ordered, that Mr Lloyd's Letter to the Honble Court of Directors, be transmitted home, a Number in the Packet by the Prince of Wales and that reference be made in the General Letter to the Minutes of last Consultation, which contain the Boards Remarks on Mr Lloyds Complaints against Colonel James.

Read letter from the Commandant at Pallamcottah.

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

Sir,

From Commandant of Palamcotah. the Tinnevelly Collieries revolt.

Yesterday two of the Nabob's Batts with a Brigade of Guns under the Command of Captain John Henry Pickard marched from Tinnavelly against the Polygars they are also joined by a few irregular Horse with some carnatic Peons. the above Troops are sent by the Manager to collect the Nabobs Revenues from the Polygars which they refuse to pay, and have assembled a great number of Colleries at a place called Shevagurry near the Hills about sixty Miles from this Garrison, I shall communicate their proceedings regularly which you will be pleased to lay before the Honble the President & Council also this letter and I have the pleasure to be

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to

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

Thos Hopkins

Pulamcottah
16th Feby 1777

Read Memorial of Captains Osborne & Netterville

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr Presidt
and Governor of Fort St George &c
&c &c and the rest of Council

The Memorial of Captain James Osborne
and Captain Nicholas Simon Netterville
appointed to the Presidency of Fort Marbo=
=rough.
Humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialists having had the Honor to be nominated Captains to the aforesaid Presidency by the Honble Court of Directors were to fill this appointment ordered a Passage on the Ship Duke of Grafton Captain Samuel Bull. but in the course of the Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope such was the unsupportable ill-treatment with which we were continually insulted, that We were compelled to quit the Ship and throw ourselves on the Protection of the Governor & Council there.

That your Memorialists thinking such Persecutions by no means authorized, did from thence transmit to the Honble Committee of Correspondence an appeal, setting forth the ignominious manner with which We were treated, unreconcileable to us as Officers

Memorial of Captains James Osborne & N. Netterville

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or Gentlemen

First. Captain Bull reflecting on us as Gentlemen of Character, by expressing "That no Man of Character was sent to Bencoolen, for that Nobody would go there, who coud exist or go anywhere else"

Secondly. our Cabin being broke open when We were ashore at St Helena which was filled with improper lumber whereby We were put to loss, and heavy inconvenience for what other purposes we know not

Thirdly. Presuming to enter into an unlawfull Combination against us. voting us to Coventry on a Pretence for which they themselves allowed there was no Foundation

Fourthly. denying us admittance to our Table, and next refusing our request to be served in our Cabin thereby compelling to sit at a Table, where we were repeatedly & grosly insulted.

Fifthly The Surgeon neglecting Captain Netterville in his illness this neglect causing a Relaspe his Complaints assaulted him with double Violence at the time he was distressed with most excruciating pain he was barborously refused assistance. and even all access to the Medicine Chest denied.

honored with the Favor and Protection of the Governor and Council at the Cape of Good Hope we proceeded in a Dutch Ship and arrived in India the 8th day of November last past. we have since continued our Journey here to Madrass under various Inconveniences. Expence. delays. and illness The fatigue has been so very prejudicial to Captain Netterville that he is obliged to ask indulgence

to

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to remain on the Coast as his only chance for recovery.

From these Considerations we beg leave to lay our case before you, Gentlemen, the Honble the Governor and Council, and seeing the circumstances are very severe, we cannot but hope to be honored with your Favor, as we hold our rank in the Service from the day of our arrival in India, we likewise hope we shall be put on respect to pay, or other allowances, on the same footing with all other officers, reserving to us the Title we may have to take rank from the Duke of Grafton's arrival at Fort Marlboro. The Inconvenience and Expence we have incurred in Consequence of the unparalled ill behaviour we have experienced has far exceed any Idea we had of travelling in this Country, and as easily ascertained. Therefore, we pray you will take these Premises into consideration, and in your Justice and Integrity give us such relief as you shall think most proper. and transmit this Memorial to our Honble Masters all which is most humbly submitted.

James Osborne
N. L. Netterville

February the 19th 1777

Ordered, that the Memorial of Captains Osborne & Netterville to the Honble Court of Directors be transmitted home a number in the Packet by the Prince of Wales. and that those Gentlemen be made an advance of Pagodas 600 Ordered likewise that Fort Marlborough be debited for this Sum and that Presidency advised thereof accordingly.

To be transmitted home. 600 Pags to be advanced to them & carried to the Debit of Fort Marlboro

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The Secretary Lays before the Board the following Certificates for William Seagroll & John Richards Private to partake of the Military Fund

William Seagroves and John Richards to partake of the Military Fund.

By Colonel James Stuart Acting Commander in Chief of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Coromandel

Whereas it is ordered by the regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Companys Military Fund for the relief of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India that they produce a Certificate from their commanding Officer as one of the requisits to entitle them to the provision made by the said Fund

I do hereby certify that Wm Seagroves born at Emberton in the County of Bucks England about thirty years of age is a private pensioned Soldier on this Establishment has served the Company upwards of nine years and eight Months and by the Wounds he received on the Expedition at Bombay in the year 1775 he is rendered incapable of further Service in India and returns to Europe depending on the Provision made by the said Military Fund

Given under my hand at Fort St George this 15 Day of February 1777

By desire of the Commander in Chief

James Ludington

A G

To the Honble the Court of Directors of the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

We

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We the President & Council of Fort St George do hereby approve of the foregoing Given under our hanes in Fort St George this 24th Day of February 1777

George Stratton
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan
George Mackay

By Colonel James Stuart acting Commander in Chief of the Honble Companys Troops on the Coast of Choromandle

Whereas it is ordered by the Regulations for transacting the business of the Honble Companys Military Fund for the relief and maintenance of European Officers and Soldiers who by Wounds or otherwise are rendered incapable of further Service in India that they produce a Certificate from their commanding Officer as one of the requisites to entitle them to the Provision made by the said Fund.

I do hereby certify that John Richards born at Bristol in the County of Somersetshire England about twenty five years of age is a private pensioned Soldier on this Establishment has served the Company upwards of three years and nine Months and by the Wounds he received on the Expedition at Bombay in the year 1775 he is rendered incapable of further Service in India and returns to Europe depending on the Provision made by the said Military Fund.

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Given under my hand at
Fort St George this 15 Day
of February 1777

By Order of the Commander
-or in Chief
James Lidingtoun
A. G.

To the Honble the Court
of Directors of the
united Company of
Merchants of England
trading to the East Indies

We the President and Council of
Fort St George do hereby approve of the forgoing
Given under our hands in Fort St George this
24th Day of February 1777

George Stratton
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan
George Mackay

Appointments

Agreed that Messrs John Torin Charles Griffiths
and — Duff who is to rank next to — Hughes
appointed the 29th Ulto to be appointed Cadets
on this Establishment.

Read Letters from the Nabob dated 14th
Jany & 1st Instant representing the Troubles
occasioned by the Polygars situated near
Coryneram and enclosing a Bill for 3500
Pagodas on account of Pondamallee due the 1st
February 1777 Entered on Co. Corr. N20. N.21.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov.r President

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

Colonel Stuart absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors p. Ship Prince of Wales read and signed.

General letter p. Prince of Wales read and signed

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

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2d Came on Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.

President and Governor &c Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now employed upon the

Report of the Chief Engineer Works

Bricklayers	86
Tankorgguns	731
Coolies	425
Lascars	84
Stonecutters	47
Sundry Artificers	7
amounting in all to	1380

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

your most obedient

most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Fort St. George

2d March 1777

3d Came on Letter from the Chief & Council at

Masulipatam

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformably to your orders

From Masulipatam respecting the Men belonging to the 2d Battalion

2d Brigade who remained here sick upon that

Battalion being ordered from these Circars. We

embark 7 private men who are now fit for duty

on board the Snow Dolphin for Madras. to-

-gether with two Invalids. who have expressed

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their desire to return to their native Country

We have the honor to transmit you a return of them

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed.t humble Servants

Masulipatam
23.d Feby 1777

Charles Floyer
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Pringle

F. The following Letter was this day received from the Commanding Officer at Madura

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

yesterday evening a Captain
from Capt.n Russell Dewar with some other officers a battalion of
the Nabobs Topasses and a company of artillery
encamped at Tippicolum about three Miles from
hence I understand they are on their way to
Tinevelly and have orders to remain in the
Neighbourhood of this Place until they are
joined by Captain Dugald Campbells regiment
of Cavalry

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
William Russell

Madura
5.th March 1777

F. Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now

Report of the Chief Engineer

employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers	93.
Tankeggers	715
Coolies	563
Lascars	80
Stone cutters	40
Sundry Artificers	2
Amounting in all to	1492

I have the Honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
9th March 1777

your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Colonel & Chief Engineer

A Letter from the Governor General & Council at Bengal is entered in Consultation 24th February last. and an order is thereupon passed That their remonstrance to the Proceedings of Bombay should be entered after the Dispatch of the Prince of Wales - It is now therefore entered as followeth.

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Cr Council at
Bombay

Gentlemen

The President and Council of
Fort St George have transmitted to us a Copy of their

Fort St George

Copy of a letter from the Govr Genl &^c to the Presidency of Bombay

Correspondence with you on the Subject of the Resolution which has lately taken place in their Government We observe that in your Letter of the 17th November you formally disavow their authority and declare that you can no other President or Governor of Fort St George but Lord Pigot unless our Honble Employers have pronounced their Sentence upon this Matter As we are unacquainted with the Reasons which have induced you to pass this Judgment on the rights of the Government of Fort St George We can use no argument to unlock it but as the late act of Parliament has in an especial Manner committed the General interest of East India Company to our Controul and Superintendance in all Cases which may affect the Peace of their Settlements it is peculiarly incumbent upon us on this Occasion to inform you of the Resolutions which we have taken in consequence of this Revolution and to warn you of the dangerous Consequences which may result from the declaration so publickly made by you of the illegality of the Powers exercised by that Presidency especially at a time like this. in which the most cordial Union both of Sentiments and Measures in all the Companys Settlements appear indispensably necessary for their common Security

If the Dissensions which had for a long time past prevailed in the Council of Fort St George affected only their internal policy however we might have regretted the Injury which the Companys affairs might suffer from such a Contest We should not have thought it a proper

of ourselves to have taken any part in it, unless some occasion had been presented to us of offering our mediation to effect a reconciliation between the Parties. but when a seperation of the Powers of that Government had actually taken place and the Members who were constitutionally invested with the exercise of them, had formed themselves into two distinct Bodies, each in turn asserting, and assuming, the entire and exclusive authority. We could no longer remain passive spectators of a scene, which if suffered to continue might involve that Settlement in a Civil War, and eventually destroy the General Peace of the Carnatic. It then became necessary to decide upon this alarming event, and We were also qualified to judge of it, by a minute and official communication, of all the transactions of that Government which had progressively led to it. We were informed by the best authority, that Lord Pigot had taken upon him, supported only by three Members of the Council, to dismiss from their seats at the Board, and to suspend from the Service two other Members in opposition to a majority of 6 actually present and afterwards to suspend the 4 remaining Members of the Council. thus usurping the whole Powers of Government which by its legal constitution appertained only to the Council at large or to the majority of it. by this act Lord Pigot and the Gentlemen confederating with him did in effect seclude themselves from the collective Body of the

Council

Council and were the undoubted authors of the Season. which from that instant took place - The other members who consisted of a Majority in number, have only continued to exercise that authority with which by right. they were originally invested. and from which their former associates, were now only excluded, by the attempt ineffectually made to exclude them. had we entertained any doubts of the part which it became us to act upon this occasion. the clear and explicit orders of the Honble the Court of Directors which We had recently received upon a different occasion but immediately applicable in their construction to the Case before us. would have left us no room for further hesitation in these only more sufficient to convince us. that by acknowledging that part of a divided administration. which was formed by a Majority of its Members, we acknowledged the legal and constitutional Government.

As the same principle is equally conclusive in all cases to which it can apply. We assure ourselves that you will regard the Commands of our common Masters as universally binding on all their Presidencies also not separately notified to each, because no occasion had yet required it. We therefore think it proper to communicate to you a literal transcript of the order we allude to. which is as follows.

'It is our express Command. that no meeting of Council / the Members having been

"duly summoned) shall be dissolved or adjourned
"by the authority of our Governor General or
"of any President for the time being without
"the Consent of a Majority of Members present
"at every such meeting of our said Council
"It is our further Command that all
"orders which shall be issued by such Majority
"so assembled in Council as aforesaid to any
"of our Servants in Bengal Civil or Military
"be implicitly obeyed in the same manner
"to all intents and Purposes as though such
"orders had been authorized and signed by
"all the Members of our said Council"

We have been thus explicit in reading
to you the Conduct We have pursued on
this occasion and our Motives for it on
hopes by a fair representation of the Facts
to remove any objections which you may
yet have to acknowledge the authority of the
actual Government of Fort St George not
that We think your acquiescence essentially
necessary in itself to establish their Rights but
because We see danger to the Companys affairs
in general from an appearance of division
in the Councils and Measures of the different
Presidencies in India especially at the present
Critical Conjuncture where many other important
Considerations arising from a view of the
actual state of the British Empire particu-
=larly in India will we doubt not present
themselves to your Minds and as We hope
induce you to waive any Question of rights
which

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which you may hitherto have entertained on the Subject and to unite with us in acknowledging and supporting this present Government of Fort St George, as it is in fact constituted.

A few Months will furnish us with the Judgment of the Court of Directors upon the Revolution at Fort St George. In the mean time all consequences or inconveniencies can result from acknowledging the Present Government nor can such an acquiescence make you in any sense responsible for their actions

We are
Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servants
signed by the Governor & Council

Fort William
the 27th Jany 1777

a true Copy
P Auriol
Secy

At a Consultation Present

Monday
10th March 1777

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov. President
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan
George Mackay
Colonel Stuart absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.
President & Governor & Council

Read Letter from the Chief

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at Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We received a

Letter from Lt Colonel respecting the Stores of the Cavalry there and the subsistence of the Men

Letter from Mr. Secretary Sullivan dated the 8th Instant

We are sorry to observe to your Honour &c. that it has not been in our power to dispatch the Stores &c. taken in use by Capt. Tonyn's Troop to Ramanpatnam agreeably to your directions communicated to us by Mr Sullivan, as the Quarter Master of the Troop positively refused to insert in his Return of them to the Storekeeper the condition they were in: and as the commanding Officer of the Troop on our directing him to give the necessary orders to the Quarter Master for specifying the Condition of the Stores &c. in his return - refused also to issue any order to the Quarter Master on the Subject. for the further information of your Honour &c. We transmit Copies of Ensign Mackays and Lieut. Youngers Letters, together with Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to Lieut. Youngers

The Allowance to the rough Rider and Farrier we have discontinued - but as Mr Sullivans Letter expresses only the Subsistence to be paid to the Troop yet We wish for your Honours &c. Information whether the Pay to the Adjutants and Quarter Master is to be continued and whether the Subsistence entered is the same that was allowed them as Cavalry

We are very respectfully

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedt
humble Servants
Edw Saunders
Wm Maitland
Wm Fallofield

Cuddalore
14th Feby 1777

Mr Edward Saunders acting Chief
and Council of Cuddalore

Gentlemen

The orders which I have received from the commanding officer of the Corps and which I have given to the Quarter Master are "to deliver all the Horse accoutrements &c. belonging to the European Troop of Cavalry by Inventory to the Storekeeper of Cuddalore which has been done.

In regard to the return to be made out specifying the serviceable, repairable and unserviceable of the Stores delivered to the Storekeeper I must beg leave to decline as not being a competent Judge but refer those remarks to be made by the Storekeeper

I am
Gentlemen
your most obedt. Servant
Wm Younge
Lieut

14th Feby 1777

signed Wm Younge
Lieut
A true Copy
Wm Fallofield Secy

To Mr Wm Maitland Storekeeper

Sir

Since you yesterday I had nothing to doe with the Stores but certify them

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number as I have no other order from
my Commanding Officer I shall make no
other Return out and beg you'll send me
a Receipt for the Number of them or else
return them again here

I am Sir
your humble Servant
Aneas Mackay

February
13th 1777

/signed/
A true Copy
D'H Fallofield Secy

To Lieut. Young

Sir

In a consequence of a representation
made to the Board by the Storekeeper that
the Quarter Master of the Cavalry has
refused to deliver him a particular return
of the Stores &c belonging to the Troop.
I am directed by the Chief and Council to
acquaint you that it is their orders that
you give Directions to the Quarter Master
to make out a return in seperate Columns
specifying the serviceable, repairable,
and unserviceable of all such Stores as he
shall deliver to the Storekeeper

I am Sir
your most obed. Servant
/signed/ D'H Fallofield Secy

Cuddalore
14th Feby 1777

A true Copy
D'H Fallofield
Secy

Ordered, that the Council at Cuddalore
be informed that their Storekeeper together
with the Commanding Officer in Garrison
is to receive the Stores on whatever Condition
they

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they may be delivered. that he is to grant a
Receipt for the same. and report accordingly. Ordered. also. that the Officers &
Men of the Troop do receive the same
Subsistence that they drew when embodied
as Cavalry. but. that no Pay or allowances
be made an Adjutant and Quarter Master
a Rough Rider and Farrier as their
Services can be no longer required. now
that the Troop is discontinued.

Mounted Harrison
Dep. Q. M. Master
discontinued

The President lays before the
Board the following Letter from the
Chief at Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to
transmit to you herewith two papers of Intelligence, the one from the Brahmins at Hyderabad.
The other is a Translate of a Letter written by
Ragaboy to Futul Beg Cawn.

from Mr Floyer
Chief of Masulipatam
Com. with intelligence respecting
Hyder the Nizam
& the Mahrattes

The Soubah Juneer Cawn has
postponed the March of his Army untill he
knows the part which the Company will take
in the disputes among the Mahrattas
Lieut Colonel Upton I'm informed has
left the Court of Poonah. and is returning to
the Northward by the Road of Hyderabad.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
your most obed. humb. Servant
Charles Floyer

Masulipatam
the 3d March 1777

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The intelligence received from the Brahmany at Hyderabad, contains an account, of Ragonaut Rons being at Bombay, and that it was reported he had intentions of leaving that place for Surat in his way to Nagier Cauvn, the Vizier of the empire, whom it was thought he had determined to join — of Hyder ally Cauvn's having had some skirmishes with the Mahrattoes, — and of his attempts by means of Bazalet Jung — to gain over the Soubah to his party. of Fazil By Cauvn's having returned from the Soubahs Court thro' the Artifices of Moyen ul Doulah. of the Soubahs intreaties to prevail on him to return, — and of the dismission of Moyun ul Doulah, as the first step towards their reconciliation. containing likewise a translat of a Letter from Ragonaut Rom to Fazil By Cauvn. to this following purport. that Fazil By & Hyder ally Cauvn having given him assurances of their protection and support that he was of good Courage, and would not listen to the overtures of Peace made to him by the ministerial Party at Poonah. and the more especially. — as he had the promises of the Governor & Counsil at Bombay that troops would arrive from the Company to assist him to the utmost. that he was given to understand by good intelligence from Bengal that the Governor General & Counsil had desisted from giving any further assistance to the Ministerial Party at Poonah in consequence of the Company's orders to Bombay — and that Colonel Upton would speedily be recalled.

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Read Letter from Ensign James Turing

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ensign Turing apply to be remunerated for his Losses in an Engagement with the Mahrattas

I beg leave to represent to your Honor &c. that in the action of the 18th of May 1775. against the Mahrattas. I had the misfortune to lose my Horse, which was killed by the enemy likewise my Purse, Sword and Pistols taken, whilst I by reason of my Wounds was rendered incapable of Defence.

I am therefore humbly to request of your Honors &c. that you will take my Case into consideration, and should you be pleased to order me a Compensation for my Losses of that day, you will confer a lasting obligation on

Fort St George
the 26th Feby 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed. humble Servant
James Turing

not granted

Ordered, that the Secretary do inform Ensign Turing this Request cannot be complied with.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col Flint
Inspector Musters
-ed by him when
he a Servants was
present at Chow

having been furnished by Mr George Wilson a few days ago with an Account Current between him & me which he has debited me in for dated the 3 Oct

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1775 for Cash advanced in april last to purchase bad Fanams from the Military. M. Pagodas 518-13.

As you Gentlemen no doubt must have been made acquainted with the particulars of this business from the then Chief and Council at Masulipatam. I shall therefore only observe that those Gentlemen approved of the Step I was absolutely under the Necessity of taken for the good of the Service and wrote me as follows

"As the Confession of the Shoffs leave their "offence beyond a doubt we think the least "Punishment which should be inflicted on them "will be to oblige them to reimburse you for the loss "you may have sustained by buying up their "debased Money. and we therefore entirely approve "of your obliging them to do this"

soon after these very Shoffs were sent for to Masulipatam and directed the tending them under a Guard of Sepoys which I complyd with. and heard nothing further untill the receipt of Mr Westcotts account Current. I am therefore to request if you Gentlemen to observe that from the Correspondence carried on between the then Chief & Council at Masulipatam and myself I had no other motive than the real good of the Service the necessity of the thing admitted of no delay and the Idea of being so long in the Service dictated to me not to hesitate in the least the falling on the only means by advancing the Cash by which the Military were brought to good order again. and the Bazar People to their respective

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respective Avocations by the opening of the Bootucks. and I am further to request the Favor of you Gentlemen to take into Consideration the impossibility of my obliging the Shroffs to make good the loss by reason of the Chief and Council at Masulipatam discharging those People after having them many Months under examination without so much as letting me know the result of their determination, which I impute to that it was so settled that I was not to be responsable for the loss. especially as they had approved of my conduct in this busines

I am now therefore to hope that it will likewise appear to you Gentlemen that what I did was for the good of the Service, arising from the Zeal to exert myself to the best of my abilities upon every emergency. and will also approve of my Conduct in this affair by which I may flatter myself it will be taken into consideration as not to oblige me to sustain this Loss

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient & very
humble Servant
Wm Flint

Pondamallee
26th Feby 1777

Minute thereon 11th December 1775. On reference to the Minutes of Consultation it appears that orders were sent to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam to have the bad Fanams examined & the Shroffs compelled to make good the loss that might have occurred thereon. Agreed therefore that the Gentlemen at Masulipa-

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Mascliparam be furnished with a Copy of Col. Flints letter together with an Extract of the above Minutes of Consultation. & that they be directed to inform the Board of the Measures which may have been taken in Consequence of these orders

The President acquaints the Board that the acting Commander in Chief begs leave to propose that Mr. Duncan Rankin be re-admitted into the Service, - as in the Sentence of his Court Martial he was recommended to Mercy and his Distresses in consequence of his dismission have been very severe - Agreed that Mr. Duncan Rankin be appointed Lieutenant of Invalids, to rank from this day and never to rise higher.

Mr Duncan Rankin appointed Lt. of Invalids & never to rise.

Read Letter from the Committee of Works

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Measurements of the Works performed since the last Settlement with Mr. Benfield having been all taken We enclose you his accounts Current for the Work done to the West Front since the 28. Feby 1775 the Ballance of which in his favor is Pag. 120245. 7. 10.

Letter from the Committee of Works with Mr. Benfields accounts

The present Works having been altered and enlarged since delivering in the original Design in March 1771 and the Quantity of Masonry encreased by the bases of the Ground

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Ground which made additional Depth &
Substance necessary and Bombproofs have
been formed on the interior of all the outworks
as well St Georges Bastion as the body of the
Place which are of great Strength and Utility
to the Works themselves and every commodious
to the Fort and will be a very great saving
of other distinct Buildings that would have
been necessary for Barracks Storehouses
&c: had those Bombproofs not been formed.

As these new Works are nearly
completed I have for your more particular
Information extracted the Cost of them annually
from the Measurements taken 28th Feby 1775
31st Decr 1776 which are as follows

Royal Bastion	1000-5-40
S.W. West Curtain with the Bombproofs and Gateways	5978-20-20
St George Bastion with the Bombproofs	7159-7-28
S. West Curtain with the Bombproofs	6059-27-20
Ribbs Bastion	3269-15-60
Traverse, Berines Caponiers Counterscarp & Coverd ways	7492-36-56
Earth filled in against main Towings	1119-14--
Piers to Bridges	3322-12--
Lunette to Northward of South West Ravelin with the Bombproofs	2595-26-41
North West Ravelin with the Bombproofs & Gateway	2985-31-59
Lunette to Southward of North West Ravelin with the Bombproofs	2071-38-46
Lunette to the Northward of S.W. West Ravelin with the Bombproofs	2163-36-26

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South West Ravelin with the Bomb proofs and Gateway } — 30517.19.46

Lunette to the Southward of South West Ravelin with the Bomb proofs — 21884.32.12

Glacis — 5604.7.13.—

Bailing Water for all the Works — 13365.—.—

Stone Work — 15865.23.16

Pag.s 548043.23.74

The last Measurement could not be sooner ascertained with precision as the Works were at various Levels and the Earth in irregular unformed Heaps.

The Contract for Bricks & Chunam will expire the 7th March and as Mr Fleming has declined to continue it after that period We request your orders in what manner those articles shall be in future provided Mr Fleming engaged to furnish the Company with 350 Lack of Bricks @ 80/ a Parra of Chunam in one year and for the last two years he has only furnished 536869 Bricks & 42529/8 Parrahs of Chunam

We are

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Fort St George
30 Jan.y 1777

your most obed.t Servants
George Mackay
Patrick Ross

D.r The Honble Company on Account D.r

Bailing Water to the West Front

To Bailing Water from 28th Feb.y 1775 to
9th Nov.r 1775. 8 Months & 9 D.s @ 550 P.r Month 4565.—.—
To Bailing Water from 26 Jan.y 1776
to

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to 26th Feb.y 1769. pr 550 Pagodas Amo.t 4950 . . -

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31st December 1770

Pagodas 9515 . . -

Paul Benfield

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col.o Chief Engineer
Sam Mitford
Maj.r Comp.t Engr.s

D.r The Honble Company on account of Earth fell into the undermentioned Works by contract viz.t

Finishing of
North West Curtain
Rods . 765 once moved @ 1/4 p Rod 255 . .
Rods . 16665/6 twice moved @ 2/3 p D.o 7932 9 .
Rods . 478 brought from over
the River @ 1 2/3 p Rod . . 2436 . . 12532 3

Finishing of
St Georges Bastion
Rods . 2703 twice moved @ 1/20th p Rod 1287 6
Rods . 704 from over the River @ 1 2/3 p D.o 3013 0 . . 15883 -

Finishing of
South West Curtain
Rods . 698 once moved @ 1/4 p Rod 2991 4
Rods . 2063 twice moved @ 1/20 p D.o 9821 6 -
Rods . 494 from over the River @ 1 2/3 p D.o 2113 0 . . 14931 8 -

Finishing
Barn under Flank of Royal Bastion
Rods . 2282 once moved @ 1/4 p Rod 760 20

Cunette
Rods . 1938 1/3 once moved @ 1/4 p Rod . . . . 646 7 -

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Caponiers

Rods-6974/3. once moved p 14 P Rod	2324.3230	
Rods-460 - twice moved 20 Do -	219 2 -	
Rods-460 from over the River p 182 Do	197 6 -	2740.4030 -

Out Works

Lunette to the Southward of South West Ravelin -

Rods-1909-29 once moved p 14 P Rod	636.20.29	
Rods-6686-10 twice moved p 20 P Do	3183.3710	3820.1539

South West Ravelin

Rods-1515 - once moved p 14 P Rod	505 - -	
Rods - 7522 twice moved 20 P Do	3581.38	4086.38 -

Lunette to the Northward of South West Ravelin -

Rods-1900 - once moved 14 P Rod	633.14 -	
Do 6672 twice moved 20 P Do	3177. 6	3810.20 -

Lunette to the South. of North West Ravelin -

Rods-1905 once moved p 14 P Rod	635 - -	
Rods 5420.27 twice moved p 20 P Do	2581.635	3216.635

North West Ravelin

Rods-1512.40 once moved p 14 P Rod	504.8.60	
Do - 7200 - twice moved 20 P Do	3432.16 -	3936.24.60

Lunette to the North. of North West Ravelin

Rods-1909-29 once moved p 14 P Rod	636.20.29	
Do 9009 - twice moved p 20 P Do	4289.2 -	4925.22.29

Counterscarp Berm & Covered Way -

Rods 2533.40 once moved p 14 P Rod	845.8.60	
Do - 4300 - twice moved p 20 P Do	2142.36 -	
Do 2565.46 from over the River p 182 Do	1096.2340	13984.2820

Glacis

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Glacis

Rods 98490.32 one more 32830.7 -

D. — 1650 — three more 785.30

D. — 52340 from over the Ditch 224318 — 56047.13 -

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Pagodas 102311.2633

The Measurement cost 3 to be exact and agreable to the terms of Contract

Patrick Ross
Lieut. Coll. Engineer

Jn. Mitford
Dep. Comp. Gen.

Dr. The Honble Company on account of undermuring and Stone Work performed by Contract

South West Gate

Blue Stone wrot. to a plain work Face

313.3 301.36 Pf. — 58521 -

D. Parapet 36 Cubes of Brick in Mortar

3178.7 — 1772 Pf. — 1324716

D. Wrought to clear to the Face

43476 — 2.4 Pf. — 21092 — 1107840 16

North West Gate

Blue Stone wrot. to a plain work Face 2923 -

137.3 301.36 Pf.

D. wrot. to a clear body face

2173.0 — 2.4 Pf. — 435423 — 484625 -

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Pagodas 15865233 16

Paul Benfield

Pl.

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The Measurement certified to be exact and
agreable to terms of Contract

Patrick Ross

Lieut Col. & Chief Engineer

F. Redford

Act. Com. Genl.

Dr The Honble Company on account of
the undermentioned Works performed by Contract

North West Curtain

Plain Brick Work 6624.17 @ 1.21 Pg.° 9936.39.53

Arches & Cremailliere
Work 1563.10 @ 3 Pg.° 4690.453 14627.2.26

South West Curtain

Plain Brick Work 7712.14 @ 1.21 Pg.° 11568.32.53

arches & Cremaille Work 1869.13 @ 3 Do. 5608.18.53 17177.9.26

Cunette

Plain Brick Work 2251.17 @ 1.21 Pg.° 3377.1853

Well Work — 84.17 @ 1.28 Do. 140.18.11 3517.3664

Caponiers

Plain Brick Work 1938.6 @ 1.21 Pg.° 2907.14

Well Work — 692.4 @ 1.28 Do. 1153.24.29 4060.38.29

Piers to Bridges

Plain brick Work 1813.21 @ 1.21 Pg.° 2720.26 -

Well Work — 361. - @ 1.28 Do. 601.26 - 3322.14 -

Lunette to Southwest & of South
West Ravelin

Plain brick Work 9737.21 @ 1.21 Pg.° 14606.26 -

arches brick Work 5402.5 @ 3 Pg.° 16223.53

Well Work — 1101. - @ 1.28 Do. 1835. - - 18064.1853

Carried over Pgs 60769.3538

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Brought over Ps — 60769358

South West Ravelin

Plain Brick Work 1637 14 1 25 Pg. 21566153

Arched Brick Work 863-17 p 3 8 d. 25903726

Well Work — 1365 10 1 28 d. 2273647 26430.2346

Lunette to the Northward

of South West Ravelin —

Plain brick Work 9622.17 p 1.2 1 Pg. 14433.3953

arched brick Work 540253 d. 1622.3253

Well Work — 1024 p 1 28 d. 180628 — 17863.1626

Lunette to the Southward

of South West Ravelin

Plain brick Work 9353 5 p 1 2 1 Pg. 14029.3253

arched brick Work 540253 Pg. 1622.3253

Well Work — 1105 25 p 1 28 d. 1843.2.65 17495.3211

North West Ravelin

Plain brick Work 1401 11 p 1 2 1 Pg. 21022553

Arched brick Work 863-1603 d. 2590.3253

Well Work — 1294-18 p 1 28 d. 2157.3253 25885.6.79

Lunette to the North.ly Work

West Ravelin

Plain brick Work 11534 2 p 1 2 1 Pg. 17329.27

arched brick Work 634-1253 d. 1903.14 —

Well Work — 1095.25 p 1 28 d. 1826.22.65 21032.412

Counterscarp

Plain brick Work 15737 p 1 2 1 Pg. 23603726

arched brick Work 252.1603 d. 757.3253

Well Work — 1206 10 p 1 28 d. 2010.25.74 26374.11.73

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Pagodas 195847.445

Paul Benfield

The Measurement certified to be exact

and

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and agreable to Terms of Contract

Patrick Ross

P. Mitford Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Act. & Compt. Genl.

The contract entered into by Mr. Paul Benfield with the Company in April 1773 is thereupon read and stood as followeth

Contract with Mr. Benfield

Know all Men by these Presents that John Whitehill Charles Smith Samuel Johnson and Col. Patrick Ross Esqrs. the present Committee of Works at Fort St George on behalf of the East India Company and Paul Benfield of the same place for himself his heirs Administrators & Assigns do hereby agree and are held & firmly bound to each other in manner & Form following on Pain & Forfeiture of the Penalties here under expressed Viz.

The President & Council of Fort St George aforesaid having approached the said John Whitehill Charles Smith Samuel Johnson and Col. Patrick Ross the present Committee of Works and empowered them to contract for and enter into an agreement with any Person who should be willing to undertake on reasonable terms and conditions to build carry on and compleat the Brick Work of the Fortifications of the West Front of Fort St George aforesaid the said Paul Benfield doth hereby for himself his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns covenant and agree to and with the said Committee, or the Committee for the

Time

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time being on behalf of the said East India Company to build carry on and complete in a workmanlike manner the said Work according to the plans Sections and Conditions and Instructions lodged with the Secry to the President and Council & agreeable to the Directions of the said Company's Engineer at Fort St George and that the Facing of the Parapet shall be raised in four Months from the Date hereof, and the Curtains joined before the Monsoon proved Materials sufficient are duly supplied him the said Paul Benfield for the same and according to the Prices hereunder mentioned that is to say. The Plain Work in clearing the Excavations for Foundation at Pagoda twenty one Fanams Public Yard.

The Arch and Vermin Brick Work in clearing filling in & removing Centers and the cement Covering and Drains to secure the Arches from Wet at three Pagodas Public Yard

The Well Work including the Excavations of the Earth to the Level of the Top of the Wells at one Pagoda twenty eight Fanams Public yard.

And Whereas the said Paul Benfield did in the said Prices suppose that the Bricks would cost him one hundred Pagodas Black & Chunam at ten Parras & Pagoda. And Whereas the said Committee of Works having agreed to furnish him with Bricks from the Kilns to the Works where they are to be counted and delivered into his charge. as also to be answerable to the Company for

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for the Expence they have been at in carrying the Bricks which now remain on the Works.

And it is further Agreed between the said Parties, that the said Works shall be examined & surveyed & Measured from time to time by the Engineer of Madras, as often as he or the Committee for the Time being shall think proper - and the Measurement thereof is to be paid for according to the Engineers Certificates, signed by him the said Engineer first and then by the said Committee of Works, reckoning forty two Fanams for a Pagoda

And Whereas there being already some part of the said Well Work for the Foundation of the said Bastion begun, It is Agreed that the same shall be valued by the Committee of Works and charged to the said Paul Benfield who will make one general Charge for the whole Bastion

And Whereas the said Paul Benfield in carrying on and executing the said Work may want and have occasion for the assistance and Interposition of the Committee of Works, they the said Committee of Works do hereby on the Part of the said Company engage to assist him in every reasonable manner in their Power.

And Lastly the Obligation of the Present Contract is that in case the said Works should settle or give way, or should not be executed as before mentioned & according

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according to the true intent & meaning of these Presents. or in case the said Paul Benfield negligently & wilfully fails in the execution of any part of the aforegoing Agreement. and absolutely refuses to prosecute or execute the said Work in a Workmanlike manner. according to the Judgement of Surveyors who shall be appointed by the Committee of Works on behalf of the said Company. he the said Paul Benfield does hereby bind himself his Heirs. Executors. Administrators & Assigns to be answerable to the said Company for any loss or Damage the said Company may or shall sustain by reason of the Non Execution of the said Work in manner aforementioned or in case of the failing or giving way of the whole or any part of the said Works within two years from the time they are completed.

In Witness whereof the said Paul Benfield and the said Committee have hereunto set their Hands & Seals in Fort St George this thirteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy three

Signed sealed and delivered (where no stamp Papers to be had) In the Presence of us)

Holt Plumer
W H Sorriano

John Mitchell
Charles Smith
Sam Johnson
Patrick Ross
Paul Benfield

a true Copy W H Sorriano
Clerk to the Committee of Works

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Read also letter from the Committee of Works entered in Consultation 28 January inclosing Mr Binfields account

Ordered previous to the passing of Mr Binfields accounts that the Secretary do select such parts of the records as relate to the Works from the commencement of the Direction of the West Front.

Ordered also that the Chief Engineer be directed to estimate prepare & lay before the Board an Estimate of the additional Expence that may be incurred in completing the West Front of the Fort

The Chief Engineer to estimate the additional Expence of completing the West Front.

Read a letter from the commanding Officer at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I herewith I transmit to the Honble Board my returns for the Month of Feb. I have also the pleasure to acquaint you every thing is ready as directed on account of Captain Dugall Campbell (viz) two twelve Pounders on field Carriages and timbers received from Vellum and two tumbrils I have compleated with ammunition from our Posh and Stores

From Col James

With permission I ask the Honble Board, should Captain Campbell make further application for Stores which he may be equally supplied with from the Rabor in such a Circumstance shall I refer him to

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according to the true intent & meaning of these Presents. or in case the said Paul Benfield negligently & wilfully fails in the execution of any part of the aforegoing Agreement and absolutely refuses to prosecute or execute the said Work in a Workmanlike manner according to the Judgement of Surveyors who shall be appointed by the Committee of Works on behalf of the said Company. he the said Paul Benfield does hereby bind himself his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns to be answerable to the said Company for any loss or Damage the said Company may or shall sustain by reason of the non Execution of the said Work in manner aforementioned or in case of the failing or giving way of the whole or any part of the said Work within two years from the time they are completed

In Witness whereof the said Paul Benfield and the said Committee have hereunto set their Hands & Seals on this thirtieth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy three

Signed sealed and delivered (where no stamped Papers to be had) in the Presence of us)

John Whitehill
Charles Smith
Sam Johnson
Patrick Ross
Paul Benfield

Hall Plumer
W H Torriano

a true Copy W H Torriano
Clerk to the Committee

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Read also a letter from the Commissioners of Works entered in Consultation 28 January enclosing Mr Benfields account

Ordered, previous to the passing of Mr Benfields accounts, that the Secretary do select such parts of the records as relate to the Works from the commencement of the Erection of the West Front.

Ordered also that the Chief Engineer be directed to estimate prepare & lay before the Board an Estimate of the additional Expence that may be incurred in completing the West Front of the Fort

The Chief Engineer to estimate the additional Expence of completing the West Front.

Read Letter from the commanding officer at Trichinopoly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith I transmit

From Lt. James to the Honble Board my returns for the Month of Febr. I have also the pleasure to acquaint you every thing is ready as directed on account of Captain Dugall Campbell (his) two twelve Pounders on field Carriages and Limbers received from Vellum, and two Tumbrils I have compleated with Ammunition from our Park and Stores

With permission I ask the Honble Board, should Captain Campbell make further application for Stores which he may be equally supplied with from the Park in such a Circumstance, I shall prefer him to

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R Maunsell
Thos Dynely
Robt Hughes

Ganjam
the 18th Feby 1777

To Captn Arthur Tysaght
Commanding the Troops in the Pechapour
District

Sir

We have receive'd your
Letters of the 28th Ult. and 1st Instant

On receipt hereof you will be pleased
to order the Detachments which have been made
from the 4th & 6th Battalions to march with
their Tents and other Stores to join the respective
Roules at Ledrumpet. you will also direct
Lieutenant Gowrie with the five Companys
of the 3d Battalion to march to Illore with
their Tents and other Stores, and to send us
an exact Return of his Detachment. you
will please likewise to give Orders for Captain
Chrystie with the 4th Battalion to proceed
to Pechapour. and two Companys to relieve
the Company of the 3d Battalion now
doing Duty here

We are
Sir
your very obed. Servants
Charles Smith
Robt. Maunsell
Thos Dynely
Robt Hughes

Ganjam
7th Feby 1777

(signed)

a true Copy
Fitz Wm Barrington
Act Secretary

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To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief and the Council of
Tanjam

Gentlemen

I have been favored
with yours of the 8th Instant.
as a delay may be attended with
Detriment to the Service the Contents of your
Letter shall be complyed with as soon as
possible, but I must beg leave to observe to
you, that I cannot on future admit of
any thing in the form of an order from
your Board. by the Instructions published
in 1774 it is the pleasure of the Court of
Directors that all military Officers do
comply with such requisitions for Troops
as may be made by Chiefs & Councils. They
explaining to the Military Officer, in writing
as far as may be practicable, the nature
of the service to be performed" and the
Governor & Council have been pleased to
enforce that order, with this additionally,
that the returns are to be made to the
Chiefs & Councils of all Correspondence
carried on with them, in the same manner
as was formerly usual with the Chiefs
alone. Those orders shall be implicitly
conformed to, and at times when the
Governor and Council shall think proper
to make your Board the Channel through
which they are pleased to convey their
Commands, as you Gentlemen think
proper

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proper to point out any thing which may
appear to you necessary for the good of
the Service, you may depend on a ready
compliance on my part. nor shall any
Step be taken with the Troops in the district
without your consent and approbation,
but until the Troops are expressly put
under the orders of the Chief & Council
I hope you will excuse my not complying
with any thing coming to me from your
Board in the Form of an Order

I remain with respect
Gentlemen
your most humble
and obedient Servant
(signed) Arth. Lysaght

A true Copy
Fetz. Wms Barrington
Acting Secretary

Arthur Lysaght
11th Feby 1777

Minute thereon

The Board are much concerned when ever a
difference of Opinion arises between the Civil
and Military Servants of the Company relative
to their seperate Powers and are well convinced
that to ensure Success to all their Measures
Harmony & Unanimity cannot be too strongly
recommended to their attention. The Military
Instructions which were communicated to the Diffe-
rent Subordinacies as well as to the Army in
General plainly point out the mode of requiring
Troops from the Commanding Officer in each
district but however the Gentlemen at Bengal
may have misconceived those Instructions

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Resolved they be informed that in future the Commander in Chief or superior Military Officer in their Districts to comply with such requisitions for Troops as shall be made by them in all cases where Military assistance may be necessary & in every such requisition that they do explain to the Military Officer in writing so far as may be practicable the Nature of the Service to be performed — but the Mode of carrying it into execution & the Number of Troops & quantity of Stores requisite for that purpose is to be determined by them

Read Letter from the Commanding Officer at Palamcottah

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

Sir

On the 24.th Inst. I was informed of the arrival of two straggling Europeans at Tinnavelly, and that the Manager had confined them, that they were marched out of the Travancore Country, supposed to be Spies from Hyder Ali: on the 22.d in the Morning I sent to the Manager to demand them agreeable to the orders of 19.th Feby 1766. who gave me for answer, he had sent them to the 3.d Reg.t of Cavalry which I knew to be false, as they were then in confinement; on my receiving this answer I sent an Ola to the Manager, and a letter to Lieut.t Bowles commanding the 3.d Reg.t of Cavalry with a Guard of Sepoys, demanding them, and desired that they might be

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be given under Charge of the Havildars but
the Guard returned without them, as will
appear by Lieut. Bowles's answer to my Letter
of the 22d on the 23d in the morning I sent another
another Letter with a Guard of Sepoys demanding
them as before, and received his answer (in which
accompanys this also) Lieut. Bowles having
sent them away to their old Cantonments about
12 Miles from their Camp. on receipt of this
second letter. I sent off a Serjeant with a Guard
of Sepoys to take the above mentioned European
Prisoners which he did yesterday and the
following Account they gave of themselves
Viz. Peter Johnson and John Gretton Englishmen
came on board the Intrepid Man of War Capt.
James Cranston Commander in 1772 to Bombay
from which place they deserted and have since
been in the Country and Dutch Service, from
the latter they deserted about seven Months ago
to Hydrabad and were detained Prisoners near
three Months, from thence they made their
Escape to Trinomaly through which Country
they were marched as Spys and thence proceeded
to Trinomally where they were, they were also
detained two days - I am to request that you
will lay this letter with those that accompany
it before the Board & the Governor & Council &
I shall shall detain the beforementioned
Europeans till their pleasure is known

Sam
Sir
your most obedient Servant
Chas Hopkins

Palam Cottah
25th Feby 1777

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To the Officer Commanding the
3d Regiment of Cavalry in the
Tinnavelly Country

Sir

I am informed by the Manager
of this Country that you have two Europeans
under your Charge that only joined you this
day or yesterday which came from the
Travancore Country. I am now to desire you
will on receipt of this deliver them up under
Charge of the Havildar that accompanys
this Guard. I am

Sir

your obedient Servant
Charles Hopkins

Palam Cottah
22d Feby 1777

To Captain Hopkins or Officer
Comanding Palamcottah

Sir

The two Europeans you mention
to be under my Charge have voluntarily
entered our Service in the Character of Serjeants
they are by no mean the appearance of
or Looks of Military men, therefore have
given them their Liberty to act as they
please

I am

Sir

your obedient Servant
H. B. Bowles

Camp
22d Feby 1777

To

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To L.t H. Bowles Commanding
the 3d Reg.t of Nabobs Cavalry

Sir

I was last night much surprised at receiving yours in answer to mine of yesterday Morning to you respecting the two straggling Europeans which I find you have yesterday entertained as Serjeants, and which I yesterday required of you to send me: I now again require that you will without delay send the two above mentioned Europeans to me, otherwise I shall be obliged to have recourse to measures which must be disagreable both to you & me I am

Sir

your most obed.t Servant,
Chas Hopkins Capt.
Commanding Palamcottah

Palam Cottah
23 Feb.y 1777

P. S. If I do not receive the above mentioned Men before 12 O'Clock this day, I will send to the Hon.ble the President & Council a copy of the Letter I sent you yesterday with your answer

To Captain Hopkins
Commanding Palamcottah

Sir

I have just received yours, and am sorry to find you are so determined, but as perhaps we may be able to the same precedent of these sizes I hope I shall be allowed to represent the matter to my Captain as the two Men in clean have never belonged to the Company. I see no reason why we should not be allowed to entertain them, as it is their

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own Choise, as to you receiving them before 12 o Clock you may by the Guards going to Cantonments, I shall order them to be delivered in the mean time

I remain
your obedient Servant
H. B. Bowles

Camp
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Ordered that the Men be forthwith ordered to the Presidency

Read letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our last relative to the Zemindary of Ankapillee, we had occasion to express our disaprobation of the Conduct of Jumpana Jaggernaut Rauze in that business, since which our suspicions of him have been greatly encreased: therefore take this opportunity of reciting such such Circumstances, as we deem presumptive proofs of his traiterous designs and also the means we have used to prevent their being carried into execution

from Vizagapatam communicating accusations against Jaggernaut Rauze & advising of the Support given him by Sitteram Rauze

At a Consultation held the 20th Instant, the Chief informed us that he had repeatedly acquainted Jaggernaut Rauze the Board of Masulipatam entertained a strong suspicion that Rajan Dorah was concealed at Golconda and on this account the Company were put

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to a heavy expence in keeping Troops in the Field to watch his motions. That he had frequently cautioned Jaggernaut Raujee not to harbour a Murderer and a declared Enemy of the Company that he had given him the most solemn assurance he never would be guilty of such treasonable Practices, being very sensible that he must thereby forfeit all pretensions to Favor: but not choosing to place implicit confidence in his assurances he had dispatched to Golconda privately some people who are just returned, and bring information that Rajah Dorah has lately been in that district, but whether he be now there or not, they cannot positively assert, as they did not see him: that the Inhabitants there entertain an opinion of his being under the Protection of Jaggernaut Raujee, and therefore must be supplied with whatever he wants.

The Chief also received information that, at the time Capt. Cockburn was besieging Rajah Dorah in his Fort, his Vakeel came privately to Teganapoon, and endeavoured to enlist Men; but they refused without Jaggernaut Raujee's consent, who not only readily granted it, but also supplied 500 of them with Money, Arms, & Ammunition. That they were ready to march to Sharkareem, when Letters were received of Rajah Dorah's flight and on this account were discharged.

To corroborate this account, the Chief acquaints us that, to the best of his recollection, about this time, he had an

intimation

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intimation of Fuggeenaut Rauze being on Treaty with the French at Yanaon for 1000 or 1500 Stand of Arms, on which he sent for Fuggeenaut Rauze, strictly forbad him from being concerned in this busines, as it was contrary to the Company's Orders, and would certainly bring him into Trouble, yet, notwithstanding this caution, he has presumed either to conclude that Contract, or to make a new one, as the Chief has received undoubted intelligence that a large quantity of small arms have been lately landed at Bimulepatam from Yanaon, part of which have been secretly conveyed into the Country by Fuggeenaut Rauze, and 600 Stand remain now at Bimulepatam, until a favorable opportunity can be obtained for carrying them off - but the Chief has taken such Measures as will effectually prevent their being removed without his Knowledge, as also some Field Pieces, which he is informed are coming on the same account.

The Chief also acquaints us that Fuggeenaut Rauze had on the 16th Inst. made application to him on the Rajahs Name, for a thousand Stand of Arms, to be sent to Golconda, on pretence of having his Forces disciplined, which are stationed thereabouts.

The Chief then laid before us the Translation of a Letter he had just received from Seetaram Rauze (Copy of which We send herewith) wherein he actually

accuses

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accuses Jaggernaut Rauze with assisting
Rajah Dorah and his Friends.

When We came to compare
all these Circumstances, they so exactly agreed
that We were of opinion further delay might
prove dangerous, and therefore to effectually
prevent Jaggernaut Rauze from holding
further Communications with Rajah Dorah
and his Adherents, resolved to seize his Person,
and keep him prisoner untill your
Pleasure concerning him should be known,
as we were of opinion he had thereby
rendered himself an Enemy to the Company
the Ascendency we know Jaggernaut
Rauze has over the Rajah, deterred us from
giving him any previous information
of our resolve: lest he might thereby be
induced at all events, to oppose the execution
of our orders: We deemed it also more consist
tent with the honor of our Employers and
the authority attached to our Stations, to
seize Jaggernaut Rauze, and then to send
to the Rajah the Company's Interpreter, to
assign our reasons for confining this
Chief

In consequence of these
Resolutions the Chief sent for Jaggernaut
Rauze, acquainted him with the Heads of
the accusation against him, and told him
he must remain a Prisoner untill his
Innocence could be proved, or your Honors
&c.a pleasure on this Business known, he

enlarged

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entreated permission to remain a Prisoner
at his own house, which was granted him,
and he was delivered to Lieut.t Moore,
Commandant of the Garrison, to be kept
a close Prisoner. The Chief then ordered the
Companys Interpreter, instantly to wait on
the Rajah, and explain to him, circumstan-
tially, the Grounds on which his Tukul was
apprehended, and the Necessity thereof. It
now appears Lieut.t Moore had not made
a proper Disposition of the Guards, so as to
hinder Jaggernaut Rauze from escaping
to the Rajah's house, whether he directly fled,
and claimed his Protection: at the same time
alarming him with fears for the safety
of his own Person, and which he performed
so effectually that, the Rajah assembled his
followers, and purposed to force his way out of
the Fort, this being reported to the Chief, who
was gone to dinner at Madur, and knew nothing
of the Escape, by Lieut.t Moore, and the Company's
Interpreter, he directly proceeded to the Fort.
When he arrived at his house there, he found
that the Rajah with Jaggernaut Rauze
and his followers had passed out of the Gates
a few Minutes after his entrance, the Chief then
went on his Chaisett after them, and overtook them
about a quarter of a Mile from the Fort: he
alighted and advanced to confer with the
Rajah, who was surrounded by about 300
Pike Men and 50 Lascoys. He expostulated
with him on the impropriety of his Conduct,

&c

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in thus rescueing his Takel, more must be
answerable to the Company for his Treasonable
Practices: he represented that if the accusation
were groundless, Jaggernaut Rauze would
be released: but even should the contrary
appear, he apprehended his life would not be
in danger. & That your Honor & Council
only cause him to be severely censured, and
acquainted that he was by you deemed no
longer fit to be entrusted with any busines
relative to the Companys affairs. he gave the
Rajah the strictest assurances that the
Council did not entertain the smallest suspicion
of his Conduct, and that he might depend
on his being in the utmost safety. to this the
Rajah replied, he would consider of the
Business at Sumatra, which is 10 Miles
distant, and the Chief perceiving that he and
his followers were determined to oppose any
force which might be used to retake
Jaggernaut Rauze, thought it best to temporize
with them, and to promise that, if the
Rajah would return to his house, and give
his word that Jaggernaut Rauze should be
forthcoming when demanded, he should not
be made a close Prisoner. to this the Rajah
agreed, and returned to his house.

The Chief being however willing
to make the utmost accuracy, which Jaggernaut
Rauze has over the Rajah, and therefore suspecting he might suffer him to abscond, or by
other attempt it without his knowledge.

ordered

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ordered the Guards to be encreased to the usual number, and that Lieut.t Morse should only take care Jaggernaut Rauze do not escape.

It is necessary here to observe that We had on the 14th Instant wrote to the Officer Commanding at Chicacole for a Company of Sepoys, to replace one which was sent with the Commissioner of Circuit, and they arrived in the Evening of the 20th but the Chief to prevent its alarming the Rajah, sent the Company's Dubash to explain the matter to him, & gave particular orders that nothing should be done which might create in him the least apprehensions.

Yet notwithstanding these precautions, on the 21st at 7 in the Morning the Chief had advice that the Rajah with his Pikemen, Servants and attendants, had passed the Gates, and were commenced Hostilities, one of his Men having wounded a Serjeant out of the hands of a Sepoy, who attempted to stop them, while they were looking for the Fugitive: he directly came to the Fort made enquiry after Jaggernaut Rauze, found that he had disguised himself in the Habit of one of the Rajahs Attendants, and thus escaped in the Crowd. He then assembled the Council, who resolved that the Rajah Vizeram Rauze had forfeited his word, by taking away Jaggernaut Rauze, after the assurances he had given of keeping him in Vizagapatam, to be answerable for the Crimes alledged against him; that in so doing, the Rajah had acted contrary to the

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the Duty and respect I owe the Company,
and therefore we should be fully justified
in using every means in our power to
retake Juggernaut Rauze who was accused
of Using their Enemys - we ordered two
Companys of Sepoys under the Command
of Lieut Snelling, to march in pursuit of
him, but soon had advice of the Rajah with
Juggernaut Rauze, their Guards and Attend-
-dants having proceeded towards Vizianagrum
- with such expedition that it was impra
ticable for us for our Party to come up with
them unless they had met with that Fort,
which would render all pursuit fruitless -
We have therefore countermanded
it, but have ordered the Sepoys back to Vizia-
-gram Mr Crawford with the Interpreter,
to the Rajah, with Instructions to fully
represent the consequences of this thus openly
protecting Juggernaut Rauze who had
fled from an arrest for being guilty of
the highest Treachery, in concealing, encou-
-raging and abetting a declared Enemy to the Company
This was done accordingly, and the particulars of Mr Crawfords conference with
the Rajah, we send herewith, by which
your Honour &c. will be informed that he
obstinately persists in keeping the Fugitive
and seems determined to abide by the
Consequences. We have resolved that the
Chief do write him a letter remonstrating
against his behaviour & warning him of
the

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this daunger, on this opposing the execution of Justice, but as we are persuaded Jaggonaut Ranze can sway him as he pleases, we do not expect a satisfactory Answer: and therefore deem it our duty to no longer delay laying before you a business of such importance, wherein an open opposition to the Company's Authority has been used, and the respect & obedience due from the Rajah to their representatives entirely set at defiance.

We are conscious of having treated the Rajah with perhaps more respect and attention on this occasion, than his Conduct merited and that the apprehending his Vakeel was a Measure we could not avoid consistent with the Duty we owed the Company. We are however much concerned to find that the orders which had been given by the Chief to Lieut.t Moore, were not attended to, & that this Officers Conduct was such, as might well be supposed would create alarms in the Mind of a Man naturally too susceptible of such impressions. We are informed that Lieut.t Moore was intoxicated with Liquor, soon after he left the Chief, Instead of avoiding any Steps which might create suspicion, he caused some Field Pieces to be planted near the Rajahs house, and at the Pillah Gate, in direct contradiction to the Orders he had received.

We

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We have now resolved not to take any further Steps thereon until your pleasure be known as we apprehend all further Remonstrances unless backed by Force will be ineffectual, and that the Rajah's resistance originates from suspicions raised in his Mind by Sugyanaud Rauze who has ever been considered a designing artful, ambitious Man being sole cause of the Seperation effected between the Rajah and his Brother Sellerauan Rauze

We think it but rendering the Rajah common Justice to declare that no Man more affected to the Company, who misled by his partiality for a Man undeserving his Favor & Confidence and we are also of Opinion that he will not hesitate to deliver him up when he knows it is your pleasure and that we have received positive orders to enforce your Commands

We are, with respect
Honble Sirs &c Sirs
your most obed. humble Servants
Sam. Johnson
W. Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath Ballow

Vizagapatam
25th Feby 1777

Translation of a Letter from Sellerauan Rauze to Samuel Johnson Esqr

As I have ever endeavoured the highest Veneration and Attachment for the Commands

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Company I deem it my Duty to acquaint you
with a Circumstance which has come to my
knowledge and I think materially affects their
Interest - you have been for many years at
Masulipatam and also a Member of the
Council at Madras therefore all the wicked
Designs and Transactions of Rajah Dorah
late Rajah of Thotapilly are well known
to you how he has been continually ravaging
and plundering the Pedapore District
and annoying the Company's Troops
forcing them to keep encampt at Thankaram
where both officers & Men are through the
unhealthiness of the Situation & continual
Fatigue in watching his Motions - after the
late horrid Murther which he committed
the Troops in the Masulipatam District
drove him out of this Fort and he must long
long since have been made a Prisoner had
he not found refuge in the District of
Golconda where he is secreted by Gunpana
Jaggernaut Rauze the Father of my Brother
Ziguiram Rauze who continues to support
& encourage him and his Followers: Jaggernaut
Rauze I believe has received a sum of Money
for his Protection of Rajah Dorah and his
Followers: I have also great Reason to believe
that Jaggernaut Rauze is now privately
assisting him with Arms & Ammunition to
enable him to again commence Hostilities & to
endeavour to recover his Forts & Country: this
Measure if put into execution must be the

reason

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occasion of much Blood-shed & will prove detrimental to the Company therefore as I have now given you the proper information thereof and can prove not only what I have before recited but also that Jaggernaut Rauze had before assisted Rajah Dorah in raising Troops though he knew they were to fight against the English. You will be pleased to take such Measures as you judge proper for the prevention of this growing danger and the effusion of more blood but I think it proper to further acquaint you that from certain my Brother does not much know any thing of this matter or he would have acquainted you thereof he having ever been the faithful Friend of the Company and I am convinced he will be highly exasperated against Jaggernaut Rauze this Treachery when he hears he has been guilty of such Treachery and will never again employ or trust him he will also consider this as an injury done to himself for he is sensible that there is no difference between the Interest of the Company and his

You know best what is to be done in this matter what can I say more only that I will prove and maintain all I have herein asserted and that I hope you will account the Board of Madras of this Instance of my Friendship for my Patron

Vizagapatam
15th Feb.y 1777.

A true Copy
Hy Cranford Secy

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council &
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Pursuant to the resolution of Council yesterday morning, and your directions to me in consequence I immediately followed the Rajah Vizeasum Rauze, attended by the Company's Dubash Jugga Row, and overtook him at a Village about 7 Miles beyond Sommachelum, on the road to Boney I had an interview with him there, but the place not being convenient for him to halt at, he requested I would accompany him to Boney, and then proceed, leaving me to follow him; but this I could not do until my People had had some refreshment. I arrived at Boney about 9 at Night & immediately expostulated with the Rajah on the impropriety of his Conduct in leaving Vizagapatam in the manner he did, and carrying with him Jaggernaut Rauze whom the Chief & Council, for certain weighty reasons, had thought proper to make Prisoner, representing to him the ill consequences that must attend his flying thus in the face of Power, and acting in direct disobedience to the Orders of this Board, assuring in the name of your Gentlemen, that he would consider seriously of the matter and immediately return with Jaggernaut Rauze, to Vizagapatam.

The Rajah told me in reply that he

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he thought himself insulted by the manner of seizing the Person of Juggernaut Rauze, who was his Servant, and who should have been applied for to him had there been a necessity for securing his Person. That after Juggernaut Rauze had come to him in consequence of a Message he sent, no attempt was made by military Force to take him out of his house, without any previous notice being given for the cause or knowing whether he would not readily have given up, if applied for; this treatment induced him to leave the place with intent to encamp in the neighbourhood of the Town, where he could obtain some information relative to this proceeding - That the Chief came out to him about half a Mile from Town, and having given him the strongest assurances that no hurt was intended either to him or Juggernaut Rauze, but that it was necessary to secure the Person of the latter until the inquiry could be made into a Complaint preferred against him: the Rajah offered to become security for Juggernaut Rauze, or that the assurances given him by the Chief that he should not be molested. That he then returned into Town, and all again was quiet that Night in the Evening he was informed that several Guards were posted round his dwelling and two Field Pieces planted near the Mettah Gate. This awakened his fears & made him conclude that some attempts were

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were intended against himself, for he could not, from the Assurances he had given the Chief concerning Jaggernaut Rauze, imagine, those precautions were taken on his account. The Rajah's Fears, therefore, for his own safety operated so forcibly as to bring him to the resolution of leaving the Place by break of day, but in doing this he was stopp'd a little beyond the Buttah Gate by three Guards of Sepoys headed by a Serjeant who told him he had orders from the Chief not to permit to pass, and if he should attempt it, to fire upon him and his people. The Rajah to call them they might act as they thought proper. That he was resolved to pass, on which the Guards presented their Pieces, but were prevented from firing by his own People, who immediately turned them aside in the meanwhile the Rajah taking the opportunity of going on, reached Samacote-Town, where he intended to halt, in hopes of hearing further concerning this matter. But receiving intelligence shortly after his arrival there, that some Companies of Sepoys were on their March towards that Place from Vizagapatam he thought fit to proceed.

The Rajah further told me that these instances of extraordinary Conduct towards him had too much alarmed his Fears, and deprived him of that Confidence he had till then entertained and therefore could

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could not now prevail on himself to return
to Vizagapatam that he would proceed to
Tiruanagroon since he was so near it, if
would then rest at the Pleasure of the Chief
and Council - that it was not his intention
to quarrel with the Company. he was but
too sensible that his own Interest was
connected with the Attachment he ought
to have for them - that he has been reduced
to the Necessity of taking this Step through
fear for his own Safety. which he hopes
will be thought a sufficient excuse for
his Conduct.

That respecting Juggonaut
Rauze, he cannot consent to give him up,
because he has reason to believe the Charges
against him are given by his Enemies and
therefore he supposes entirely without Foundation. but that if the Chief & Council will
represent his accusation to the Board at
Madras, he will be bound for Juggonaut
Rauzes appearing thereon Person to answer
for himself. if they do not chuse to trust
to that he may be sent thither by a Guard
of the Company's Sepoys and some of his
own

Juggonaut Rauze on his
part requested I would make known to
you, that as he was proceeding to his own
house to be there confined in consequence of
your determination. he received a Message
from the Rajah, which he immediately

obeyed

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obeyed, meeting with no opposition thereto, that he informed the Rajah he was the Company's Prisoner and was proceeding to his own house to be confined there when he received his Message - that the Rajah replied and told Jaggurnaut Rauze he was his Servant, and would be answerable for him to the Company, directing him not to stir from thence at his Peril.

I left Bony at one O'Clock this Morning and arrived here at 7 O'Clock and now lay before you, as far as I can recollect, all that passed between me and the Rajah Vizeanum Rauze

I am with respect
Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
H. Cranford

Vizeanum
2d Feby 1777

A true Copy
H. Cranford Secy

Ordered to lie upon the Table

Read letter from the Nabob dated 1st Inst. with a Bill for 4000 Pags. being in full of the first due on Account of Pondamalee that day. Entered on Co. Corr. N.° 24

Read the following Letter from the Nabob entered on Co. Corr. N.° 25

From the Nabob to Governor Hornby
dated March 6th 1777

I have received your Letter of the 25th Ulto in regard to the Fleets, and

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consider how much the loss of the Fany
Country has distressed my affairs and
overthrown all my Schemes for the Pro
of the Company, and consider the Pain of
that I feel from my inability to discharg
pressing Demands of my Creditors which
as the greatest of Misfortunes every Measu
every plan that I have formed to extricate
depends on your Favor, and I now request
you will be pleased to restore me the Rev
of the Tanjore Country as agreed upon by th
Governor & Council, and which you acquai
me if by letter upon examining the acco
of my Annuitants and those of my Revenue
find it necessary to make a little Retrench
the Heads from the beginning of my Con
with the Company I have on every Stage
Troubles directly attended to the advantage
Company, and I have paid them large Su
Money. I now send you two Bills amoun
to 560.000 Pags one of them for 360.000 is for the
current Expences &c. The other for 200,000
100.000 for the Heads of the Jaghire and 10
on account of my Balance. I request tha
you will transmit on Account of this by
Ship now ready for sailing

The Board are fully convinced th
the distresses of the Nabob are great & that
are chiefly owing to the restoration of the Ta
of Tanjore, which has not only deprived hi
the means of paying the large arrears due
Troops but of paying many of his Credi

(Minute of the Board touching the inability of the Nabob to pay his Troops & private Creditors & the present State of his Claims on the Tanjore Country

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unless these Disputes are timely removed.
the Consequences may affect both his & the
Company's Interests in a material degree.
for it would be erroneous to suppose, that the
one can exist even on common Security on this
Coast independant of the other. on reference
to the Letters which have been received from the
Nabob both in this & in Lord Pigot's Government
We find he constantly entreats that Measures
may be taken for the Payment of his Claims
on the Tanjore Country, adjudged to be his
property in Consultation 14 June 1776. many
Circumstances have hitherto occurred to retard
the effectual pursuing of the Rajah in this Subject.
altho' he has been repeatedly told that the
Government Share of the Crop for the year 1775.
was declared to be the property of the Nabob.
and as repeatedly entreated to make some Payments
on account of it. so long as a prospect remained
of its being possible to bring the Rajah of Tanjore
to pay a proper attention to the representation
which might be made to him by letter. We
persevered in that mode and in recommending
to him to discharge the Nabobs Claims. every
delicacy was used. and every Latitude given,
that could be deemed consistent with that
impartial Regard that is due from this
Government to the Interests of both Parties.

When we consider therefore that many
Months are now elapsed, without his having
taken any Step whatever to draw this matter
to a conclusion. when we advert to the Company's
Orders 12th April 1775 reserving to the Nabob

all

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all his Rights & Priviledges to the reso
Council 14th June 1776 adjudging the Go
Share of the Crop in the Tanjore Coun
the year 1775 to be his property. & to that you
Letters that have been ineffectually sent
to the Rajah on the subject. We cannot
to give it as our opinion that the Raja
means to evade payment altogether. June 1776
procrastinate in such manner as to
every real distress in his power on the
affairs: This being the season of
therefore. - & the present being the
Harvest. when the Rajah can with
inconvenience. take measures for the
of this business it is agreed that the
Letters be wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore
in Co. Corr. N° 26) & to Colonel Stuart
Commanding that Garrison.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

Sir

I have repeatedly done myself
the Honor of informing you, that the Gov
Share of the Crop in the Tanjore Country
the year 1775 was adjudged by this Gover
to be the property of His Highness the Na
and therefore that you should take the
speediest & most effectual means for the
Payment of at least some part of it. Tho
these friendly Representations - I have
received very unsatisfactory answers, a
such as left no reason to suppose but, tha
meant procrastinate and throw every
difficulty in the way, to evade Payment a

To the Rajah of Tanjore. reproaching him with inattention to the Representations of this Government urging him to comply with the Nabob's claims on Tanjore

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from the great Regard & attention the Company have shown to your Interests their Representations had some reason to hope you would not be backward in paying a proper Consideration to any advice which might be given to you. but. they are sorry to find they have been mistaken. much time has been lost & the Companys. and the Nabobs affairs. have experienced much inconvenency from your inattention in this particular.

A regard therefore for the Public Welfare in which you have every reason to be convinced Yours is materially concerned. & due attention to the Honor of the Company pledged to the Nabob. for the preservation of his Rights & privileges, prompts me again to discire again in the most earnest manner, that you will take immediate Measures for the Payment of the whole or at least of the greatest part of this Demand. and I am now the more pressing. as the Nabob promises to be finally determined with respect to it. by the Orders of the Company. and that I am well assured the Payment can be of no inconvenency to you. who have been restored to a considerable annual Revenue, without an Incumbrance of any Debt whatever.

I have written to Col. Stuart on this subject. and have authorized him. to settle with you. in such manner as may appear most eligible

I have the Honor to be Sir
your sincere Friend & Most Obedt Humble Servt.

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12th March 1777

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To Colonel James Stuart

Acting Commander in Chief

Sir

Accompanying We transm[illegible]
Copy of a letter We have this day though[illegible]
expedient our President should write
Rajah of Tanjore together with an e[illegible]
of our Minutes of Consultation 14th Ju[illegible]
adjudging the Government Share of th[illegible]
in the Tanjore Country for the year 17[illegible]
be the Property of the Nabob

Having in Consequence of
Resolution written several Letters to the
representing in the strongest terms th[illegible]
Propriety of his making some effect[illegible]
Payments to the Nabob on this accoun[illegible]
having hitherto received no other tha[illegible]
most unsatisfactory Answers. We deem
necessary to desire you will freely comm[illegible]
with the Rajah on this Subject. that yo[illegible]
ascertain with as much precision as po[illegible]
the amount the Amount the Nabob
be entitled to - and in Conjunction wi[illegible]
Rajah, that you will fall upon the most [illegible]
means of giving Effect to our Resolution

In carrying these our Intentio[illegible]
into execution - We place great reliance in
Prudence & Discretion We consider ourselv[illegible]
equally bound to preserve the Rights & Priv[illegible]
of both Parties - and therefore as the Umpi[illegible]
between them, have conceived it for the g[illegible]
of the Public Welfare to take this Meth[illegible]
shewing the Rajah the necessity of payin[illegible]

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proper attention to the representations that may be made to him by this Board. In settling this matter with the Rajah of Tanjore subject however to our approbation you will be particularly careful to inform him - That if the Company should disapprove of the Nabob's having the Govt. Share of the Crop for the year 1775 that We will in that case see that he is fully reimbursed the Sum - that he may in consequence of these our directions to you, pay to the Circar.

We are
Sir
your most obedient Servants
George Stratton
&c Council

Fort St George
10th March 1777

Mr. Jourdan begs leave to deliver in the following Minute.

I can have no objection to Col. Stuarts representing to the Rajah the Resolutions of the Board but as I wish to have my Sentiments on what we can require appear I beg leave to enter the following Minute

On the Subject of the Minute of the Board on one of Sir Rob.t Fletcher's & mine and a Letter some time received from the Rajah of that Country written in an unbecoming manner I beg leave to enter the following as my Sentiments

I am with the Board of opinion that no conclusive agreements can be made with the Rajah after what has passed, but I still think by representation the Plan of a Treaty might be made with the Rajah founded on the public

Grants

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Orders yet reconcilable on general ter
Agreement that might remove present
ences to be approvable by the Company
Negociation can be concluded without
approbation of the Gov.r General & Coun
Circumstances are without precedent
the Company it is not probable the Gov
Bengal would ultimately decide

It occurred to me that a
Majority of the Board had given an opi
that the Crop on the Ground belonged
Nabob it did not seem probable that
Rajah would readily comply with such
requisition & that Commissioners might b
urged in Person such Arguments as might
reconciled to the Rajah the advancing of
considerable Sum leaving the Decision of
Dispute to the Determination of the Comp

In Consultation of
the former deliberation of the Rajah's repo
The Rajah's Father has always considered
-self as a Vassal of the Empire and the Reas
urged for so unfavorable a Treaty, as that
to the Nabob were the absence of Troops fr
Manilla, and the Expence of War. The Cond
of the Rajah as a Vassal of the Empire was
Subject to the approval of his Lord and altho
might have refused to assist in the Recover
of a Gentoo Prince by the Customs of the Co
the Duty of the Nabob requires to keep the
Vassals of the Empire in due Obedience

The Nabob no doubt always
looked with a jealous Eye on Encroachments of the
Europeans

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Gentlemen from hence represented it to the Directors, but if we reflect on the Power of the Rajah, almost equal in Revenue to the Nabob and possessed of a Country more compact and easily defended than the rest of the Carnatick and that the attachment of the Rajah had been very dubious during the Mysore War it is not to be wondered at. It has ever been the Policy of great Princes to reduce the great feudal Princes under them & it seemed necessary in this, for the Rajah could on an Invasion have decided had the English been only spectators, by his weight alone the Fate of this part of the Empire. To reap the advantages of the Junction of the English & Moors, to pay an inadequate Proportion of the Defence and to have the Power of joining a formidable Enemy, & distressing the Country, on unreasonable pretensions, seemed inconsistent with good Policy.

But the Company on a Consideration of the Case before them deemed it just, and consistent with their Honor, that having guaranteed the Treaty of 1762, they should restore the Rajah, & it would therefore ill become me to urge any thing in opposition to those Sentiments which are founded in Humanity. I must add that by the present Agreement the Rajah bears a more equitable Proportion of the Defence of the Carnatick than heretofore.

The Rajah was restored by Lord Pigot, without an Idea of the Nabob's having a right to the Crop and when his Lordship

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returned a Letter was written to the C
that the Board had accepted of the r
Lacs & 6d. as I had always given my Opi
that the Mortgages of the Crop were val
his Lordships Diary was read. I was g
enter a Dissent upon his Conduct in t
respect. but is was urged it would com
-larly before the Board on Mr Benfield
application & I deferred it. but I told
Lordship from the beginning. I shou
oppose his Conduct in this respect.

It was some Weeks be
the Resolution was taken regarding the
and his Lordship neglected to send it
Tanjore. The unfortunate Dissensions n
ensued on the removal of his Lordship ca
further delay. at length the Resolute
were transmitted to Tanjore. There was n
to explain to the Rajah the Circumstan
no one to shew that by a Compliance
the Opinion of the Board the Public w
have been served and that the matter m
be ultimately referred to the Company &
they should deem the resolution unjust the
might be permitted to detain the Reishe
until the amount were repaid. the Ra
was left to determine upon what he m
not clearly understand, & what might b
represented to him, inconsistent with Just
I think the letter he has written very exceptio
but I think the one to which it was an ans
was written in rather an harsh Stile.

The Rajah had represented t

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certain districts had been taken from him by Lord Pigot to give to Tanjour Hummamunta-goody was one of the disputed Places. The Company's orders imply that the Treaty of 1762 shall be in Force. Now Tanjour held that Country & Armee in 1762 and has claimed them. The Genl at Bengal desired Commissioners might be named to settle it but in the Dispute about the Crop, these Claims of the Rajah are no longer mentioned and may it not appear partial that We should press the Rajah for the Crop & not even mention his Claims

I confess the more I consider of the Orders & the situation this Government is in - the more I consider the Connection between the British Nation & the Nabob and how their Fortunes in this part of India have been blended together the more concern I fell in the apprehension that these Orders will involve us in Perplexities. for on the one hand we are united with the Nabob in such a firm manner as I hope never will be broken and yet the public Faith has been pledged to the Rajah & he has been restored in the face of the whole World in opposition to the Nabob and by the authority of the Company. much is due to our Friendship with the Nabob but much also is due to Publick Faith. every Transaction of this Government with the Rajah should be conducted in consideration of the Situation in which We stand with the utmost Delicacy any application of administration that may be

considered

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considered practical may tend to rende
Publick Faith due even on the mind
People of this Country who may e
that the Rajah has only changed
Smile no longer con
than to say that I think the Rajah
as he is, under the appearent Controu
Government ought to be treated with
greatest Delicacy and attention. That
Business should again be represented
him that if he cannot be reconciled
for the Crop he should be assured to pay
Peishcash &c advance by way of loan
the Publick Service such Sum as may
some degree satisfy the Nabob's Troo
leaving the Business of the Crop mea
Harmonious to goody and Agree to the De
of our Superiors

Mess.rs Mallet & Simpson promoted to full Surgeons

Agreed that Mess.rs Mallet & Simpson
Assistants as recommended by the Govern
5th January 1776 be appointed full Surgeo

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At a Constitation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov.r & President

Henry Brooke —

Monday 16th March — Ye Archdale Palmer Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

Colonel Stuart absent on Service

The Minutes of last

Consultation read & approved.

Read Letter from the Nabob

endorsed in Co. Corr. N.

Translation of a letter from his Highness the

Nabob to Governor Stratton dated 1 March

I have receivd your Letter of

the Nabob — the 10th Feby acquainting me of your having perused
copy of — the Copies of the Letters from General Law & the
to Gov.r — new Governor of Pondicherry & my answers. since
Governr. — the I have abridged a little the answers to General
combe — Law and the new Governor and have sent a Copy

of them inclosed for your Perusal

what can I say more?

Copy of a Letter to the new Governor of Pondichery

I have received and perused your

Letter acquainting me of your being appointed Governor

and General of the French Settlements in the room of

General Law and that you arrived on the 9th Jany

at Pondicherry which has given me much pleasure

You say "that the present French King bearing of

my Highness and Friendship to the French Nation

commanded you to be very diligent to strengthen

more & more the Root of Friendship and that you

will endeavour as much as lies in your Power to

act in every Circumstance agreable to my Pleasure

and

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and the wishes of your Constituents. m
regard to what you mention of the D
good Disposition &c. of your King. Tha
from different People that he is very m
praised. General Law well knows my
to the French and in consequence of tha
Kindness I have shewn towards populat
Pondichery and in transacting the necess
Business. Thank God till this time on o
part nothing has been done but in a ha
manner and in future as long as our Fre
subsists I will shew favor & Kindness in s
the necessary Affairs

Copy of a Letter to General Law late Gov
of Pondichery.

I have received your Fav
acquainting me that the King of the Fren
Nation has recalled you & has appointed a
Coom Monsieur Belle Combe, who arrived
Pondichery the 9th of January during you
Government the affairs of your Constituen
been conducted with the greatest Propriet
I have been much pleased with your Frien
My Friendship for the King & the French
& my Kindness and assistance towards prop
Pondichery, and on settling the necessary
Affairs are well known to all the World

The President acquaints t
Board that the acting Commander in Chief
recommends that those Recruits already re
by Captain Cagles be ordered to Tanjore Agre
Orders to be given accordingly

Read Proceedings of a Gen
Co

Recruits raised by Capt. Cagles ordered to Tanjore

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Court Martial held in this Garrison 13th Inst.
by order of the Honble the President & Council

Crime

"William Hogg private of the first Battalion
"of the second Regiment confined by Major Cook
"for attacking Serjeant Hooks in the Execution
"of his Duty the 6th Feby 1777.

Sentence

Court sit on Hogg

"The Court having maturely considered the Evidence
"for & against the Prisoner as well as what he has
"has urged in his Defence are of opinion that he
"is guilty of the Crime laid to his Charge being a
"Breach of the fifth Article of the second Section
"of the Articles of War do therefore Sentence him
"to receive one thousand Lashes on his bare Back
"with a Cat o' nine Tails by the Drummers of
"the Garrison.

The Board approve of the
Sentence passed on William Hogg, but order
that the Punishment be remitted to five
hundred Lashes, ordered also that the General
Court Martial be dissolved.

Read Letter from Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to acquaint you of
Vizagapatam Honor &c. that Lieut. George Moore of this
ing that a Garrison, has been put under arrest by the
Martial Chief for Disobedience of Orders & neglect of
dered Duty: and to request you will be pleased to
Lieut. Moore
Order

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Order a Court Martial for his Tria

We are with respe

Honble Sir &c

your most obed

humble Servts

Sam.l Johnst

Wm Hillars

Hy Cranfor

Nath.l Bayl

Vizagapatam
28th Feby 1777

Captain Murphy having a Warrant
directed a Gen.l
Martial

Ordered that a Letter
wrote to Vizagapatam informing them
Captain Murphy has a warrant empo
him to hold General Courts Martial - a
that on application to him he will ord
Court Martial on Lt Moore whom he
have thought proper to put under an

Read Letter from Capt.
Douglas Commanding at Chinglepet.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
&c

I take the liberty of troub
you this Letter to inform you that on my
arrival here I found the Commanding Off
House greatly out of repair: independan
its being in some respects unfit for a Fami
a very small Expence will remedy this
inconvenience. as I understand upon a pull
down Rooms or building new ones: but as
Expence must fall on me unless the Honble B
will please to give their orders for its being
it occasions my addressing this to you on
Subject & I flatter myself you will pardon
presume

From Captain
Douglas his
Quarters at
Chinglepet out
of Repair

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freedome, I have the Honor to be

Sir

your most obedient

humble Servant

Willm Douglas

...gleput
...March 1777

Ordered that an Estimate be prepared & laid before the Board of the Expence that may be incurred by these repairs

Read Letter from Charles Floyer Esqr Chief at Masulipatam

Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr

Secretary to the Military Department of the Council at Fort St George

Sir

The Person who was charged with your Favor of the 24th Jany last which enclosed Copy of a Representation from Hustgar Ally Cawn the Vakeel of the Soubah Nizam-ally-Cawn to the Governor, only delivered it to me on the 7th Instant. I am now to inform you that the necessary measures are taking for as speedy a Compliance as possible with the orders therein contained and I shall duely report the issue of this business

I am

Sir

your very obedient

humble Servant

Charles Floyer

...the Chief
...lipatam

Masulipatam
the 8th March 1777

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble.

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Honble Sirs Gentlemen

From the Chief Engineer Estimate of the Expence of compleating the West Front

Agreable to your orders I have prepared an Estimate of the Expence that may be incurred in compleating the West front of this Fort which will be as follows

To Brickwork for finishing the outworks Counterscarp &c.		Pags 1750
To stone Work		6200
To the Exterior facing of the Parapets of the outworks with Brick work in Clay		600.
Do. Body of the Place		650
To Earth for finishing the outworks Counterscarp Bedmeand Covertway	5500	30

This will include all I could wish to have at present. The facing of the interior of the Parapets and the Crest of the Glacis with Brick Work. I think should not be executed till the great Depth of Ground filled in has had sufficient time to settle. The Cost will be about 6000 Pagodas

Having been informed by the Honble the President that the Reason the Plan shewing the State of the Works of the West Front every three Months was not laid before the Board in compliance with their orders of the 26th March last does not appear on your Proceedings. I am to acquaint you that when I received those orders I delivered a Plan shewing a State of the Works at that time

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time to the Right Honble Lord Pigot and represented to him. That while they were carrying on they could be altering their Dimensions every hour. so that by the time a Plan could be made of them in any one state, it would no longer represent what they realy were, unless a Stop was made for that purpose. and as such Plan could ascertain nothing material, he dispensed with it. the Weekly reports of the People employed have been regularly made.

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sirs & Gentlemen
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Col. & chief Engineer

Fort St George
14th March 1777

The Board are satisfied with the Reasons given by Col. Ross for not having laid before them a Plan of the Works, agreably to the Minute of Consultation alluded to.

Ordered, that the Chief Engineer be directed to prepare & lay before the Board a Plan of the Works when they were measured in December last pointing out by different lines that part which has been finished since the last of December 1775.

The Engineer to prepare a Plan of the Works when measured in December

Read a Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We

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From the Engineer Upon the Works of the Pettah

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	88
Tank Diggers	768
Coolies	571
Lascars	77
Stone Cutters	45
Foundry Artificers	6

Amounting in all to 1555 People

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

your most obedient &

most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
16th March 1777

Rec'd Letter from Chief Engineer
with Papers accompanying

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Do. desiring Instructions respecting the Demolition of Pettah

The enclosed is a Copy of a Letter I have received from Major Stevens acquainting me he has been ordered by Col Stuart to destroy the Fortifications and defences of Pettah with all convenient Despatch, and in the most effectual manner leaving such part of the Fort standing as may be proper and with least Expence form into a small Redout to give Protection to the Pettah and the Country People in the Neighbourhood from Thieves &c and requesting

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requesting me to send him the Plan of Pellum
and what Sections I have in order to assist
him in judging of the most effectual Method
of carrying those orders into Execution.
Regarding all which They to be favoured
with your Directions

I am with respect
Hon'ble Sirs Gentlem.
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
17th March 1777

To Lieut. Col Ross
Chief Engineer.

Sir

Having received orders from Col Stuart
to destroy the Fortifications and defences of Pellum
with all convenient Dispatch and in the most
effectual Manner by carrying such part of the Fort
standing as may be proper and with least Expence
formed into a small Redoubt to give Protection
to the Pettah & the Country People in the Neighbourhood
from Thieves &c. I have to request you will send me
the Plan of Pellum & what Sections you have in
order to assist me in judging of the most effectual
Method of carrying these orders into Execution.

I am Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Stevens

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A true Copy
Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & chief Engineer
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Ordered to lie upon the Table until
Colonel Stuart is heard from on the Subject
Read the following Letter from the
Chief & Council at Masulipatam

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Masulipatam

Chief & Council at Pegu

The Seizure of Rajanah Dorah

Herewith we have the
honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter sent us by the
Chief & Council of Pegu Papatam from which & our
Pegu Papatam former Intelligence we have great reason to believe.
That Rajanah Dorah of Tolapullee is still residing
in Golcondah contrary to the Protection of the Nabob
of that Country. We therefore entreat your Honr.
& Hs. will be pleased to send such instructions as
you may deem proper to the Chief & Council of
Pegu Papatam for having him seized and secured
for while he is suffered to be living in safety so
near Tolapullee the Inhabitants of that District
& of the neighbouring Villages will entertain
apprehensive of his returning to commit
fresh Depredations and We shall be under the
necessity of condemning a Detachment at
Tolapullee to preserve the Country in quiet which
will be attended with great Expence to the
Zemindar of Pondapore

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Floyer

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Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
7th March 1777

To Charles Floyer Esq.r
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We are concerned to find that
we must now contradict what we wrote you the
8th Inst. relative to Rajanuk Dorah not being
secreted at Golconda: We acquainted you that
we received our information thereon from the
Rajah Vizeram Rauze and his Vakeel Jumpand
Jaggernaut Rauze. The latter who has the sole
management of his Masters affairs, gave us
the most solemn assurances that Rajan Dorah
was not there and repeatedly expressed himself
to the effect we wrote you, but the Chief not
not chusing to place implicit Confidence in his
assertions despatched to Golconda privately some
People who are just returned & bring information
that Rajan Dorah has lately been in that
district but whether he now be there or not they
cannot positively assert, as they did not see
him: to corroborate what they have advanced
they declare that he, in gratitude for the
Protection which Jaggernaut Rauze afforded
him had actually headed in Person a Party
which a few days since engaged another belonging
to Biza Boopaty late Zemindar of Golconda and
obliged them to fly with some loss. We also are

now

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To be on the Table

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Colonel Stuart is heard from on the Subject
Read the following Letter from the
Chief & Council at Masulapatam

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Masulapatam
Respecting
the Chief & Co. at
Pegu
The seizure of
Rajarish Dorah

Honour to be assured you Copy of a Letter sent us by the
Chief & Council of Pegu at Pegu from which & our
Intelligence we have great reason to believe,
That Rajarish Dorah of Tolupullee is still residing
in Golconda under the Protection of the Great Man
of that Country. We therefore entreat your Hon.
& Co. will be pleased to send such instructions as
you may deem proper to the Chief & Council of
Pegu at Pegu for having them seized and secured
for while he is suffered to be living in safety so
near Tolupullee the Inhabitants of that District
& of the neighbouring Villages will entertain
apprehensions of his returning to commit
fresh Depredations and We shall be under the
necessity of continuing a Detachment at
Tolupullee to preserve the Country in quiet which
will be attended with great Expence to the
Zemindar of Pondapore.

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient
Humble Servants
Charles Floyer

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Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr Pringle

Masulipatam
7th March 1777

To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We are concerned to find that we must now contradict what we wrote you the 5th Inst. relative to Rajanah Dorah not being secreted at Golconda. We acquainted you that we received our information thereon from the Rajah Vizeram Rauze and his Vakeel Jumpand Jaggernaut Rauze. The latter who has the sole management of his Masters affairs, gave us the most solemn assurances that Rajah Dorah was not there and repeatedly expressed himself to the effect we wrote you, but the Chief not not chusing to place implicit Confidence in his assertions dispatched to Golconda privately some People who are just returned & bring information that Rajah Dorah has lately been in that district but whether he now be there or not they cannot positively assert, as they did not see him to corroborate what they have advanced they declare that he, in gratitude for the Protection which Jaggernaut Rauze afforded him had actually headed in Person a Party which a few days since engaged another belonging to Biza Boopaty late Zemindar of Golconda and obliged them to fly with some loss. We also are

now

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Now informe that whilst Captain Collins was visiting Rajah Dorah in his Fort his Vakeel came privately to Vizagapatam and endeavoured to enlist Men but they refused without Jaggarnaut Rauzes Consent who not only readily granted it but also supplied 500 of them with Money Horses & Ammunition. they were ready to march to Shankarum, when dispatches were received that Rajah Dorah had been obliged to evacuate the Fort, and those they dismissed. whilst we were devising means for procuring Satisfactory proofs of these Matters the Chief received a letter Extract from the Evening of the 18 Inst. from Sattavaram Rauze / Copy of which We herewith send you for your information/ which we are of opinion was alone sufficient Grounds for the Resolution we formed on the 20 for apprehending Jaggarnaut Rauze as a Traitor to the Company and to prevent his further plotting their declared Enemy - However other Circumstances there were not wanting, such as his leaving Ajaygur to the Chief on the 18 Inst in the Rajahs Name for 1000 Shares of small Arms to be sent into the Golconda district and his being in Treaty for 1000 More and also for Cannon with the French at Yanaon

We are, Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servants

Signed Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath. Bevan

Vizagapatam
26th Feby 1757

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To lie upon the Table

Ordered, to lie upon the Table untill the letter from Vizagapatam entered in last Consultation is taken into Consideration

Read letter from the Chief & Co. at Masulipatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam representing the State of the Fort Quarters & Barracks of Condapillee

Accompanying We have the honor to transmit you, Copy of a letter received from Captain James Powell, by which, you will be pleased to observe, the present State of the Fort of Condapillee, respecting the Quarters & Barracks, for the accommodation of the Troops, henceforth intended to be stationed there.

On this Subject, as well as on the Representation, we submitted to your Honor & Co. from Captain William Collins Commanding at Samulcotah, under date 18th January last. We request to be favored with your Commands

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Floyer
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

Masulipatam
12th March 1777

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To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

yours of the 6th I have received
and shall agreeable thereto march on the
arrival of Lieut. Gowdie.

In consequence of the general
Orders of 17th December, I visited Condapullee and
inspected into the State of the Barracks & Quarters
the former I find very insufficient for the foot
Companies, Lodging to Matross there, neither
Officers Quarters but three small ones, and those
not in other Respects I must therefore request
Gentlemen you will please to give some Directions
respecting them, as soon as possible as the bad
Weed season is approaching very fast and will
Commence at Condapullee the latter End of August
where they are remarkably severe, that to expose
the Men & Officers in Tents, which must be the
Case, until new ones can be built, may be attended
with bad Consequences

I am Gentlemen
with respect
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
James Powell

Ellore
8th March 1777

(Signed)

A true Copy

Alex. Brodie Secy
Ordered, of the Quarters
Orders thereon are not sufficient at Condapullee, that such
additions & alterations be made to them as
are

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are absolutely necessary, but therein that the strictest Oeconomy be observed.

Read Letter & Report from the Committee of Works

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter & Report from the Committee of Works

We have the Honor to lay before you Extracts from our Minutes, and request your Determination on the Points referred to

We remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient Servants
Geo. Mackay
Patrick Ross

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Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works

Read a letter from M. Paul Benfield Contr. for the Works of the West Front, as entd. therein after assuring the Commee. will discharge the Remainder of his Ballance of his last accounts Current, being Pags 83945. Fo 10 & requesting a further advance of ten thousand Pagodas for the Work done since January

Agreed to represent this Letter to the Board & to

Orders of the Board

Covered that an advance of 10,000 Pagodas be made to the Committee of Works

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recommended that his Request
be complied with.

Minutes 13th March

Read the following Petition

from Surrea Ramah Chetty

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Works

The humble Petition of Surrea Ramah

Sheweth

That in the year 1769 the
Honble Company took part of his garden Ground
to the Northward of the Black Town Wall meas-
-uring in Length three hundred & eighty feet
& in Breadth three hundred & twenty feet for which
your Petitioner has yet had no Compensation

Your Petitioner therefore most
humbly prays that your Honours will be pleased
either to grant him some other Piece of Ground
in lieu of it or will allow him the worth of it
in Money in the same manner as other People
are your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever
pray

It is ordered
that as soon as he produces
Proof to the Committee
which he has not yet
done that the Ground taken
a Compensation for was his
Property & was taken for
the Works they will then
take into Consideration
whether any or what Com-
pensation shall be made
him for the same He

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acknowledges it was mistaken Orders of the Board
Ground & had been so for
many years before
Minutes 27th Febry
Coll. Ross having made
particular enquiry regar-
-ding the Claim & compensa-
tion made by Junca Ramah
mentioned in the last Minutes,
acquaints the Committee
that the Ground was taken
for the Berm & Ditch of the
Blacktown Fort that
deal more Ground has
been taken for that
Purpose which the Inhabit
People claim the Committee
are of opinion that they
cannot take upon themselves
to make any Compensation
for such Ground nevertheless
it is Agreed to refer
the matter to the Consi-
deration of the President
& Council.
Minutes 13th March
Read a Petition from the
Parrais (as undereahereafter)
setting forth that before
the Establishment of Fort
St George by the English their
Ancestors inhabited the
great Purchase and that

This Matter to lie upon
the Table for further
Consideration

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the same was confirmed to them & their descendants & exempted from paying the Quit Rent & Scavengers Duty & has ever since been consider-ed as Ground allotted for the use of the Parreas or general & not to be appropriated to any thing else & requesting that a Grant may be granted accordingly

The Committee find that the Parreas have no Right but that of Suffrage to any Ground in the Black Town. That what they call the great Pacharee is quite wonderfull as they are continually building new Shutts and encroaching on the waste Ground belonging to the Company. That the Ground they now occupy as part of the Pacharee was measured by order of Mr Hastings when President of the Committee of Works and order'd to be given to Narrain in Compensation for Ground which was taken from him for the new Powder Mill. There were at that time some Shutts on

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it which the Engineer Orders of the Board
valued at about one hund.d
& thirty Pagodas, and the
Parrears were forbid to
build any more upon that
Spot, but notwithstanding
they have continued to
encrease their Hutts & by
a Calculation made a few
Days ago the Value of them
will now amount to two
hundred & fifty four Pagodas
The Committee are of opinion
That this Ground should be
given to Narrain as there
is sufficient Room for the
Parrears in the Pachaee
without this being annexed
to it, many having Gardens
to their Houses. The Ground
taken from Narrain for the
Powder Mill & for which he Narrain is Drawn to
has produced Bills of Sale be on the Table
to the Committee is 126588
Square feet or about 53 Lotts,
The Value of Ground in that
part of the Black Town
is at present about 70 Pag.s
a Lott so that if the Ground
the Parrars Pettah on about
is not granted to Narrain
the Company must pay
3710 Pag.s or give him

other Grounds in its stead.
The Committee beg leave
to recommend, in order
to prevent Disputes of this
Kind in future, that the
Chief Engineer be directed
to mark the Limits of the
Pachaiveram that the
Patriats be ordered on
no Account to encroach
beyond those Limits

Orders of the Board

Approved. The Chief
Engineer to prepare & lay
before the Board a Plan
of the Pachaiveram including
the Ground measured
not for Reserves

Colo Barnet
W. H. Torriano
Clerk

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in Co. Cons. 1st 29 acknowledging the Receipt of the Presents Letter to him by Coll. Stuart.

Mr. Fourdain having objected to the Resolution of Last Consult respecting the Nabobs Claim to the Crop of the Tanjore Country for 1773. The Board think it necessary to add a few words in reply to the Minute he has entered on the occasion

Minute in reply to Mr. Fourdain's objections to the Measures of the Board respecting the Claims of the Nabob on the Tanjore Country

Mr. Fourdain seems to think that the public faith will be affected by this Resolution, that it will be productive to prejudice the Rajah in the manner which is proposed, and that it will have the appearance of Partiality to require from him a Compliance with the Nabobs Claim, whilst we are totally

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silent on the Subject of his Claims on the Nabob for the Districts of Hunnamontagoo-dy & Armee, which formerly belonged to the Tanjore Country.

We confess the proposed Measure does not appear to us in this light, if it did We should strenuously reject it, as we declare that nothing can be further from our thoughts than to violate the smalest Title of our Engagement with the Rajah, or to treat the Person who has been so much favored by the Company with the least mark of Disrepect & Indelicacy

at the same time we must not forget what we owe to the Rights of the Nabob & to the Resolution which first passed on the Subject of the present Claim. The Board did not conceive the opinion by which the Crop of the Tanjore Country for 75. was adjudged to the Nabob to be either inconsistent with the orders of the Company or with any public Engagement that had been made with the Rajah & having once formerly declared the Nabobs Right to the Crop, the Faith of Govern-ment become pledged for its Security, and the Distresses of the Nabob absolutely require that some Steps should be immediately taken to satisfy his demand

It is true that in consideration of the Rajahs finances, the time & manner of paying for the Crop were left to himself. & it is also true that the Resolutions of the Board are

this

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this Subject were not transmitted to them so soon as they ought to have been, but it is equally true that when they were transmitted he paid no kind of regard to them. & tho he has sometimes repeatedly written to concerning them, no steps are yet taken, either with respect to the time or manner of satisfying that Debt. on the contrary we receive not being in reply to our frequent Representations but vague undeterminate & disrespectful Letters

Whilst the Rajah persists in this Conduct we are so far from thinking it incumbent upon us to require from him some actual Stipulation for the payment of what he originally owed the Nabob that we conceive it would be wrong in support of our Resolution if not in support of the Nabobs rights formally declared by ourselves, to make such a Requisition. If we neglect the present opportunity it does not appear to us that the Revenues of this year, which are now collecting will be dispersed. whilst the Nabob is actually sending under the pressure of a great load of Debt to the Company, to pay his own Troops, whom he kept together after the Restoration of the Rajah, upon a promise given to him (as he declares) by Lord Pigot That their Arrears should be paid from the Revenues of the Tanjore Country. after all what Security can the Rajah sustain by complying with the proposed Requisition since the Nabob is willing & the Board has promised the Rajah that it shall be finally

determined by the orders of the Company.

We cannot approve of the proposition made by Mr Jourdan "that the Rajah should be desired to pay the Peiscarh" as we do not see how the Board can interfere in this matter without the consent of the Nabob, & from the line he has taken since the arrival of the Company's orders regarding Tanjore there is not the smallest reason to imagine he will consent to our receiving in his Name in Tribute from the Rajah, when he asserts his own exclusive right to the whole Tanjore Country.

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As to the Rajah Claim on the Nabob for the districts of Hannamontagoody & Armee. We have not the least objection to his being fully informed of all that has been done respecting it & [illegible] Mr Jourdan proposed this to the Board at the time we came to the resolution about the Crop We should then have freely given our assent to it, but Mr Jourdan mentioned nothing of this at the Board before he delivered in his minute on the Subject of the Peiscarh.

Ordered that the Disbursements on Account of Tanjore be kept seperate in like manner with those of the Nabob, & that they be laid before the Board every three Months.

Ordered that the Committee of Works do in future pay the Companys Lascars at the Presidency

Read Letter from Mr. Lloyd.

To

No 16 Fort St George 15th March 1777

To the Honble the President & Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 23d Inst I sent
From Mr Lloyd
protesting against to your Secretary a Letter accompanying a Packet of
the Proceedings under a Flying Seal for the Court of Directors I
of the Board
beg leave to request you will favour me with an
answer, and that I may have a Copy of what
the Honble Board may say on that Head. to the
Court of Directors, as I may be able to defend
or answer such Correspondence.

I take the Liberty to acquaint you, that on application to the Commanding Officer of the Company Serv[ants] requesting an Order for my Subsistence &c. The Board [illegible] Mr Lloyd which did give him a Copy of your order dated 20th Jany which has been transmitted to me, whereby I find you have positively ordered, I shall not receive any Subsistence, until the Suspension by a Court Martial of twelve Months be elapsed as I shall consider myself on the Service hereby. Respectfully inform all and every of you, that I shall hold your Persons & Fortunes responsible for such measures, and that on Causes which have arisen regarding the Imprisonment and Execution of a Subject of His Brittannick Majesty's, which has been in the most unjustifiable manner as far as Circumstances would admit of been before and since shown you in a series of Correspondence by me, you have not according to the meaning and intention of the Law

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People of England enquired into, or caused Justice impartially to be administrated

I do hereby Protest against such Proceedings and shall use every means to bring such Causes and measures to open and full enquiry, and shall represent such to the Great Council of the English Nation, who are the Representatives of the People.

I am with all Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient

humble Servant

Wm Leybourne Lloyd

Mount

1st March 1777

To be transmitted home

Mr Lloyds Conduct has been already referred to the Consideration of the Company. Agreed, that a Copy of this Letter be transmitted in Number on the Packet by the next Dispatch, that they may be further enabled to perceive how very unworthy he is of their Service.

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Upon the Back of
acknowledging
the Receipt of
Twenty Bills
& the payment
of the Current
Charges

I wrote the following Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob.

I have had the honor to
receive your Highness's Letter dated the 1st and
6th Inst. The first accompanying Bill Pay. for 40,000
being the Rent due on that day on the Govern-
-ment District the latter inclosing the forty Bills
one Bill dated 1st March 1st part Pay.
Rent for the Zoyaposroge Districts due 31st Jany last payable 3 Months for 100000
One Bill dated 1st March in part
discharge of your Highness's Balance 200,000
made pay. up 4 Millions 6 for. 200,000
From Bills Rec.d Current Charges
made pay.e in May June
July & August at the rate
of 67500 in each Month makg:- 270,000
and Current Charges on the ch
your Highness engaged to
pay in ready Money &c
In July 1776 — 30,000
" March 1776 — 30,000
" April 1776 — 30000 90,000 360,000

From the foregoing Statement of your
Highness's intended payments the Current
Charges from 1st May 1776 to 30th April 1777
will be four Months in arrear, since the
four Bills at 67500 each Month are not
due till the 31st August next. I think it nec-
-cary to mention this Circumstance that
your Highness may fall on the means of
the occasion

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discharging these arrears in proper time,
as well as settling the Payment of the next
years current Charges regularly every
Month from the 1st May next I give you
this timely notice that the Company's affairs
may not be involved in difficulties from
the want of these Payments

I have also had the Honor of receiving
your Highness's letter dated the 1st Inst.
inclosing Copy of your Letters to Mr.
Bellcombe and Mr. Law

I send your Highness herewith
the Superintendants Acct. of Disbursements
from 1st November 1775 to 31 Jany 76 being
the Accounts which your Highness
represented in a former Letter had not
been sent to you

I have the Honor to be with Gt.
Gentl Stratton

March
18th 1777

16 Wrote the following Letter to the Nabob

To the Nabob

I have the honor to
present you with a list of the Company's Officers
who at different times have been entertained in
your Highness's Service, and am to request you
will acquaint me with the names of those whom
your Highness would wish to continue in your
Service that they may have the Sanction of
Government for so doing. Should your Highness
have occasion for any of the Company's Officers

To the Nabob with a list of the Company's Officers in his Service in future never to be employed but with the Sanction of Government

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on future Occasions to request you will acquaint me therewith that I may obtain the Board's Sanction for their Subsistance.

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I have the Honor to be &c &c
George Stratton

Return of Officers gone to Europe on leave and those who are in the Service of this Presidency &c

	Rank		Remarks
Thomas Bourchier	Lt Colonel	16 Oct 1775	Europe
John Braithwaite	Do	5 July	Do
John Bathurst	Do	10 Do	Do
Rich.d Matthews	Captain	1 Octr 1776	Do
Hy Aug.s Montr Crosby	Do	5 July 1776	Do
Robert Wood	Do	10 Octr 76	Do
Robert Long	Do	10 Do 9	Do
Richard Scott	Lieutenant	16 Do 75	Do
Alex.r Wynch	Do	10 Do 76	Do
Robert Brownker	Do	6 July 77	Do
David Wilson	Ensign	22 August 74	Do
Joseph Johnson	Do	16 Octr 76	Do
Pat.k Alex.r Agnew	Ensign	6 Feby 77	Do
Simon Baillie	Do	6 Do Do	Do
Alexander Patterson	Captain		Nabobs Service
Thomas Burrows	Do	Do	Do
Dugald Campbell	Do	Do	Do
Thomas Rundegast	Lieutenant	Do	Do
James Phillips	Do	Do	Do
Peter Bonnemaison	Do	Do	Do
Samuel Hillyard	Do	Do	Do
Donald Campbell	Do	Do	Do
George Mackay	Do	Do	Do

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Edward Fourdan	Lieut.	Absent	Service
Lan.e Horsley Montagjue	Do.	Do.	Do.
Alexander Read	Ensign	Do.	Do.
James Campbell	Do.	Do.	Do.
Robert Mackay	Do.	Do.	Do.
William Hammond	Do.	Do.	Do.
John Green	Do.	Do.	Do.
Robert Steel	Do.	Do.	Do.
Wm. Boyle Sullivan	Do.	Do.	Do.

James Lidingtoun
A. G. *

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Presid.t

Henry Brooke
Monday Edmondale Palmer * Francis Fourdan
24th March George * Mackay

Colonel Stuart absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

Read the following Letter

From Colonel Stuart

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

At the time when I left Madras my health was in such a bad state, that I scarce expected to have lived to be able to go through the fatigue of the Journey proposed, & to arrive here: but my determined purpose was to employ every moment that

From Colonel Stuart communicating his observations on the State & Importance of the Forts & Passes in & on his Journey to

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remained to serve the publick all on my
power on return for the honorable Station
which my employers & you had conferd
upon me. I have the Satisfaction to acquaint
you that by the favor of Providence the Journey
has succeeded on every point of view beyond
expectation: and that except me a knees
there remains no traces of my disease.

thinking, as I do, that I owe to
your Honors some account of the manner in
which my time has been employed since I
left Madras I will without troubling you
with details observe - that I went over the
ground I visited the principal Forts or Posts
where it is deem probable we are at first to
meet the French as Enemies in case of any
serious disturbance in the Carnatick and as
we ought constantly to watch & prevent if
possible the beginning of their movements it
occurd to me as very necessary to recommend
to you to keep sufficient Garrisons with Stores
and Artillery in the Forts which serve either
to cover Madras or to obstruct their progress
if they intended to form a Junction with any
Country Power. and here it is my Duty to
observe to you, the sensible pain I felt, to be
an Eye witness of the defenceless state so far as
regards these points, viz. sufficient Garrison &
Troops Artillery Stores at Wandewash Gingee
where it will be found there is scarce a Gun
Carriage serviceable, & in other respects also
neglected. I do not mean that you should at
this time mention my authority, or take any

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publick notice of this information until I have the honor to say something further to you in Person. the inference I wish now to draw is, that in the adjoining or corresponding Forts, immediately or in any sense under the Company's or ours, the Garisons ought without delay to be encreased. If the necessary repairs made, and every article serving for their defence put in good condition. In this point of view I look upon Chingalpet, Permacoil & Cuddalore. The two former are places of real strength and Cuddalore with a good Garison of some regulars to the sea may be put out of the Power of the French to take it by a sudden Force. Marching before it could be supported or relieved - and of the valuable effects of the Company placed in Cuddalore, & its vicinity to Pondicherry requires on every event a good Garison, & from its healthy situation it affords great convenience to keep in good condition one entire Battalion of Sepoys on the present Establishment. I should also propose to have another Battalion of 7 Companies at Chingalpet and 3 Companies at Permacoil. Thus with the consent of your Honors I propose to recommend to dispose of two of the four Battalions soon to be incorporated. In order to make the expence fall even under the estimate of the augmentation which I had the honor to present to the Board, I shall recommend to disband or reform the Invalid or Independent Companies at Chingleput & Cuddalore, from which according to my

Remarks

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remarks upon perusing them we shall draw near 300 good seasoned tho' not disciplined Sepoys to make part of the recruits for the additional Battalions, & dispose of part of the rest as Subsidy in this Country or as real Invalids or pensioners on these Garrisons. As to Permacoil I have no doubt of your succeeding on application to his Highness to have that important Post so near Pondicherry entirely Garrisoned by the Company's Troops, and I should recommend to remove his Garrison to Wandewash & the other small Forts in general into Store for use in time of War. they employ too many Troops & require too much attention, they rather embarrass than serve in the great line either for Attack or Defence To this disposition of effective good Garrisons in their Neighbourhood & we add the Cantonment in proper Season at Tegar according to the plan proposed in my Memorial to the Board, I should imagine, may I am almost certain the French will be deterred from attempts to penetrate beyond their present bounds &c. and other Powers convinced of these necessary Steps will be cautious how they move to join them. I hope therefore that you will deliberate on this proposed System to encrease an appearance of Strength in the Eye of these new European Neighbours.

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did not see things with any Precision, I passed a day there, as was received with great civility, but in no way with the smallest military Honours - this surprised me somewhat, tho' I took no publick Notice of it & determined me on every occasion in my Power with the Consent of your Honors to refuse all or any Military honours to Mr De Bellecombe or others passing through the Companys Bounds or Garrisons - according to which I have wrote to the Officer Commanding at Cuddalore. Your Honors will recollect my observation in seeing the impropriety of these People in their first addresses to the Honble the President & Council and in what manner you brought them to reason.

I do not find there is any thing like preparations at Pondicherry to act in any Military way. They have not the means at present, 200 of their Garrison have been sent to the Malabar Coast. Their General proposes to visit Carricol during this Month.

I went over every part of the Companys Grounds & Bounds in the Cuddalore District with particular attention, as also the place itself, which I consider as a good Bastion line, requiring little or no repairs, except to make something of a strong line towards the Sea, & this may be done at a little expence. As I before observed with a Garrison of eight hundred Men it may hold out till we can relieve it, or force the Enemy to fight, if that is to be

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In my Progress thro' the Marts and the Rajahs Countries. I met with every possible mark of attention. I was received with set speaches from the Amildars. or principal People to which I made such answers as are agreable to your first purpose viz.' the support of theirs Masters dignity - and of the Rajahs authority over his Subjects. & that the Company's Troops are stationed among them for that Purpose I asked if there were any Complaints where our Troops were stationed & found every where that proper Discipline had been observed.

The day before my arrival here, the Rajah had sent his Relation Gaseroo to meet me with compliments on this head. I took him into my Chariot & we entered the place together through the Streets leading to the small Fort which Major Browne had drawn all the way with the Garrison & with the Battalion in the Neighbourhood. after breakfasting I went with Gaseroo & the Gentlemen of my Family to the Rajah and was received by him at some distance from his Durbar where he conducted me. much General compliment passed on the presence of a crowd of people - after this ceremony he put some flowers about my Neck & Wrists. & a sort of Star hung to my Heart & set with

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with flat Stones - this I was going to take from my Neck and return to him - as contrary to the Company's orders which I explained to him but he said as it was the first visit he hoped I would take it. thus far I suffered, saying that I should inform the Board, & lay it before them for their approbation. It has been valued at 230 Pagodas or thereabouts. I took this occasion to observe that the English East India Company & their Servants meant to support him in his just rights without any undue stretches, and that I hoped he would be sensible of this, and shew his attachment by a proper regard to their Representatives, whose orders would always be directed for his real Interest this he promised on general terms - The Rajah seems to me to be in a bad state of Health, from Indigestion & Gouty Pains flying about his body. He begged I would excuse his not seeing me in my own house for some little time until he could go abroad. meanwhile his Dulaken Gazeron would wait on me constantly. & that he would see me whenever I chose on any business. this has been pretty much the Case except where their religious Days & Ceremonies interfere. under which this day or two that you have been pleased to entrust me with a seperate business distinct from the office of Commissariat. I have had very little real business of consequence when I judged it necessary to apply to the Rajah.

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I followed the Line of my duty - I have viewed all the Troops except Mackenzies Battalion - visited & inspected the Forts Stores, Magazines and examined the Ground between the small & great Forts already reformed - marked the Line marked round the outside of the Ramparts on which Major Stevens means to erect towards which Major Stevens means to erect and reconnoitred the Grounds adjoining to the Place of all which I have given Major Stevens compleat Idea - I approve entirely of Major Stevens execution of the design planned out by the Honble Board I wish most sincerely for may be enabled to proceed with Dispatch. As this indefatigable & conscientious attendance upon the Workmen now on the Compleating may in the midst of Winter if continued undoubtedly impair his health. I could wish that this part of the Works were done by contract & measurement although at a trifling additional expence, Yet his attention will suffer less by his attention be applied to object that better deserve it than such a rough work.

I already acquainted the President that I had taken upon me to direct that any proposals for Contracts should be sent to Major & these made public for every offerer & that in the agreement the Contractor be bound on a certain sum to finish the Works in a limited time, suppose 9 Months/ By the offers already made there is a difference of 18 of the whole

Expence

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Expence betwixt the highest & the lowest offer

Several black People have given in
Proposals, but the Major doubts of their
finding Security. He means to forward all
those proposals to the Board by tomorrows
Tapal - and I regret my wish to have this
business seriously begun before I leave
this place the. The last of the Stores by
the Vessels Station are arrived, and this
supply with what is yet to come will put
this place in tollerable order until the
Guns ordered for from England arrive -
for such Guns are wanted. The Vessel to
be employed in carrying the supply now
ready at Madras must be of the Paddy
Boat kind that she may be able to keep
all the way near shore, the Current being
now upon the turn.

My anxiety to prevent any
accident happening to our Artillery Stores
dispersed over the large Fort under small
Guards has led me to give orders to mount
the worst Guns & Carriages upon the
Ramparts near where there are Sentrys
with a few ball to make a show, and to
carry all the serviceable Guns & Carriages
into the small Fort, where a peace is also
preparing to hold the best Power.

I shall be glad to know whether
you desire to contract with the Paymaster
for all repairs of Artillery Stores Carriages
&c. or whether this is to be done under the
inspection of Captain Mackay, because I
wish

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wish to see all the workmen on the constant pay of the Company regulated accordingly. I have given orders to prevent any thing new being made, only to finish what I find. Lt Colonel Harper has the greatest the Forge or Foundery is solely employed at present in repairing the large Guns & other wise unserviceable, and every hands are employed there.

The second day after I arrived here I went to Tellicum. I accompanied with Major Stevens fixed upon the places where the first experiment of the Mines are to be made. These Mines are already forty feet under ground & I suppose in 10 Days more will be ready to spring. as it is the best method to form able Miners for the service I have reserved 15 Men from this Garrison & the same number from Trichinopoly to be employed. belonging to different Corps - also some Officers & Volunteers to inspire our Captain Dugood, who directs the whole by Major Stevens orders & proceeds in the very essential work with great diligence. We have also fixed on a certain rising ground without the Fort to be formed into a Redoubt for 30 Men for the Protection of the Pettah.

There has been no observations made by the Rajah upon the Steps I have hitherto

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hitherto taken in this business pursuant to my instructions & I do not see that I am called upon to enter upon the Subject with him. having the Presidents letter & his answer in my possession. I wish to be confirmed by you however to proceed without Stop in this Work & to remove as soon as I can all the Military Stores to this place from Villum not immediately wanted there. I must also request that in Case Captain Campbells Expedition does not take place, orders may be sent to return the two excellent twelve Pounders with all the things taken from Villum during my absence while I was on the road to this place.

The Detachment here from the first Battalion of my Regiment are as good a body of men as I ever saw and in good order. The three Battalions of Sepoys are not to appearance in so good order as the Garrison of Fort St George. and Mackenzies Battalion in the Country Service is quite in the Sebundy Order but I do not attribute all this to fault in the officers, but to the nature of the Service, the recruiting of these Battalions has not succeeded so well as I could wish, owing to my having recommended not to take Tanjorins. I have therefore desired the Adjt. General to apply to the Board that the Recruits made by Captain Eagles be sent here properly escorted, and such as are supernumerary or above the Complement of the 12 Companys to each Battalion in Madrass may be sent to Captain Kelly who I find still wants 100 Men. I request that

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that Captain Eagles may still continue his Efforts to get good Recruits. I shall myself write & send for your consideration my plan for incorporating the additional Companies, & the Garrisons they may be sent to —

These are the Chief objects of my attention since my arrival here — other points have been also attended to, notice of I shall in a future Letter do myself the honor to inform you. You will permit me to assure you that my Instructions shall be followed strictly & that Duty & inclination influence me jointly to attend to your orders, and to inform you punctually of every Essential matter that passes

I am most respectfully
Honble Sirs Yours
Your most faithful
and most obed. Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
17th March 1777

P.S. The Paymaster informs me that he is considerably in advance for the expence of the Garrison & even after the supply per convoy neither these few days on my return of the season of a deficiency of Bricks for the Works Mr Jones says that money must be sent to make the necessary advances on that acct. I request that you will order that a large Stock of Bricks may be ever in advance, & the means given to provide such as soon as possible as we have not more than three or four Months of working time before the Monsoon.

Mr Cooper of Cuddalore has

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been here for a few days on business with Mr Jones, who received great benefit from his assistance in providing timber at Pegapatam for this Garrison & now on the road. He returns this day.

Minute of the Board on the Inattention of the French to Col. Stuart

The Regular Mode for Colonel Stuart was to have represented to the Board the inattention that was paid to him by the French at Pondicherry, & in consequence to have requested that orders might be given that a similar Conduct should be observed at Cuddalore on Mons. Bellecombe's passing through it on his way to Carricall, as such behaviour has been hitherto unusual on the part of the French and as every respect has been paid their officers of rank when visiting this Settlement. Agreed, That the Chief & Council at Cuddalore be directed for these reasons not to pay General Bellecombe or any Person in the French Service, any public Compliment whatsoever until further orders.

Ordered, that the Storekeeper at Tanjore, agreeably to the custom of the Service do provide such Stores as may be wanted - and that they be received from him by the Inspector of Stores.

Colonel Stuart empowered to demolish Pellicore -

As the Board have reason to suppose from the Rajah's not having expressed a dislike to the demolition of the Works at Pellicore - that such a Step would not be disagreeable to him - and as the necessity of it - as appears in a former Consultation

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is evident.— Agreed, that Colonel Stuart be empowered to destroy the Works at Tellicherry in the manner he recommends.— at the same time that he be directed to communicate to the Rajah his intentions before they are carried into execution. Ordered, that the other parts of the above Letter from Colonel Stuart do lie upon the Table for further consideration.

The Superintendant acquaints the Board that a supply of Cask has lately been sent to the Paymaster at Tanjore

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

I am to acknowledge the receipt of the Letters from the Honble Board dated Fort St George 12th March 1777 and to answer here the 13th Instant acquainting me of the Letter your Honrs &c thought proper to empower the Governor to provide the Rajah / copy whereof was received together with the extract of the Minute of Consultation of June 24th 1776. you also inform me of the unsatisfactory answers hitherto received from the Rajah to your repeated representations of the Subject of the above Minute of Consultation, and of the Necessity to make some effectual Payments to the Sabordon that account and your Honrs &c desire me freely to communicate with the Rajah upon it, ascertaining with as much precision as possible the amount of what the Company

From Col Stuart communicating the Purport of his first interview with the Rajah of Tanjore on the Subject of the Tabors & Cawns

Following Col Stuart
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Governments share really was & in conjunction with the Rajah, fall on ready means to give Effect to the resolution already quoted. you do me the honor to place relyance on my prudence and Discretion in the managem.t of this business & to inform the Rajah that acting as Umpires you will do equal justice to both Sides. & besides you will be answerable for the reimbursement of any Sums he may in consequence of these Directions pay to the Circars in case the Company determine against the Nabob's having the Governments Share of the Crop for 1775

After acknowledging gratefully the additional Honor & confidence thus conferred upon me. I am to acquaint you, that without loss of time I desired an Interview with the Rajah. who however on account of Illness or Ceremony wished the meeting might be deferred till yesterday the 16th. what passed at that Interview I have put down in the Paper inclosed to which I beg leave to refer your Honors.

You may rest assured Honble Sir & Sirs that nothing proper on my part shall be left unattempted to bring the Rajah to conform to your wishes. but I have something to say as to the only effectual means to do so, which I must beg leave to defer communicating for the present, in the mean time am to request your honor &c. will be pleased to give orders that my Correspondence may be kept

kept a secret until the whole business is conclu-
-ded, for I can assure you that the Durbar
here is informed with certainty by dispatch
of the extent of my powers & every thing
passing in Council relative to them.

It seems unfortunate, in the
present state of this business, that the Rajah
should be informed by the Presidents Letter
to him sent by your Honors direction, that
His Highness had reserved his Claim to our
Superiors at home, because the Doctrine
I wish to inculcate is that the Govt's Commands
Determinations are to be immediately obeyed
first, without delay, after appeal there may be,
from such determination, to obtain redress
of any real grievance. I have insisted on
seeing the Rajah tomorrow, as he pleads illness
or Ceremonies this day, because I mean to
press matters before the Troops is entirely
the Genius or disposed of.

On the present occasion
I entreat your Honors will be explicit in
instructing me what Steps I am to take
in case no Arguments or reasoning on my
part can have any other effect than to
engage him to make a Deposit of Money
at a distant period, if not from the produce
of the present Crop, or that he refuses or
any account paying money directly to the
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remain in the Company's Treasury & not to be

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Your Honors &c. may be assured that the Rajah or his present Ministers are fully informed from Mr Ays upon every point & particularly of ye Company's Instructions from England & he firmly believes every Eye fold him from Mooduhist- -nah's Sett. I am now to request you will excuse my not being more pointed, or more forward in this particular business which I have much at heart to succeed in for the honour & authority of the Board tho' the resolution passed before I had the honor of a Seat there.

My anxiety to keep matters private & especially to conceal from the People every appearance of difference twixt the Rajah & the Commandant of the Troops, least Disturbances happen, has led me to write all this Dispatch with my own hand tho' difficult to read, I am much hurried & greatly fatigued with this & the other dispatch of this Evening which I thought proper to make seperately.

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Tanjore
5th March 1777

to remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithful &
obedient humble Servant
James Stuart

Minute of what passed at the first Interview
with the Rajah of Tanjore the day after I
received the publick letter from the Honble
Board dated Fort St George 12th March 1777
accompanying the letter from the President
of the same date.

Tanjore 16th March
11 forenoon

I began by telling him that
on this occasion I came with Powers and
Instructions from the Representatives of the
English East India Company separate &
distinct from the Military Line of my Duty
as the Commandant of Tanjore & of the Troops
in this Country. Matters are important
Commissions and would be the Test to
determine what value he meant to put upon
the Friendship or advice of the Governor &
Council of Madras: that Words or general
professions would no longer serve, as that
by actions they would judge, that having
myself the Powers of a seat in Council I should
sincerely feel any attempts done prejudicial on his
part, to conform to the wishes of the Board
and warned him of the Consequences

I then rose to leave from a Paper
in my hand, holding at the same time the Paper
received at Madras forwarded to the Nabob upon
the Letter from the President for me to deliver to
him

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which last Letter being in English, & the Mahawella Letter Translate not being, as usual, sent from Madras, I was under the Necessity of employing a Person for that purpose who had not finished it at this time, and therefore the Rajah did not in my presence read the Presidents Letter, which Letter I delivered without closing the flying Seal, because I wished he should understand not only the real reason of no Mahawellah Translate being sent from Madras but also the confidence placed in me by the President of the Board. Front him I shall translate it fully in the afternoon, but cannot be certain, if it is being exact.

The Paper which I read distinctly in English & explained to him very well so as to be certain he understood it perfectly contained in what follows

Sir

I am instructed to inform you that the President & Council of Fort St George who are the only Legal Representatives of the English East India Company on the Carnatick, having considered all your Letters that have hitherto passed on answer to the resolution of Council of the 14th June last which was communicated to you, importing "that "it is the opinion of the Council that the Nabob "had a right to the Government Share of the Crop "in the Tanjore Country the produce of Grain "soon during the time it was in his possession, "& that any Mortgages he may have given on the "same are good." The President & Council having also particularly considered a late Proposition

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on your part received at Madras the 7th of this Month contained in a paper without Date, without your Chop, and in no way properly authenticated. I say that on these accounts I have the authority of the said Representatives of the English East India Company to declare to you in their Name that they are dissatisfied with your Conduct in this particular Business & that in consequence I am now to return to you the said paper received 7th March as unadmissible more it even attended with the usual Marks of Authenticity & Respect to the President. I am also to deliver to you a letter from the President upon this Subject so important to your true Interest which undoubtedly is to cultivate the Friendship of those who support & protect yourself, your Government and your People. I am to add that in the various Correspondence held on this affair you must now be fully master of it in every point of view, you are therefore called upon for your immediate ultimate resolution so soon as you have considered the Letter from the Governor which I now deliver, for I tell you firstly that your answer must not be delayed in order to furnish out means to false Friends to your advice which in the end may be destructive of your peace and advantageous to your Interest. I expect your answer before or in a day or two at the most.

Have I returned from the Paper

Here I give him the Letter

I have further to add that what I say to you in any conference on this Subject I shall minute down in your presence, as also your

your answers - I do it for the sake of exactness and precision - I wish the same method may be followed on your part.

The Rajah requested I would endeavour to have the above translated into Persian if I could not get it in Mahrattoo. - this I did and left it with him. but am not certain whether it has been exactly done I waited for his answer late in the evening but never came before the Tappal of the 16th was sent off

March 17th ½ past six.

Yesterday this instant came to my house in the Rajahs name to beg I would excuse his giving any answer to what I had read to him on delivering the Paper & Letter that he would answer the whole in his letter to the President which he was now employed about, but would not send it till he saw me to morrow at eleven. I desired him once more to acquaint the Rajah with the consideration the matter, as it was now drawing to a point, & the means of complying with the Boards request was hereby again delivering -

James Stuart

Ordered, to lie upon the Table.

The Board however think it necessary to record that the Paper alluded to by Col. Stuart was received by the President from the Rajah of Tanjore - unsigned and unsealed - and in consequence of its wanting them marks of authenticity - that it was returned by

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by the President to Colonel Stewart to be delivered
To the Rajah

Read Letter from Secretary
at Bombay.

To Richard I. Sullivan Esqr
Secretary at
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Honble
The President and Council to transmit you
a Packet for the Honble the Governor General
& Council at Bengal which request may be
forwarded thither by the first opportunity

From the Secretary at Bombay with a Packet for the Governor General & Co.s Council

I am
Sir
your most obedt Servant
Edn.t Ravenscroft
Secy

Bombay Castle
8.th Feby 1777

Ordered, that the Letter to the
Governor General and Council be forwarded
to Bengal. That the Secretary do acknowledge
the Receipt of it from Bombay.

Read Letter from the Chief
Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now
employed upon the Works.
Bricklayers 91
Tank Diggers 893

Chief Engineers Report of Persons on the Works

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Cooles	601
Lascars	79
Stone Cutters	47
Sundry Artificers	2
Amounting in all to	1713 People

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

Fort St George
23d March 1777

Read the following Letters
from Colonel Stuart to the Secretary

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

From Col. Stuart to ansr Memorial of Mr Gordon Surgn setting forth his Claim to an Hospital

I request that you will present to the Honble Board the inclosed Memorial of Mr Gordon Surgeon, and at the same time communicate my Opinion, that long Service and the good Character he leaves here, merit some attention, and that I therefore, beg leave to recommend Mr Gordon to the Honble &c. for an Hospital in one of the Garrisons in case the appointment of Surgeons for Tanjore is already determined upon

You will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board the accompanying Return for February, of the Troops on Tanjore and its dependencies

I am Sir
your very obed. humble Servant
James Stuart
Lieut

Tanjore
2 March 1777

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P.S. I am informed since writing the above that Mr Gordon has given in proposals for lowering the Ramparts which will be forwarded by Major Stevens. and to give Security for the performance of his Contract which none of the Black People have offered to do. If this mode of contracting is adopted by the Honble Board I should wish to recommend this industrious Man to be preferred upon an equality. his long residence here has given him some weight with the People necessary to be employed upon this occasion

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The late appointment of Messrs Buchanan & Whyte to the Hospital of this Garrison, the Duty of which I have been attending nearly twelve Months induces me to lay my situation before you, trusting that on the receital of the several differences & circumstances, that I have gone thro' for these eighteen years back, may please meet your priority with the consideration of a Family to provide for towards either condemning me on the Salary I have for some time back held & believe to general Satisfaction for to some other as you should think proper to direct. In particular I am confident that our Compliment has been

against me, and that I am Senior to both Mess.rs Wilson & Duffin, as also to Mr. H Pyte.

On tracing back as the year 1759, the period of my arrival at Fort St George it may be made appear that I joined the army then at Coyeverum & there acted some time under the direction of Mess.rs Briggs and Pasley. after this I was entrusted with the charge of the Sick at Chingleput & then successively at every Pauk and Alcot at which last place after continuing some time & finding no great occasion for my Services there, I applied to go to the Siege of Pondicherry in 1760 from thence I was ordered to take Charge of the wounded of Major Preston's detachment. who was so well satisfied with my Services that he applied for my continuing with him. unfortunately for me, his application was too late as there had been a full Surgeon to this Detachm.t previous to the arrival of his Letter at the Presidency: on this I again returned to Pondicherry and again joined Mess.rs Briggs & Pasley there, with whom I continued till the Hospital was removed to the Company's Garden House at New Town.

When the Army marched to Vellore, I still continued in the Charge of this Hospital till the Troops returned to Cuddalore in 1762 and was then ordered to Vellore.

On Mr. Clarke a full Surgeon being taken Ill, Colonel Charles Campbell applied for me by whom I was ordered to draw Surgeon's Pay: & he returned me as such for more than two Years, no notice being taken of the appointment

during

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during this time, made me conclude I was confirmed on Rotation / but on Mr Orton's arrival Governor Falk gave me to understand my appointment was not regular, as not being approved by him or the Board, and said to Mr Pasley on his introducing me to him, that he did not know I was qualified for a full Surgeon, who answered that I had been many Years in the Service, and that notwithstanding I had come out young; yet the practice I had gained and absolutely I had paid my profession duly qualified me for the appointment. Mr Falk answered he would remember me to the Board at the same time mentioning that Mrs Bonner & Rome had been recommended to him, on which Mr Pasley replied that if either he or Mr Boggs had considered a recommendation necessary they certainly would have given it me in preference to either of those two Gentlemen; that their not doubting my being appointed by rotation was the reason of their not giving me such.

No Vacancy occurring until Mr Sykes was requested to be relieved from Palamcotah in 1766 I continued to visit the Hospital at Madras for one year, and then was appointed in this Station, where after continuing a year & finding the army take the field where I thought my Services might be wanting (on application) I was ordered by Colonel Wood to take Charge of the Field Hospital at Trinomally in Feby 1767 on its being removed to Tongay Cottah. I there found Mr Duffen & many Officers in a dangerous way some of whom are still alive to vouch for the Care I took

took of them, and am persuaded Mr Duffon will, if called upon, do me the justice to say, that I was greatly instrumental in not only saving his life, but also those of Captains Povery, Mackenzie & Dormond, and also many of the private Men, from the Care I took & the necessaries I provided for them and the Hospital.

It might likewise be added, that I have, whenever in my power, endeavoured to assist in any occasion wherever my Services could be wanted, even out of the Line of my Profession, as occasionally conducting & taking Charge of the Company's Cash, on three various Routs, at one particular instance 37,000 Pagodas given me by Mr Barlow to carry to Tinjury Cottah

From Tinjury Cottah being ordered under Captain Dormond to great Salem, where the Sick were numerous and greatly destroyed, from hence the Sick were transported to Allore, on its being taken, where, exclusive of my Care of them, I was obliged to bring up the rear Guard on this fatiguing March.

I had after this the Charge of the Hospital at Carroor under Captain Orton, where the Sick were also numerous and necessaries difficult to be got, yet I contrived with great trouble & Expence to procure & give them every assistance in my power

Previous to my leaving Trinomally, I made proposals for the supplying the Field Hospital with Cotts, Bedding, & Cloathes, provided the Honble Company would find means of

transporting

Transporting them. and I even engaged to hazard
their being taken at my own risk. this I was only
led to by the deplorable state of the sick & wounded
were reduced to by being frequently robbed of their
few necessaries. and often put into an old House
without a shift of Linen or any preservative
from Damps

Colonel Wood not choosing to
supply me with means of transporting the above
from Carroor, proceeded on my Journey the Enemy
which brought a very considerable loss on me,
tho' I'll able to afford as all the above-mentioned
necessaries were taken up by them on this occasion
the different garrisons.

Whilst at Coimbatoor not being
able to procure Money from the Paymaster I was
obliged to raise it on my own Credit, and had not
Mr. Hay and Lawson (Star Cutcherry of Coimbatoor)
the Sick must have, either died for want, or deserted
and I was even obliged to exert my Interest with
the Country People to convey the Sick to Trichenopoly.

Shortly after this I again left
Trichenopoly by with Colonel Freseham on to go again
into the Combaloor Country on which Expedition
exclusive of my professional Employ I officers
being short I assisted in a military capacity
more than once, and at Carroor at the time it
fell into the Enemys hands. I was taken Prisoner
my loss amounting to above 4000 Pagodas, a
Sum considerably more than the whole I had
been able to save, during the long time I had
been in the Service.

As we were conducted as Prisoners

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Prisoners to Serringapatam. I was called upon to attend Hur Jaserulla Cawn one of Hyder's Generals, then going to attack the Maduras Dominions, whilst with him, and return near Palam Cottah, I endeavoured to get from him (in which attempt I was dangerously wounded) and give Major Browne such intelligence, that had I fortunately reached Palam Cottah, might have put it in his power to have surprised and taken Hur Jaserulla Cawn's whole Detachment. That I did every thing in my power, even whilst with the Enemy to promote Service, may clearly be proved by the Information I contrived to give the Governor, by a Parwanah Brinjarry and to Major Brown, to whom I also sent all the Cash I could procure to be employed by him, as the Exigency of the Service might require. This Gentleman is silent on the Service, to whom I would take the Liberty to refer the Honble Board, should it be thought necessary, and who can prove how much I was reduced in my Constitution by the Wounds I received.

Shortly after this the Peace, and in Consequence our Release took place, (on my arrival at Fort St George) on its being known that Hur Jaserulla Cawn would be glad of my return to him, for some time a design was on agitation that I should go, and at the same time endeavour, whilst with him to be of some Service to the Company, and tho' I was to be allowed no Batta, but only a consideration from the Honble Board for such Services as I might

might send our whole effective. yet I unwilling to
ment as far as Cattore, which place Meerjaffer-
ee ulla Cawn had left and was at that time
at Seringapatam.

On this I thought it expedient
to proceed no further, must back to Trichinopoly
there waiting an answer to a letter I had wrote
to Meerjaffer ulla Cawn now arriving I
returned to Madrass when almost Ullomiah
appeared for me. The Governor answered my
application for a Parallow on our line, by
approving of my attendance of his Family-
as soon as I said that would be greatly to my
advantage, but that his Head applied to Mr.
Pasley, on account of the same gen-
eral Stuart Pasley as I
Old the first Brig
offered my Services, and was answered by the Governor
That General Smith had orders to dispense
necessary at the 2d Brig: I made the like application
and got nearly the same answer.

From this among having of the
with their Cattle) during the Morrattar Expedition
absence of the Rock of Colonel Bonjours detachment,
and doing every thing in my power to relieve
them. Trust it may appear that I was always
ready and willing to do my duty & that I had
the Good of the Service particularly at Heart.

In December 1775 I again
solicited Mr. Pasley to be employed in the Service,
and as my being sent to the Nabob's employ
cannot be deemed an Incongruence, it being
totally unsolicited, and otherwise as no complaint

has

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has been ever made against me, of want of
Ability Care or attendion towards my Patients,
I trust the Honble Board will on Justice to my
Claim of requesting to be continued at least
on a Hospital on preference to Mess.rs Carnac,
Becket, Wilson, Duffin & Whyte, all whom
have Hospitals and are my Juniors

Mr. Buchanan has wrote me
that he & Mr. Whyte are appointed to this Garri-
-son: in this Case I appear to be set aside, which
occasions me to present a daily humble Petition
-ary Form to the Hon.ble Board praying some
attention to it in Consideration of my long
Services. I am Finally to observe to You
I hope the Facts I have set
forth may not be deemed endeavoring on the
Honble Boards time or Lenity but as they were
really occasioning by the Distresses of my present
Circumstances & confident of their Indulgence
to my Cause, if founded on Justice

I remain
with perfect respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedient &
very humble Servant
William Gordon

Tanjore
the 28th Feby 1777

P.S. Since I wrote the above I observe I am nominated
Barrack Surgeon, which is a Station unequal
to my standing in the Service, and by the contents
of Mr. Pasley's letter to me on the Subject, he says
my being so long absent from my Corps, gives
cause for those Gentlemen who have attached
themselves

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themselves to the Service a right to expect a preference.

I certainly would have omitted this if I had ever made an application to remain on the Madras Establishment, but as that cannot appear to be the Case I hope it will plead sufficiently with my other reasons for my being put in Charge of an Hospital -

Minute of the Board thereon

I would the Board should have consideration Mr Gordons proposals & Major Stevens report thereon they cannot determine whether they shall be agreeable to Mr Gordon's desire to be nominated to the Charge of an Hospital - if he quits this Establishment on which he has been employed many Years - and returns to do duty in the Company's - he will of course have an appointment suitable to his Rank in the Service

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esq.re
Military Secretary
Sir

I request that you will present to the Honble Board the enclosed Book of Loads taken by Lieut. Pringle as far as comes within my observation the Distances &c are exact, and as I think it for the benefit of the Service to encourage an Officer of Lieut. Pringle's Merit & Abilities I request the Permission of this Honor'd to employ Lieut. Pringle in the Survey of some other roads not marked in the enclosed paper.

From Lt Stuart recommending of Lieut. Pringle with a Book of Loads & directed to the Board by him

If upon further acquaintance,

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I join Lieut Pringle, for a practicable Map of the Roads and situation of the most remarkable places in the Carnatic, you will be pleased to acquaint his Honor &c. that I endeavd to recommend him to be Captain of the Guides and Hircurahs, according to the plan proposed in one part of my Memorial two before the Hon'ble Board some Months ago.

I am Sir

your very obedt humble Servt

James Stuart

Tanjore
24th March 1797

Minute to be employed as Commandant of the Guides

The Board cannot but assent to a Plan the propriety of which is so obvious to declare their entire approbation of the Book of Roads now laid before them, and as they wish at all times to encourage every useful undertaking, they readily accede to Colonel Stuarts Proposal to employ Lieut. Pringle, as Commandant of the Guides that may be employed agreeably to his Recommendation

that

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From the Chief Engineer respecting the late Progress & present State of the Works

In answer to your Commands of the 18th Inst. communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Sulivan, directing me to prepare & lay before you a Plan of the Works when they were measured in December last, pointing out by different coloured Lines those parts which have been finished

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finished since the last of December 1775 I have
the honor to inform you that on the 1st April
1776 I laid before you a Report of the Works,
specifying at the same time their particular
Dimensions on December 1775, with their
Progress from that Time to the date of my
Report: This was accompanied by a Plan
distinguishing the entended Works, & the Part
completed in December 1775 & those on hand
to which with such Report I beg leave to refer
you, as the 2d Plan following. I must also refer
to you by Letter that treats the Dimensions &
and Progress of the Works since my Report as
I have not had advice to your Commands of
the 1st September informing you on the 1st of
that Month of their State at that Time, since
that Period to December 1776, when the
measurement of the Work performed was
taken the Progress has been such as the accom-
panying Statement will show as well as
those Works hitherto found.

To these Reports made from Time to Time, until now. I beg leave
to refer you, that they will more
fully explain to you Information than any
Drawing I can make. But that no Information
be wanting on my Part, you have herewith
a Plan of the Works which I shall soon finish
that shows the entended Works, In Green those that
are not to undergo no alteration, In Red those
that were performed before the first Measurement
was taken, and in Yellow what was ordered to
go

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in the last measurement: some part of the
Caponieres were included in the first mea-
-surement, and some in the second. The
Ravelin & Lunettes to the Northwest were
seventeen feet, and the Counterscarp Eight
feet and six Inches high, when the last
Measurement was taken

I have the Honor to be &c respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Engineer

Fort St George
23d March 1777.

Progress of the Works between September
& December 1776.

Body of the Place
The Arch over the Southwest
Gateway turned & the Gateway pointing
Northwest Face
The work of the Bombproofs
of the Flanks completed and the Interior
Revetments of the Ravelin & Lunettes raised
The Revetment finished, the
Caponiere
Parapets laid upon them &
it the Excavation of the Ditches before the outworks
completed.
Southwest Face —
The Earth of the Ramparts
of the Ravelin & Lunettes falling in to the Level
of the Cordon
The arch over the Gateway of the Ravelin turned
The Revetment finished, the
Caponiere — —
Parapets laid upon it.
Earth made good, & the
Work performed from December 1776 to this Date.
Body of Place —
The South West Gateway completed
The

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The Parapet formed over it
4 Ramps paved
Sally Ports &c

Northwest Face -

Ravelin
Part of the Arch of the Gateway turned
The Rampart made good to the level of the
Cordon except at the Gateway -
The Chunamming over the Bombproofs of the
Ravelin and Lunettes finished

South Lunette

The Earth of the Rampart filled in to the level
of the Cordon

South West Face

The Ravelin Gateway completed
Chunamming over the Arches of the Bombproofs
of Do finished
Two Reliefs of the Ravelin & Lunettes made
good.
Ramps of Do paved
Scuppers finished & the Parapets formed over
Earth

Caponiere

The Earth work over the Parapet laid on
The Bricklayers are now
employed in Chunamming the exterior Elevation
of the South west Gateway. Facing the exterior
of the Parapets of the South west Outworks
with Brick & raising the exterior Embankment
of the North Lunette on the North west face -
Causing the Gateways to the North west and
completing the Drains within the Place.

The

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The Stone cutters in preparing Blue Stone &
raising the Gateways on the Northwest Face
The Lascars & coolies in levelling and ramming
the approach to the Southwest Gate forming
the place of Arms before it deepening the
Inondation and making good with Earth
the Coverway before the Northwest Outworks

Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Resolved that the Committee
of Works & the Chief Engineer be directed to see
that every possible dispatch is used in the
Completion of the Works of the West Front

Read a letter from Lt Colonel
Baillie Commanding at Vellore.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel
Baillie

I have the Honor
to receive your Commands of
the 19th by your Secretary
to receive a Battalion officer with a Company
and an half of Sepoys will in consequence
march from this Garrison to morrow
Evening or Saturday morning to Arcott to
receive the Recruits raised by Captain Eagles
and thence to proceed to Tanjore - I have the
Honor to be with perfect respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Wm Baillie

Vellore
the 25th March 1777

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The President acquaints the

Intelligence of the Nizam

Board that by Intelligence from Golcondah dated 18th March & received 25th March he is informed, that Nizam Ally's Son & Hurdoo Pannah with 25,000 Horse & 15 Guns had crossed the River Kistnah with hostile intentions against Cuddapah Polygars & that the Polygars had agreed to pay them a Tax of about four Lacks of Rupees. that Nizam Ally Cawn in person had set out with 15000 thousand Horse & remained encamped with that Force about 30 Miles to the Southward of Hyderabad

The President further acquaints the Board that he has transmitted a Copy of this Intelligence to the Governor General at Bengal.

From the Tabor with intelligence

Read a Letter from the Tabor dated 19th March 1777 inclosing 133 Pagodas Intelligence from Pondicherry Garrison, Received & Gratuity Ordered, & an Arzdasht from the Inhabitants of Tellicherry.

The President lays before the Board a Letter he has received from the Officer Commanding at Ambour

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr President Governor &c.a Honble Sir

From Captain Bruce advising the Operations of Hyder & the Mahrattas

In my last I had the Honr to acquaint you that Mahomet Ally had after the advantage he had gained over the Mahrattas

Lord

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Laid Siege to Deharuan, to which place
Hyder intended to go in Person, and had
accordingly assembled an Army in the
Neighbourhood of Seringapatam for
that Purpose, but Mahomet Ally was
attacked whilst he lay before the place and
after a considerable loss was under the
Necessity of retiring to the adjacent Woods
where he has since been obliged to remain
fortunate for him they were so near
him, or his whole Party would have been
cut off. Upon receiving this Intelligence
he put himself at the Head of the Troops he
had assembled to march to the Siege of Deha-
-ruan, and proceeded on the 13 Inst. towards
that Place, with three Battalions, the first
commanded by Meer Sadeck consisting of
four thousand Horse, & seven thousand of
Sepoys, to each Battalion two Guns, in the second his
Artillery consisting of between thirty &
forty Battering Cannon mounted by two
Battalions of Topasses & himself at the
Head of the third Battalion of five
thousand Horse & eight thousand of Sepoys,
to each Battalion two Guns and the rear
guarded by a number of Polligars, the
Sepoys who brought this Account went
with them as far as Satteemunc, and left
them the 14th Inst. and arrived here last
night. I remain Honble Sir
with due Respect
your most obedient humble Servant

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Read Letter from Mr Paul Benfield

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Mr Benfield requesting that Colonel Stuart may be instructed to give Countenance to his Claims on the Tanjore Country

In the representations I made some time ago, your Honble Board were acquainted that a Agreement of my Concerns with the Rajah for two Lacks twenty four thousand Pagodas (224044) Pagodas Exclusive of Expences of Tanjore Country had increased to the Sum of Fifty Lacks of Pagodas more or less and Tulo Jee Rajah's Embassadors & the Regents of the Rajah Thus Grandson such Engagements I have suffered much Loss & Damage from the Delays & Extensive to the Nabob's Affairs & more further acquainted that the Inhabitants to the amount of about two Thousand Bodies & Inclosures For the particulars of all the above my People on the Spot of them at Tanjore are ready to explain.

I beg the favor of your good Honble Board recommending to the Rajah that Justice be done to me with Respect to those Claims which have been so long withheld from me; and that Colonel Stuart who I understand is at Tanjore on public business may be instructed to give his countenance & Assistance

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Assistance towards settling those Concerns in a reasonable manner.

I am with respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your very devoted
humble Servant
Paul Benfield

Fort St George
15th March 1775

Ordered that Mr Benfield be
furnished with a Copy of the Rajahs Letter rela-
-tive to his Concerns in the Jurisdictions of the
Polygars &c. country. Ordered also, that a Copy of those
Letters be entered in a Transcript of all Mr Benfields
Letters on this Subject sent to Colonel Stuart, & that
he be desired to recommend to the Rajah to yield
to Mr Benfields reasonable Requests on a former
Letter of his Agents to him, upon as reasonable Assis-
-tance in the Recovery of his past Debts in the
Polygars Country.

The many late encroachments
on the Company's Lands rendering it necessary that
an Exact Survey should be had of them. Agreed,
that I. Schouler should be employed on that service
under the Direction of the Chief Engineer
Agreed. That the following
Extract of Minutes of Consultation from the
civil Department 28 November 1776 be entered
on the Proceedings of this Day.

The Board coming into Consideration the allowances drawn for by the several Surveyors employed on the Company's Lands, do now resolve to fix them on the following Establish-
-ment.

Surveyors

Boars thereon

1 Schouler, appr. Surveyor of the Public Roads.

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Surveyors Allowances to take place from the 1st December 1776

Surveyors Allowances

		days	days
Pay and Batta such as are encouragement to those who are appointed Surveyors are fixed at 10 Shillings & 6 Pagodas Pay per Mth.		35	30
			82-14-56 85 21-
Horse Allowance for Month			6---6---
Allowance in Lieu of Tent Money for Mon. & Bed at 5 Rs. each			7---12---12---
An Interpreters Allowance to be			10---10---
Do.	Do. to the Store		8---8---
			124-14-56 121-21-

The Surveyors Stores to be supplied by the Chief Gunner & their Assistant under which the Surveyors are employed Batta to be drawn for those not under the Chief agreeably to the Regulations.

The Surveyors Stores supplied by the Chief of the Settlement under which the Surveyor may be employed to be charged therefore to be made for them.

Stores as may be judged necessary by these Gentn whom they act.

If any Surveyor be obliged to leave the Service in which he is employed from ill health, or upon account of his private affairs, or during the Monsoon. The Batta & all extraordinary allowances are to cease until he shall have returned

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returned to that Service again

No other allowances than those which are above specified to be made upon any account whatever.

Ordered that Extracts of this Minute be transmitted by the Secretary to the Subordinacies and to the Committee of Accounts

Order in addition to the above.

Allowance to an Assistant Surveyor —

Ordered that each Assistant Surveyor do receive as a proper Encouragement

For a Month of 31 Days —— Pr Fs C
88.38.40

of 30 Days —— 87.32.40

Order to promise that the Assistant Commissary at Tanjore & on the Coasts depending on Manapatam & Vizagapatam do each receive Captains Pay & Batta while travelling from one Garrison to another or the Execution of their Duty.

Allowance to the Assistant Commissarys at Tanjore, Manapatam and Surrungapatam

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Wrote the following Letter

to Colonel Stuart

To James Stuart Esq.r

Colonel & acting Commander in Chief

of the Army

Sir

To Colonel Stuart
respecting Lt Gordons
Claim to an Hospital

I have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 1st Inst. enclosing a Letter
from Lt Wells and Gordon & a Book of Plans de-
scriptive of Fort Dauphin for the Honble the Presid.
& Council which I have laid before them
agreeable to your desire.

As Mr Barrah have not yet
communicated to me Mr Gordons proposals for
removing the Obstructions at Tanjore, nor with
Major Ellers to act on these Proposals, they
to me desirous, as I cannot inform you, they cannot
at present determine whether they shall be
accepted — You may be pleased to assure Mr Gordon
Mr Gordon on his part to be sensible of being nominated
to the Charge of the Fortifications that if he chooses to
employ his Assistants & Workmen on the Spot he has leave
employ them as usual & returns to do duty in the
Company he will in course have an appointm.t
agreeable to the Rank in the Service.

With respect to the Book of Plans
& Accounts to the President & Council by Lieut.t Pringle
I shall direct Commanders to declare their entire
approbation of that Work, and as they wish at
all times to encourage merit, that they readily
acquiesce in Lieut.t Pringles being employed
in the manner you have been pleased to recommend.

As

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As has been hitherto the
Custom of the Service, the Storekeeper at Tanjore
is to provide such Stores as may be wanting, &
the Inspector of Stores to receive from them,
agreable to the Regulations

I am Sir
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
R. J. Sullivan
Sec.y

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To Tuscaloosa Military Complement to be paid to French Officers

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To the following Letter
to Lieutenant
To the Honble Governors
& the Council at Cuddalore
Gentlemen

Colonel Stuart having represented to the Board the Presidency & Council that no Military Honors were paid him on his visiting the Fort of Tanjore, and such inattention to usual on the part of the French Commandant to acquaint you it is their Pleasure that the Usage observed should be paid General Officers of every Nation Person in the French Service respecting this your Settlement, until you further orders, and you are commanded to acquaint you, that you may signify the Causes which have induced the Board to pass these orders, should you at any time deem it necessary & the more especially, as every possible Mark of Respect hath been paid such Officers of theirs visiting this Presidency, as they were entitled to.

I

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I am
Gentlemen
your most obedient Servant
R. T. Swanton
Secy

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2d March 1777

2d

Wrote the following Letter
to Colonel Stuart

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

To Colonel Stuart
in reply to his Letter
of the 7th inst. inform-
-ing him to forbear
on the Demolition of
Pellume Tower
him to inform
Mr Benfield and
the Rajah

In your Letter of the 7th inst. you inform us that
on your arrival at Tanjore you found that
Tanjore & the Rajah not on the most friendly
Footing with the Company, & that more
particularly as the French have hitherto been
so attentive in their Punctilio, & have constantly
received from them every possible
Mark of Respect, they were entitled to.
but however they [illegible] us matter-
-tive to Slights [illegible] have directed
the Company's Troops to proceed
Immediately to Negapatnam on their way
to Tanjore, & to any Person whatever on
suspecting that Settlement
until they should receive our further Orders
as We have reason to suppose
[illegible] Rajah of Tanjore not having expressed
any dislike to the demolition of the Works of
Pellume that such a Step would not be disagree-
-able to him, and as We have already resolved upon
the expediency of destroying them the first
favorable Opportunity. We direct you take
immediate

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immediate Measures for this purpose, but, that you communicate to the Rajah your intentions before they are carried into Execution.

Having lately received a letter from Mr Paul Benfield, requesting our good Offices with the Rajah of Tanjore, for the Adjustment of his private Concerns in that Country. We have thought proper to resolve that you should furnish him with the accompanying Copies of such Letters as have been received from the Rajah of Tanjore &c. Mr Benfield's private Claims together with a transcript of all Mr Benfield's Letters to us on this Subject & at the same time that you shall be directed to recommend to the Rajah, to yield Mr Benfield, as much as is consistent in a former Letter from Lord Pigot, every reasonable assistance in the recovery of his just Debts in the Tanjore Country. In doing this however with the Claims of Mr Benfield as of a private Nature, you will be careful, that there may be

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to the Nabob

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Alex. Stratton
G. Council

* Wrote the following Letter

To

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I am
Gentlemen
your most obedient Servant
R. J. Sullivan
Secy

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2d March 1777

2d

Wrote the following Letter
to Colonel Stuart

To James Stuart Esqr Colonel and
[illegible]

To Colonel Stuart

In reply to his [illegible]
of the French [illegible]
[illegible] him to [illegible]
on the Demolition of
Pallam Fort
him to [illegible]
Mr Benfield [illegible]
the Rajah

[illegible] to find that
on your arrival [illegible] for your Conduct to
Tanjore, you [illegible] with those Military
Officers whose Character, Rank & Station, & the more
[illegible] which French have hitherto been
distinguished on this Peninsula, I have constantly
received from Us on various occasions every possible
Mark of Respect, they can be entitled to.
But however they [illegible] unfavourable
-tive to Slights by [illegible] we have directed
the Conduct [illegible] to pay us public
Honors [illegible] on the way
to Tanjore [illegible] any Person whatever on
the Part of [illegible] supposing therefore that Intimation
would have been given you that the Troops
as We have reason to suppose
[illegible] the Rajah of Tanjore not having expressed
his Wish to the demolition of the Works of
Pallam that such a Step would not be disagreeable
to him, and as We have already resolved upon
the expediency of destroying them the first
favourable Opportunity, We direct you take
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-ment of his private concerns in that Country.
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the Rajah of Tanjore on Mr Benfield's private
Claims, together with a transcript of all
Mr Benfield's Letters on the subject, & that the
same time that you should communicate to
-municate to the Rajah, by Letter to Mr Benfield, as
mentioned in a former Letter from Lord Pigot,
such reasonable assistance in the recovery of
his just Debts in the Tanjore Country. In doing
this however in the Cases of Mr Benfield's
of a private Nature, you will be careful, that
they do not interfere with any public Measures
there may be on the Rajah

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We are
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Geo Stratton
P Council

P. Wordsworth following Letter

to the Nabob

To

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28 To the Court

To the Nabob on the determination in Council respecting Hanamantagoody & Arnee

I have had the Honor to receive your Highness's Letter dated 2d Feby on the Subject of Hanamantagoody & Arnee, and agreeable to your Highness's request I now send you Copies of the Records which the Council referred to when they passed an Opinion on June last year, that those Places belong'd to the Rajah of Tanjore.

By perused entire with your Highness's by the Rajah of Tanjore dated 20th October 1771, by which it appears that the Rajah delivers over to the Company the Districts of Arnee Hanamantagoody Collaveripatam, the Fort of Pellam, & other Villages, which Possession was done, as a Security for the Payment of the 32 Lacks 5000 Rupees, which by this Agreement the Rajah engages to pay your Highness - By the same Instrument it also appears, that the Rajah engages to restore whatever Countries & Revenues may have been taken from him, except Devicotah, and the Districts of Hanamantagoody was thereby acknowledged by the Rajah himself to appertain to the Nabob's Country - All this is certain, but Hanamantagoody & Arnee having been in Possession of the Rajah when the Company during that their Districts pledged by the Treaty of 1762, I am to repeat to your Highness, it is the Opinion of this Government, that those Places belong to the Tanjore Country, & should on

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in Consequence be put in the possession of
the Rajah-

- It gives me much Satisfaction
to find your Highness hath taken Measures
to lessen your Expences. & I trust that the due
Attention to this as well as to the frugal Manage-
-ment of your Affairs in general will in the
End, extricate you in some degree from those
very serious difficulties in which your

I have the Honor &c &c
George Stratton

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2d Copies to the Governor & Mr Rockwell

To the Honble the President & Council
Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

- With Respect Jackson
From circumstances regarding the distance of the Board towards the settling of their Concerns at Tanjore

I have to acquaint you that I have received the Letter of your Honble Board dated the 5th Instant, and have taken into Consideration the Representations contained therein, as well as those mentioned in my last Letter, and those Expressions should be fully communicated to the Rajah in Consequence of the above mentioned Letter from your Honble Board, I have to inform you that I have not received any Letter from the Honble the President & Council concerning the Subject of my Letter, but from the first advice from them he would restore my Grant to my Agent.

I

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I most humbly request this Honble Board will take into consideration my Present Situation. I am under the Necessity of going to Bombay by the first opportunity as business of the utmost Consequence requires my Presence there. From my sudden Departure I am obliged to leave my affairs at Tanjore in the utmost confusion which this Honble Board will take into consideration and I hope in my favour when upon my Return I shall be able to restore my property to its former Value

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sirs
with Respect
Your most Obedt &
most Humble Servant
Lloyd Dick Stockwell

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Leonard Dyer Pres.t &c.
Thomas Graham Esq.r
Henry Bilbie Esq.r
Francis Fowke Esq.r
George Mackay Esq.r
Col. Wood absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated 20th March 1777 assenting to Co.s Bond for 3 Lacks with Bills on Buckanjee Cooverjs & Bonanjee Cooverjs each for 30,000 Pags or full for his Rent of February of 100,000 Pags estimated

From the Rajah of Tanjore with 60,000 Pags

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estimating the Paddy received by the Company at 40,000 Pagodas and desiring that his Accounts for the Grain purchased of him, be adjusted as soon as possible -

Presidents report of the Grain Account with the Rajah

The President reports to the Board that having received from the Garrison Store keeper an Account of the Paddy brought to the Presidency from the Tanjore Country, he had delivered it to the Rajah's Vacheel to examine, - and that the Vacheel had returned it with a declaration that it was right, representing at the same time that there was a quantity delivered to the Company at Vellum, the Account of which he has not yet received from his Master - The President further acquaints the Board that he had in Consequence wrote to Colonel Stuart, to enquire & send him an Account of the exact quantity that may be collected at Vellum.

By the Statement of what hath been already received by the Company, It appears the Rajah hath delivered at Madrass 1419.20 - which at 26 Cars Pagodas Pr Garce amounts to Pagodas [illegible] that this Sum be carried to the Rajah of Tanjore's Credit, by debiting the Garrison Storekeeper

& Orders thereon

The President is desired to acknowledge the Receipt of the above Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, to send him an attested Copy of this Account of the Grain received from him & to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bills when they are paid -

Ordered

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Honble Board will take into consideration my
Present Situation. I am under the Necessity of going
to Bombay by the first opportunity as Business
of the utmost Consequence requires my Presence
there. From my sudden Departure I am obliged
to leave my affairs at Tanjore in the utmost
confusion unless this Honble Board will take
my present Situation into consideration and
permit the Board of Tanjore in my favour
--who upon the Receipt of this will restore
my property to its original

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sirs &c &c
with Respect
Your most obedt &
most Humble Servant
Sloman Lethbridge Stockwell

Madras Fort St. George
The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov.t &c &c &c Presidt.
Honble Henry Brooke
3d March 1777 Archibald Campbell
Francis Fourdrin
George Mackay
absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation
read & approved

Read a Letter from the Rajah
of Tanjore dated 20th March 1777 & enclosed an
Order for 3 Lacs on Buckanjee Ersoop &
Bowanjee Coreoop, each for 3,000 Pags. or
full for this Rent of February 1,00,000 Pags
Estimated

From the Rajah
of Tanjore with
60,000 Do

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President's report of the Grain Account with the Rajah

By the Statement of that Paddy delivered by the Company. It appears the Rajah's Vackeel has charged to Company's Account sundry amounts to Pagodas 4031 - 6 - 0 Desired that this Sum be carried to the Rajah's Credit, by debiting the Garrison Store Keeper

The President is desired to acknowledge the Receipt of the above Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, to which he is to return an attested Copy of this Account of Grain received from him & to acknowledge the Receipt of the Bills in which they are placed -

Agreed

If Occasion

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Ordered, that the Paymaster at Pellum do dispose of such Grain as may be collected in that Garrison for the Company, & that when the Account of the Grain received at Pellicum from the Rajah of Tanjore is received, that he do have Credit for the amount at 20 Cent.ms Pagodas pr Garce - that being the Price the Board understand, that was settled when it was resolved to purchase from him the Paddy now in question

1000 Garce of Paddy to be received from the Rajah of Tanjore

The Garrison Storekeeper recommending that a thousand Garce of Paddy be received from the Rajah of Tanjore, provided it can be supplied at 20 Pagodas Garce, Agreed, that the Rajah be desired to furnish that Quantity.

Read the following Letters & Papers from Colonel Stuart together with a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated 26th March

To the Honble Governor & Council Fort St George

From Col Stuart with the particulars of his Conferences with the Rajah on the Nabobs Claims

I have this day transmitted to the Rajah's answer to his Letter of the 4th March read by the Director of the Police and delivered by me to the Rajah

If the explanation which I have had on English is just. I dare say your Honors &c. will think with me, that this Letter is

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is equally unsatisfactory with the former ones wrote on the same Subject, and by this very unsatisfactory answer has been, in my opinion, purposely delayed under various pretences, until these People could have some degree of Authority from their Correspondent at the Mount, without which, I sincerely believe they will take no Step in public Business

I have no difficulty in assuring your Honor &c. that no alteration in the Rajahs Conduct or Correspondence can be effected by Argument or Representation, and that he will gather no Money with them they down ready Money or engage his Credit to borrow Money on Jewels or Pledges to discharge his Rajahnys's Claim, or Part in any respect of the present public Expences of the Carnatic until Advices arrive from Europe on which he is daily upbraided by his pretended Friends who will not only sustain his Right to take Steps to recover in Person on the Country which he now has Possession, but even to force a Restitution of what his Rajahnys carried off from Tanjore.

For the sake of Precision I took care to put in the Particulars of what passed at the two Interviews with the Rajah which I forward to your Honor &c. in the Hope you will approve of this Method in preference to a Narrative

I have transmitted to the President a Copy of the Scheme or Proposal of a Deposit formerly made by the Rajah, communica-

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communicate to the President, & since returned by me to him as enacomissible according to the Orders I received for that Purpose.

I sent also to the President a Paper containing the Rajahs State of the Money & Paddy he drew from the Country arising from the Crop 1775

There is also sent the report of Messrs Malcolm & Graham & Mr Sherratta Messrs in the presence of the Ministers here examined the Books of Treasury & daily expence of the Rajah for two Months past, but for as they are to be posted.

I remain most respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
Your most faithful &
devoted humble Servant
Robt Stuart

Tanjore
27th March 1777

At Tanjore
Tuesday 25th March 1777

Colonel Stuarts
Conference with
the Rajah on Monday
& Mayor Brown
Vth.

Early in the morning at eight o'Clock with the Town Major Brown and Mr Tennent by appointment went to attend the Rajah at his Durbar, the Rajah himself having sent for me this hour the day before. I
waited there a considerable time, until I was
under the necessity of sending Mr Malcolm with
an Interpreter, to signify to the Rajah that I
would wait no longer, and must see him
immediately. Mr Malcolm returned in
about a quarter of an hour and said that the
Rajah

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Rajah was now ready to see me as soon as
I pleased: We then proceeded to the Durbar,
where the Rajah, at some Distance met me
in the usual way. — I placed Major Brown
on my right hand and the four Gentlemen
on my left, and signified to the Rajah, that
if it was agreeable, I wished the Crowd to
withdraw, leaving Botchasra, Lala, and
Gaderon with us: which he consented to.
My reason for this was in order to prevent
the Public knowing that at this Time, any
difference subsisted between the English
Government and Rajah which might
occasion disturbance in the Country
What I then said to the
Rajah was to this effect. I told him that the
Governor had acquainted me of his having
received information, that no hopes
remained of Peter Fatchel's life, and I
added that in case of his Death, I would,
probably upon reflection to my duty to the
Presidency, (for I most sincerely wished to
employ the Power that remained to me here,
in restoring to him his Highness, the Rajah,
and Government, and to shew myself a real
Friend to the Rajah; that I assured him, he
would find this out of my Power, if he delayed
acting agreeably to the English Government's
wishes, that it was his Interest to do what
they asked, whatever present inconvenience
it might put him to, and that he risked
nothing but the interest of the Money
advanced

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acquainted. I asked him when his letter would be ready,
and again & again, urged him well to consider what
he was write upon the occasion, that this was,
probably, the last time I should speak to him
upon the subject: & that I purposely did so in the
presence of my Family & Friends that they might
be witnesses on this occasion. He answered in
general terms that the Nabob, by removing his
Effects agreeably to the orders of the Governor and Council.
That his Letter should be ready to send by tomorrows
Tappaul: that it would explain the reasons of this
Conduct: and he begged of me to forward it to
the Governor

I then proceeded to talk him
over personally upon the Subject of his entry having
been made in the Treasury Books in the following
words "That to the Credit of (godown) Twenty one
Thousand Pagodas to defray the Expences of
Colonel Stevens Detachment" & that the Person who
took the Money from the Treasury Books, was
ordered to pay the Disbursements
under the Nabobs Seal: and that, the Rajah,
on the Word of a Prince, do promise that this be
done: that I knew full well, my opinion of
these Matters: and that not one Fanam had
been received by me, or any one for me, upon that
or any other account. He made answer that
he was willing to take his Oath four times, that
no such thing ever was, and that I had never
received a Fanam. He assured me that the
Treasury Books should be open to me, or any one

I

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I chose to employ to look into them. that as to his Relations, Succession most of the Payments to his Family, Subjects and Sons passed through his Hands, many Entries would therefore appear in his Name, but none of them on my account.

In the Course of our Conversation I told him, that I had felt great inconvenience from his not observing exactness in appointments with me upon publick Business; that he ought to consider the Station I had the Honor to hold, and that if upon the present or any former occasion, I urged the necessity of seeing him, and perhaps desired to meet him at his first convenience, it was not from any wish of Respect to him, but a Duty I owed to my Employers and Masters to myself, for that Honorable Employment I did not choose upon any future occasion whatever, Such occasion, to subject myself to the Displeasure of Major Brown to turn in case I should not be ready to the Presidency -

Hash me leave after introducing the Interpreter and not before sun rise to Fusta - Hall

Succession to the Musnud - That I would receive any Garland of Flowers upon the present Occasion.

The Nayah reconducted me to the Place where he had received me - and we parted about Ten o'Clock.

James Stuart

N.B. Major Brown's Dubash & Mahrattee Interpreters are employed to search & inspect into the Treasury Books and are directed to report to

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to report to me the discoveries they make

James Stuart

At Tanjore
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9 O'Clock at Night

This day, soon after
receiving the Presidents letter dated the 23 inst.
inclosing a Paper of Intelligence sent to the Rajah
desiring him to name an hour for me to see him
upon Business; he named five in the afternoon. I
went to the Durbar accompanied by my Aid de Camp
and Secretary, and an Interpreter, acquainted the
Rajah with the purport of the Paper of Intelligence,
which he signified to have no foundation for
[illegible] expressed surprize whether or
not [illegible] had received any
letters from the Governor [illegible] from Monsieur
de Bussy or from the Government of Pondicherry. He said
[illegible] had not received any Letters from them
since my arrival but that Sardhoojee Bhonsla and
Nana Furnavese had written him word that
they had received Letters from Monsieur
de Bussy, informing them of the Arrival of
a Squadron of French Ships of War on the Coast
of Coromandel. He
[illegible] for them
to Trincomalee and that they were to proceed
from thence to Pondicherry. He added that
he would [illegible] to Foreigners
and that therefore would [illegible] the Forbute due
from those upon the Coast upon which I
observed to him that it was the intention
of the English Government to preserve them in
any rights especially those that he had over
Tributaries that he neither ought to look upon
his connection with the English as the means
of confirming those Rights, and that if he made
this demands, in the usual way, on the French
Dutch

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Dutch or Danes, for his Peishcash, I would venture
to say, that the Government of Madras would
support him in any just demands, but that, this
and every other kind of communication between
him and any other Power whatever, ought previ-
-ously to be communicated to the Government
of Madras, because, his Country being under
the Military protection of that Government,
they ought to be addressed with, least, through any
Misconduct, the English Government be brought
into any difficulties on his account. Then told
him that I would lay his Letter before the Board for their information,
that from it the Government from the Company
might form a just opinion of his Conduct with
Foreign Powers. At the same time
that I thought it necessary contrary to
Usage to make public it both the
Persian and English Letter of the English. I
then said that I would immediately communicate
upon that subject, but that he
"could not receive any Letter from Trustees
the Company. He answered to acquaint the
Governor" that he never had taken, nor never
would take any steps of the kind without
communication first to the English Government,
whose Friends only they were, and he promised to
"send to me Copies of the Letters he meant to send
"demanding Peishcash from his Tributaries"
and he begged of me to forward them to Govern.t,
"to know if they had any objections to his demanding
Tribute in the usual Manner" I told him that
in

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to report to me the discoveries they make.

James Stuart

At Tanjore
26th March 1777
9 O Clock at Night

This day, immediately after receiving the President's letter dated the 23d Inst.
inclosing a Paper of Intelligence sent to the Rajah
desiring him to name an hour for me to see him
upon Business; he named five in the afternoon. I
went to the Durbar accompanied by my Dubash
and Secretary, and on Introduction, acquainted the
Rajah with the purport of the Paper of Intelligence,
which he requested me to leave in translation for
his perusal, after which I took my leave, neither or
not there any other Persons present. I received any
Letters from Bombay or Europe. Mousieur
de Lally arrived at Tanjore from Pondicherry the 24th
Inst. but has not had any Audience as yet
Lally said the same Story to him as hitherto
since my arrival, but has not any Letter, present,
or Correspondence with Hyder. He
assured me that he would write for him
to desire that the Rajah would not Interest himself
in favour of the English. He added that
he would by no means submit to Foreigners
and that he was determined to keep the Tribute due
from those upon the Coast upon which I
acquainted him that it was in the intention
of the English Government to preserve him in
any rights especially those that he had over
Tributaries that he rather ought to look upon
his connection with the English as the means
of confirming those Rights; and that if he made
his demands, in the usual way, on the French
Dutch

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Dutch or Danes, for his Peishcash, I would venture
to say, that the Government of Madraspatan would
support him in any just demands, but that, this
and every other kind of Communication between
him and any other Power whatever, ought, pre-
-viously, to be communicated to the Government
of Madraspatan because, his Country being under
the Military Protection of that Government,
they ought to be address'd with, least, through any
Misconduct, the English Government be brought
into any difficulties on his account. I then told
him that I would lay his Letter before the Council for their information,
that part of the Instructions from the Company
to the Governor relating to his Conduct with
Foreign Powers, and at the same time
that [illegible] acting contrary to
those Instructions he would put both the
Persons and Estates of the English in
the Kingdom of Golconda in Jeopardy. I
then told him it was necessary to communicate
to him the Answer that Lord Peyton had
given to the Letter he sent to that Lord, but that he
had not communicated it, for Instruction from
the Company, for doing so, as to acquaint the
Governor that however he had taken, nor never
would take any steps of the kind without
communication thereof to the English Government,
whose Servant he only [illegible] and he promised to
"send to me Copies of the Letters he meant to send
"demanding Peishcash from his Tributaries"
and he begged of me to forward them to Govern.t,
"to know if they had any objections to his demanding
"Tribute in the usual Manner" I told him that
in

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that, on this Rank, he neither would, designedly report to me an untruth, nor suffer me to report that to others - he said. "The English "Government must know every thing, and "if they should find that to be the case he would "justly deserve to suffer, but he hoped they "would believe his assertions, as soon as those "of his Enemies on both sides of the water."

I considered much as to my own, at what hour the same evening, I could have had Letters ready for him, & at last I could not get them ready before eight o'Clock. He then came to me at last [illegible] & I gave him a Letter to Mr Stuart, which he took, he said, with the [illegible] of the Letter.

James Stuart

[illegible] returned back [illegible] remained some [illegible] Money due from [illegible] to the Company from the Nabob

7 Bonds [illegible] Pagodas — 6 Pucks	41640
from Polygar Sam, Nabob	10418
from Mayaveram, Nabob	37637
from Tripatore, Nabob	16500
from Manargoody, Nabob	45306
from Sheally Pabock	4000
Chuckrums	155501

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An Account of Paddy

Tyaraspaun Subah	Collums	33.014
Combocconum Subah		44270
Mayaveram Subah		49.724
Monargoody Subah		39.479
Shelly Subah		103.060
Palacotah & Pass Sprumpet		50.000
	Collums	319.547

Supply
26th March
1777

Deputy Persons employed to examine the Treasury Books

Mayor

to examine into the Books of the

to have

daily

from

the Palace, sent

for no other Entry

mentioned.

Practice of the

Barbs once on

from examining

them for the 25 & 26 but we have orders

to inspect them the 28th Instant

Dated

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Duplicate Fairview the 2d March 1777

(signed)
Ten Eyck Clinch
Fairview

Translation of Governor Tolsee Haas Letter from Tolsee Haas to Governor Houston Copy Proceedings of Council of Fort St George dated.

From the Kings of Tuscaloosa [illegible] reaching us [illegible] we expected [illegible] Sabots to [illegible] communicated Tuscaloosa [illegible] Lachs had [illegible] upon [illegible] Governor [illegible] Governor to [illegible] 1776

[illegible] Governor [illegible] Governor [illegible] Governor [

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a rough copy to this purport, I wrote & gave
to Col. Stuart to send to you for your inspection
which you did not approve of and sent back
which Colonel Stuart returned to me all which
I endeavoured to regain the affection & Friendship
of the Governor & Council but as you returned the
paper I took back to me it gave me great concern.
Colonel Stuart gave me to understand
that the intention of the Governor
& Council was that the property
of the Nabob should not be touched
but that it should
not be paid to the Nabob till money should
be returned for the
Loss sustained by the Company in the late Invasion of
Tanjore
Stuart to his house -
which you were pleased to
approve
English from Translation
Stuart to
Stuart to
translation
that
Nabob and
most of
at least some
representations you
have received many years by factory accounts, from the
great regard & attention the Company have shown
to my Interest, their representatives had some reason
to hope I would not be backward in paying a proper
consideration

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to any a preference such might be given to me but you
are sensy to find you have been mistaken, much
time has been lost and the Companys and Rebels
affairs have experienced much inconveniency from
my not having been acquainted - a due attention
to the Interest of the Company & to the Rebels for
the preservation of their rights & privileges passing
upon you represent to you the necessity of
speedy

[illegible] the greatest
[illegible] Government should
[illegible] Report to
[illegible] Government Depending
[illegible] as they have
[illegible] of the Council to the Honble
[illegible] Preservation of his right & Priviledges which is
very surprising to me If the last years Govern.ts
Fort

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Share was the property of the Nabob what made
the Company purchase this Paddy of me - these
two things proves that the Nabob has no just
claim to it - but Stuart gave me to understand
that I should deposit the Money now with the
Company & pick it Share Money I could very
well pay but that I have no Money at present
as you know & that I have no account as they
the Company have very reasonable & small matters
& as always depend on their justice after
my affairs I collected that year was by the
for my by the Nabob who flowed the truth - this
to you my
your
every
hope
pro
watches
after
my Government very
the reason
to produce
this means the
Government
obliged
to
necessary
Horses Cows,
& every thing was
plundered by the Nabob the Stones of the Walls &
my life only remained here, from henceforward
by your favor and assistance this Government
should

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should flourish I am paying to the Company
½ Lack of Pagodas yearly according to my
Agreement ½ Lacks of Rupees as Peish cash
should be paid to the Nabob besides the Expence
of my Government my own Expence, Debbany
Expences, Relations Expences Bramanes &
Chuprassies should be defrayed by me the
Revenues of this year are reckoned be suffecient to
defray my Expences & I hope I am
towards to prevent being charged to the Companys
Cash at present I have given Orders to forgone one
third percent

I have Orders come from
England not to [illegible] tarbey
in your Power a little wanting
in your Power [illegible] Company has restored
[illegible] & recredit
[illegible] any Expence you
[illegible] favour & protect me.
[illegible] should be pre-
[illegible] to come back to receive the Revenues of
the Carnatic Company's Money
[illegible] Government nor the
[illegible] you must
[illegible]

[illegible] Expresse me very
much to [illegible] Company's Cash
unnecessarily I hope [illegible] this affair
will now be settled to [illegible] Nabob seems to be
very impatient to get this business done as soon
as possible you are obliged to protect my
Honor

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[illegible] honor Council of [illegible] I request of you and the Council
with Colonel Stuart to look on me with affection
I wrote this letter and desired Colonel Stuart to
send to you & likewise requested of him to write
to you on the subject — I am sorry you and the
Gentlemen of Council do not please to write to
Colonel Stuart not to postpone any further till
the news arrive from England about it
[illegible] My Country & Government
[illegible] The Charges [illegible] I am greatly [illegible]
[illegible] Guilty &
[illegible] for your favors and
[illegible] must [illegible] upon me as
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Isaacs
[illegible] & Grain
[illegible] assuring
[illegible] was
Pacely [illegible] Just
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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What was delivered to the Company by me Fry.

		Pagodas
From Papanasum District	—	32014
Combaconum	D°	44270
Mayaveram	D°	49724
Shialy	D°	39479
Tanjore	D°	103060
Pallicota	D°	50000
Columny		319,547

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From the Rajah of Tanjore

Depredations of Pagodas on the Natives & Cowles

Sir Rajah of Tanjore having
alluded in his last Letter to the Papers inclosed
by Colonel Wood's Instructions on a former
Consultation & I hope that the
same might be completed & herewith
I transmit a Letter from
Sir Hugh Fraser to the Rajah
Governor &
Council
Company
Servants
Inhabitants
Revenues
Country
Pagodas
Cowles
Property
Natives
Governor &
Council
English
Company

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Company will never deviate from Justice and
Equity. I will therefore write of all my affairs
with the Nabob and transmit the same to you
to be forwarded to the Hon.ble Court of Directors
[illegible] to please to remit to them what-
[illegible] over their determination be I am willing to abide
by it and trust the Justice & Council be next
[illegible] to attend to paying attendance to
[illegible] in this regard. and to shew
[illegible] in compliance thereto as much
[illegible] be always ready to do all the
good offices [illegible] as my dependance
[illegible] grounds for which
[illegible] the Company's cash
[illegible] Bonds and my
[illegible] Bonds make my life
[illegible]

for the [illegible]

In the year 1778 [illegible] Pags 32000
February [illegible] 30000
March [illegible] 50000
April [illegible] 50000
Pagodas 200,000

The Term of four Months time
[illegible] shall become good to the
[illegible] Letters from England as it
[illegible] collected of the Revenues
[illegible] Money may be paid to them
of that year this Money may be paid to them
but Letters from England arrive that I am
not to pay to the Nabob my Money those Letters

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of Pagodas to be returned to me besides should
orders from England arrive that the Nabob
owes any any thing to me you should be so
good to recover it and give to me. in this manner
the Governor & Council should cease to give
me further Cause to me to perform. I will do
the same with Pleasure.

I am convinced
of the Cruelty the Nabob has ever been
guilty of in all his Affairs with the Nabob
I am sensible he will settle with Equity
& may when he can have an Opportunity
and I doubt not but he will do us Justice in
the Strongest Manner. I am under their
Protection and I hope you should endeavour
to obtain [illegible] for us in the
General Treaty

I beg you'd Excuse my
troubling you at this Time, to
The Board for the
Defence of Fort St George.
To Colonel Stuart Commanding
the Forces on the Coast of
Coromandel

Sir

I have had the honor to receive
your

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From General Lovering to Colo Stuart with General Instructions for Stores necessary to the Defence of Fortress -

Sir

I have your letters of the 23. October, and 28 December with the inclosed returns for the Months of September and October 1776

The Defence of a Fortress depending as much as any thing upon the Number of Men to Man the Works, the proportioning the Quantity of Stores, and Provisions to the Garrison which is to Defend it, has appeared to me that the Garrison should be proportionable, that is to say, that the Number of Men should be in proportion to the Extent of the Works, and the Quantity of Stores, and Provisions in proportion to the Garrison which is to Defend it, and as I find by your Returns that the Garrison of Fort St George is greatly superior to the Number required, and that would be required, if the enclosed Estimate of Stores, which I have made out, for the Defence of Fort St George, should be adopted, I am induced to think that it would be proper to reduce the Garrison of Fort St George to the Number mentioned in the Estimate, and to send the Overplus to Bengal, or elsewhere, as may be most convenient for the Service, and for the Interest of the Company

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient, and most

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most humble Servant

(Signed) P. Clavering

a true Copy

Henry Hazelden Secy

Ordered that the General Instructions be kept at the Secretarys Office, & the Paymaster General do attend the Board on Account of the Stores wanting for the Garrison.

Read a Letter from the Chief Engineer with an Estimate of the Repairs wanting at Chinsurah

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

In conformity to your orders of the 21st Instant I have the honor to lay before you an Estimate of the Repairs wanted to the Barracks & Hospitals at Chinsurah, and remain with Respect

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

Lieut. Colonel Ross
Engr

Agreeable to your Orders dated the

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the 19th Instant I have inspected the Commandants Quarters at Chingleput which are very much out of repair being originally built with Country Timber which is now entirely destroyed by the white Ants underneath is a rough estimate of the Expence it will come to repairing.

4 Timbers 15 feet 10 in Square	Pags	40
10 Do 10 Do 8 & 6 in		35
4 Do 25 Do 8 & 6 do		35
170 Sheathing Boards		140
260 Black Palmeras		40
50 lb Large Shells		5
80 lb small Do		8
4 Cornice Plank		16
50 lb [illegible]		1.30
100 lb white Lead		10
20 Measures Oil		5
Carthire from Madras Cooley &c		60
Carpenters Smiths Hammer Men Bellows Boys Cooley &c		[illegible]
30,000 Terras Bricks		
15,000 Wall Do		40
3,000 Paving Do		
2,000 Pillar do		35
1,000 Para Chunam		
Cooley hire Carts &c for Bricks & Chunam		40
600 Voss Jagree		40
1,000 Para Sand		10
Bricklayers Cooley &c		100
		740.30

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Sir

Pondamatee
25th March 1777

Patrick Fitch