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Sir

I am honored with with the Receipt of your Letter of this Date. In reply am to acquaint you that Captain Wood having received Permission to return to Europe for the recovery of his Health he cannot agreeably to the Regulations be entitled to either Pay or Emoluments during his absence. I am Sir

Your most obed. Servant
R. J. Sullivan

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29th March 1777

Intelligence from Hoocotah dated the 21st March 1777

On the 16th Instant Hyders Sons, together with Purkey Sinevas Rao & Tarrauns early in the morning set out with their forces by the Road of Beajapoor & arrived at Cudda-hoor Banaporum about the distance of 55 Miles from Serrun-gapatam & halted there. & from thence Tippo Saib & Meer Saib with about 12000 Infantry 6,000 Horse & 10,000 Country forces with sufficient warlike Stores were detached with orders to proceed through the Woods & join the forces at Hoy and with where part of this defeated army remains, which is 70 Miles distance from Mopauly where the Mersby army lies, sent by them sent a present of Horses to the Tarrauns of that Army to encourage them to behave valiantly. Hyder finding Serrungapatam Fort not in a condition of defence, re-moved his Family with his Effects &c. to Beajapoor Fort, and left Mehomud Ameen Saib at Serrungapatam as Commandant. Moreover on the 15th Instant was put in a Dooly, under the Convoy of 100 Infantry & 200 Horse, and sent to Cabal a Dorgum a Cask about 30 Miles distance from Serrungapatam to be

kept

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Lieut. Brenier there the Morratta Forces were about 12,000
Horses remaining. Wopaulla from thence makes
incursions as far as Bungaporam Yarracondah Hyders
Countrys. Yates reports that 10,000 of the Morratta Horses
are encamped at Hunnawelly or there abouts Yavid there
with expectation of large forces joining them from
Poonah

The President acquaints the Board, he
has sent a copy of this Intelligence to the Gen.l Council at Bengal

Read Letter from Captain
Bruce Commanding at Amboor

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.re
Sir.e

This morning I received information
of the Intelligence that the Rajah to communicate by me
the day before yesterday respecting the March of Hyder Ally
from Seringapatam to Sattaraun where I am informed
he removed himself with eight Battn.s of Regulars a number
of Polligars & detached all his Cavalry & Artillery & the
rest of his Infantry under the Command of Tippa Sultan
Meer Sahib to search there to wait for further orders. Hyder
Ally with the Army before Adamar was attacked by 3,000 Marattas
under the Command of Yessaja Bunsee who took all his Guns
Baggage & Tents & took Prisoners a number of his People. I was
reported that another Body under Ram Chunder Jumy Bunsee
that March & will shortly join Yessaja Bunsee. I remain

Amboor
23.d March 1777

Honble Sir. your most obed.t Servant
Tho.s Bruce

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April .... 1.st The following Letter was this day wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in Co. Corr.e No. 40.

To the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjore acknowledging the Receipt of Bills and Recommending Mr.s Stockwells Claims

I have received your Letter dated the 20.th Ultimo. accompanying Two Bills for Pago= das 60,000 being in part of your Kist for Febry acquainting me that for the Balance of 40,000 Pagodas due on this Kist, the same would be accounted for, when the Paddy sent up here and delivered at Vellum was paid for. — in order therefore that this should be settled without delay, I have caused the Accounts to be made out by which it appears that the Company have received at their place 223,500: 5: which at 15: 7 1/2 Collums Morals per Collum: Gar.n M.o per Gar.ce is 1419: 20: 28381:

and at Vellum 33,034 @ 20. Pagodas p.r Gar.ce is ... 209.296:

@ 20. Pagodas p.r Gar.ce is ... 4194.28.64.

Pagodas 32,575.28.64:

This Sum will be Carried to your Credit, and when deducted from the 40,000 Pagodas due on the Febry Kist, there will be due from you for this Kist Pagodas 7,424: 7: 36: which I am to= requesh you will send me Bills for; as well as for the Kist of One Lack of Pagodas due yesterday. — The Price of the Paddy and the — Rate, the Collums were brought to Account. — were settled by the Vackeel here.

The Bills for 40,000 Pagodas which you transmitted to me in your Letter dated the

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the 4th January in full for the Pagoda Rich have been discharged and the Amount Carried to your Credit.

Mrs Elizabeth Stockwell having made many Applications to this Government for a quantity of Grain belonging to her in the Tanjore Country; I transmit to you Copys of her Letters on this Subject, and am to request you will give Orders that Enquiry may be made into her Claims and Justice done to her.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obed. & Humble Servt

Fort St. George
the
1 April 1777—

From the Nabob
with a Letter & List
of Presents from
Mons. Bellecombe

Came in Letter from the Nabob dated this day with Copys of our Answer of Compliment from the Governor of Pondicherry, — & of his Answer in answered Entered, in Co. Corrs. No. 39

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At a Consultation Present

Thursday 3 April 1777. The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Pres.t
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer — Francis Sourdan
George Mackay

Colonel Stuart absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved.

At the Board at last Consultation had sett apart this day, to deliberate on the Letters Recd from the Rajah of Tanjore & Colonel Stuart, & entered on that days Proceedings, yet, as some Members wish it may be deferred, Resolved, that the Board do meet again tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock, to take these Letters into Consideration.

Read Letter from the Committee of Works 3d April, with Mr Benfields Account Current —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from the Committee of Works endosing Mr Benfields Account

We have carefully examined Mr Benfields Contract & his several Accounts with the Committee of Works since the beginning of that Contract, and We find that Mr Benfield hath already been debited for the Several Articles he

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he was to account for to the Company except 5 Pag.s on every Lack of Bricks And One Parrah on every Pagoda worth of Chunam delivered to him since the Beginning of his Contract Viz.t being the Difference between the Prices on which he calculated his Proposals being 100 Pag.s & Lack for Bricks and 100 Parrahs of Chunam & Pagoda & the Prices at which those Materials were delivered to him by the Company being 95 Pag.s for the Bricks & 11 Parrahs of Chunam — Pagoda, the Difference in favor of the Company the Committee of Works have not hitherto charged to Mr Benfields Account for probably intending to charge the whole at the end of his Contract. We have now thought proper for the Information of your Honor & Co.a to Calculate the Amount of this difference from the 5.th April 1773. to the 31.st December 1776. And to Charge it in — Mr Benfield's Account Current with the Committee which We now lay before you. We have also debited him on this Account for Pagodas 15,000 Current & 20,000 Madge Pagodas paid him on part of the Balance due to him the 31.st of last December the Balance now being Pagodas 77,424 - 12 16. We have not charged in this Account the last 10,000 Pagodas paid Mr Benfield, that Sum being Advanced him on the Chief Engineers Certificate for Work done since 1.st of January

We

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We likewise lay before your Honor
No.a a General Account Current with Mr.
Benfield from the beginning of his Contract
to the 31.st of last December. We are Respectfully.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Servants
George Mackay.
Patrick Ross.

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Dr. Mr. Paul Benfield in Acct with the Committee of Works

1773				
May	3d	To Materials belonging to the Company delivered to him at the Commencement of this Contract	2462.11.60	
1773.				
March	9th	To Bricks & Chunam supplied him by the Contract as P Bills 40,161.953		
		To Cash paid him at different Times for Brick Work	120000 —	
		To Balance paid him as P Co.		
1773.				
May	1st	To Cash Book	21711.10.7	184334.31.40
1774.				
May	1st	To Excavation for Foundations done by the Company	200.—	
		To Removing Earth & Brick of the Old Fortifications of the		
1775				
March	9th	West Front	2516.16.20	
1774.		To Cash paid at different times	33500.—	
June	1st	To Cash paid the Balance of this Account	527 60	36919 22
1775.				
March	9th	To Cash paid for boiling Water	1000.—	
1776.		To Cash paid the Balance of this Account	2850.—	3850 —
Decr	31	To Brick & Chunam supplied from 1st March 1775. to this date		44794.5.24.
		To Cash paid him at different times as P Do — Do	97000.—	141794.5.24.
		To Cash paid him from 1st March 75. to this date for Removing & Filling in of Earth	47000 —	
		To Cash paid him from 1st March 75. to this date for boiling Water	7000 —	
		To Cash paid for Stone Work from 1st May 1773 to this date	7500 —	
		To Balance due to him		42798.16.64.
		Pagodas		120245.7.10
				5480[illegible]

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From the beginning of this Contract for the Works of the West Front to the 31. Dec. 1776 C.C.

1775.
March 31st By Brick Work as per Measurement taken
this day as per Bills and Accounts
Current of this date 184,334.31.40

By Removing & filling in Earth as per Do Do. 36,319.22 —

By Baling Water as per Do Do . . . . . 3850 —

1776.
December 31st By Brick Work as per Measurement
taken this day as per Bills & Accounts
Current of this Date . . . . . 195,847.4.45.

By Removing & filling in Earth as per Do. 102,311.26.53 —

By Baling Water as per Do Do . . . . 9515. —

By Stone Work for the Gates as per Do 15.865.23.16.

548,043.23.74

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31st December 1776.

C.C. per W.H. Torriano
Clerk to the Com.y of Works

Jn.o Mitford
Acting Com.y General.

Pagodas 548,043 2374

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D.r The Committee of Works in Account with Paul

1777

April 2d To Balance of my Account Current
for Bailing Water dated 31 Dec.r 96 2515.—

To Balance of my Account Current
for the Masonry 560.32 41.24

To Balance of my Account Current
for Removing & filling in Earth 55,311 2653

To Balance of my Account Current
for Stone Work ..... 8366.23 16—

Pagodas 12045.7.10.

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Benfield for the several Contracts for the Works of the West Front &c

1777
January 31st By Cash Received on Account of
Balances due ..... 15000 —

Febry 7. By Cash Received on Account of
Balances due Madrs Pags 20000
2 6/8 P Cent ..... 21300.

April 2d By difference in the Price of Bricks
& Chunam supplied to me since
the beginning of my Contract to
the 31st December 1776 Viz^t —
Do
52309198 of Bricks @ 5 P Lack. 2615.164
429626¼ Paras of Chunam
@ 10 P Pag^a. 42962.10.10
@ 11 P Do — 39056.37.60
Do 81930.14.30 — 652030.74.

By Balance 77424.18.16

Pagodas 120245.7.10.

George 2d April 1777 —

Excepted

P Paul Benfield

Jno Mitford
Acting Comy General

The

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The President acquaints the Board that Colonel Stuart had delivered to him before his Departure for Tanjore the following Minutes, which he desired might be entered on Record as his opinion should Mr Benfields Accounts be brought before the Board during his Absence, or that any application should be made by Mr Benfield for any further Advance of Cash.

Minute left with the President by Col. Stuart on the Subject of Mr Benfields Accounts

I shall never give my assent to settle or Close any Account of Disbursements for Fortifications or other public Works nor pay above 1/4 on Account, without being thoroughly satisfied that all the Forms and Orders of the Company have been Observed in regard to the time of Measurement and that such Accounts have been regularly audited by Colonel Kaye the Commissary General &c.

Minute of the Board in Reply

The Majority of the Board deliver in the following Minute.

It appears very extraordinary that Colonel Stuart, just on his departure for Tanjore should leave the above Minute with the President to be entered on the Records when Mr Benfields Accounts come before the Board, or whenever made any Application for Money, because being Absent he has

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no responsibility if he was not throughly satisfied that the regular forms had been observed he ought to have pointed out wherever they were neglected, before he gave such an opinion. The Commissary General being in England it is impossible he can audit the Accounts, & as the Board are satisfied that Mr Benfield's Charges are agreeable to his Contract with the Committee of Works it would be extremely unjust to deprive him of the Use of half the Money due to him till Colonel Capper returns from England accordingly to this Rule as to 31 all Military Payments must be put to, & the bad consequence of which are sufficiently obvious.

It appears that the several Bills from Mr Benfield now laid before the Board are Counter Signed by the Chief Engineer, Certifying that the Measurement of the Works done from the 1st of March 1775 to the 31st December 1776 as well as Certifying Mr Benfield's Bills for Boating, Removing and Filling in of Earth. But as they have not been audited by the Commissary General

Resolution thereon. Agreed, as he is absent, that the Acting Commissary General be directed to examine the said Bills & Accounts, & if right, & agreable

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agreeable to Mr Bonfields Contract, that he do Certify the same. After this the Board are of opinion, the Committee of Works should pay his Balance, every necessary form having been there Observed so far as rests with the Board in passing these Accounts.

Read Letter from the Officer Commanding at Cangole.

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esq.
Military Secretary Fort St. George

Sir,

From Capt Duncan at Straglung Tanks near Step at Cangole.

I belong Sing Europeans have been apprehended & brought in here last Night, by some of my Sepoys. He is a French Man, says He has been some time past in Basalet Jungs Service, under Mons.r Dally, that being tired of that Service, he had Leave to depart that he had come from thence to Maraul.m and was now on his Road to Pondichery. He has no Discharge or Passport, of about 25. Years of Age. He shall be detained here, till you send me Instructions from the Board, respecting him. Enclosed is a Certificate of the Services of Serjeant Joanes of my Battalion. He desires it may be Compared with the Register & attested, and Requests Leave to go to Madras, in Order,

to

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to procure his Discharge and a Passage for Europe. Also transmit you the European Casualties in this Garrison for last Month

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant
(Signd) Alexander Duncan

Pongole 13th March 1777

The Secretary directed to Order the Man detained at Pongole to the Presidency, under a proper Guard of Sepoys.

The President lays before the Board the following Paper of Intelligence sent him by the Nabob.

Translation of Intelligence from Hericotta
Dated 11th March
Received 16th Do

Tulgajee has sent by his Hircarrahs to the Governor of Hericotta a letter with Cloth and Jewels to the Amount of two hundred & fifty Pagodas. The Governor to prevent my knowing any thing of the matter ordered the Hircarrahs to watch at some distance from the Fort, where he himself went & received them. Tulgajee in his letter desires

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desires the Governor of Karicall to afford the same assistance to the affairs of Tanjore as Monsieur Belcombe — And also requests he will persuade Monsieur Belcombe to agree to his sending Vakeels to Pondicherry and Karicall and that he will write an Answer immediately that a Vakeel may be sent to each of the above Places.

The Governor has given the Hircarrahs presents and has informed Tuljoge that Governor Belcombe and others from Pondicherry will arrive there in a Weeks time and that then he shall strongly recommend him to Monsieur Belcombe & that he will afford the same assistance to him and this Country as Mr. Belcombe.

Some time ago Hyder sent Jewels Cloth &c.a for Governor Belcombe, the Governor also on return is going to send Cloth &c.a

Intelligence { Dated 6.th March / Rec.d 8 Do. } Recd from Carical

The Sons of Sombajee Vakeel have sent by the Hircarrahs a letter from Lord Pigot to Tuljoge in which this Lordship desires Tuljoge not to be concerned about Mr. Stuarts arrival there, not to join this Threats nor to give them any written

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Voucher, but to offer him a Bribe & thereby make him his friend. He tells him to be perfectly ea
ease for that every thing will be soon settled,
which has given Tulyagee great pleasure. Accor=
=dingly Tulyagee has given Mr. Stuart 25000.
Pagodas who is to Recommend and plead his
Cause with the Company. Tulyagee says that
tho' Sombajees Sons are young, yet they are
very prudent & wise and more very attentive
in the busines of that Country. Tulyagee
has given Boipa Row 30 Pag.s and his Nephew
30 Chuckrums P Month & has sent them
as Vakeels to Pundicherry. Tulyagee is de=
=termined to destroy the Forts of Vellum=
Shaticolah Puttolah &.a and to bring the
Stores &.a into Tanjore. Monsieur Bel=
=combe Governor of Pundicherry & other
Europeans are to come here in two or three
days. I shall acquaint you of what passes
afterwards.

Wrote the following letter to Coll.o Stuart

To James Stuart Esq.r
Colonel & acting Commander in Chief of the Army &.a

To Coll.o Stuart the paymaster at Vellum to dispose of the Grain there —

Sir The Hon.ble the President & Council have been pleased to direct that the Pay=
=master at Vellum do dispose of such Paddy as may be collected in that Garrison on Account of the Company and that it be replaced in Store by a fresh supply from

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from the present Crop — I am

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Richd. Jos. Sulivan

Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Trowde.

To Mr. Edward Trowde
Paymaster at Vellore.

Sir

The Honble the President &C
are pleased to direct that such Paddy as
be Collected in the Fort of Vellore on the
of the Company, be forthwith dispos'd
the best Advantage and that it be repre
in Store by a fresh supply from the
-sent Crop

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
Richd. Jos. Sulivan

To the Paymaster of
Vellore to dispose
the Grain there

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At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gr. Gr. Pres.
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer — Francis Sowdon
George Mackay
Colonel Stuart absent on Service

Friday
4th April 1777

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & approved

The Board being assembled —
agreeably to yesterdays Adjournment — Letters
from Colonel Stuart and the Rajah of
Tanjore together with the Papers accompanying
them as entered in Consultation 31st Ultimo are
again read.

The President then delivers in the
following Minute.

The Board having met agreeable —
this day to take into Consideration the Letter
from the Rajah of Tanjore of the 26th Ultimo
together with Colonel Stuarts Letter dated
the 27th Ultimo and the Papers accompanying,
entered on the Proceedings of last Consultations,
The President deems it necessary to draw their
attention to all that has already passed on
this Subject. It is now nearly a year since
the Governments Share of the Crop in the
Tanjore Country for the year 75. was adjudged
by the Board to be the property of the
Nabob,

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...Rajah of Tanjore
...ssued for the
...payment of 6 Lacks
...of Pags. on Acct. of
...the Nabobs Claims

Nabob and that any Mortgages he might
have given on the same were good. This
Resolution, after much debate and deliberation
was communicated not only to the Rajah &
to the Nabob, but to the Governor General
& Council at Bengal, and I am convinced must
have afforded to the Company much satisfaction,
seeing that in carrying their Orders into exe-
-cution relative to Tanjore, we still extended
as far as the Nature and Circumstances would
admit, impartiality to the Rights of the
Nabob & the we were uniformly firm in
this Claim of Right to the whole Tanjore
Country, nor the looked upon this Resolution
as an Act of public Justice rendered to him
by this Government — And from the
Nabobs Letters it is evident, he solely depe
=nded on what he might in consequence
receive to extricate him from the difficulties
he found himself involved in by the Restoration
of the Rajah. As long as a Representat
=tion by Letter could be thought to have
any weight with the Rajah of Tanjore,
we pursued that time the represented to
them in the clearest terms, the distress the
Companys Affairs were reduced to by the
Nabobs inability to discharge his Bonds
regularly — we pointed out to him the

Reasons

Reasons which had endeavd Us to passe a
Resolution in favor of the Nabob with
respect to the Governments Share of the
Crop of 75; and deeming ourselves bound
agreeably to the Company's Orders (Granville
(Para 5.) to preserve to the Nabob his Rights
and Privileges, We repeatedly desired the
Rajah would take some effectual means for
the payment, if not of the whole of some
part of the Nabobs demand. — At length the
finding this made ineffectual and that the
Rajah was glaringly wanting and unsatis-
-factory, We came to the Resolution of
entrusting the Management of this business
to Coll. Stuart, as minuted in Consultation
the 10th March and the ill Success he has
met with, is to be the Subject of this days
Deliberation. It will be needless to Call
to the recollection of the Board the instan-
-ces which occur in the Rajahs Letters
of his Duplicity and inattention to One
Representations — at one time the Nabob
was not entitled to the Governments
Share of the Crop of 75. and therefore
should not have it. At another that two
Lacks of Pags should be deposited in the
Course of next Year for the payment of
the Nabobs subject to Certain Conditions

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and this proposal in a Paper without Seal or Signature. And at another that had he (the Rajah) the means, he would discharge the Nabobs Claims, but in reality he was unable from the want of Money. Coals I conceive the Rajahs Resources to be in the state he represents, I should think it unnecessary to press him on this subject but when I am well informed that the Crops of 75 & 76, were extraordinary Ones, when I know that he came to a very considerable clear Revenue at his restoration, that he has been encumbered by Debts and trifling, and further when I see in the Statement of the Government Share of the Crop of 75; now before the Board amounting to no more than two Lacks of Pag-Das, when the established Share to the Government is 50 or 60 P Cent of the Actual produce of the Land I cannot allow myself to hesitate in declaring that I think the Rajahs Conduct is highly derogatory to the honor of this Government, that his Aim is to procrastinate and involve the Company and the Nabob in fresh difficulties day after day, and that his Offer of a Deposit of 2 Lacks of Pag-Das in the Course of next year, is an down right insult, as he well knows that before that time

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Time the Company's Orders will have arrived and when he will actually be indebted to the Nabob more than that Sum Acct of his two years Tribute. Could have the Nabob be brought to wait till the arrival of their Orders, I would stick with the Board to avoid taking any further measures with the Rajah, but that I fear is impossible, and I dread the evils which may ensue should we allow the Rajah, Schems to have Effect. The Nabob may be drove to pay no further attention to any Advice that may be given him, "seeing his Interest "sacrificed to those of a Man who appears from our Records to have invited the Marattas into the Carnatick." And indeed if we consider the Nabobs reasoning the apprehensions I now express will not appear ill founded, for in the many Conference I have had with him and his Son on this subject he uniformly said "If I fail in any of my "payments or in any respect act contrary "to your Advice or Orders of the Company, "I am told that I do this their officers and "throw every difficulty in the Execution of "their Mily. and Political Concerns - I am "then urged, pressed and told that I pay no "attention to the Recommendation so strongly "made to me to perform my Engagement

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"with the Company, while my Tributary Poligar
"is suffered to enjoy the Revenues of a Country
"which does not belong to him and in open
"defyance of this Government is allowed with
"impunity to set them Revolutions at naught
"After this can you expect my Affairs can
"prosper or that I can fulfill my Engagements
"Can you be surprised at my Troops mutiny-
"ing for want of pay when you with hold
"from me the very Revenues, which your
"yourselves have determined belong to me?
and which I had allotted to the Payment of the
Arrears due to my Cavalry. can you expect
I can stay within your Bounds / for he has
frequently threatened to go to Cascot / to be
Constantly disturbed & plagued by a number
"of Creditors, who daily flock to my Durbar
"when you know full well that their Demands
"arise from Orders I have given on the Revenue
"Country so unjustly taken from me?
"The Rajah may complain that he has
"not the means of payment but I know
"full well he has and that he Constantly
"sends the Revenues as they are received to
"Nagapatam & to the Mahrattas with
"the hopes they will assist him should
"an Order arrive to Restore to me my

Country

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Country." There are Arguments which if impartially Considered will be found to have real weight. — They are not the passionate exclamations of a Man disappointed in Ambitious Views — they are the cool, rational Sentiments of one involved in various difficulties from what he terms an open and direct infringement of his Rights. — He will naturally impute to us all the evil Consequences that may reflect to himself or his Government should we Continue passive, and ch.d his Troops mutiny for want of pay or desert his Service and join Hyder Ally from the want of those Arrears which they were to have received from the Tanjore Country promised by Lord Pigot. We shall probably be involved in such a Scene of Trouble as now cannot be foreseen. The Rajah also will have reason to look upon us with Contempt, seeing us apprehensive of enforcing our Resolution and be confirmed in the belief so often told him by our Enemies that we do not look upon ourselves as Constitutionally empowered to support our own Authority — On the other hand should we use compulsory Measures with the Rajah, it will probably occasion a want of Confidence on his part

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and will lead many to assert that we have been actuated solely, by a partiality to the Nabob. — Our uniform Conduct however to him & the Nabob has been so evidently im=partial that assertions of this nature must of themselves fall to the ground, and I am well convinced our Employers well applaud us not only for the forbearance & moderation which we have hither to shewn in this business, but for the firmness with which we should now give Effect to our Resolution of the June last. — But in order to shew that in our Resolves we wish to prevent the Nabob from having an Idea that we neglect his Rights, on that the Rajah of Tanjore should imagine by our enforcing our Orders we have any intentions of breaking that Confidence which should be firmly establish'd between him & this Government, I propose that Colonel Stuart be directed to call on the Rajah of Tanjore to give Security for the payment of four Lacks of Pag.s Accd of this Claim should the Company by their Ships soon expected, declare that the Nabob has a right to the Government Share of the Crop of 75. and that on the arrival of these Orders the Claim of the

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the Nabob be apprehend with the greatest exactness and the Amount paid whatever it may be. But as there is great reason to apprehend that the Rayah will not comply with this reasonable proposition, I think it my duty to Recommend to the Board, as the last Alternative to direct Colonel Stuart should he find every other mode ineffectual, to secure the Revenues or produce of two of the Districts of the Tanjore Country, and to deposit the Grain or its amount when sold in the Company's Treasury at Tanjore, there to be kept until the Company's pleasure shall be known for the purpose of paying the Nabob's Claim of the Government's Share of the Crop for 75. And as I would wish to do impartial Justice both to the Nabob and to the Rayah I would also propose that Copys of all the proceedings of Council relative to His Highness's Claim of Right to Hannamontagoody & Aroor be forthwith Communicated to the Rajah of Tanjore with the opinion of the Board thereon and that the Rajah be told that whatever the Company's Orders may be with respect to these places, he may rely on

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on this Government paying the strictest attention thereto.

The Board concur entirely in opinion with the President, with respect to the Conduct of the Rajah of Tanjore, Resolved therefore, that the following Letters be wrote to Colonel Stuart and to the Rajah —

Resolution in Consy. & Stuart and to the Rajah

To Colonel Stuart

Sir

To Col. Stuart directing him to secure Grain of the Tanjore Country and also a Letter from the Rajah equally so to the Amt. of 4 Lacks of Pag. with evasive and unsatisfactory with those he wrote Copy of the minute of Consultation

We have received your Letter & also a Letter from the Rajah equally evasive and unsatisfactory with those he wrote to us before on the same subject. We were in hopes that by your going to Tanjore the Rajah might be brought to see the folly and inconsistency of his own Conduct towards this Government, since the Change in August last took place: but as we are now convinced that he is determined to be directed by the Advice of those who oppose him to our Authority and of course to the Interests of the Company We have resolved to make Use of that Authority some Reason & Argument cannot prevail to Oblige him to do what is just & right with Respect to the Nabob.

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(Altho we see that the Indulgence which we have already shewn the Rajah will appear to many a diffidence in Us to give Effect to our own Resolutions, - yet - notwithstanding We would still let things remain as they are undetermined untill - Orders could come from Europe, - But as the present Crops would be intirely gone by that time, and the Rajah thereby be unable to make any payments till the next Season, - and as we have every Reason in the World to believe that the Nabobs Cavalry who were to have received this Money in part of large Arrears due to them will either Mutiny or desert to Hyder, - if they are deprived of this Resource, which the Nabob declares was promised them by Lord Pigot, We have resolved to write immediately to Bengal to know the Sentiments of the Governor General & Council on this Subject, and in the mean time, You are hereby directed to secure as much of the Gov.r Share of the Crop now on the Ground as will amount to four Lacks of Pagodas, and deposit the same

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in the Company's Cash at Tanjore as the Grain may be disposed of which we could wish were done by his own people — This however is to be your last Alternative — We would wish you to make Every Effort more with the Rajah, — to Represent to him in the strongest terms the necessity of his immediate Compliance with Our Resolution so frequently Communicated to him, — & if possible, — to prevail on him to give some Security for the above four Lacks or on — Failure of that to deposit of his own Accord, the Amount of the Paddy, — or the Grain itself with you, — for the purposes aforesaid. In all events we would have you Use every delicacy towards the Rajah that the Nature of Circumstances will admit, — And that you will give him the strongest assurances, that every attention will at all times be as impartially paid to his Interests as to those of the Nabob, for As the Umpire between them, it is our Duty, to render equal Justice to both. And for Them you will acquaint him, that We mean to keep this Deposit no longer, than

this

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till We hear from the Governor General and Council of Bengal, should They be of a different Opinion to Us on this Subject, which must be in the Course of Six Weeks or two Months at farthest. The Rajah has been already informed that the Company are to be the finial Judges of the Nabobs Claim for the Govern.t Share of the Crops of 1775; and you will therefore repeat to him that if their Orders are Contrary to our Resolution of 11th June last, This deposit will be immediately given up to him.

Accompanying We transmit you a Copy of our Minutes of This days Consultation, and as We mean at all times to do substantial Justice to the Rajah we now Communicate to him, as you will observe in the Copy of Our Presidents Letter now inclosed, the Substance of our Resolutions with respect to Hannamanta goody & Armee.

We are Sir
Your Most Obed.t Humble Serv.ts
Geo Stratton, V.t Council

Fort St George
4 April 1777.

To the Rajah of Tanjore.

From the many Representations, & from the Repeated Letters & from the Repeated Conversations Coll.l Stuart has had with you - with

To the Rajah intimating that Coll.l Stuart & Mr. Call are repeating the Nabobs Demands on Tanjore

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with respect to the Nabobs Claim on the Tanjore Country for the Government Shares of the Crops of 1775. I was in hopes you would have paid very attention to the recommendations so frequently made to you and after the Resolution passed by this Government on this Subject you would have shewn a readiness on your part to have Complyed therewith more particularly after I told you that shod the Company disapprove thereof, you might rely on being paid back whatever Sum you had Accounted for to the Nabob on this Account — at the same time I represented to you the great distress that would attend the Companys affairs should you Continue to persevere in refusing to Comply with my earnest desire on this head & the bad Consequences that might result to your Affairs from the Conduct you have pursued. For some time past — The Board have come to a Resolution on this Subject & have sent Colonel Stuart their Orders in consequence which he will Communicate to you and I shall be well pleased to learn that the Arguments he make Use of will Convince

you

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you, that you have nothing more at heart than to promote the Interest & Welfare of the Company which are so formly united with your own — I am to acquaint you that we have confirmed the Resolution of the former Government with Respect to Rammanaw-gagoody & Arnee. This we have Communicated to the Company & so soon as we have received their Orders you may rest assured every attention shall be paid to them — I have the honor to be &c.

Geo. Stratton

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the
4 April 1777.

Whereupon Mr. Sourdon delivers in the following Minute.

Mr Sourdons Minute Objecting to the foregoing Resolution of Council and Subsequent Letters

I cannot assent to the Propositions mentioned by the President & shall at a future Consultation enter my Reasons at large. I shall at present only say that I am of Opinion a Letter ought to be written to expostulate with the Rajah thereupon & to shew him that the Public Service requires he should deposit a larger Sum than he has before-mentioned that by the Accounts of his Country the General produce is at least 16. Lacks & that as he cannot have expended

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forthwith

the whole Sum excluding the allowance to the Company the Board are of Opinion that he ought to deposit with the Company such Sum until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

Having objected to the Resolution of Council of Course I cannot assent to the consequent Letters.

a Letter to be written the G: G: & C: on the Subject of the Nabobs Claims.

Ordered that a draught of a Letter be prepared to the Governor General & Council at Bengal, to accompany Copies of all such Papers as are entered on our Consultations relative to the Rajah of Tanjore & the Nabobs Claims on that Country for the Government Share of the Crops of 1776.

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At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Pres.t
Henry Brooke
Archdale Palmer — Francis Sourdan
George Mackay.

Monday 7th April 1777

Colonel Stuart absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Mr. Sourdan delivers in the following Dissent to the Resolution of last Consultation.

Mr. Sourdan dissents to the Resolution of last Consultation to the Order to Col.o Stuart as improper & unnecessary.

I have already given my Sentiments on the Conduct which from the particular Situation of the Company relative to the Nabob and the Rajah I think ought to be observed. I dissent to the Orders to Colonel Stuart as improper & unnecessary.

The Collection of so a large a quantity of Grain in an extensive Country as well as to the amount to 40,000 Pagodas and to dispose of the same will be very difficult and require much time the Produce is only to be disposited and not applied to the Relief of the Nabob, and therefore the Measure cannot be deemed immediately necessary in all probability the Company's Orders will arrive before the Grain could be realized.

The Grain will more likely fall short of the Sum mentioned for a small quantity

quantity only can remain on the Ground and the Country will always be able to answer the Demands the Company may approve

The Measure may appear very extraordinary in the Eyes of our Neighbours, and cannot but disgust many alienate the Mind of the Rajah from the English - Necessity alone could in a political Sense justify the Forcing of the Rajah to pay money by the late Act of Parliament no such Measure can legally be adopted without the Permission of the Governor General & Council of Bengal unless in Case of Necessity, which to me the present does not appear.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Letter from Colo. Stuart Communicating his opinion of the State of affairs between the Nabob the Rajah & the Government and declaring that nothing can justify an forcible Interference in the Government of the Rajahs Country

The President in his private letter to me, received this morning, knowing represented, that your Honor &c. expected from me, without delay, my opinion as Counsellor, upon the present posture of affairs

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Affairs between the Government of Madras, his Highness the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, and to say what I thought, respecting any future steps to be taken, since the receipt of the Rajah's last letter, I shall now proceed to give that opinion, excited to the importance of the Subject, uninfluenced by any other Consideration than that of the Public Security, and Peaceable possession of the Inhabitants, who live under the Military Protection of the East India Company.

In the Conduct of the Governor and Council of Madras, respecting this Country of Tanjore, it becomes their Duty to weigh very Considerately, every Article of the Original Instructions received by which the Rajah of Tanjore was restored Lord Pigot, in his agreement with the Rajah, by letter deviated in many Essential points, both from the letter and the meaning of these Instructions. I do not pretend to say, whether he has not made a better bargain for the Company, but, in every deviation, the responsibility remains with those who exceed their Orders.

In the whole of these Instructions

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One perceives, a most nice and scrupulous attention in Order to prevent the Rajah or the people of his Country, from feeling any Weight, influence, or interference, from the Government of Madras in the Civil or Political manage= ment of his Affairs - even the Military are Considered, as only forming the Garrison of Tanjore - Our open Account, D.r and C.r, was to be kept with the Rajah, for all disburse= ments in his Country, and the Accounts were to be Ballanced at stated Periods - I mention these Circumstances only, to shew the Spirit of these Instructions as tending, in general, to Lenity and Mild= Government

At the time Lord Pigot came here, to execute them in our Agreement with the Rajah, as before mentioned, but also, by the most unpolitic unconsidered and unjust Conduct, he, suddenly, gave Authority in a summary manner, to seize upon the Crop, Magazines, and every thing of Value, for the Rajah's use, without giving himself the trouble of enquiring into the Rights by which Individuals held that property,

property, many of them under the good Faith
of the former Government — A man of pene=
-dence and temper, would have, in his situa=
-tion, nominated Commissaries to have
enquired into these particulars, only sequa=
-trating the property in the mean time. —
From this rash Action of Lord Pigot, has
flowed, every source of dispute and difference
affecting, not only the Fortunes of Individu=
-als, but also, as at present the Dignity
and Authority of the English Government=
lessening, at the same time, the Cordiality
and respect that ought to subsist, between
that Government and the Princes of the
Country connected with it.

His Highness the Nabob of the
Carnatic, who most undoubtedly, has every
right to the first attention of Government,
in support of this just Claim, states very
naturally, that the Government shares
of the Crops in the Tanjore Country, at the
time he was dispossessed belong to him.
The words and sense of the Company's
Instructions seem to give Additional weight
to this Claim, Because it is there supposed,
that

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that he was in possession of the Country,
Two years and a half, which necessarily
includes the Crop in question

The confusion of property, and the
uncertainty of the times, occasioned by Lord
Pigots rash Conduct, as before Observed,
was such a source of speculation and surprize,
at that time, that it is reported with good
Authority, that the far greater part of the
Government share of the Crop, was plundered
by Individuals, and never came to Account
in the Treasury, And the Rajah expressly
says, that he was told by Lord Pigot, that
as the English Company were displeased
with their Servants, for having turned
them out, so, they could not be displeased,
at his seizing all he found in her Country,
but that, in every event they were Colonel,
the proper Judges to determine any differ-
=ences upon this point and, that he ought
to refer himself and his Right entirely
to them, and wait their Answer.

Having mentioned the first
source of the present difficulties Viz. Lord
Pigots Violent & irregular proceedings, in

=suspending

suffering the property to be indiscriminately
seized, on his Arrival at Tanjore, I shall
now state, what in my opinion, has greatly
contributed to encrease the difficulties,
& the time when the Honble
Board, during Lord Pigot's Government,
gave their Opinion in support of the
Nabob's Claims, and the Rights of the Mort-
gagees, they added the words, "leaving the
time and manner of discharging these
Claims to the Rajahs own discretion," a
latitude, which from the known Chicane
and delays, ever started in all dealings with
the people of this Country, did effectually
destroy the force of the preceding part of
that Minute of Council. From that Period,
to the present time, there has been a
scene of literary dispute and altercation,
which, in the transacting of business, where
there is any chance of Committing the
Authority, or respect due to the English
Government, ought ever Cautiously to be
avoided. At the time when the Majority
of Council determined the Nabobs Claim
of Right, it ought to have been followed,

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by ide being immediately carried into execution
-on in a Summary way; in lieu of with the
not only the Official Correspondence from
the Presidency but likewise the private
Advice of the Rajahs supporters Friends,
have given them an opening, with some
degree of fair argument on their side, to
protract and delay any steps towards
answering this Claim of the Nabob

This matter, which ought to have
been Concluded in a seem many months
the first week that it was agitated in,
now, brought to our view and Period, so
very near to the time when our Answer
may be expected from England, to settle
the difference in question, that it becomes
a matter of the most serious Consideration
indeed, whether or not, the Object to be
Attained, by compulsion and forcible
interference in this Government, is, of
that Magnitude and Consequence, as to
justify such a Measure.

Upon the repeated assurances
of Government that the property of the
Inhabitants there would be secure, and

that

that no Person, Civil or Military under the Authority of the Company, would ever be permitted to interfere between the Rajah and his Subjects; and more especially, as this Claim of the Nabob, and of Individuals, was never publickly known or promulgated to the Inhabitants, the people have been encouraged to return and Cultivate the Country, and to respect the Rajahs Government. And much Money, as I am informed, has been advanced for the Cultivation, upon the Security of the Produce.

In prudence, therefore, we are to Consider how far the tranquillity and Security of the Cultivators, who are the Riches of this Country, may be affected, and the degree of Certainty, that the former Scenes of peculation and Anarchy, and desertion of the Inhabitants, may not ensue, by the Presidency assuming the immediate Authority to seize upon any property in this Country

The Dignity of the English Government and Respect due to their Opinion from the Rajah seem to me the only plea, at this late period, to justify a forcible

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forcible Measures, and qualified as that
opinion is, together with the assurances
that have been, from time to time, given
to the Rajah, and on looking both behind
and before me, I, on a Consultation, endeavour-
-ing to divest myself of the private feelings
arising in my Mind, from the unpertinent
and disrespectful Correspondence of this
Rajah, and even from what has occurred
towards myself during my residence here
I say, that out of regard to the Comp.y &
to the improvement of this Country, so well
endowed by Art and Nature and not from
any regard to the Rajah as a Private man,
I give it as my Opinion that your Honor
&c.a should do nothing that has the appear-
-ance of pique or resentment but rather
to leave things as they are, until some Ans-
-wer comes from England, to justify taking
any further steps: and this answer in
all probability will arrive in four or Six
Weeks hence.

This Conduct will appear the
more Consistent, as your Honor &c.a have
actually referred the business of this Rajahs
Claim, to be settled by the Court of Directors,

and

And, having so done, they may, with justice, blame any Conduct, tending to throw their Country into Confusion, during the dependence of their Opinion.

Nothing, in my own Idea, can at present justify a forcible interference in the Government of the Rajah's Country, but in the case, where the Revenues destined for the support of the Company's Troops, affording him Military protection, are not brought to the Company's Treasury, a case, which does not at present exist - And I doubt, whether your Honor &a will be justified, if you Act on Principals, in a forcible manner, for any inferior Consideration

Excepting the point of honor, to make good, what the Honble Board did not, even state on forcible terms, I do not see what pecuniel benefit either your Government or the Rajah could derive, by a Summary mode of pledging the produce of this Country, by Order of the English Government, at a high interest, to money lenders who might Advance Four or Five Lacks of Pagodas, on part of a Claim, the particular Accounts or Sum of which Claim, have never

never yet been brought forward, when it is known that the whole is referred home to the Company by all parties, and that five or seven Weeks at most will bring a decisive Answer from England, to determine not only this point but others of greater importance to the Public and to Government.

In this light, in truth I see nothing more to be gained than the interest upon any Capital immediately Advanced, which interest, together with the Principal, if the Claim is sustained, his Highness will have a right to demand from the time the Minute of Council passed — and if it is not sustained, your Honor &c. will find yourselves in the disagreeable predicament, of being obliged to be answerable for the responding of both principal and interest, with the additional blame of having acted towards this Man, so Contrary to the Spirit and the Letter of the Company's Instructions before alluded to.

My duty to the Company, to the State, and to your Honor &c as a Counsellor, in which light I now give my opinion, has led me, thus at some length —

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length, to give my reasons for that Opinion
and, if I had not been asked for my Opinion
so pointedly by the President, I should have
perhaps Considerd myself here, as Acting
under Orders, without responsibility.

In the station in which I have
been of late employed it was my most sincere
wish, to bring about, what your Honor &c.
so earnestly wished, of the Rajahs own Accord,
and on many occasions, this Zeal for your
Service, led me to say very strong things
to him, to which he alludes, when he
Represents, in his late Letter, the warmth
of my temper, and, if I have in this manner
seemed to exceed my Instructions, I hope to
be excused, by your Honor &c. from the
motives which induced me to do so.

In my Public letter to the Honble
Board, I expressed a wish to have the Cor=
respondence on this business, kept as
private as possible, a request which I still
beg leave to make, until an Answer
Arrives from England, and I promised to
give my opinion, at the time, of what
Measures would be necessary to carry
the point desired by your Honor &c.

Nothing less could effect it,

Your

them seizing, or forcably removing from the Rajahs presence his present Ministers, & giving their power to another set, to Act under the Authority of the English Government, in case the Rajahs refused to give them his support. I plainly told you, this was his idea of what I meant to do, when I spoke strongly to him, and his resolution at the time, was, to refuse his Authority to any New Ministers, and to repair himself to the Presidency, if I had permitted him.

The Names of these people are so weak that, although I doubt much, whether he would have kept to this Resolution, yet, the Attempt made by your Honor &c., or any One Acting by your Authority, to carry on Government here with such a Constraint, would have produced a Contempt of his Authority in the Country, and, his Subjects would have taken that Occasion to have kept back the Revenue; and perhaps, it would have even afforded the Resources to perform his Publick known Engagements to the East India Company

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Company and to his Highness.

What I labored, therefore, as before
observed, to bring about, by every means in
my power, was, by his own Authority, to do
what your Honor &c. required of him,
but as this Attempt has been ineffectual,
and the Negotiation, under every Awkward
Circumstance, protracted to within Six weeks
of the time, when an Answer may be expected
from England, I now, as a Counsellor, repeat
my opinion, to the best of my Judgement,
to your Honor &c. that no forcible interference
in his Government, ought to be used, until
your Honor &c. is Authorised by the opinion
and decision of the Honble Company, or of
those, to whom they may think proper
to delegate their Authority for this parti-
-cular purpose -

Whatever inaccuracies of Stile
may appear in the preceding papers, I
hope your Honor &c. will excuse on -
Account of the dispatch which the Presi-
-dent desired me to use in giving my opinion -
he desired it instantly - and I have done
it

it without loss of time. I am with the
Utmost Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Faithfull and Obedient
Humble Servants
James Stuart

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Report from the Chief Engineer of persons employd on the Work.

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	121
Tank Diggers	805
Coolies	711
Lascars	82
Stone Cutters	52
Sundry Artificers	6
Amounting in all	1777 People

I have the Honour to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and Most
Humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engineer

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The following Letter was received from
Colonel Stuart on the 5th & 6th Instant, and
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The Answer from the Secretary by Order of the Board was transmitted to him Yesterday.

To the Honble George Stratton

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Col. Stuart communicating the Intelligence of a General Mutiny in one of the Nabobs Regiments of Horse

I have this instant received the inclosed Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Jones, to which I make the Answer also inclosed Even if the news is true, I have some difficulty in ordering so large a part of the Garrison as may be necessary to quell the Mutiny of desperate Men, well provided with Arms and Ammunition, to such a distance as Tuphrabad with no Bagage or provisions my present Opinion is, Therefore, to wait your Orders incase you impower me to take any further Steps — I am, most — respectfully — Honble Sir & Sirs —

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

James Stuart —

Tanjore
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To Colonel Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir

Two Bazer Men is just Come in

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in from Tepersabad and informs me of a General Mutiny in Captain Dugall Campbells Regiment all the European & Black Officers are close Prisoners, the Commandant and some Subidars are Wounded Campbell is also hurt with the Butt ends of firelocks, they are making preparations to march, and will not suffer any of the Officers to write, nor any one to move out of the Cantonment, this I thought my Duty to make you acquainted with instantly in hope you will give me some instructions how to Act; I have thought proper to send three Companies of Sepoys to bring back the Honble Companys two 18 pounders as they are only 15 or 20 Miles from this, which I hope you will approve of. any further informations I may get of this affair you shall have with all Expedition

I am

Your Most respectfull
Humble Servant
Edwd James

Trichenopoly
2 April 1777
½ past 9 o'Clock

To Lieut.t Col.o James, or Officer
Commanding Trichenopoly

Sir

I have this instant received your Letter acquainting me of a Mutiny

on

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in Captain Campbell's incampment - The Authority of two Bazare Men, without any written Advice from any One in Captain Campbells Regiment seems to me not sufficient, to justify the Ordering any Detachment to March from the Garrison of Trichinopoly, had I even, the power to do so without acquainting the Board, to whom I have just now forwarded your Letter - However, if the report proves true, I shall think of what Measures may be necessary, proportioned to the urgency of the occasion. Mean while, I advise you to Order Two Companies of the 1st Battalion of my Regiment and Captain Lane with One Grenadier and four Battalion Companys, from each Battalion of Sepoys, also a Brigade of Guns, to hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest Notice - The whole under the Command of Lieut.k Colonel Nixon -

As I expect to hear from you hourly of any further particulars in case the news is true, I do not think it necessary to say any thing more at present.

Inclosed I send you the particulars

of

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of what went from Vellore with the Two 12 Pounders, which I desire may be returned & I approve entirely of your having taken Measures to bring back the Guns sent to Tepperaboid in their Room, even upon the report you have received, for I never could see any Use, in sending heavy Guns to this Peninsula Country. I only regrate, that so much Ammunition has been sent from your Garrison on this Occasion. I am Sir

Your Obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart

Tanjore
2d April 1777.
7 O'Clock P.M.

A true Copy. Henry Malcolm Sct.

P.S. I advise you to speak to the Nabob's Manager or Amildar to have a Bazaar, with Rice Sheep &c. &c. ready to attend the Detachment at the shortest Notice

To the Honble George Stratton

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

From Colo. Stuart on the same Subject.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I herewith send inclosed to your Honor &c. some further Correspondence betwixt Lieut. Colonel James and Captain Campbell, also a Copy of a Letter I wrote to Lieut. Colonel

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Colonel James, this Morning - I am sorry
to find the News of the Mutiny is so well
Confirmed, and that Captain Campbell &
the Officers seem to think themselves in some
danger, in case any Attempts are made to
assist them from the Garrison of Trichinopoly.
The Vicinity of Tapherabad to Carroor,
offers such Opportunity for Desertion, that
I have advised Captain Campbell to march
off from thence as soon as possible. The
Behaviour of this Corps of Cavalry is such,
that, in my humble Opinion, under the
present Circumstances, the expence and trouble
occasioned to the Nabob, and to the Circar, &
the public disgrace incurred, by their
irregularities is such, that, they are more
dangerous and troublesome to the, as friends,
than, if they were, either disbanded, or in
Hyder's Service and, I most earnestly wish,
that if his Highness is resolved to maintain
a body of Cavalry, the Board will endeavour,
to prevail with him, to reduce them to
such Numbers, as that their expence may
be within the Compass of his power to
defray.

I have received the Board's Letter

and

and Instructions, together with Copies of
Mr. Bonfield and the Rajah's Correspondence
I shall lose no time in Obeying their Orders
in that, and every other particular recommended

I have wrote two Letters to Lieut.
Colonel Pearse, desiring him to acquaint
his Highness's Manager that I intended
to Visit, and Survey the Annacut and
parts adjoining, and that I wished to
have every information in support of
his Highness's Right which it was my
duty and inclination to maintain - I also
desired the Manager might be acquainted
that, I intended to visit and to examine
exactly the State of the Stone of all kinds
at Trichanopoly, whenever I shall be there -
I received an answer yesterday, to my second
letter on these Subjects, saying that, the
Manager would attend himself at the
Annacutt to give information and that,
with regard to the Magazines or Stores
at Trichanopoly, they would be Open for
my Examination, excepting such parts
as belonged, immediately, to his Highness,
for this Cause particular Row and that,

on

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in Order to see these, he must wait his Highness pleasure. For my own part, I sincerly Confess to your Honor Ex.a that I do not reckon these Stores with any intention to find fault but purely for the Sake of information, and to Advise your Honor Ex.a how to what ought to be provided on any emergency. And as the Interest of the Company and his Highness is, One and the same in whatever Concerns the Public defence of the Carnatic, I should imagine, that if your Honor Ex.a thought proper to impower the President to mention this Circumstance to the Nabob, he would Order his Officers to lay open every thing to me, both upon this & every future Occasion, when the Honble Board think proper to employ me, out of the Presidency, upon the Public Service.

I remain,
With all due Respect
Your Honor Ex.a
Most faithfull
Humble Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
3 April 1777

To Colonel Stuart
Commander in Chief
Sir,

Since

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Since I wrote you this Morning another man made his escape from Tiphora- bad with great difficulty he Confirms every thing I have related before and says further that all the Officers are confined in Captain Campbells & all that the Guns are planted against the Doors that Vedettes are on the Several Roads and that their intentions is to go off this Night to Cottore - which is the nearest Fort to Typtherabad in Ryder's Country I have sent Letters to them by Lieut.t Bishop promising Ten Thousand Pagodas to be paid immediately which I can fulfil should it Satisfy them for a time I shall be very happy, as I flatter myself you will soon put a Stop to such shameful proceedings of well Disciplined Troops whose Complaints are only the want of pay:- Should I have favorable News tomorrow I shall instantly dispatch it to you to whom I remain with due Respects

Sir

Your Most Obedient &
very Humble Servant
Edw.d James

2d April
9 Oclock
at Night

Sir

Enclosed is Captain Dugall Campbells Letter

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Letter which I have this instant received, thank God Lieut.t Bishop is returned safe but run a great risk of being killed by the Drunken Regiment, he declares he never saw such a Scene in his life, but my Officers have served to keep them away till to-morrow Noon, Should you have sent a Detachment, I beg your permission to detain it, till we hear further Bishop says if the Money is not sent I may depend on the Regiment marching off to Hyder taken with them all the European Officers, this he learnt from several — I am Sir

Your Most Obedient
Every Humble Servant
Edw.d Saunes —

Near One in the Morning

Lepherabad 2 April 1777.

All is quit again my Dear Colonel, and no Damage done, many thanks for your friendly & most timely assistance Bishop returns to night let Us have the 10,000 by Noon tomorrow and exert yourself to get as much more from the manager; Acquaint Coll.o Stuart that if a Force is sent we shall all be

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be instantly put to death — Bishop will tell you all. God bless you all. I hope to see you soon. The strongest Party that ever Seized Men forward the Inclosed, your Servant

Dug.d Campbell

To Lieut.t Colonel James or Officer
Commanding Pitchenopoly

Sir

The Acting Commander in Chief, was just now received your Letters dated the 2. Instant at Nine at Night, and One in the Morning — the latter inclosing One from Captain Campbell to you.

The Detachment Ordered to be held in readiness, is not to march, but the Acting Commander in Chief, directs you not to Countermand the Order as he thinks their being so may have an effect in favor of Captain Campbell and his Officers — In the mean time, he will be glad that you send the Money mentioned & more, if it can be raised, and Captain Campbell thinks it necessary — In any letter you may write to Captain Campbell, you will be pleased to signify to Lieut.n Colonel Stuarts opinion, that after paying the Money to his Men, or in bargaining with them, he

should

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should endeavour to march them to the
Southward.

The Acting Commander in Chief
is anxious to know whether or not the two
18 Pounders are brought back — If they are
he directs that you do not again allow them
to be moved from Trichenopoly

I am
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Secretary.

Tanjore
3 April
½ after 9. A M.

To. Colonel Stuart,
Acting Commander in Chief
at Tanjore —

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the
President & Council to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter to them of the 2 & 3d Instant,
and in Reply to acquaint you, that they
approve of the Steps, you have already —
taken, & hereby invest you with discretional
Powers, with Respect to the quelling of the
Mutiny in Captain Campbell's or any of
the Nabob's Regiments of Cavalry, & to take
such other Measures as to you shall appear
necessary I am Sir

Your Most Obed. Servant
Rich. Jos. Sullivan
Read

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Read the following Letter just received from Colonel Stuart.

To the Honble George Stratton

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

From Colo. Stuart on the Subject of the Mutiny at Tepperabad.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Imagining that your Honor &c. will feel equal Anxiety with myself during the present Confinement of the English Officers at Tepperabad, I lose no time in forwarding every intelligence received from thence, and now inclose two Letters received from Lieut.t Colonel James, with a Copy of a Note I this day wrote to him.

Your Honor &c. will perceive the rashness of the Measure in having forward-ed such a quantity of Military Stores to people not regularly paid and of Consequence not habitually trained to Military discipline and Obedience. I hope, therefore, that your Honor &c. will record my detection, to Lieut.t Colonel James on no Account to allow the 18 Pounders, fortunately recovered, to be again put in the power of such people.

As to the prosperity of the

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Political Meanes of keeping up such a Number of Nominal Corps of Cavalry, under the present difficulties, I can add nothing to what I had the honor of representing in my Public letter of yesterday's date, excepting that the Continuance of such irregularities, may serve to invite some Enemy to invade the Carnatic.

Your Honor &c. will in your prudence, suggest to his Highness, what is most expedient, and indeed immediately necessary to be done, to get these people moved off, from their present Cantonments by fair Means. And in this point of View, his Highness will Consider, whether paying them up, for the Year 1776. be more eligible, than his losing both men and Horses, with all the other Consequences by the facility of their desertion, in the present Situation.

I have only, further to remark that, from the reports, propagated by the Sepoys, of Rawlinson's Regiment, scattered about the Country, that the terms of the President, were not fulfilled, I really believe, that these fellows at Tepparabad, will not be brought to terms, but by

ready

ready Money, or by Force; and in my own humble opinion, nothing but a Compas=sionate regard, or feeling, arising from the present Situation of the Officers who are in that Corps, could in any way, give cause to the Using of the Company's Troops as Principals in quelling Mutinies owing to Causes, that may be foreseen, and prevented. All this I say, as a public Man, and with the high=est respect and attachment to his Highness person and real Interest I shall be sorry, if it appears in any other Light. But it is a Duty, I owe to the public, & the Station which I have the Honor to fill: And no Consideration whatever shall ever prevent my Submitting my Sentim=ents, with freedom, to your Honor &c. upon all matters of State.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Faithful and
Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
the 4 April 1777 —

To Colonel Stuart
Commander in Chief
Sir

Your Letter dated last Night

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Night reached me early this Morning, since which I have been very busy in Collecting the Cash I promised to Captain Campbells Regiment and sent Compleat Ten Thousand Pagodas by Lieut.t Bishop at 6 O Clock this Evening, but as I observed to you before it will only Satisfy them for a Short time, the Black Adjutant declared the same to me to Day, and that they are determined to remain, and do Duty in Expectation but will not March to Camp till their Arrears are Cleared off. You have desired me to raise more Money, I beg leave to mention the Nabobs people have given me no Assistance, what I have done is on my Own Account, and at my own risk, which I flatter myself you will take into Consideration, but if it had been double the Sum, I should have freely offered it, to serve the Gentlemen. It did not occur to me to make you acquainted that the Regiment is Compleat, and that they have eight field pieces with Tumbrils Compleat, in short they want for no kind of Stores, this Intimation now in Consequence of the Detachment you were pleased to Order. The 16 Pounders proceeded this

Morning

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Morning for Tanjore, and the 18 pounders will be in there early tomorrow at which time I shall be able to write you more fully, and more to my Satisfaction, being at present much fatigued and almost Blind by Candle light, therefore beg permission to remain

Sir

Your very Respectfull
Humble Servant
Edw.d James

Tricheno/poly
3 April 1777.

Sir

Since I wrote you this morning, Lieut.t James Campbell is arrived from Lepchoorabad and informs me that the Regiment have agreed to accept of the ten thousand Pagodas which I have sent you to do the Common duties of the Cantonments until they receive an answer from the Nabob respecting their pay for the Year 1776. Captain Campbell has again entreated that no force may be Offered as it would undoubtedly be attended with fatal Consequences to the European Officers who are as yet detained prisoners within the Cantonments but as Lieut.t Campbell will be at Tanjore tomorrow Night on his way to Madras I refer you to him for further particulars — any other intelligence

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I receive in the mean time may be depended
on from —

Sir
Your Humble Servant
Edwd James —

11 O Clock
3d April

To Lieut. Colonel James or Officer
Commanding Trichinopoly

Sir

I am directed by the Acting Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that he has received your letters dated 11 O Clock the 3d April — and the 3d April — both of which have been forwarded to the Board with the Acting Commander in Chiefs — Remarks on the present Situation of affairs at Tepperabad, and he thinks that, excepting an effort, to raise more money, if necessary, no further Steps can be taken by you, without the immediate Orders of the Board, he is happy to hear the Guns are returned, and repeats his Advice, not, again to run the same Risk, he wishes to hear daily, or oftener of what passes.

I am
Sir
Your very Obedt —
Humble Servant
(Signed) Henry Malcolm Lt Col

Tanjore
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Minute of the Board on the Mutiny at Tepperahad

Could we have wanted further proof than had already come to our knowledge of the distressed situation of the Nabob's Affairs and of the danger to be apprehended from his Troops, the above Account of the Mutinous Conduct of Captain Campbell's Regiment of Cavalry, would be of itself sufficient instead to shew the absolute necessity there was for taking some Method to prevent an increase of those evils so justly to be apprehended. With this in view the Board this reluctantly came to the Resolution of last Consultation of insisting upon the Rajah of Tanjore's giving Security for or depositing in the Company's Treasury at Tanjore the Sum of four Lacks of Pagodas in part of the Nabob's Claim for the Government Share of the Crops of 1776. Subject to the final Decision of the Company. This Sum it is true if not being given to the Nabob may be supposed not to answer the purposes intended but the Board have reason to hope it may be productive of the best of Consequences, for it will not only be an immediate supply to the Nabob, should the Company's Orders confirm the Resolutions of this Government

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14 June 1776, but probably be the means of keeping the Remainder of his Troops in quietness, seeing that We are not inattentive to the distress in which they are involved. As no time however could present itself so proper for repeating the Advice which hath been so frequently given to the Nabob to retrench his Expences Resolvd, that the President be desired to recommend to the Nabob in the strongest terms to reduce a part of his Cavalry & Sepoys at present not only Useless but dangerous, to fall upon some mode for the discharge of their Arrears, and to keep up such an Establishment only as he can provide funds for the payment of. And as this is a Subject that materially Concerns the Public Welfare, the Board are of Opinion, the President cannot too earnestly entreat the Nabob to take it into his most Serious Consideration.

Mr Sourdon subscribes to the latter part of the Minute but not to that which relates to the Rajah of Tanjore.

Read Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

To

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Town Manulipatam
the Shroff at Ellore
insolvent & unable
to make good the
Loss on Pagodas

Having been furnished with a copy of a letter addressed to your Honor &c by Colonel Kent together with an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation with your Commands respecting these by Mr Secretary Sullivan — In compliance therewith, We have to inform you that in consequence of your Orders of the 12th December 1775. the Paymaster in the Circars was directed to send hither all the Gold Pagodas that had stopped with him, which he accordingly did to the Amount of Madras Pagodas 1808 ½ but upon their being melted down and recoined into Rupees, they only produced Rupees 1294. 1. The Shroff who was employed by Mr Westcott having been called upon to make good the deficiency arising on the Coinage, declared himself insolvent; it was however judged proper to keep him some Months Confined in the Choultry in the hope he might have Relations who would afford him their assistance in so great an emergency, but none appearing, he was released — Previous to these transactions, the Board

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Board in consequence of a letter addressed to them by Colonel Flint, had informed him that they were of opinion, the Shroffs of Ellore ought to be obliged to reimburse him for the loss he might have sustained by buying up their debased Money — But it having been afterwards thought necessary to make a particular enquiry into the source of so great a fraud, these Shroffs were Ordered to be sent hither under a guard, and on their arrival a Committee of the Board was appointed to examine into the affair; but upon those Gentlemen reporting that sufficient proof for Convicting them, had not been produced, they were dismissed —

As the urgency of the Case seemed to require the immediate Advance of the Money mentioned by Colonel Flint in his letter, and as he appeared to have been actuated thereto by a laudable zeal for the public Service — We submit to your Honor & Co whether it will not be proper to receive from Colonel Flint, the bad Fanams — brought up by him, & to reimburse him the Amount — And should the Shroffs at any future time, be in a Condition to make the loss good to the Company, you may

depend

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depend that we shall Oblige them so to do.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Most Obed.t Humble Servants
Charles Floyer
Charles Desvaeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Ellerinqle

Masulipatam
2 April 1777.

Agreed that Colonel Flint be reimbursed the Amount of such Bad Pagodas as he may have purchased, and that the Chief & Council be directed to call upon the Covenanted attorneys of the Sheroff for the deficiency arising on the Coinage & to take effectual Measures that the Sheroff make good the loss to the Company should he at any future time be enabled so to do.

or attorneys/

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer with the Papers following

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

Letter from the Chief Engineer with Copies of Letters from Major Stevens and Proposals from Mr. Gordons for erecting the New Works with January & 22 & 27th of March respecting the Fortifications

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before you Major Stevens Letters to me of the 19th of

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Fortifications of Tanjore with his Estimate of the Expence of the several Works to be executed; and the Proposals that have been received for performing them by Contract

Sally Ports.

The Sally Ports the Major proposes to open into the Fausebray will be very Conve-nient, and may be performed with little Expence when the Reform of the Rampart is made at the Places where they are intended.

Cavaliers

Such of the Cavaliers as are intended to stand, by being formed into Redouts, will, in case of an Insurrection, give security to the Troops & enable them to Command the Town more effectually.

Gateways

The Gate ways require to be reformed. The Designs for them are well adopted and will Considerably increase the defence of the Ditch. That marked for the East Gate N.º 2. is to be preferred notwithstanding the increase of Expence.

Fausebray of the great Fort.

The Ditch Major Stevens proposes to form in the Fausebray from the foot of the upper Revetment wall where there is room sufficient, be attended with many Advantages, but particulare Attention should be given that the Foundation of the Exterior Wall of the inner Rampart be not affected thereby. The Sally Ports recommended

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to Communicate occasionally with the Coverd way can be attended with no present Inconvenience and may, incase of an attack, prove of great Utility

Ditch Coverd way & Glacis of the great Fort.

What is proposed to be done beyond the Ditch will be very proper for Completing the Plan, but as it will be attended with a Considerable Expence, I would wish to know what is first laid out employed to finish the Works with in it.

The Repairs to the Granary should certainly be made. If the present Building is not sufficient to Contain all the Stores it may be thought proper to keep there, there is Ground enough to admit of more being erected

Little Fort South Front

Major Stewart states clearly the advantages that are to be derived by fortifying the proposed Outwork in the middle of the Curtain of the South front of the little Fort in preference to placing it at the Angles. Was the Design No 1. enlarged and Carried out so far as to admit the faces to fall upon the Curtain at an Angle of 115. or from that to 125. Degrees, I should prefer it to either of the others, being simple in its Construction, depending less upon it only for Defence, and during it chiefly from the Body of the Place,

which

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which is most Capable of Supporting it. The Passage over the Ditch is so well secured by the Caponiere that I think the Communica=tion with the Country may be made through it without Inconvenience. Whatever outwork is proposed I would recommend its being surrounded with an entire wet Ditch, it appe=aring to me most eligible in that Situation. Retaining to the height of 8 or 9 feet the Water in the Ditch of the little Fort will Contribute greatly to its Security & Defence.

As the proposals are now before you with Major Stevens opinion thereon it is only necessary for me to Recommend that the Works be performed by Contract as Cheap=est and best for the Company, that Dispatch be required, and Security from the Con=tractor for the fulfilling of his Engage=ments. And that Major Stevens be auth=orized to make such occasional Agreements as he may think necessary for performing such parts of these Works as cannot be particularized in the Contract

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
Patricke Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
7 April 1777

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To Lieut.t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

I duly received your Letter of the 9th Decemb.r and as the greatest part of it had been replied to by mine of the 11th of the same Month I did not, till I had more subject acknowledge the Receipt of it. I cannot be particular as to the Number of Workmen that may be Collected in Order to prosecute the Works at Tanjore, nor how many I may be able to employ: however in general I can say that I do not apprehend Common Labourers will be wanted, and as for Artificers I think there may as many be procured as can be employed to Advantage. I am told 60 or 70 Bricklayers can be Collected, however I am not afraid of having a hundred if I can find Work for them. We have already 53 but many of them are so bad that I shall not be able to employ them above the Foundation of the Barracks &c.a. My intention are to select the best Workmen for the interior Buildings, and to have that are bad employed in laying the Bases for the retaining Wall of the Reform of the Fortifications described in the proportion of One to Ten Labourers with others to carry

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the Materials, who I find make tolerable good Work of it — As for Carpenters they may be had in Numbers sufficient for making Doors and Windows or any other Timber Work that I suppose will be wanted — We have not as yet been able to get a proportionable supply of Wood, but if we can but once get before Hand with our Timber Work it will be easier to keep it up. With regard to Smiths Work, I hope to have it all done by Contract, I have had some Hooks Hinges, Bolts — Nails &c. made for the Doors and Windows wanting to the Old Buildings at St. Johns but shall very probably be able soon to have it done Cheaper, however should I be mistaken I am convinced it is better to pay that Price than to employ Smiths at daily Wages.

I have already told you that I think the reforming of the Ramparts may go on at the same Time with the Buildings, and not impede them much — As it will be best to have this Work done by Contract I have requested Mr. Jones the Paymaster to get Proposals delivered to him for breaking down such Parts of the outer Rampart &c as are necessary and with the Old Materials to build the Retaining

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To Lieut.t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

I duly received your Letter of the 4th December and as the greatest part of it had been replied to by mine of the 7th of the same Month I did not, till I had more subject acknowledge the Receipt of it. I cannot be particular as to the Number of Workmen that may be Collected in Order to prosecute the Works at Tanjore, nor how many I may be able to employ. however in general I can say that I do not apprehend Common Labourers will be wanted, and as for Artificers I think there may be many be procured as can be employed to Advantage. I am told 60 or 70 Bricklayers can be Collected, however I am not afraid of having a hundred if I can find Work for them. We have already 53. but many of them are so bad that I shall not be able to employ them above the Fortification of the Barracks &c. My intention are to select the best Workmen for the interior Buildings, and to have that are bad employed in laying the Bases for the retaining Wall of the Reform of the Fortifications designed in the proportion of One to Ten Labourers with others to carry

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Retaining Wall which is to ascertain the Measure-
ment He has made Advertisements for receiving
them by the 15th of February by which time the
intended Heights will be ascertained & marked
on the Walls round both the Forts

A piece of the retaining Wall on the
reform of the Gorge of the little Fort with the
Burrs and Rubbish taken from the great
Fort appropriate to it, has cost (exclusive of break-
-ing up the Old Work) a little more than
4/p Madras Fanams a Cubical Yard

In answer to a part of your Letter
of the 5th December I have to inform you that
no Powder has been made but a few Pounds
as Samples, none of which has been approved
off — The Stampers want to be reformed before
any thing can be done Well, or of Consequence;
the Kettles also are wanted which have been
intended for, and I hope by the time they
arrive that every thing will be ready to
make a Beginning. With respect to the
Shot & Carriages, though they are not so good
as I at first expected yet they would do very
well if there be any necessity to Cast any
for the Guns that are here, but some time
ago.

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ago the Founders have been Ordered to desist from making Shot to till the Guns were examined and the Shot (which we had) properly sorted in Order to know in what kinds we were deficient. These Points being now adjusted it will be determined what are necessary to be made — I am much in Doubt whether there be any wanted and in that case it would be good to Cast what Metal We have into small Balls for Grape which are wanted in almost every Garrison on the Coast — By employing the Founders We shall prevent their seeking Employment amongst our Enemies.

I have also received your Letter of the 13th January with the Papers inclosed by the Commands of the Honble president and Council which I now return you — In consequence of the Orders Contained therein I have begun on the Reform for the Gorge of the little Fort and it is now in some forwardness — The Foundation of the Barracks for 1 Grenadier and two Battalion Companies are laid as high as the Ground Level — The Foundation of the Range of Officers Quarters mentioned in my Letter of the 4th December is Pierced on which the Bricklayers

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will soon go to Work. I desire from going high-
-er with the abovementioned Barracks, till no
Chunam can be procured as I find the Clay
unfit for the purpose. The Old Chunam shall
be used where it can with propriety.

In Order to give the Honble Board
the information they require Concerning
what is necessary to be done to the great Work
and to form the proper Estimates I have
been employed in marking a Line round
the two Forts to which I propose to lower them.
When this is done I shall be enabled to give
them my Opinion fully and with some Preci-
-sion: in the mean time I hope they will
not think Me remiss or dilatory in executing
their Orders. For you may assure them that
I have had so much out Door business to
look after that I could not give the necessary
attention to the Information they desire,
nor can I with any Exactness till I have
adjusted the different Sections.

Since my last Letter on the Subject
of the Works I have to inform you that
the Passage over the Ditch has been Comple
-ated so as to make it Commodious for
foot Passengers: and the Gates of the great

Fort

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Sort has been hurry agreable to what I wrote you, and the Fastenings put on the Sides of the little Fort — the Foundery has been Compleated, and some Repairs made to the Powder Mills, the last is yet on Hand, but the principal thing now to do is fitting up Eight good Stampers, four of them are provided, and the others will be there in a few days. Also some little Repairs have been and are making to the Officers Quarters to make them Contain a greater Number, — however nothing but what I judge absolutely necessary has been done, or is intended to be done to them.

In answer to my Enquiries about Country Wood Palisadoes am told that the only Method in which they can now be procured is to have a Master sent into the Woods to Cut them by. — The Wood I mentioned which was usually Cut for the Brick Kilns when I was formerly here came from Tondamans Woods but is not now procurable. — I shall therefore make a Master of a Palisadoe & then inform you what will be the Expence of providing them.

I have engaged for thirty thousand

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In answer to my Inquiries about Country Wood Palisadoes am told that the only Method in which they can now be procured is to have a Master sent into the Woods to Cut them by. — The Wood I mentioned which was usually Cut for the Brick Kilns when I was formerly here came from Tondamans Woods but is not now procurable. — I shall therefore make a Master of a Palisadoe & then inform you what will be the Expence of providing them.

I have engaged for thirty thousand Pickets

Pickets above half of which are now delivered. but as for Fascines I have not yet settled — they ask for the 12 foot Fascines 5 gob or ten Madras fa-=nams; for the 9 foot 4 gob fanams and for the 6 foot two and a half gob fanams: at that Rate Six thousand Fascines will Cost upwards of a thousand Pagodas and though mad. of the most durable Brush Wood which has been specified for that purpose and tho they will not last above a Year — As this is a great Yearly Expence it would be Cheaper to have a large Quantity of Sand Bags if they would Answer the Purpose of Fascines in the Defence of a place. On this Head I must request your Directions as I do not think myself a Sufficient Judge having never been employed in the Defence of a Garrison I have Consulted with the Commanding Officer and he is of Opinion that the Sand Bags will Answer. — this Store of Sand Bags should not prevent the Provision of a Quantity of Fascines if time would permit when it is known an Attack is probable.

For making four foot Gabions they demand 9 Gob Fanams and for three foot Gabions 6 Gob Fanams however I

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I have repaired about 600 of the 8 B Gabions
Used at the Seige which with about a thousand
New Ones I found there will be sufficient for
a Garrison Store.

The Paymaster has sent to provide
2000 Palmiras and for as much Timber and
Plank as will make twenty four Platt Forms
and leave as much more for a Garrison
Store about which he expects to hear very
Shortly — The Nails are ready for 24 plat-
-forms and the four thousand Spike Nails
as spare Ones shall be provided shortly.

I have inspected into the ba-
-rrack a small Quadrangular Pagoda in the
Little Fort which I have so often mentioned
and find in it a great deal of Room, and not-
-withstanding the terrible Reports that
had been made of its leaky Condition I am
of Opinion it may very easily be repaired
in which Case by putting Floors to it
different Stories it will serve to hold a great
many Things. I have also caused the
Master Bricklayer to inspect it and he
is of Opinion that it may at a very
trifling Expence be made Water tight.

I am going to fitt up the
Brick Pagoda which stands near the
Centre

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Centre of the little Fort as a Powder Maga-
=zine it will hold a thousand Barrels &
may Continue to serve that purpose
though the Buildings are Carried on about
it / till the proper Magazines be built &
dry. In Order to have the Magazines
put as close to the Rampart as possible &
will be out of my Power to lay the Powder
=action of either of them till perhaps the
Cavaliers are removed, or at least the mounds
of Earth which lay on the Spots where they
must be placed: and therefore as the little
Pagoda will be a very good Magazine I
shall not immediately begin either of the
intended Ones.

I would wish you to inspect into
the Plan for the Officers Quarters, and
tell me whether you do not think they
might be made smaller and how?
I think the public Room for Kall[illegible] is too
large but I cannot reduce it without lessening
the Bed Room which I think will not admit
of a Reduction.

As the Board have required me
to mark upon the Plan for their information
how much Space ought to be allowed for
an

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an Esplanade on the smallest Scale before that Part of the small Fort fronting the Town; and to Consider of the Propriety of mas-king Certain Streets and Avenues there at right Angles to the said Front: I must beg leave to Observe that I have always supposed that the Intention of the reform of the Gorge of the little Fort was to render it secure in Case of an Insurrection in the Town, or in Case the Town should be possessed by our Enemy, to prevent the Garrison that was in the little Fort from being put to the Sword: At the same time that the great Fort should be also a Retreat should our Enemy get possession of the little One. With these Ideas I also Conceive that if the Gorge of the little Fort be rendered free from Surprize and has a Command over the Town and principally over the Ramparts and Causeway of the great Fort to some Distance on each Side that these Ends are fully answered; therefore I think that an Esplanade of any kind will answer very little purpose, for in Case of an Insurrection in the Town the greatest advantage that the Insurgents could take of the Buildings near the little Fort, would

would be to lodge in them and behind their Walls, where I do not conceive they can do more Harm than at the Distance of a few hundred Yards, or posted in the same manner in any other part of the Town - For case our Enemy lee in Possession of the Town, its true they can make a Road among the Houses to Advance to the little Fort without being unpleaded; and was there an Esplanade I think it would be almost as easy to carry on approaches Judging therefor that the Difference of gaining the Cover of the Rampart of the great Fort is inconsiderable and that the principal Difficulty is the Establishing of a breaching Battery on it, I think that the Difficulty is rather increased if the Houses be left standing, for it will not be so easy to take off the Defences of the little Fort as if there was an Esplanade - If any Advantages are to be drawn from an Esplanade I do not Conceive that less than 500 Yards from the South Gate of the Town could avail much and such a One would destroy many Capital Buildings and a very Considerable Part of the Town - If Sorties be made in the Town at right Angles

to

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to the joining Front of the little Fort, they will not prevent an Enemy making Zig Zags among the Houses. At present the large Street running thro the Town Northwards from the little Fort and the Streets along the Ramparts are the principal Avenues from the Town to the little Fort, I have all in some Measure enfiladed till they approach the South Gate of the Town.- The Street from the Pagoda marked 12 on the Plan to Pag. 16. if widened a little on the South side may also be enfiladed. - I desire you will give these matters the necessary Consideration and make such Report to the Honble Board as you see proper. I must beg leave to Observe that I feel myself a little embarrassed in having a Work of such Moment left to my own Consideration, with all due Submission to the Honble Board I think that in a matter of that Sort at least the Commanding Officer of the Place might also be Consulted.

I do not understand what the Honble Board mean by having a proper Place within the Walls and at no great Distance from the small Fort where the remainder of the Europe Force which

Cannot

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Cannot be Conveniently Contained in the small One may be accommodated: Therefore all I can say at present in Reply thereto is, that there is no such Situation clear for the purpose of Building; if be meant as temporary I see no place vacant or any that can be filled up and secured in less Time than I apprehend that the Square DDEE in the Little Fort will hold a Compleat Battalion of Europeans and I will now add that a Company of Artillery may be accommodated there also.

The only Situations that are or any Shape clear for the Barracks of three Battalions of Sepoys in the great Fort are as follows. One between the Pagoda K 19 and our late Breach, another on the North Face between M K I or the House K h g; and the third must be either built upon the Rampart of the East Front near the Tank (24) where it is Convenient to make it broad, or there is no place vacant but the Square of the Palace marked H nor can any spot be cleared without destroying good Houses. This Situations are not equally distant as the Honble Board wish them to be, but if the above Plan

of

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of the first; should beat Vellum Gate, the 2 at the North Gate and the third at the East Gate, I should think them well divided, and at no great distance from the Places I have mentioned,

The Board may be assured that the strictest Oeconomy shall be attended to, that is in my Power, to all the Orders they have been pleased to give, that all the Buildings shall be constructed so as to admit of Room for others and that no temporary Repairs shall be made but such as are absolutely necessary.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient -
Humble Servant

Signed Wm Stevens
D. Comp.n

Tanjore
25 January 1777.
31 January 1777.
a true Copy
Patrick Ross.

Sir,

I have considered the Plan for the Officers Barracks at Tanjore, and after weighing all Circumstances, I do not see any material advantage to be gained by reducing the Size of the Halls, or the Bed Chambers can not be

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be with propriety made less, they being already small enough, nor does it appear to me the gaining a little Ground in their breadth can be an Object as no Work, or materials of Consequence can be raised there.

I am glad to find the Colonel in the little Fort is in such good Condition and that the Brick Pagoda is capable of being made a good Powder Magazine, as it will render it less necessary to begin upon the others immediately.

What you say of the Gorge of the little Fort, and of the proposed Esplanade is very just, and I dare say will strike Colo. Stuart when he has an Opportunity of Considering it with you on the Spot, which will relieve you from the Embarassment you were under by the decisions being left entirely to yourself.—

I imagine the Honble Board proposed by having a Place within the Walls, and at no great Distance from the small Fort, to establish proper Places for the Accommodation of such Guard of a greater Garrison as could not be Contained within the

the small Sort. should these become necessary.
I can see no Objection to the Places you have
pointed out, they being as Alarm Posts very
well devided.

The Places of Fascines may in
some Measure be supplyed by encreasing
the Quantity of Sand Bags, but not altogether,
as in many Instances they will not answer
the purpose, particularly for forming
Embrasures, they being in that Situation
liable to catch fire. I would therefore Recom-
-mend that some Fascines be always kept
in Store, tho' the proportion be reduced.
I am glad to find that your Gabions have
lasted so well. I am now trying how they
can best be preserved, by keeping some
in Water, some under Cover, and others exposd
to the Weather. I wish to hear of your
having a Quantity of Timbers for Palisa-
-does provided, as they can not be dispensed
with - Colonel Stuart will be able to
inform you how far it will be proper for
you to go to any Expence in fitting up a
Powder Mill, as the Committee of Stores
have Recommended that all the Powder
be made at the Presidency, that it may

be

be kept to One proof which they Consider to be very material.

The Metal at Tanjore cannot be employed to a better purpose than making small Shot for Grape, if your Ordnance of other Shot is sufficient. If Founders can be kept in the Service with a great Expence it should be done.

I am Sir.
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
14th February 1777.

Major Stevens
Engineer
at Tanjore.

To Lieut.t Colonel Ross Chief Engineer.

Sir

I have already in my Letter to you of the 31st January and those of a former date given you an Account of every thing requisite of me excepting what ought to be done to the great Fort of Tanjore in Order to strengthen its Works, and what I think necessary to be done to the small One to render its Exterior towards the Country equal in strong the rest to any other part of the Works.

With

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Rampart of the Great Fort.

With respect to the great Fort, its Rampart requires to be widened to about 30 feet and to be levelled to a proper Height; its outer Revetment to be lowered and a good Parapet put upon it except on the part Opposite to the Gorge of the little Fort. The Rampart to be Traversed with the Materials that will be Collected from breaking up its present retaining Wall.

its Sally Ports

& lowering its outer Revetment. A few Sally ports to be Opened thro' it into the Fausebray, particularly about the N. East Angle, and opposite to the Batterdeaux &.c from the East Gate: which I shall hereafter call the S. East Angle. (you will please to observe that there are already 3 Sally ports open into the Fausebray on the N. West side of the Town which.

its Cavaliers

are sufficient on that Quarter.) The Cavaliers which stand on the Rampart to be taken down, except a large One which is in the Rear of Tower 52. Viz.t the 3.d Eastward from Ramjeeram Gate which may be formed into a Redoubt. I would also with to form One of those Cavaliers that are near the East Gate and that at the N. East Angle into Redoubts. The Cavalier in the Rear of Our late Breach which I should with detached

detached from the Rampart may also be formed into a Redoubt. The North and East Gate I would have Reformed agreeable to the Plans herewith enclosed and the Rampart made good over a passage &c. to be Constructed at the South Gate (that leading to the little Fort.)

its Gateways

The Fausebray of the great Fort

I would also have levelled and in it a deep Ditch 10 foot deep and 15 foot broad from the foot of the Upper Revetment to surround the Fort to within a hundred feet of each angle of the Gorge of the little Fort where the Whole Breadth of the Fausebray serves as a Ditch to both Forts. The Counterscarp of this Ditch (which forms the retaining Wall of a Rampart in the Fausebray where it is broad enough to be properly called so) to be revetted in the same manner as the inner Rampart with the Surplus Rubbage from the lowering of the upper Wall and a Parapet made to the Fausebray as thick as the Situation will Admit. I would also have a few Sally ports opened from the Fausebray to Communicate occasionally by temporary Bridges with the Covered Way but to be walled up on the Outside of the Doors to be Opened only when wanted.

The

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Ditch Covered way, & Glacis of the great Fort

The Ditch to be Contracted to the Breadth of a hundred feet from the Batter-Leaux on the S. East Angle all round the North Face to Vellum Gate, and deepened where necessary to have at least 12 feet Water. the Counterscarp to be revetted with Brick and Chunam: a Covered way made round the whole Fort, and a Glacis made good to it supported from the Covered way with a Revetment of Stones laid in Clay. It may be here necessary to observe that the Foundation of a Counterscarp is already laid between the North and Vellum Gates on the above Construction & raised at a Medium about Six feet above the bottom of the Ditch.

Interior Buildings of the great Fort.

The Granary marked E F G H in the Plan, I would have thoroughly repaired; and four Rooms of the West Front of it appropriated for the Service of Containing such Stores, Carriages, Guns, Shot &c. as are for the Service of the great Fort. & proper to be kept there. A Communication opened with them from the great Mosk Street along the South side of the Dubash's House L L. The other Six Rooms to be kept

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kept for Grains which is One more than has been Used as a Granary for some Years past. Three and Magazines for Powder to be fitted up at I at 16 and 21 together with three Cheualicas Situated near the Ramparts Viz.t One on the North Face, one at the N. West Angle and One on the West Face, Compleating with the Barracks before Spoke off, all the Buildings which Occurs to me as necessary in the great Fort.

Little Fort

In Addition to what I have before said of Covering the Works of the Little Fort which I mean on the same Plan with those I have mentioned for the great Fort, covering its Gorge; opening a Gate of Communication with the Country, and Sally Ports to the Faussebray, I take into Consideration your Recommendation of the 17th of November last, for obtaining a Flank Defence to the South Face; and think that a Work constructed on the Centre of that Front will best answer the proposed End, as it defends the S. East and S. West Angles better than any Works Constructed at those Angles, and is I think less liable to be enfilled

-ets S.t Front

The principal Objection I see against its being there situated is giving no

Assistance

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a Sufficience to the West Front, which a Work on the S. West Angle would do: but on the other Hand a Work on the S. West Angle would be of little Use unless there was One on the S. East also, which therefore makes two necessary was that plan to be followed, and of Course should the West Front be hereafter thought too Weak, it may be Reinforced without any increase of Works by Constructing One there of a similar Nature with this I recommend for the Centre of the South Front.. I herewith do myself the pleasure to forward four Designs for a Work of this Kind.

N°. 2. & 3. are those of which I could make my Choice. N°. 2. is Simple and on the same plan with the rest of the Works, but the Defences of its Faces are very Oblique, however should this be preferred I would not have the Bevon left before its Faces as represented in the Design. N°. 3 has many Advantages of N°. 2. and those two principal Ones Viz. its Defences are more direct, and by lengthening the South Face of its Lunettes the general Flank Defence to the S. East and S. West Angles of the little Fort may be shortened should they now be thought too long - the lower -

Flanks

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Flanks of this Work which are in the Ditch are meant to be as low or lower than the Covered Way; neither would I have the Beam of this Work left as in the Design, As the Space - bray along the South Front is very narrow, and the Towers of the upper Wall so small as to be of no kind of Use whatever I could by all means have them taken away as you Mention in your Instructions to one of the 15.th November 1776. as well as the Angular Towers and the Nearest Tower to them which are on the East and West Faces to give Room to the two more Considerable Flanks, you there take Notice of - The temporary Passage at the North East Angle of the little Fork I would have as I said before Converted into a Batterdeaux: and also would have that at the Opposite Angle of the Gorge or that near the N.W.t Angle of the little Fork raised to a proper Height Corresponding with that to be formed from the temporary Passage, to keep up the Water between them round the little Fort to at least 8 or 9 feet, and to take away the Batterdeaux which is opposite to the Coliseum on the East Face and that which is on the West Face

-ito Ditch

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face and nearest to the South West Angle the other which Contains an Aqueduct to the Tank, by must be left standing for that Work

its Gate

If a Work be Constructed on the Centre of the South Front, it should be Considered whether it would not be more Convenient and equally Consistent with Security to have the intended Gate of Communication of the little Fork with the Country on the South face under the Command of the East Flank of the proposed Work. It must be observed that it is not intended to have any passage through the Work for the South Front as represented in the Design. A part of the Counterscarp on the West face will need to be Revetted; The Covered way to be done in the same manner as mentioned for the great Fork. & a small part of the Glacis at the S. East Angle requires to be made good; but as those are but Trifles I have not made any Estimate of their Expence. those of the other Works I have Computed in the best manner I could though some of them cannot be very accurate yet I think they will not deviate much.

its Counterscarp Covered way & Glacis

The retaining Wall of the Rampart &c.

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Vo. which is to be done with Old Materials are to be laid in Clay and a Wall Brick on Edge as Coping to be laid in Chunam — I have not made any Allowance in the Calculates for provide-ing it with Chunam, or the outer Pointments, which may be necessary when Works of more Moment will permit: neither have I supposed the Parapets (except those of the North and East Gates and proposed Work on the South of the little Fort) to be Cased with Brick and Chunam as they are very expensive & may perhaps be done nearly as well with old Materials should there be sufficient —

Inclosed I send you a Copy of the Advertisement which I acquainted you had been made for breaking down the Fort Wall to a proper Height Vo. as also Copies of the Proposals which have been Received in Consequence thereof with my Opinion thereon: all which you will be pleased to lay before the Honble Board for their Determination —

When I was on the Subject of the Reform of the Gateways of the great Fort I neglected to mention that I thought the Design No 2. for the East Gate was the most preferable as yielding the greatest

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greatest Flank Defence.

As I have no Copies of the Designs for the South Front of little Fort be pleased to return them to me when you have taken Copies. — The Section which I inclose of the South Face shewing how much the Ram- -part is there lowered will serve for Desi- -gn No 2. and for the greatest part of No 3, the height of the Flanks which are in the Ditch I have already said are to be as low or lower than the lowered ways.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant.

Signd William Stevens.

D.r Engineer

Tanjore 22 March 1777.

a true Copy

Patrick Ross.

This is to give Notice that any persons who are willing to Contract for pulling down the Fort walls as low as marks which will be placed for that purpose and with the OB materials / or such part of them as may be necessary to build a Retaining Wall to the rampart in the same manner as that now Constructing in the little Fort are desired to send in their proposals to Mr. Jones on or before the day of

The proposals must specify

&c.

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the Rates at One Cubical yard English of the retaining wall and whether the Contract-ing parties mean to lower the Outer wall to the marks which will be put up, or only so much as will be necessary for the purpose they want. It is also to be observed that the Old retaining Walls of the Ramparts where it is too narrow must be broke and the materials used as before mentioned. For further information any person may apply to Major Stevens.

Sir

Having Considered the public advertisement relative to reducing the Walls of the Fort to the proposed mark and with the materials building a retaining wall to the rampart &c. If I rightly comprehend Articles of the proposed Contract I offer to undertake it at the rate of four gold Fanams & three eight, or eight Madras Fanams Sixty Cash a Cubic yard English and am likewise willing at the same Rate to reduce the OB wall to the given mark, where it may be more than I shall want. — But as I may possibly have mistaken the intended sense of the

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The publication wish to have the following information Viz.t, If it is meant that the Rampart is to be filled in at the same Rate if so from what Spot, or from what distance the Earth is to be brought for the above Stated price, also whether scaffolding is to be furnished by the Company or Contracting parties, also rope, pots, tools &c. and how wated water is to be procured — As to the last part of the publication Concerning the Old retaining wall of the rampart where it is too narrow should be glad to know / if its ma= terials should not be wanted / whether it, is expected it should be pulled down or permitted to remain and be Covered in.

Tanjore 15 Feby 1777.

I am Sir
Your Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Jas. Hislop

As I am not well enough to wait on Mayor Stevens for the above information, beg this may be Considered as addressed through you to him

Mr. Hislop's Queries

Whether it be meant that the rampart is to be filled in at the same rate if so from what spot or from what distance the earth is to be brought for the above stated price.

Answers.

The advertisement meant no more than proposals for building the retaining wall with such Bricks & rubbish as could be procured by covering the walls or breaking down the Old retaining Wall.

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Building the Retaining Wall to the Ramparts
and agrees to the sense of the Publication on
pulling down as much of the outer wall as
he may want

Tuesday Morning 10 O'Clock

Sir Having yesterday mentioned to Colonel
Stuart my proposals for building a retaining
Wall to the rampart &c. find it will be
totally disagreeable to him that any of
his family should be concerned in a bus-
iness of this Nature. I therefore beg
leave to decline any engagement on this
head: but as they were calculated on public
principles and with a view of putting the
proposed works on the best footing according
to my judgement have therefore requested
and Received this permission that the papers
which have passed on this subject together
with this letter may be transmitted to
the President and Council whenever the
Advertisement and other proposals are
sent. I am Sir

Your Obedient Humble Servant
Signed James Hislop.

Tanjore
7th
26 Febry 1777.

Copy

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Copy of a Translation of proposals

This Certifieth that I Veraporn inhabitant and Resident in this Place am willing to Contract with C: Colo: Jones Esq: to throw down & rebuild the Fort Wall from the Engineers mark upwards in the same manner and plan as part of the little Fort has already been Rebuilt on the following Viz: — One yard in length breadth and height for 3/4 Tanjore Fanams P Yard. To Commence the work in four days from the date of the Contract. In the Course of the first Month 30 Yards P day — after which term P day 60 Yards which I will punctually perform according to the Engineers directions.

Tanjore 21st February 1777.

Honored Sir,

Having read your Advertisement relative to your will of agreeing with a Contractor to rebuild the Fort walls from the Engineers mark upwards at a Certain Rate, am willing to Contract for the above on the following Viz: One yard square in height at 3 Tanjore Fanams P Yard, In the first ten days from the Commencement will throw down and Rebuild 50 Yards P Day and after that

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from 100 Yards P day, I in default of which will be answerable for all Contingences on that head

Sanjore

As Witness my hand this 21st day of February 1777.

Segaroy

This Certifieth that I Nunney Afsary Stone Cutter am agreeable to Contract with Chas. Edwd. Jones Esqr. to throw down, and rebuild from the mark upwards, according to the plan Used in Rebuilding part of the little Fort, the Fort wall on the following term Viz.t — a Carpenters Yard in length, breadth & height or a Cubical Yard at 3½ Sanjore Sanams P Yard.

To William Stevens Esqr.
Major of Engineers

Sir

In consequence of the publick Advertisement I take the liberty to Offer the following proposals for lowering the Rampart Wall round Sanjore to a given Mark & build with its Materials a retaining Wall, according to the Plans now executing in the little Fort. Having well Considered the proposed Works I will engage

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engage to perform it for the Sum of Seven Madras Pagodas P Cubic Yard and find every necessary Article for expediting the said business: and should Security be demanded, will give that may be most desirable.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed William Gordon

Tanjore 13th Feby 1777.

To William Gordon Esqr.

Sir, I have received your Proposals under date the 13th Instant and have to request you will inform me by way of Addition thereto how much of the said retaining Wall you will build P day? or in how much time you will Compleat it Round the great Tob.

I am Sir

Your Most Obed Hble Servt
William Stevens

Tanjore 14th March 1777.

To William Stevens Esqr.
Mayor of Engineers

Sir I have received your letter of yesterday's date in reply thereto have to acquaint you that I will engage (allowing a

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a proper time to provide Materials / to perform from 60. to 80. Yards P day the first Week and the next from 80. to 110. per hapa more and so Continue till the whole is Compleated or in Case of not fulfilling to forfeit any Reasonable Sum you may judge sufficient and the Contract to be void.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient

Tanjore 15th March 1777. /Signed/ William Gordon

Veerapah, Tegaroy and Nunney Ayaary being called upon to know what Security they will find for the performance of their promise, and they Claiming many priviledges not mentioned in their proposals had them returned by Major Stevens to make such Additions as they thought proper & to mention on their Security.—

Veerapah makes an Addition to his proposals to the following purport Viz.: that Sittaram Tirwady Paucar will engage that Veerapah shall delay execute ten Cubical Yards of the retaining Wall under any penalty that the Company may think proper.— that Veerapah must have 50 Cross 50 Pic: Axes, 50 Mamoties allowed

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allowed him and if the ground requires digging more than One foot that the Company must clear it. Sigaroy makes Addition to the following purport Viz. He cannot undertake the Work agreable to this proposal unless he have the sole Management of it — that he must have 50 Crows 20 Pic Axes 20 Mamoties and 30 Ropes allowed him — that the foundation must be dug for him — That he will only break up the Fort wall where it is brick but where it is Stone he cannot that he will Carry the Materials to the distance of 100 Yards but not further — That Cobaur Chitty will be security he wont run away — That if three or four Contractors be employed he will do the same as others agree for.

Nanney Apsurry having not yet returned, to mention that he wanted Crows Pic Axes &c. to be allowed him and offered a Brannian as his Security, that the Carpenters Yard which he proposes to Measure his Work by is only 34 inches and therefore his Offers are by no means so Advantageous as the Others. — In Consequence Major Stevens without waiting for the particulars of which his

his proposes has further to say proceeds to give his opinion on the whole.

The proposals given by Pigaroy and Mr. Gordon are those only which stand in Competition with each other. Pigaroy are 1 Madras Fanams & Yard lower than Mr. Gordons, but he requires the Foundation to be dug, makes some stipulations and demands some tools. so that on the whole Major Stevens thinks that Mr. Gordons may be equally good and Considering the Security that may be expected it is best.

It there remains to be determined whether it be best to accept of Mr. Gordons proposals or to do it on the Companys Account. Major Stevens has found by repeated experience that the building of the Wall Costs about 4/5 Madras Fanams & Yard where the materials was Carried a long way; and he does not suppose that the breaking down the OB Work can come to more than a third or at four fifth half the expence of rebuilding which together then makes something less than Mr. Gordons proposals: however when it is to be Considered that a good deal of Expence will in general be saved by having the Materials at hand there is no doubt but he may very well

execute

Execute it for what he has offered. Major Stuart will therefore leave it to the determination of the Board whether they will Contract, and whether they will accept of Mr. Gordons pro-posals, after saying that he feares some diffi-culty may arise about levelling the foundation which the Proposer may not be able to fore-see, as well as about filling in the ground to make good the Rampart which must be done on the Companys Account or by another Contract. It would be most Convenient could it be done by One Contractor, but at present the distance which the Earth must be Carried, or from what places it is to be taken, cannot be ascer--tained, and therefore it is impossible to come to a perfect explanation on that head immediately and no other method can be followed with any accuracy to be the Particular if it be done by Contract / but by mak-ing occasional agreements / for filling in the Rampart / as Circumstances offer; and it is therefore to be wished if the Board approve of Contracts for the mode of conduct-ing this Business, that they will give their Sanction for such occasional transactions

having

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having reference to them when time will admit, or the extent of the Work be of any capacity.

William Stevens D.r Engr.

Tanjore 15th March 1777.

To Major William Stevens

Sir I beg leave to acquaint you that should the Contract take place in my favor, I expect to be advanced a Sum in proportion to the Works to be carried on, to enable me to provide necessaries either in Star Pagodas or in Porto Novo according to the Current Exchange.

I am Sir

Your Most Obed.t humble Servant

(Signed) William Gordon

Tanjor 16th March 1777.

A true Copy

Patrick Ross

To Lieut.t Colonel Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir I herewith inclose you a Copy and Translate of other proposals delivered to me this day by Veerapah which according to his Desire I promised to forward to the Presidency.

I am Sir

Your Most Obed.t humble Servant

William Stevens

Tanjore 27th March 1777.

a true Copy

Patrick Ross

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Tanjore 26.th March 1777 —

This Certifieth that I Veerapah Cottah am willing to Contract to throw down and rebuild the Fort Walls from the Engineers Mark, upwards in the same manner as he want to have the same done Viz.t

One Yard in length Breadth and high for three Tanjore Gold Fanams, supposing the foundation will not be required to be more than Two feet Deep for the above Works I shall find Mamoty Pick Axes & Iron Crows &.a Tools that are wanting. I shall give the same Security as Mentioned in the first Proposal or any other the Company Pleases — The Company have no occasion to Advance any Money before Hand. If the Company will please to Order the Engineers to Measure the Works done every five Days Once or as often as he Chuse then the Company shall Pay, for what I have done for this Works will endeavour to get all the Coolies as I can and get done the Works as soon as Posible —

Estimate

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Estimates of Sundry Works to be done at Tanjore as mention in Major Stevens letter to Lt. Colonel Ross under date the 22d March 1777.

In the great Fort.

Inner Rampart - to lower the outer Revetment & with its Materials to build a retaining Wall about 3500. Yards in length the Section supposed at 8 Cubical Yards is 28,000. Cubical Yards for putting down and rebuilding at 7 Madras fanams Pags. 4667.

— to coping the above wt. Brick & Chunam 400 Cub. Yds. @ 2. 800.

— to make good the Rampart (supposing half of it deficient by lowering what is already too high & reducing the Cavaliers in length 2625. Rods by 24 in Section is Rods 63000. @ 7 fanams pr. Rod 10,500

— to filling in the Parapets 3262. Rods by 6 or 19572. Rods @ 7 fans. (but I think the greatest part of this Expence will be saved) ..... 3262.

Total inner Rampart Pagodas ... 19,229.

Reform of the North Gate - plain Brick Work 1750 Cub Yards @ 1½ pagd. pr. Yd. 2625.

— Arch Brick Work 200 Cubic Yards @ 3 pr. 600.

— linning the parapets & Embrasures, making the Banquets &c. with Brick and Chunam - 37 Merlons @ 58 pags. each ..... 2146.

— Gates Draw Bridge &c. - compected at ..... 1000. 6371.

Total North Gate Pags.

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Reform of the East Gate Design No. 2.

Plain Brick Work 2220 Cub yards 1½ 3330.
—— Arch Brick 200 Cub yards a 3 Pag. 600.
—— Lining the Parapets & Embrasures making Banquets &c. with Brick Hb. ⁻ measm 40 Meetens a 58 pages ..... 2320.
—— Gates Draw Bridge &c. computed at 1000

Total East Gate Pagodas. 7250.

South Gate. making a passage & Guard Rooms & Completing the Rampart over them ..... 971.

Sausebray. its retaining Wall 1350 Yards in length by 4½ inspection is 19575. Cub. Yards a 7 fanams .. 3262.
—— to Coping the above with Brick & Chunam 483. Cubical Yards a 2 - 966.
—— to making good the Rampart and its Parapets 31,500 Rods a 7 fanams ½ Rod ..... 5250.

Total Sausebray Pagodas. 9478.

To making Sally Ports as recommended, in the two Ramparts about ..... 2000.

Ditch, Covered Way and Glacis.

To revetting the Counterscarp from the East Angle to the North Gate 1600 Yards in length by 10½ in Section is 16,800 Cub Yards 2 1½ ..... 2500.

To making good the Glacis to the Counterscarp abovementioned 1200 Rods in length 32½ in Breadth & 4½ in height or 156000 Rods a 7 fanams ½ Rod 26,000

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—To raising the Glacis before the N Cash.
Angle 250 Rods in length by 60.
in Section 15000 Rods @ 7 Fanams. 2500.

—To revetting the Counterscarp from
N Gate to Vellum Gate 1400 Yards
in length by 4½ in Section to
Compleat it is 6300 Cub yards @ 1½. 9450.

—To making good the Glacis to the
last mentioned Counterscarp 1050
Rods in length 32½ in breadth
& 2 in height is 68250. Rods
which as the Earth is difficult to
be prowed & reckon at 14 Fanams
p Rod ..... 23750.

—Bailing the Ditch ... 2000

—Making a Covered way with Banquet
& lining it with Old Materials about 1500.

Total Ditch Covered way & Glacis Pags. 90,400.

Total Fortifications of the great Fort. 135,699.

To repairing the Granary, supposed ..... 5000.

To fitting up the Powder Magazines .... 4000.

Total of the great Fort Pagodas. 144,699.

In the little Fort.

To lowering the outer Revetment of
the inner Rampart & with its
Materials to build a retaining
Wall to the Rampart 1600 Yards
in length by 8 in Section is 12800
Yards @ 7 Fanams ..... 2133.

To Coping the retaining Wall above
with Bricks & Chunam 178.
Yards @ 2 ..... 356.

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NB. There are about 24 thousand Rods of superfluous Earth to move from the South front, was it to be finished as could be wished / but as there will be sufficient Earth elsewhere to Compleat what is intended in the Gorge / as little of it must be moved as possible, therefore instead of allowing about 8000 Pags. which required it / I must here put down 1500 or 2000. for such as must absolutely be taken away ..... 2000.

Total inner Rampart Pagodas 4489.

To build a retaining Wall to the Fausebray 2000 Yards in length 4 f. in Section is 9000 Yards @ 7 p. Pag.a 1500.

To cope the above with Brick and Chunam 222 Yds @ 2 444

making good the Rampart with the Earth from the dry Ditch 1200 Rods by 20 in Section is Cub. Rods 24000. @ 3 p. Jonams p Rod ..... 2000.

Total Fausebray Pagodas ... 3,944.

To making good the Batterdeaux as mentioned to keep up the Water 3 or 9 feet on the South Front plain Brick Work 1170. Yards @ 1 p. ..... 1680.

Total of the little Fort exclusive of the New Work & what before estimated in my letter to the Right Honble Lord Pigot of 14 May 1776. Pagodas .... 10,113.

New Work proposed for the South Front No 2 supposing the Ditch to be totally wet

Revetment of the Fausebray 483 feet long.

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34 feet high 4 feet thick above 8.
feet 3 inches below with a foundation
in the Rock 1 ft 6 in deep is 3936 Cub.
Yards Buttresses 16
656 Do 4591 @ 1/2 each ..... 6886.
Revetment of the inner Work 430.
feet long 16½ feet high 4 feet
thick above 6 feet below and a
foundation 3 feet deep is 1672 Cub.
Yards Buttresses ⅛ of the above 418 Dys
2090 @ 1½ 3135.
To laying 3300 Cub Yards with Ob
Materials for the foundation of the
Revetment of inner Work @ 7 Sent.
P Yard ..... 550.
Excavation of the Ditch 100 Rods
13 broad & 7½ deep is Rods 9750.
@ 12 Sous ..... 2786.
Filling in more than the Excavation
1380 Rods @ 10½ Sous ..... 337.
Retaining Wall of the Fascinbray with
Ob Materials 1080 Yards @ 7 Sent. 180.
Parapets of the two Works cased
with Brick & Chunam Work ... 2726.

Total Expence of Design No 2 ⅓ a wet Ditch £ 16600,

——— Ditto ——— with a Cunette as in the Design

Revetment of the Flanks of the Fascinbray
183 feet long of the same Section as first
Article above is Cub feet 40260.
..... Faces of the Fascinbray 300 feet long of
the same Section as the Revetment of the
inner Work above is Cub feet 31500
Cub feet ... 71760.
or 2638 Cub Yards.

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1/6 for Buttresses ... 444 Cub Yards
3102 2/3 is P.s 1653.

Revetment of the inner Work same as before 3685.

New Work proposed for the South front
No 2 with a Cunette

Excavation of the Cunette 100 Rods
by 7 & 7/12 is 5250 a 12 Toises ... 1500.

To fill in 6200 Cub Rods over and
above the Excavation a 10/12 Toises ... 1550.

Retaining Wall & parapets as before 2906.

Total Expence of Design No 2 is w.th a Cunette P.s 14794

N.B. A good deal of Masonry may be saved in the fore-going Calculates particularly in the first by taking Advantage of the Rock & letting it serve as part of the Masonry of the outer Revetment, having only as much as will preserve the Rock from the Weather as high as it may be proper to build on and then laying a new Foundation for the Superstructure.

New Work for the South Front as P.r Design No 3 if the Ditch before it be totally with Masonry for the Face of the Cunettes & Revelin & the two Returns to join the lower Flanks 590 Feet long 4 Feet thick above 8 Ft 3 In below & 34 Feet high with a Foundation 1/2 Feet deep in the Rock is 129800 Cub Feet or ... 4808 Yards

1/6 for Buttresses - 801 D.o 5609 a 1 1/2 is P.s 3414.

Masonry for the lower Flanks of the out Work 130 Feet Long 24 Feet high 4 Feet

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Thick above 7 feet below with 1½ feet
Foundation in the Rock is 25650 feet
or 950 Yards 1/6 for Buttresses 158 Do
1108 Yards à 1½ 1662.

Masonry for the retaining Wall of
the Outwork 200 feet long 24 feet
high 2 feet thick above 5 feet
below foundation 1½ feet deep
is 18300 Cub. feet or 678 Yards
1/6 for Buttresses ... 113. Do
791 Yards à 1½ 1185.

Masonry for the Revetment of the
inner Bastion 260 feet long of
the same Section with the 5th
Article of this Estimate is -
57200 feet .. or 2120 Yards.
1/6 for Buttresses 353 Do
2473 Yds à 1½ 3710.

Excavation of the Ditch 130.
Rods by 13. & 7½ is more than -
sufficient to fill in the two Works/
17625. Rods à 12 Fanams .... 4230.

Parapets & Casing them with
Brick & Chunam ..... 3074.

Total Expence of Design N°3 if in a wet Ditch P. 22265.

—Ditto— if with a Cunette as in
the Design Masonry for the 5th Face of the
Outwork & Returns 590 feet long
16½ feet high 4 feet thick above
6 feet thick below for foundation
3 feet deep is 59350. feet or Cub:
Yards ..... 2198.
366.
1/6 for Buttresses ... Yards à 1½ - 3846.

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Masonry for the lower Flanks & Buttresses
same as last 1662.
Retaining Wall same as last ... 1185
Bastion same as the last 3710

Excavation of the Cunette sufficient
to fill in the Works 130 Rods by 7 &
½ is 6825 Rods a 12 fanams ... 1950
Parapets same as last 3074

Total Expence of Design No 3 in a Cunette P. 15

NB. The same Remark holds good with Respect
to sawing Masonry as was made Mention of
the Calculates of Design No. 2.

In the above Estimate no Allo
-ance is made for repairing a part of the b
-uttersorp of the Ditch of the Little Fort
for its Covered way or making good a part o
the Glacis on the S East Angle which are
but Trifles - neither is any Allowance ma
for removing the small Towers of the Sout
Front of the Little Fort which will not be
attended with any great Expence and partic
should the Work of Design No 2 be Carried in
Execution it is in every Manner provided
for in the Estimate of that Work in Lay ing
the OB Materials for the Foundation of th
Revetment of the inner Work

Tanjore 22 March [illegible] (Signed) William Stevens
A true Copy D.r Engineer
Patric[illegible]

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Ordered to lie upon the Table for further Consideration and in the mean time that the Chief Engineer be directed to lay before the Board his opinion of the Works first necessary to be undertaken and to Arrange Major Stevens's Estimate in the Order the Works may be executed.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

From Col. Stuart recommending Capts & Adjutants for the five additional Battalions of Sepoys —

Conformably to the Instructions of the Honble Company, received per Ashburnham — 1774.

I beg leave to recommend to your Honor &c. the following Officers to be the Captains and Adjutants of the Five Battalions of Sepoys to be formed by Incorporating the two additional Company's at present attached to the Sixteen

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Sixteen Carnatick Battalions.

17th Carnatic Battn — Capt Edwd Edmonds — Adjt Lt Jas Stuart
18 Do ..... Capt Edwd Eagles — Adjt Ens Jas Oram
19. Do ..... Capt Jos Billcliffe — Adjt Lt H Montgom
20. Do ..... Capt Dawd Muirhild — Adjt Ens Barry Close
21. Do ..... Capt Thos Baggot Adjt Ens James Mitchell

James Stuart Actg Com in Chief —

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Approved & the appointments to take place accordingly.

Approved

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At a Consultation Present,

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Gov.r Pres.t

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer — Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

Tuesday 8th April 1777

Colonel Stuart absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

Read Letter from the Committee of Works of this date with the following Proposals for the Provision of Bricks & Chunam by Contract.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Letter from the Committee of Works Communicating Proposals for providing Bricks & Chunam by Contract.

In consequence of our Advertisements for furnishing Bricks & Chunam We have received two Proposals One from Mr. Boileau & the other from Messrs Strange & Roebuck, but as We judged it necessary to have some further Explanations from those Gentlemen on points not mentioned in their Proposals We sent several Questions to each of them to which

which they have answered in writing & which
We beg leave to lay before you with their
Proposals — Your Honor &c. will be pleased
to Observe that Messrs Strange & Roebuck
offer to furnish Wall Bricks to the Company
& Inhabitants at 105 Pagodas P Lack the
Company to have all the first Sort & the
Offer to furnish the same at 103 Pag.s P Lack -
they be the want an Advance of Pag.s 2,000 but
Mr Boileau will not allow Interest on that
Sum & Messrs Strange & Roebuck will, - this
Difference of Pag.s 1600 will reduce Messrs
Strange & Roebuck's Bricks to 98.27 P Lack
on 250 Lacks or average Mr Boileau's to 109.5
P Lack on the same Quantity - The Brick
Contractor having been hitherto allowed to
sell the Second Sort of Bricks to the Inhabit-
-tants at a dearer Price than the Company
gave him for the first Sort may have been
an Inducement for him not to provide for
them so much of that Sort as he would have
done had both the Company & Inhabitants
paid the same Price. We hope therefore
that your Honor &c. will approve of our
having recommended to those Gentlemen
to let the Inhabitants have the Second
Sort of Bricks for the same Price the
Company

Company pay them for the first Sort. This as well as the difficulty of procuring Firewood, all the Firewood near the Settlement having been already cut down, is the Reason of the present encreased price of Bricks, on which Mr Fuving furnished at. & that Gentleman declares that he has been a Considerable - sufferer by the Bricks provided for the Com- -pany. The Proposals of Messrs Strange & Roebuck for Chunam is a trifle more in favor of the Company than those of Mr Boileau besides their Agreeing to furnish 50,000 Parras more a Year. — Mr Boileau - engages to furnish the Bricks for Wells Paving Terracing &c. at a Cheaper Price than Messrs Stronge & Roebuck but as the Company want very few of those Sorts the difference in the Price is immaterial - Both agree to be bound in such Penalty's for the performance of their Contracts as the Board may judge pro- -per & both agree to take such of the Outstand- -ing Balances as are recoverable, but Mr Boi- -leau makes it a Condition that the next Contractor shall be Obliged to take his Outstanding Balances at the Expiration of his Contract — Mr Boileau wants the Contract for three Years & Messrs Strange

&

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and Rockuck for five —

We likewise lay before your Honor
Nos two Proposals received from Natives One
from Naga Pooley for Chunam & the
other from Mootal Chitty for Bricks.
The former had the Chunam Contract about
four Years ago & the Committee of Works were
Obliged to take it from him because he
did not bring near the Quantity he engaged
for. — he has owed the Company since that
time a Balance of about 1300 Pagodas which
the Committee have not been able to get
from him. — Mootal Chitty who delivers
Proposals for furnishing Bricks was several
Years ago employed as a Peon at the Brick
Kilns, he is not a Man of Substance & wants
the Price of the Bricks to be paid him in
Advance And his Proposals were delivered
in after the Expiration of the time allowed
for the Receiving of Proposals.

We remain respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
George Mackay
Patrick Ross.

Fort S.t George
8th April 1777 —

For

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To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Works

Gentlemen,

Proposals from Mr Boileau—

In consequence of your Advertise-
-ments for receiving Proposals for supplying
the Honble Company & Inhabitants with
Bricks & Chunam, I take leave to offer the
Contract upon the following Conditions Viz.t

I will engage to deliver for the Company
250 Lacks of Bricks & 130,000 Parahs of
Chunam within the Year commencing —
from the 1st June next / promising to deliver
so much of each Article as I can get ready
before that time / in the undermentioned
Proportions.

In June	28 Lacks of Bricks	15000 Par. of Chunam
In July	28	Do.	Do.	15.000	Do.
In August	28.	Do.	Do.	15.000.	Do.
In September	28.	Do.	Do.	10,000	Do.
In January	13.	Do.	Do.	10,000	Do.
In February	40.	Do.	Do.	20,000	Do.
In March	35.	Do.	Do.	15000	Do.
In April	25.	Do.	Do.	15.000	Do.
In May	25.	Do.	Do.	15.000	Do.
Bricks	250 Lacks	Par.s	130,000	Chunam

In October, November & December it is im-
-possible to promise the delivering any
Materials on Account of the Setting in of the
Rains in those Months —

The Reason that the Quantity of each

Article

Article to be delivered annually is not so great as was engaged for by Mr Turing & That as appears to me the Company will not have such demand for Materials as they have hitherto had the Works being now so far advanced but if the Committee think otherwise I will then undertake to make whatever increase they may think proper to prescribe.

For the Bricks I demand of the Company as follows.

Wall Bricks ₱ Lack Pag.s 97
Terras Do. 2050 ₱ 1 Pagoda
Well Do. 10 feet 750 ₱ 1 Pagoda
Do Do 16 Do 700 ₱ 1 Pagoda and for all other Assortments at the same rates as was delivered by the former Contractor.

Of the Inhabitants I demand for.
Wall Bricks ₱ Lack Pag.s 107
Terras Do. 2000 for 1 Pag.a and of all other Assortments at the same rates as was delivered by the former Contractor.

The Committee will allow me as they have done to Mr Turing Pag.s 3 ₱ Lack for loss of Bricks in the Carriage from the Kilns to the Works &c.

The necessity of the difference of Price between the Bricks for the Company and those for the Inhabitants has been well weighed and cannot be altered least by increasing upon the One in proportion as

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Is diminished from the other, for the Com-
=mittee know very well that the Contractor
has but very little advantage on the Bricks
delivered to the Company.

As all the Chunam is to be delivered to
the Company I propose not to make any
distinction on account of the different Places
from which it is to be brought, but to deli-
-ver the whole Quantity at the rate of 10 p
Paragha's for One Pagoda.

I shall require an immediate advance
of Pag.s 10,000. and in June another advance
of Pagodas 10,000 after which time I hope
I shall not need to trouble the Committee but
for the Payment of the Materials as they
may be delivered in.

The making of Bricks & Chunam
having been latterly very much slakened
it will require some time to get every
thing in Order to set properly to work
again and this I give as a reason to the
Committee for not proposing to deliver
any before the Month of June.

The Committee will grant me the
Exclusive Privilege of making these Ma-
-terials and Invest me the Contract for
the term of 3 Years Certain.

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The increase of the Price of the Material as I now propose to supply them will immediately appear to the Committee but this increase is no greater than from the very last information I can procure will be absolutely necessary to make to the Timber Contractors to enable them to Continue in the Service. The great distance they are now Obliged to go for all the Wood about Madras having been cut down and the large Ballances which they owe disqualifies them entirely from prosecuting the business without an high advance not only on the different Assortments of Wood but also of ready Money to fix them again upon a good footing. The Committee found it absolutely necessary at the time Mr Dowsett had the Agency from the Company for this Service to allow an increase of Price to these Contractors great part of which increase was immediately struck off by the next Brick Contractor and has never been since allowed of if the Profits were to accumulate from this deduction it is too visible where the loss must at last be applied. The

Ballances

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Balances delivered over by Mr. Sulivan to Mr. Turing was upwards of Pag.s 6000, but the balances now said to be due to Mr. Turing from them is Pag.s 11,200 so that it will be difficult to account for this Constantly swelling Sums, but thro' the Villany of the People or the insufficiency of their Agents and I believe both these Circumstances may make up the true cause upon the whole, I am led to believe from the pains I have taken to inform myself of this Subject that no Man can venture to undertake the Contract upon more reasonable terms, more particularly as the demand for the Materials is not likely to be so great as heretofore, so that in proportion as the Sales fall short of the preceding Years, the Contractors Profits must of Course be lessened.

As the Contractor has many difficulties to Combat with in the Course of performing his Engagements, I am to hope that I may meet with the Utmost support & Encouragement from the Committee & thro' you Gentlemen, from the Government. I request that a few Lascars may be Allowed me to attend at the Kilns, a few Sepoys as has been hitherto employed on

on Guarding them; and to retain such other Servants of the Company as have been usual in this Service: To have your assistance, for Cutting Wood at Bem Nang Ke.a Pollams, for obtaining Boats for the bringing the Shumars from the Southward and further to entreat your influence in removing every Obstacle that may unreasonably be thrown on my way.

Tho' the Advertisement does not mention any thing of the present Contractor making it a Condition to take off the former Contractors Balances yet I think it necessary to acquaint the Committee that I will further Engage to be accountable to them within the Space of two Years for such Balances due to Mr. Turing as shall upon examination appear to them to be Recoverable, payable at whatever dates terms they may judge to be Consistent with the prospect of receiving them from the Wood Cutters whose present distressed Situation will not admit of my making any more favorable promises: and on Consideration of the above the Committee will engage to Oblige the next Contractor, whoever he may be to Receive of me in

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in like manner such Balances as I may have due me on this Account at the expiration of my Contract, at which time I hope they will be but very trifling. And I do further say that I will abide by all the Conditions and Restrictions on the One part expecting an Abherance to the Conditions and Indulgences on the Other as are Expressed in the Body of Mr Turing's Indentures with the Committee of Works.

As it is probable that the Committee may determine that the business can be better done when Conducted under the Company's Own immediate Authority instead of the Contractors and in consequence of such determination recommend an Agent to the Honble Board to act in the manner which Mr Devaynes and afterwards Mr Dorsett was directed to do, I respectfully Solicit your Gentlemen to favor me with your influence for this Appointment, which I shall esteem a flattering instance of your Approbation —

I am with much respect
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble
Servant
John Peter Boileau

Fort St George
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Questions asked Mr. Boileau.

When he means the Contract should begin & what Quantity of Bricks & Chunam he intends to furnish between that time & the 5th June ....

Mr. Boileau's Answer

1. I think the Contract should begin immediately if possible by the 1st of the Month. I cannot ascertain what Quantity may be delivered before the 5th June. I can only promise to supply what I can by purchase or of my own burning.

In what proportion he will deliver Shell & Stone Chunam and whether he will deliver all to the Company he can procure —

2. — In the proportion of 2/3rds Shell & 1/3 Stone Chunam throughout the Contract: I mean to deliver all the Chunam I can get to the Company

Whether he will agree to such a Penalty as the President & Council shall judge proper —

3. — Yes. Provided the Comp[y] will grant me the Protection & Assistance I have required in my Proposals —

If he will engage to increase the Quantity of Bricks and Chunam mentioned in his Proposals if required & in what proportions. —

4. — I will engage to increase the Quantity of Bricks & Chunam if required: but to what Quantity it is impossible exactly to determine I promise to use my utmost abilities to supply the Company's Demands upon notice of two Months before hand I have no doubt of giving satisfaction

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Will he supply the Company & Inhabitants at the same Price and what Price —

5th I will supply the Compy & inhabitants at the same Price as this mode is judged most proper: in which Case I must be paid for every Lack of Wall Bricks Pagodas 103. —

Does he propose to bring any Chunam by Water-

6th Yes.

Does he propose to allow the Company any Int.st for the Money advanced him.

7th As the Proposals which I have given to the Committee are drawn out to afford me but a Moderate Profit for my trouble, & never knowing or understood that Interest was demanded by the Company for Advances of this kind, I cannot allow any Interest at the present Price of the Materials —

John. Peter. Boileau

To George Mackay Esq.r
& Gentlemen of the Committee of Works.

Gentlemen,

Proposal from Mess.rs Strange & Roebuck,

In consequence of the Advertisements which you have been pleased to publish, for receiving Sealed Proposals for supplying by Contract the Honble Company, & the Inhabitants of this Settlement with Bricks and Chunam. We take the Liberty to make

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make the following Offers.

We will engage for the term of five Years to furnish the Company with Wall Bricks, from 200 to 360 Lacks Annually; and with whatever Quantity may be required of the other Assortments of Bricks; and likewise to supply the Inhabitants with such Quantity's of the several Assortments, as they may require at the following Prices.

Wall Bricks	at Pags 105	₱ Lack
Will Do 5. 6 7 feet	at Pags 111	₱ Do
Cornice Do 14 Inches long	at 70	₱ Pagoda
Terras Do	at 1800	₱ Do
Six Inch paving Bricks	at 500	₱ Do
Eight Do Do Do	at 85	₱ Do
Ten Do Do Do	at 65	₱ Do
1½ Feet Pillar Do	at 150	₱ Do
13½ Do Do Do	at 130	₱ Do
12 Inch Paving Do	at 45	₱ Do

After the strictest enquiry which We have been able to make, we cannot with Certainty engage to furnish the Works with more than 180,000 Terras ₱ Annum Annually. Our utmost Endeavours however shall at all times be used to procure as large a Quantity, as the Company & Inhabitants may stand in Need of.

Alumparoa Annum at 9 Terras ₱

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₰ Pagoda Stone & Shell & Chunam, 2/3ds Shell, and 1/3d Stone, at 10 3/4 Parrahs ₰ Pagoda.

The Difficulties in procuring Timber to burn so large a Quantity of Materials as We propose to furnish & the great Distance from whence it must be brought, now that the Pollams in the Neighbourhood of this Settlement are nearly incapable of yielding any further supply, have necessarily obliged Us to fix on the above prices, as the lowest Terms upon which we can fulfill our Engagement

As the Carrying on a Contract of this Extensive Nature & for so many Years, will require, not only every Support from Government, but likewise a Considerable Capital.

We are to request you will give Us every such assistance as may be deemed necessary.

That you will indulge Us with such an Advance of Cash, as you may think reasonable & that you will be pleased to support Us firmly in the Exclusive Provision of Bricks & Chunam, for the term of Our Contract — We have the Honor to be with Respect — Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & most humble Servants

James Strange
Benjn. Roebuck

Fort St. George
31 March 1777.

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Questions to be put to Messrs Strange & Roebuck	Answers.
1st Whether they will agree to such a Penalty as the President & Council shall judge proper? —	1st We will agree to such a Penalty as the President & Council shall judge proper. Excepting unavoidable Accidents, of which they shall be the Judges. —
2d Whether they will agree to furnish all the different kind of Bricks mentioned in Mr Turings Contract & rate in Sheen our Proposals, and at Mr Turing's Prices, taking the Medium between the Company & Inhabitants. —	2d Whatever Bricks We have omitted taking Notice of in our Proposals, We will furnish the Company with at the Medium Price, as specified in Mr Turing's Contract. —
3d Whether they will take upon themselves Mr Turing's Outstanding Balances.	3d We will take all such Balances from Mr Turing as are recoverable, & allowed for them Payment.
4th When they mean the Contract should begin & the Quantity of Bricks & Chunam they will deliver in each Month. —	4th As soon as the Committee think proper — Our utmost Endeavours shall be used to procure as great a Quantity of Bricks & Chunam as possible in the Month of May —

In

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Questions	Answers
4th	4th
In the Month of June	18 Lacks
In the Month of June	12,000 Pagodas
after this Period the following Quantities while the Contract Continues	
In the Mo. of July	18 Lacks
In August	26
In September	22
In Octr.	
In the Months of October, November & December, We cannot agree to provide any Quantity as we shall be impeded by the heavy Rains, which fall about that time	
In the Month Jany.	32 Lacks
In February	33
In March	33
In April	32
In May	32
In June	32
5th	5th
Whether They will agree to all the Conditions & Restrictions mention in Mr. Turing's Contract?	We will agree to all the Conditions & Restrictions mention'd in Mr. Turing's Contract.
6th	6th
Whether they will undertake the Contract without any Advance of Money if not — what Sum they wish'd have in Advance?	For whatever Sum of — Money the Commettee — will be pleased to advance Us, We will pay the Usual interest — We think an Advance of 20,000 Pagd. will be necessary to carry on the Contract?

J.

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To the Worshipful George Mackay Esqr
&c Gentlemen of the Committee of Works.

Gentlemen

Proposals from Nagoa Pully

Chimbedoo Nagapully humbly presumes to lay the undermentioned proposals before your Worships for supplying the Honble Company with Chunam for 10 Years that is to say

1st What Chunam the said Nagapully shall supply the Honble company with that he receives from on Board the Vessels or Boats he is willing to do the same after the Rate of 9½ Parras for One Pagoda

2 What Chunam he may supply them with that he Receives from the Country after the Rate of 11½ Parras for One Pagoda

3 That he will furnish the Honble Company with what Quantity there may be occasion for & that in a regular & punctual manner & moreover what Balance that may be due for the Country to the Honble Company & provided he the said Nagapully should be be so happy as to be favored with your Worships Approbation & permitted to Contract for the Chunam for the space of 10 Years Certain he engages to Collect & pay of the said Balance 150 Pags. per Ann. And further should he be Indulged with the Contract he hopes your Worships will allow him 6 Sepoys to attend for that purpose & after the Expiration of the

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The terms of the Contract he will faithfully —
prove to the Honble Company what Balance
may at that time from the Country in Order
that no Dispute may afterwards happen.

Gentlemen

Should you be Graciously pleased
to grant him the Contract he for such Act
of Goodness as in Duty bound
Shall Ever Pray.

To the Gentlemen of the Commitee of Works.

Proposals from Mootal Chitty

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to lay this my humble
Proposal with regard to the Brick Kiln
for 5 Years before you, that in the Course
of the Year, three Months Monsoon and
the remainder Nine Months, I shall —
burn 500 Lacks of Bricks of all sorts &
supply the Honble Company with 300
Lacks of all sorts, the Wall Bricks at
the Rate of 1200 ₱ Pagoda & the others
sorts at the Prices M.r Turing supplied
with, I now humbly request the Favor
of you Gentlemen that I may be ad-
=vanced the Money for the aboversaid Br=
=icks on the delivery of the Complayment
and the remainder 200 Lacks, I beg leave
to request of you Gentlemen that I may
supply

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Supply the Inhabitants both Gentlemen &
Natives at Madras & also at Saint Thomé
and at the Mount at Mr Turings Prices, &
that I may also be indulged with the Peons
belonging to the Contract employment as
Mootal

I am Gentlemen with all
Respect your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Mootal Chitty

Madras
March 29th 1777.

Resolved that the Board approve
of the Contractors supplying the Company
& Inhabitants with Bricks & Chunam at
the same Price & the more especially as the
Company have always had the first assort-
ment of Bricks at an inferior Price to that
which the Inhabitants were Obliged to pay
for the 2d & 3d Assortments.

Resolved that although Mootal
Chitty's proposals appear more Advanta-
geous than those tendered by Mr Boileau on Messrs
Strange & Roebuck, that they cannot be
accepted, as he is represented by the Committee
of Works as a man of no Substance, & cannot
give sufficient Security for the Money he
desires in Advance.

The proposals of Messrs Strange & Roebuck accepted.

Resolved that the Proposals of
Messrs Strange & Roebuck as they are evidently
the most Advantageous be & for the Company
& Inhabitants be accepted on the terms
specified

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Specified in their proposals & in the Answer given by them to the Queries put by the Committee of Works & that the Committee do enter into a Contract with them accordingly, to Commence from the present time & Conclude the 15th Octr 1780.

Messrs Strange & Rocbuck being Called, before the Board agree to the above & that they will bind themselves for the fulfilment of their Agreement under a Penalty of double the quantity they may be deficient. And further that the Renters of the Company's Farms shall have permission to provide Materials themselves for Repairing or enlarging the Tanks, Yards, Channels &c.

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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

Chief Engineers Report of persons employed on the Works

We have now employed on the Works

Bricklayers	137
Tank diggers	754
Coolies	752
Lascars	82
Stone Cutters	42
Sundry Artificers	14
Amounting in all to	1781 People

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt &
Most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

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Came in Letter from Major Scott Commanding the Detachment from this Presidency at Bombay

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

By this Ship I send you and the Commander in Chief a return of the European Embarked on Board her being the last of my Detachment.

From Major Scott detained at Bombay by the bite of a Scorpion

I should have left this at the

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the same time but having met with an unlucky bite of a Scorpion which has put me under the Surgeons hands I fear it will be some time before I shall be able to move. I am now confined to my Bed and have been for many days.

I beg you would Communicate this to the Honble the President & Council, and that I shall proceed to Madrass as soon as the Surgeons will permit me —

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt Humble Servant

Samuel Sears

Bombay
4th March 1777.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Pr.t

Monday 14th april 1777 Henry Brooke ——

Archdale Palmer — Frances Sourdan

George Mackay

Colonel Stuart Absent on Service

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President lays before the Board Translation of a Maratta Paper from the Rajah of Tanjore respecting Mr. Benfields concerns —

The President lays before the Board an Original Maharatta paper sent by the Rajah of Tanjore to Colonel Stuart the day after his Interview with them respecting Mr. Benfields affairs with a translate thereof made by Mayor Browne Monsuhee which Papers the President received yesterday from Colonel Stuart who requested he would Communicate them to the Board.

Translation of a Maharatta Paper sent by the Rajah of Tanjore to Colonel Stuart at 6 O'Clock in the Evening of the 5th April 1777.

On the 6 April Colonel Stuart came to the Rajah, and spoke about Mr. Benfield's business to which this is the Answer

Colonel Stuart told the Rajah, that he had received a letter from the Governor desiring that he would speak to him about Mr. Benfield's Concerns in this Country, and expressed his Wish that he would settle them as he

was

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Was his particular Friend.
The Rajah replys — I never borrowed any
Money of Mr. Benfield, when the Nabob had
the Tanjore Country, he made Trade in Paddy
with the Inhabitants, in consequence of
which, some of those people now Owe him
Money: About this business Mr. Benfield
some time ago brought a letter from the
Governor to the Rajah, had some talk
about it and went away at the same time
the Rajah Answered the Governor's letter
on that Subject, which letter Colonel Stuart
may remember.

What happened in this Country in
the Nabob's time, the Rajah cannot be
Answerable for, but, on purpose to Oblige
the Governor he did give Order to the In-
habitants at that time to examine their
Accounts with Mr. Benfield's Gomastah
and so pay as much of the Balances they
owed as they were able, at the same time
desired that the people should not
be forced to do more than they were
well able to do. That those who were rich
should pay the Money immediately, but
that they should not press those who had
turned poor, but take it slowly as they
could give it — All the above Orders the

Rajah

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Rajah gave Leth to the Inhabitants and Amildars. Mr. Benjulet Gomastah, who stays here to look after the Business, if he finds things do not go properly on, if he will acquaint the Rajah he will give further Orders — The different Servants of Mr. Benjulet in the Country, press the people so very much for money that they greatly hurt the Rajah's Business — The Money now has been laid out in the Country three Years ago, and it will not be possible to settle it in One Year to come — Colonel Stuart will be so good as to send for Mr. Benjulet's Gomastah and Order him not to oppress the Inhabitants, but to take the Money by Little and Little as they are able to pay it —

The Rajah assures the Governor & Council and Colonel Stuart that he will always settle, according to what is right, every Business they may Recommend to him and that he will never delay their but make a Settlement of it immediately.

What Paddy belongs to Mr. Benjulet originally, is in the possession of his own people, it is three Years Old, if I am Obliged to take it and to pay Money for

for it, what shall I do with it." for the Inhabitants will not take it nor will my Servants eat it, it is so Old. for those reasons I wish not to take it.

The Rajah begs Colonel Stuart will be so good as Explain all these Affairs to the Governor.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Paper be sent in Mahrattas & English to Mr Benfield

In a letter which the President received Yesterday from Colonel Stuart there is the following Para. which at the Col. request he lays before the Board.—

"I beg you will do me the favor to "acquaint the Honble Board that Mr "Malcolm has received a Letter from Capt. "Dugald Campbell who is now at Triche- "-nopoly, requesting so earnestly that I would "allow him to have the two 18 Poleguars respe- "-cting the bad Effect it may have if known "to the Poligars that the Company had "withdrawn this assistance that I have "taken upon me to Order D. Col. James "to forward them under an Escort from "his Garrison to Madurah, but not to "deliver them to Capt. Campbell or his people

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"People, without particular Orders for that
"purpose. That I have again represented
"the absolute necessity of his removing from
"Tephrobad immediately. That he must
"have received by this time upwards of 20,000
"Pags. which I should guess makes up the
"pay of the private of his Regiment for
"the Year 1776 so that I cannot conceive his
"detaining him. That I have intimated to
"Col. Jones the powers with which the
"Honble Board has invested me to quell
"Mutineers in the Nabobs Regiments. And
"that I hope in future the cause of all
"Mutiny will be removed or if it is not, that
"they never again will be furnished with
"Artillery, nor placed in a Situation where
"it is absolutely impossible to come between
"them and the Enemies Country." James
"Stuart."

From the Chief Engineer Major Stevens represents the necessity of giving advanced pay to artificers at Tanjore —

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer, enclosing a Letter to him from Major Williams Stevens —

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inclose
you

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you Major Stevens Letter to me of the 8th Inst.
on which I am to request your directions. I
hope you will be pleased to approve of the
Majors Endeavours to procure good Workmen
as it is a matter very essential towards well
Conducting of the business of this Department
I have the honor to be with
Respect
Honble Sir Your Gentlemen
Your Most Obed: Humble Servt.
Patrick Ross
Lieut: Col: & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
13th April 1777.

To Lieut: Colonel Ross.
Chief Engineer

Sir

I now do myself the pleasure
to inform you that the Reform of the
Gorge of little Fort is in great forwardness;
as near as I can judge it is about 3/4 done
except the Gate and Guard Rooms which are
not advanced in the same proportion however
I hope by the End of this Month that the
whole of it will be near a Conclusion. - The
Range of Officers Quarters / which I informed
you the 31st January had then foundation
opened / have been with their Outhouses -
brought up as high as the floor Level in
which Situation they have remained for
some time. - The Barracks of the Grenadiers

and 2 Battalion Companies are for about half their Length as high as the springing of the Covering Arches the other half as at different heights with the greatest part of the Windows Each. A Shed has been run up in the Faussebraye between the two Forts along the Curtain Eastward of the South Gate for sheltering the Gun Carriages, and another is Covering along the Curtain Westward from the same Gate for the like purpose

I am sorry to Observe we have made so poor a progress owing principally to the badness of Artificers as well as scarcity of them, and of Materials, however as it is to hoped that the Measures which Colonel Stuart has Concerted with the Rajah will take away the Principal difficulty of Obtaining Firewood for burning Bricks and that we shall soon have that Article in plenty. I do Order to procure a few good Bricklayers from the Coast I have judged it necessary to offer two and half pagodas P Month to induce them to Come up, but I fear it will not be sufficient to engage their Attention, in which Case I must encrease my Offers and have to hope that the Honble Board will Chearfully Consent to what I may see necessary to do on this Head. As it also necessary that I should have

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have a Head Mestry to the Bricklayers & a nother to the Carpenters who must be Foreigners, I must also request that the Board will permit me to allow them as far as four or five Pagodas P Month, should I find them deserving of such an Indulgence.

I have had between 30 & 40 thousand pickets brought in and seasoned which I shall within the Course of the Month deliver into Store together with the Gabions which have been Collected, I have Ordered three thousand Fascines to be made and expect them to be brought in a few days, but as they ask upwards of a third of a Pagoda each for Country wood palisadoes, I have laid aside all thoughts at present of making up any, and being Confident that good Palmeiras will make them, have desired the Paymaster to procure a Quantity. - There has been a Considerable Quantity of Timber & plank brought in my Opinion very reasonable at Nagapatam part of which being arrived shall soon begin to prepare the necessary Number of plant forms, however before they can be Completed. We must endeadour to procure a further supply of thick plank.

At Vellum I have Ordered three Curtains to be mined under the Direction of Captain

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Captain Dugood by way of Experiment, they will be sprung in about a Week when I shall send you a plan and Section of them with Remarks. At the same time I hope soone other distenct and seperate Chambers will be sprung which are marking in the Wall from a Descent cut in the Rampart. These last cannot be expected to destroy the Revetment totally but may perhaps shatter it so much as to admit of its being easily removed by Hand. From the Effects of the whole it will be easy to determine the speediest and least expensive way of demolishing the Fortifications of that place. The first three Curtains which I have mentioned above, I expect will be effectually thrown into the Fausebray and as it parapet &c. before them has been cleared away, a good deal of Rubbish may fall into the Ditch, particularly One of the Curtains over which is a Cavalier-Towers which are of solid Masonry I cannot expect will be the least affected, but when the Curtains are gone it will be easier to get Chambers lodged in them that at present — The Revetment of the Curtains is upwards of 12 feet thick of brown Stone laid in Chunam the Joints in general thinner than most Brick work I have seen — The

inner

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Inner face of this Revetment is Continued — behind the Towers so that the Masonry of the Towers are the thickness of 12 feet and the projection of their Flanks which in general will be together about 22 feet — This Remark Concerning the Towers is made from probabe- -lity as there is the greatest to suppose — them as I have said

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
William Stevens.

Tanjore 8th April 1777

a true Copy
Patrick Ross.

permitted to do

Agreed, that Major Stevens be permitted to encrease his Officers for Bric- -klayers as far as he shall deem necessary.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From the Chief Engineer with an Arrangement of the proposed Works in the Order they are to be executed

In Order that you may see what I think first necessary to have — undertaken

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Undertaken, I have arranged Major Stevens Estimate in the Order the Works may be executed.

	Pag.	
Officers Quarters in the little Fort	12097. -	
Barracks in Do for European & Sepoys	11110. 2	
Rampart of the Gorge of the little Fort	7404: 3. 40	
Magazines D.o if the Coleroon Fo is not sufficiently large	5752. -	
Artillery Park & Laboratory Do	2135. -	
Inner Rampart of Do all round	4489. -	
Fausebray of Do	3944. -	
Butterdean of Do	1680.	5,611.3.40.
Repairing Granarys in the great Fort		5000. -
Telling up the Powder Magazines if those in the little Fort are not sufficient to Contain the Quantity of Powder now in Store		4000 -
Reform of the South Gate of the great Fort	971. -	
Do North Do	6371. -	
Do East Do	7254 -	14,596. -
New Work proposed for the South front of the little Fort		15427. -
Lowering the inner Rampart of great Fort	19229. -	
Fausebray of Do	9478 -	
Sally Port Do	2000 -	11,478. -
Ditch Covert way & Glacis		90400.

I have the honor to be with Respect Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedt & Most Hble Servant

Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
11th
13 April 1777.

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Resolved, that a Copy of this Letter be transmitted to Major Stevens, & that he be directed to finish the Barracks for the Officers & Soldiers as soon as possible, and with respect to the other Works, that he do have latitude to expend 20,000 Pagodas in the Course of the next three Months & this Sum not to be exceeded without absolute necessity, & then only on permission first obtained from the Board. Resolved, also that Mr. Gordon do have the Contract for such Works as he hath given in Proposals to execute this Office being the most reasonable.

Minute thereon 20,000 Pag.s only to be expended in the Course of 3 Months Mr. Gordons proposals accepted

Read Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trichenopoly.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

From Col.l James with Letter

With my Monthly Returns for March, I beg leave to enclose to the Honble Board a Letter I received from Mr. Dessin, and hope for their Approbation to make the Repairs required, as I can assure you the Quarters

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Quarters he lives in at Present is not Habita-
-ble —

With all due Respects. I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient & most
Humble Servant
Edward James.

Trichenopoly
6 April 1777. —

To Lieut.t Colonel James
Commanding Trichenopoly

From Mr Duffin
representing the
ruinous State
of the Surgeons
Quarters at Warriore

Sir

As it is found necessary for the
good of the Service that a Surgeon should live
near the Hostile Army at Warriore, I beg leave to
represent to you the ruinous Situation of the
Quarters there, which at present are not habit-
-table, having neither Doors or Windows &
leaky in every part. the out Offices are tumb-
-ing down, and will shortly be a heap of
Ruins if not timely repaired — The Expence
attending the necessary Repairs upon an Esti-
-mate will not exceed 100 Pagodas, I therefore
request Sir you will give Directions to have
them put in some kind of Order, or Repre-
-sent it to the Honble Board, which will
greatly Oblige Sir Your most Obedient &
very Humble Servant
William Duffin

Trichenopoly April 1. 1777.

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100 Pags to be Expended on the Surgeons Apartments at Warriore.

Agreed that the Sum of 100 Pags be Expended on the Surgeons Apartments at Warriore.

Read Letter from the Officer Commanding at Ongole to the President

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From Capt. Duncan unable to learn Intelligence of any Messengers from Lord Pigot to the Nizam

After every possible enquiry I cannot learn, that there has been any foundation for the report, into the truth of which you desired me to inform myself, by your letter of the 20th March.

The People of Dutchy pitty & a Guard of the Nabobs Sepoys Stationed there, say, that no European in a Palanquine Attended as your discribe had passed that way.

I have also made enquiry at all the Passes of the Kistna & farther on the Hyderabad road. The reports I have had care to the same purpose & Lieut. Phillips who Commands the Nabobs Troops in the Pallamade district writes me that his enquirys into this matter, made at my request are also the same. That no body on that Neighbourhood, has heard of any Messengers passing from Lord Pigot to the Nizam

Since

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Since my last, I have no intelligence of any Sort, worth Communicating to you. The Nizams Troops are undoubtedly in Motion & his General abrim Bugg is now in the Adony Country, supposed, with an intention to Collect Troops to Join his Master.

I have the Honor to be with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir —

Your Most Obedient &
very Hum. ble Servant
Alex.^r Duncan

Ongole april 8.th 1777.

Read Letter from the Officer Commanding at Trichenopoly.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col. Pearce — on the Subject of the Mutiny at Zepherabad

(As Colonel Stuart acquainted me he has sent the Honble Board all my Letters to him, relative to the general Mutiny of the 2.nd Regiment of Cavalry at Zepherabad, I shall not trouble the Board with a repetition of it; but I hope my Conduct will Convince you, that the part I have acted, proceeded from those

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Motives which the Human Feelings ought to prompt us all to that of the preservation of our fellow Creatures, and had I not immediately paid attention to the first intelligence I received, the Consequences for this, in all probability would have been fatal, the Europeans and Black Officers would either have been put to the Sword, or Carried off to Hyder. It not only occurred to me to raise a Sum of Money, but instantly I ordered three Companies of Sepoys to go in search of the two 18 Pounders which proved a very fortunate Circumstance, as about a Hundred of the Cavalry had made an attempt to carry them to Tepperabad, but Captain Dewar of his Highness Artillery, Loaded the two Guns with Grape, and was so situated they could not surround them on which the Cavalry went off and Lieut.t George Campbell brought them safe to Garrison Marching a whole day without halting — I beg leave to inform the Honble Board that I am afraid all is not yet settled at Tepperabad, tho' Captain Campbell wrote in the most favorable terms the 5th Instant promised to Breakfast with me Yesterday, instead of which a Letter came from him praying me much for more Money. I wrote him immediately

that

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That I has Collected three Thousand Pagodas, and requested he would either come for it, or send some of his Officers, but not hearing a word from him serve to raise my appre-
-hension, tho I met with great difficulty in raising the Eleven Thousand which I sent by Lieut.t Bishop and has been paid to the Regiment, I shall still pursue my endeavours to satisfy the people so as to endeavour them to release the Officers which I hope will be approved of by the Honble Board in a more extensive degree, than which I am sorry to say appears from the Commander in Chief.

With all due respects I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient & very Humble Servant

Edward James

Read Letter from the Chief & Council at Gongam

Military Department

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Gongam complaining of Capt.s Lysaght having deputed their Orders & treated them disrespectfully —

We have received a Letter from you dated the 18th Febry. Mr. Secretary Sullivan under date the 8th April 1777 advising us that your Honor &c.a had been pleased

pleased to appoint Mr. Charles Ramsay assistant
Surgeon in this District, and being of Opinion
his Services were at this Juncture more required
at Aska than any other Place where Troops
are now Stationed, We wrote a letter to
Captain Lysaught. informing him that
We had Ordered Mr. Ramsay thither for
the present. We beg leave to lay before
your Honor &c. his Reply to Us on that
Subject. It were needless to point out the
many Cases that could be stated, wherein the
Service might materially suffer, had We
it not in our Power to Order the assistant
Surgeon from time to time to such Parts
of the District where We may judge his
Presence most necessary. We shall therefore
say nothing further on this Head, being
naturally led to reflect on the dangerous
Tendency of the Doctrine conveyed in Capt.
Lysaughts letter, so directly subversive of the
Power We have always Conceived vested in Us,
and to which implicit Obedience hath
Constantly been paid until the arrival of
the present Commanding Officer; who,
departing from every Idea of Subordination
to this Board, seems endeavouring to estab-
lish an independant Authority. We take

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no Notice of the indignity We suffer by our Orders being thus despised and rendered abor-tive, looking forward to the support of your Honor &c. in preserveing to Us the Rights We hold in Conformity to the System of the Service which places the Military Subor-dinate to the Civil Authority — Before We dismiss the Subject permit Us to desire your Attention to the very disrespectful Stile of Expression Used throughout the said letter; such as We believe is almost without Pre-cident on any address to a Superior Power, and such as We are humbly of opinion is incompatable with the Respect due to the supreme Authority We constitute in this District

We have the Honor to be very respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

Charles Smith

R^d Maunsell

Thomas Dyneley

Robert Hughes

Ganjam
the 31st March 1777

To Charles Smith Esqr

Chief &c. Council Ganjam

Gentlemen, I have been favored with

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with your letter of the 26th Instant informing me that the Honble the President & Council having been pleased to appoint Mr. Charles Ramsay an Assistant Surgeon in the Itchapoor District, you have thought it proper to Station him at Aska for the Present; In Obedience to the Commands of the Honble Board I shall undoubtedly receive Mr Ramsay in the Station to which he is appointed & as this is the Head Quarters of the Troops in the District he shall have apartments &c allotted him here, but you must give me leave to inform you that I do not look upon the Stationing of Mr Ramsay at Aska to be an Act of your Board consequently, I cannot admit that you have a right to remove him when you think proper, which your Letter seems to emplay - By the Nature of Mr Ramsay's Appointment he seems to have been intended by the Honble Board for the Assistance of the Troops of the District in General, not for those at Aska in particular, therefore whenever his Attendance may be necessary at Itchapoor or at any other place where Troops may be Stationed, I shall undoubtedly Order him from hence for the time,

Looking

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looking on Mr Ramsay to be as much under my Command as the Surgeons & Assistants of every other Garrison on the Coast are under that of their respective Commanding Officers

I remain with Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most humble & Obedient

Aska 28 March 11th 1777.

Signed Arth. Sydenham

A True Copy.

Fitz. Wm. Barrington,

Acting Secretary.

— Surgeons in Out Garrisons

Minute Shews

or Cantonments are under the Order of the Military Commanding Officer and he may remove the Surgeons on particular Services but has no right to make fixed a Hospital The Chief Council have a right to remove from the Removal of Surgeons or others from Place to Place — & the Military Officer may refuse or Comply with the requisition being accountable for his Conduct. The Chief & Council however had a right to send the Surgeon as Assistant to Aska, & when he arrived there he become under the Order of the M.D. Officer & might be removed by him as the Service might require. After his arrival

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Arrival at Aska the Surgeon could not be removed by the Chief & Council but by requisition

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 5th April with 1000 Pagodas in full of his Rist for the Pondamalee District due to that day.

Lieut. Brule applies to be appd. a Captain.

Read the following Representation from Lieutenant Brule.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs -

I humbly pray leave to represent unto your Honor &c. my Situation in the Honble Company's Service, which I entirely refer to your Justice and Consideration, hoping that the lateness of this address will not prejudice my pretensions, if your Honor &c. should otherwise find them justly. I had the honor to enter into the Honble Company's Service with the Cavalry & Infantry called the Foreign Legion under the Command of Captain Omon, and received a Commission as a Lieutenant in the said Corps in the Year One thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty Seven, Captain Allé Commanding the

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the Infantry succeeded to the Command in the
Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty
Nine, the Latter end of which Year he
died, when the Command fell upon me
as eldest Lieutenant, on which I continued
till June Twenty, when the Honble Board
were pleased to incorporate the said Infantry
with the Company of Caffres under the
Command of Captain Bandinel who Com-
-manded both the said Corps until some
time in the Year Seventy two when he
was nominated to the Command of a
Battalion Vacated by the Death of Capt
-ain Casamore, and upon which I prop
leave to represent unto your Honor &c
Captain Bandinel Ordered me to take the
Command of the said Corps of Infantry &
the Caffres with Lieutenants Adair and
Rose under me, and have Continued
Command the said Troops ever since upon
frequent actual Service, with Fidelity to
the Company and I hope with honor to
Myself, having always experienced the
Approbation of my Superiors.

But in this Course of Service, being
near ten Years, I find myself with the
Original Rank only I entered into at the
Commanding Corps of Troops Consisted

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partly of the same Men, who embraced the Service with me of whom I am the only Survivor of Six Officers —

I will not enter into any exposition of the Nature of Military Service, or the hopes every Soldier has of Promotion from a faithfull and steady attachment to a Government for the Number of Years I have testified Mine to the Honble Company, Your Honor &c. are informed of my Conduct during this time and it is a Singular happiness I feel in having you for the Arbitrators of it. I therefore pray leave with the Utmost Confidence in your Justice to Subscribe myself

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Your Most Obedient & Most Humble Servant

D. Brule

Madras
3 April 1777.

Ordered, that a Copy of Lieut. Brule's Representation be transmitted to Colonel Stuart for his opinion, and that he be informed Lieut. Brule bears a good Character that when he was taken into the Service, he had with the other Officers in the same Situation, a promise of Rising in his own Corps, and that

To be reported to the Commander in Chief

his

his Representation as far as appears to the Board is just.

The following Letter from Samuel Dowlah to Lord Pigot, was sent by his Lordships Direct. Lieut. C. Horne to the Secretary.

Pellicherry Febry the 17. 1777

(Duplicate)

from Hon.ble Wm Cowan to the Lord Pigot.

My Lord.

I now embrace the opportunity of acquainting your Lordship that I arrived at this place the 15. Instant and propose sailing for Bombay the 20th. Understanding you are on good terms with Mr. Hornby, I should be glad you would write to him in my favor, acquainting him with my reason for leaving Madras (which I am confident your Lordship is not unacquainted with) as I think to stay there three or four Months, in which time I shall hear News from Europe, and other places, which you may depend on being acquainted with by all opportunitys. — I request your Lordship will be pleased to let me know what news you may hear Concerning me, my prayers is day and night for your living Reinstate which I hope will be ere long, and then I shall return to Madras with great

joy.

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Joy and Satisfaction.

I am
My Lord
Your Lordships
Most Obedient Servant
Sirrisam Dowlah Catis Hoodah
Cawn Bahadar, Simsamzung

To The Honble Lord Geo: Pigot

Ordered, that a Copy of the above be sent to the Nabob.

Read Letter from Mess.rs Raine and Carrere to the Commanding Officer at Poondamalee. —

Poondamalee 3d April 1777.

To Colonel William Flint
Commanding &c.

Sirs

From Mess.rs Raine & Carrere —

We beg leave to represent to you the necessity of a further Addition of Cotts, & Cloathing for the safety of the Venereal Patients in the Fort as the Guard Beds are by no means fit for Men labouring under that Disease, at the same time we cannot omit informing you that it is now near twelve Months since the last Cloathing was delivered We thought hu-manity & safety of the Sick Committed to Our Care, request you will be pleased to Obtain Permission from the Honble

the

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the President & Council for Us to issue such Cattle & Clothing as only appear absolutely necessary for the Use of the Troops under your Command.

With Respect we remain

Sir Your Most Obed.t Servants

H Raine Surgeon

Resolved that the Hospital at Pondamalee be put on the same footing with the other Hospitals on the Coast from the 1st day of next Month

The Hospital at Pondamalee to be on the same Footing as the rest

Read Letter from the Chief & Factors at Angengo —

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To

The Right Honble Lord Pigot

President & Governor & Council

at Fort St. George

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

From Angengo forwarding a letter from the Rajah of Travancore

The Purport of this Address solely to advise you that the King of Travancore has requested We would represent to you that he has received Information of Hyders having set on foot a Treaty of Peace with the Dutch & has already actually released the Officers of the Garrison of Chitwah, which he took from them a few months ago & would soon, if he had not already, deliver the

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the Fort to them again - That the King had during these disturbances not in the smallest degree Committed Hostilities nor Infringed our Agreement Only taken care to send Forces to watch & protect his Frontiers but were apprehensive that when Hyder had finished his matters with the Dutch he would turn his Arms against them and therefore requested you would take this matter under Consideration; for the Rest assured you will not forsake or neglect them, if they should be unjustly attacked

We are very Respectfully
Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Humble
Servants.
John Torkese.
Arthur King
George Bigger
B. Carleton

Anjengo
the 18 March 1777.

To The Honble the Governor
of the English East India
Company's
Presidency of Fort St. George

With much pleasure I received
your Letter and am perfectly satisfied - a-
greeable thereto I have not made the
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least Difference in the Agreement and have only sent my Troops to take Care of my Forts and Territories and have never acted against Hyder who took the Fort of the Dutch Company called Chetwah and Carried away the Officers Prisoners to Seringapatnam but have now delivered them up again & treate with them of Peace

Perhaps after he has made up his Matters with them he will come & molest me, which should it happen I must hope tho' your Favor for the assistance of my Old Friends the Honble Comp.y in which I make my Reliance. I shall be happy to hear of your health and hope for your Answer

Ordered, that Copies of the above be sent to the Nabob

In consequence of our Order of Counsil the 3d Instant Mr Benfields Accounts having been Certified by the Acting Commissary General, Resolved, that two Bills of Bills of 10,000 Pagodas each be given. the Committee of Works on Manapatam, payable 15 Days after sight, in part of the Balance due to Mr Benfield by the Company.

Bills on Manalipatam, Granted for Pd. 20,000 in part payment of Mr Benfields Balance.

Ordered,

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Ordered, that the Committee of Works be debited & Manilipatam Credited in the General Books for the above Sum

Read Letter from Colonel Stuart

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

From Col. Stuart representing the substance of a Conversation with the Rajah on Mr. Benfields Concerns.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take the earliest occasion to lay before you, the substance of what passed between the Rajah and me, this day, as follows.

At eleven in the forenoon, I waited upon the Rajah, by appointment and carried along with me, Majors Brown & Stevens, Mr. Jones, Lieutenant Malcolm and Mr. Pennecuik, with my Interpreter and likewise Comoro - The Rajah had on several pretences objected to owing Comoro on Mr. Benfields business, but, I insisted he should be present.

I told the Rajah, that I had the Orders of the Governor & Council, again to recommend to him, to give every reasonable Assistance to Mr. Benfield, in the recovering any just demands he had upon his Subjects: that, Mr. Benfield and every Englishman, had a peculiar right

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to Ask his Assistance upon such Occasions. besides, that I understood Mr. Benfield had suffered greatly in his property, by the detention of a quantity of Paddy, which I believed, he was willing to let the Rajah have at a very reasonable Rate. that I was instructed to say, that the Governor & Council had recommended Mr. Benfield's Concerns, thus representedly, on the supposition, that they did not interfere with any Demands of a public Nature upon the Circar because, they were to be paid from the Inhabitants share to whom the Money had been Advanced. that I begged leave to add to the Recommendation of the Governor & Council, my own sincere request, that the Rajah would assist Mr. Benfield in this business. that it was for the Rajahs Interest and Honor to do so, because, that, other Englishmen would judge, from the behaviour to that Gentleman what dependance they were to have on the Rajahs assistance, to recover their property.

I bid him to take time and to weigh well his Answer, and then to give it to me in writing. He immediately said: "that he had already given Orders to his

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„his Amildars, to assist Mr. Benfield in the recov-
„-ery of his property, that he understood, he
„had recovered part of it, that what was lent,
„under his own Government, he believed, —
„would be immediately recovered, but, that,
„what was lent, under the Nabobs Govern-
„-ment, he supposed the people could
„not pay in less than two or three —
„Years, that, as to the Paddy in Magazine,
„he Observed that he had more Paddy than
„he knew how to dispose of, he beged
„therefore that the Governor & Council
„would excuse his having any thing to do
„in that affair; and, that, I would likewise
„excuse him, for what he said." upon
„this occasion." I then told the Rajah,
that, my reason for having Comoro —
present, was to explain to him, particularly,
all this business and to deliver to him a
paper, upon the Subject, which was read,
(a Copy of this I shall ask of Comoro and
forward to your Honor &ca) to many
parts of which the Rajah gave answer,
immediately, in the same stile as before,
but, at my desire, he promised to give
an Answer, in writing, this day or —
tomorrow — Before this affair was —
ended

ended, Mr. Jones took occasion to explain to the Rajah, that Mr. Benfield had made over his property, to him and that, as the Rajah promised assistance in recovering it from the people, he would observe his permission to wait upon him, from time to time, to state any difficulties that occured - I then told the Rajah, that as Mr. Benfield was going home, & leaving so great a part of his property at Stake, to the Care of Mr. Jones, this was an Additional reason for me, to recommend it to him. Comoro then withdrew -

I next stated to the Rajah, that, in the station I held, I wished anxiously to maintain every appearance of a publick Agreement made with him, and therefore, was the more solicitous, in the presence of Majors Brown and Stevens and Mr. Jones, to propose plans, for speedily carrying forward the publick Works, which, at present were nearly at a stand, for the want of Bricks, and proper Authority over the Bricklayers. That there were now three Months to work before the Monsoon. and that, if the Rajah did not give Authority to find the means of Carrying on the Works, on payment of ready Money at the highest rate every one ought be assured, that the Presidents

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Council never would suffer English Officers to sicken and die for want of proper Quarters; and, that, I should be one to Advise their being properly lodged in the great Fort. He told me "that, he had already taken some steps regard-"-ing the Bricks, and that he could come "into any proposal I chose to forward the "Public Works." I then recommended to him "that I had agreed upon with Mr. Jones and "Major Stevens, which he promised," should "be done in two or three days at most."

I afterwards told him, that as the Course of the Company's Military Service, was now, regularly established in Force, all Materials, furnished for the publick Works, was done by a Civil Servant of the Company, as Paymaster and Store keeper. Viz. Mr. Jones. That, he had Complained, of his Servants and Bullocks and Carts, having been frequently, and now, forcibly, detained by the Rajahs people, on pretence of his Service; that, I claimed it, as a matter of right, that Mr. Jones's people Ought, to pass, unmolested, every where, and, that he do give publick Notice of this,

to

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to his Amildars and Officers which he proposed to do.

I lastly mentioned to him, that I had received a letter from the President to whom I had sent an Account of the Quantity of Paddy at Vellum / representing me that allowing the Paddy at Vellum as part of the February Kist, there would remain due of that kist, Seven Thousand Pagodas: that I had forwarded the Orders of the President and Council to the Paymaster at Vellum to dispose of this Paddy on the Company's Account and to replace it by the present Crop and that I acquainted him of this Circumstance lest there should be any Occasion to give Notice to his Amildars there — He said "there "was no occasion, and that as to the "difference of Money, he should write to "his Vackeel about it."

I again repeated to him my earnest wish, that he would give me assistance to finishing the public Work expeditiously, and that I should be glad to have an Occasion to represent [illegible] matters in a proper light [illegible]

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And, that I hoped his regard for the English
Officers, who were here for his Protection, —
would, of itself, be a sufficient inducement
for his exertion on this Occasion.

In the Course of the Conversation
I told him, that, I hoped it would be agree-
-able to him, that I should make Use
of Padre Swartz as my Interpreter, while
here: and that I meant to have brought
him this day, but, that the Service of
the Church had prevented him. I then
took leave, with the other Gentlemen.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs —
Your Most faithful and
obedient Servant
James Stuart. —

Tanjore
6. April 1777.

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The following Letters were this day dispatched

To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam
Co.s Client to be
reimbursed for
the purchase of
bad Jamawes the
Shroff to make good
the loss

Gentlemen,

I am Commanded by the Honble the President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the 2d Instant & to acquaint you they have Resolved to Reimburse Colonel Flint the Amount of such bad Jamawes as he may have purchased, & further that you do call upon the Constituents or Attornies of the Shroff for the deficiency arising on the Coinage, and take such other Measures as shall appear to you expedient to oblige the Shroff to make good the loss to the Company should he at any future time be enabled so to do.

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servant
Richd. Jos. Sullivan
Secretary

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To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief & Council
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam
advising of Bills
drawn in favor
of the Committee
of Works

Gentlemen,

We have this day drawn on
you

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you two Sets of Bills in favor of George Mackay Esqr & Co Members of the Committee of Works or their Order each set for Ten Thousand /10,000/ Madras Pagodas, being in full for ten Thousand eight Hundred and Seventy five /10875/ Current Pagodas at 83⅓ ℔ Cent Batta Value in Account with the said Committee, which We request you will duely honor.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate friends

Fort St. George
the
17 April 1777.

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief & the Council
at Ganjam

To Ganjam upon the Subject of their Dispute with Capt. Lyoughs

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of 18th February & 31st March, enclosing a Copy of your Correspondence with Captain Lyoughs.

We are much Concerned whenever We observe a difference of Opinion to arise between the Civil & Military Servants of the Company, relative to their separate Powers & Authority, and therefore cannot too Strongly Recommend Harmony & Unanimity, in the execution of the Several matters entrusted to their Charge.

The Military Instructions which were Circulated to the different Subordinates, as well as to the Army in general, plainly point out

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Point out the mode of requiring Troops from the Commanding Officer in each District. Lest however you should have misconceived those Instructions, We direct that in future, the Commander in Chief or Superior Military Officer in the Districts under your Authority, do comply with such Requisitions for Troops as you shall think proper to make, in all Cases where Military assistance may be necessary, & on every such Requisition, that you do explain to the Military Officer in writing so far as may be practicable, the Nature of the Service to be performed, both, the mode of Carrying it into execution, & the Number of Troops & quantity of Stores requisite for that purpose, is to be determined by you.

With respect to such Detachments as may be stationed in Out Garrisons or Cantonments, they are undoubtedly under the immediate Orders of the Military Officer Commanding, who may remove them as particular Services may require, but he has no Authority to make or fix any Hospital. You, as the Supreme Civil Authority in the Garrison Districts have a

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a Right to require the removal of Surgeons or others from Place to Place as your may require Compliance with your Requisition, rendering themself accountable for so doing. In the case in question, you were fully empowered to station Mr Ramsay as Surgeon's Assistant at Aska, but, on his Arrival there, he became subject to the Orders of the Military Officer Commanding, who might detach them as the Service might require. And therefore could not be Removable by you, but by Requisition.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affect: Friends

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17th April 1777.

To Richard Joh Sullivan Esqr

From Capt. Kelly at Permbaikum.

Sir

I arrived near this place last night and this Morning moved ground to a Tope S. W. of the Village, on Account of the Shade and good Water. Have just done writing to the Amildars of Impafore & Tockcalum, acquainting them of my Arrival & desiring the presence of the former, for the purposes expressed in his address to the Nabob.

I am a Gentleman of your Feelings,

J.

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I need not describe the poor accomodations of a Thin Tope without Tents, at this season. Even the few I expected from Chingleput, are not arrived - Indeed they have not had time yet, but I could not think of waiting at Conjeveram for them, lest I should miss the Opportunity of Coming upon the Poligars before they should have intelligence of my March. Notwithstanding which, they have been too nimble for me - However, they are not relieved for, therefore I have some hopes of Catching them naping. One of these nights.

I have the honor of writing to you from Conjeveram, on the Subject of Tents, Artillery Men &c. I beg you will be my Advocate in so good a Cause; For, I truly entirely on your good Offices - And am with esteem

Sir

Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
Robert Kelly

P.S. This will be dispatched by Conjeveram. But, that being 25 Miles out of the way, I wish you would get the Nabob to establish Topals from Perambatoor directly to Camp

Recd 20 Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Report of the Chief Engineer

We have employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	145.
Tankdiggers	662.
Coolies	823.
Lascars	83.
Stone Cutters	52.
Sundry Artificers	10.
Amounting in all to	1775. People

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt
& most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
the 20 April 1777.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr Govr Pres.t

Henry Brook

Archdale Palmer — Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

Monday 21st April 1777

Colonel Stuart absent on Service.

The Minute of last Consultation read & Approved

Minute of the President on the Subject of Vizr Rauze's Difference with the Board at Vizagapatam

The Board now proceed to take into Consideration the Letter received from Vizagapatam entered in Consultation the 10th March together with a Representation from Vizeram Rauz entered in Country Correspondence No. on the same Subject —

It gives us much Concern that any misunderstanding should happen between Rauze, more especially as it has occasioned an appearance to Vizeram Rauze of an intention to detain his person by a Military Force, a Circumstance which the Chief & Council reprove — such as owing to the Conduct of Lt Moore in disobeying the Orders given to him & for which he is now under an Arrest. — this will be known on his being tryed, but the Board cannot but disapprove of the Conduct of the

the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for having taken the Steps they did with Jugganauth Rauze who should have been made acquainted, thro' Vizeram Rauze his Master with the Charge exhibited against him and having heard what Jugganaut Rauze had to say in his defence and every other particular enquired into, the proceedings should have been transmitted here for our final Orders and the Rajah at the same time called upon to produce Jug.ᵈ when we had determined on the punishment his Crime might deserve —

Agreed that a Letter be wrote to Vizagapatam to the above effect, and that the enquiry into Jug.ᵈ Conduct do take place on his arrival there.

The President is desired to write to Vizeram Rauze and Sitteram Rauze and use every means in his power to bring about a Reconciliation between the two Brothers — The Board think this absolutely necessary for should this misunderstanding continue it may be productive of many bad Consequences in the Management

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Management of the Affairs of the Chicacole Circar
for injustice to Setteram Rauze the President
think it necessary here to record that during
the time that Circar was under his (Setteram
Rauze's) management he paid the Company's
Rists regularly and by his giving every
encouragement to the Weavers Contributed
in a great degree to the Increase & Improvem-
-ent of the Investment during the three
Years the President resided at Vizagapatam
The president also think it necessary to add
that on his having visited several parts
of the Circar he found the Farmers & others
perfectly satisfied with the Conduct of Sette-
-ram Rauze, they having assured him
that Setteram Rauze ever assisted them in
their distresses and always allowed them
their just Share of the Crop With respect
to Vizeram Rauze he even bore the best
Character while the president was at
Vizagapatam & he has every reason to
think both he and his Brother will con-
-tinue to shew that Attachment to the
Company's Interest which that Family
appears from the Records to have done,
long before the English were in possession

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of the Circars —

Read the following Letters from Colonel Stuart.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From Colo. Stuart Complaining of Insults done by the Nabobs people to the Compys Military — of the bad condition of the Sepoy Clothing & of the new raised Recruits —

Captain Godfrey informs me this Morning, that pursuant to my Orders, he had sent out a party in search of some Sepoys of his Battalion who had lately deserted, that a Jemedar employed on this Service, hearing they were at Amalore, went there, and was immediately seized as a Prisoner by his Highness The Nabobs Amildar, who afterwards thought proper to release and to turn him out of that place, without — permitting him to search for the deserters. And that this same Amildar Captain Godfrey tells me, had the assurance to confine and still keeps Prisoner a Naigue belonging to his Battalion.

I doubt not, therefore, but your Honor. &c. will represent this in a proper light to his Highness

on

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in Order that the Company's Military, under proper Officers have full Liberty to execute their Orders in recovering deserters or in any other Service of the Company, for which Orders as I am in the present instance, answerable I cannot help informing your Honor &c.a that I look upon this wealth as in some degree personal to myself.

Whenever your Honor &c.a shall think proper to impower the President to talk to this Highness upon this Subject I hope he will mention the repeated insults that have within these few Months been offered to the Service, by confining the Company's Officers & Sepoys Witness, the Seizedon of Captain Barclay at Arcott confined in the Main Guard by a fellow who was once a Serjeant in the Comp.a service and now calls himself an Officer in the Nabobs; likewise a party of Captain Alcocks Battalion detained & confined by Dilawer Jung at Chundergamy, the particulars of which, Captain Alcocks and the Adjutant General will give to your Honor &c.a

I think it my duty here to remark, that such practices, if permitted, will have the most dangerous tendency, as it may cause to

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to know the opinion of the Company's Govern=ment and of their Military, in the idea of the People of this Country: The Natural mode of redress, in case of any Complacency, against the Military Servants at a distance from the Presidency is that his Highness's Amildars should make their Complaints to the nearest Commanding Officer, to their residence, and not, as ath present, imprison, detain and insult our People, in the unprecedented manner of late followed. for really such proceeding looks like a State of War between Us.

In consequence of a representation regarding the Sepoy Cloathing, I ordered the Commanding Officers of the four Battalions, immediately under my Command here, narrowly to inspect the same, and, requested of Mr. Jones, as a Friend, to be present ath such inspection — My view was only, to state Facts to the Board and not to search for Complaints, and I shall send the Return in a few days to your Honor &c.

All the Officers Jackets of Davies's Battalion, are rotten and totally unfit for Use, owing perhaps, to damage received in the

the Carriage, in the other Battalions there are of Officers and Sepoys Cloathing, a quantity in bad Condition. What I chiefly find fault with, as not owing to Accident, is the too small quantity of Cloth, and, the bad manner of Cutting and sewing the Sepoys Jackets and therefore, I have Ordered, for the further information of your Honor &c. that a Parcell from each Battalion, be sent to Madras to be compared with the Musters or patterns which I perceive by the printed Regulations remains at the Presidency. In short the Clothing is made up in such a way, that it will require Forty Pagodas for each Battalion, before they can be new sewed and fitted: and I am at a loss to determine, either, from what Fund this Money is to be paid or, from whence, the Officers of Davis Battalion, are to have their Cloathing this Year I beg leave on this Occasion, to mention to your Honor &c. that, before I left Madras, I thought I had settled with the Agent for the Sepoy Cloathing, to send what belonged to the Sepoy Battalions to the Southward, by sea to Adviapatam, a Method, which would have saved, I believe, several

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several thousand Rupees as it has many thousand Pagodas in the transporting the heavy Artillery and Stores to this Place — and not know why it has not been followed;

In adverting Measures for the proper Cloathing of the Army and in seeing that the Orders of the Honble Board are strictly Obeyed I conceive your Honor &c. will not think that I go out of the line of my Duty, or in doing so, that I mean to injure any Individual — In truth, I have no other View than the Public Service —

The recruits raised by Captain Cagles in the Arcot Country, have been divided amongst the Battalions in this District. It is my Duty to inform your Honor &c. that he has acquired no merit from this recruiting Service — They are low in Size, low in Cast — and, very bad indeed — This leads me to observe to your Honor &c. that when Captain Cagles & Captain Edmonds, express their earnest desire to be employed in raising Recruits, and Wished that I should Obtain that permission from your Honor &c. I also

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an Allowance of Money upon the occasion, it was clearly understood that they were to be accountable for that Money and only to be paid the Usual Allowance to Sepoy Recruits.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithful and
Obedt Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
15 April 1777.

Minute thereon

The President is desirous to represent to the Nabob the particulars of the affair Complained of by Colo. Stuart and to request he will give Orders that nothing of the kind may happen in future; At the same time Resolved that Colonel Stuart be informed he should have applied immediately to the Nabobs Managers to apprehend the Deserters & not to have sent a Party of Sepoys after them in the manner he has Represented.

Minute of the President in explanation of the Insults mentioned by Colo. Stuart.

The president acquaints the Board that Captains Alcock and Barclay having at the time complained to him of the circumstance mentioned in Col. Stuart's Letter he had in consequence waited on the Nabob and told him of the Particulars which are in brief

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brief as follows. A Subedar in Captain Barclays Battalion being employed recruiting near Arcot had enlisted some Sepoys who were in the Nabobs Service on which the Officer Commanding at Arcot had Confined them at the Black Commandants Hr. Lent on receiving the Nabobs Orders sent on the Presidents Representation, the Subedar was immediately released. Captain Alcocks Complaint to the president was that he had sent a Jemadar of his Battalion on the recruiting Service that having entertained 20 Sepoys at Chittoor Amboor &c. he directed a Naigue who had accompanyed him to march them to Arcot but on their Arrival at Chandaguery the Naig and some of the Recruits were put in Confinement by the Nabobs Amuldar there as an information that the Naigues were recruiting for Hyder Ally. — in consequence of the foregoing Representation made by the president to the Nabob he had sent Orders for the immediate Release of the Naigue & Sepoys and to prevent the like Complaints in future the President proposed to the Nabob that every European & Black Officer who might on future

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be sent on the Recruiting Service should be furnished with a Dustick from the Nabob with the following Instructions in writing from the Commanding Officer of such Battalion to which he may belong

1st That on his arrival at any place belonging to the Nabob he shall wait on the Commandant & Amildar and shew them his Dustick & Instructions —

2 That before he formally invites any N.C. of Sepoys he shall shew them to the Amildar and if it shall appear that they are not in the Nabobs Service or necessary for tilling the Ground, the Amildar is then to Sign a List [of] such Recruits after which they are to have the Bounty

The President having mentioned the foregoing to the Nabob, he expressed the just Sense he had of the attention & promised to send a Number of Blank Dusticks to be delivered to the Capts of each Battalion whom the [Pres]id is proposes should also be furnished with the foregoing Instructions —

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(President)

The President is desired to give directions that the Sepoy Cloathing mentioned by Coll. Stuart on being sent in be examined, Ordered

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also that the Agents be furnished with a Copy

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Copy of the Para. of Colonel Stuarts Letter on this Subject when the Marines arrived, and should any neglect appear in the making that every Expence which may be incurred thereby, be defrayed by the Agent himself. The President acquaints the Board in answer to that part of Colonel Stuarts Letter — where he expresses a Surprize at the Cloathing not having been sent by Sea, that the Agent had represented to him the impossibility of getting the Cloathing ready in time to go by the Vessel dispatched to Admiralty the Notice he had given him of the Number of Jackets to be made for the Additional Battalions not having been sufficient for that purpose.

and respecting the Recruits

The Pay and Allowances to be drawn for the raising of Recruits are clearly pointed out in the Military Regulations and the Captains are to Account for such Recruits as they may Enlist — & on their Returns sold with the Paymaster represents them their Accounts for Inspection.

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be sent on the Recruiting Service should be furnished with a Duplicate from the Nabob with the following Instructions in writing from the Commanding Officer of each Battalion to which he may belong

1st That on his arrival at any place belonging to the Nabob he shall wait on the Commandant & Amildar and shew them his Duplicate & Instructions —

2 That before he formally enlists any Recruits of Sepoys he shall shew them to the Amildar, and if it shall appear that they are not in the Nabobs Service or necessary for tilling the Ground, the Amildar is then to Sign a List of such Recruits after which they are to have the Bounty — The President having mentioned the foregoing to the Nabob, he expressed the great Sense he had of this Attention & promised to send a Number of Blank Duplicates to be delivered to the Capts of each Battalion whom the Pay is proposed should also be furnished with the foregoing Instructions —

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of Secretary

President

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To

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To the Honble George Stratton

President and Governor &c Council
of Fort St. George

From Col. Stuart
with General Orders
for incorporating
the 2 New Battalions

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I herewith transmit to your Honor
&c the General Orders which I beg leave to
recommend may be published to the Army,
for the immediate forming of the Five Addi-
tional Battalions, and also the Appointments
of the European Subalterns, who will now,
be only in the proportion of Seven to each
Battalion in the Carnatic and Circars so
that no Additional expence to the Company
is incurred on that Account. I beg leave to
mention to your Honor &c that as there
will remain some supernumerary Ensigns
you may perhaps, be of opinion not to give
any new Commissions of that Rank until
the Establishments wants to be Compleated

I have recommended Captain Bibby
as Battalion to Garrison Cuddalore and
Captain Commandt to Garrison Chingleput
with a Detachment to Permacoil, whom when
your Honor &c can prevail with his Highness

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to put that important post entirely under the Company's Charge. From the Opinion I have of Captain Edmonds and Capt.n Belcliffe, I have every reason to think they will soon form two good Battalions, such as I wish always to watch the first movements of the Garrison at Pondicherry.

If your Honor &c.a approve of the plan of the inclosed General Orders, you will be pleased to give Directions to send to Cuddalore Arms and Accoutrements for the full Complement of a Battalion on the present Establishment. Those now in Use in that Garrison, will serve for the Recruits to practice with. There will be no need to send Arms to Chengleput, because Edmonds Battalion being to rendevous at Fort St. George will find them there - and I suppose, the Battalions that are to rendevous at Vellore and Trichenopoly will find what they want in the Stores there - We have already in Store here the Arms &c.a for the Forty one additional Battalion - I have sent a Copy to the Adjutant General of the General Orders inclosed and have directed him to wait upon your Honor &c.a for your further

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Further Orders

I remain most respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithfull and
Obedt humble Servant
James Stuart

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General Orders respecting the Incorpora-
-ting of the Additional Companies

The Light Companies of the 17th Carnatic Battalion (Captain Edmonds) are to be composed of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Private of the Additional Companies from the 4th (Cuddapah) the 11th (Duncans) and the 13th (Allocks) and of the Sepoy Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and private fit for Field Duty, Composing the present Garrison of Chingleput, and the Recruits made by Captain Douglas, as also the Recruits made by Captain Edmonds in the Nellore Country.

The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion are to be Composed of the Additional Serjeants, Havildars, and Naigues and fifty Grenadiers from each of the Aforementioned Battalions according to the General Orders of the 7th January. The following European Subalterns are

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are appointed to the 17 Carnatic Battalion.

Lieut.t George Stuart Adj.t Ensign Tho.s Price
Do. Arthur Steward Do. George Innes
Do. Richard Greaves. Do. George Clarke
Do. James Turing

This Battalion is to rendevous, and to be formed at Fort St. George, and afterwards to Garrison Chengleput &c.a

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 18th Carnatic Battalion (Captain Eagles) are to be composed of the Sepoy Commissioned, Non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Private of the additional Companies of the 5th Flatings the 9th (Kellys.) the 10th (Bruces) and the 14th (Campbells) The Grenadier Companys of this Battalion are to be Composed of the Additional Jemedars, Havildars and Naiques and Fifty Grenadiers from the 5th 10th and 14th Battalions according to the General Orders of the 17th January.

The following European Subalterns are appointed to the 18th Carnatic Battalion

Lieut.t Bartholomew Vigors
Do. Richard Castland

Ensigns Alexander Watson
Do. Walter Herbert Lloyd
Do. James Watter
Do. Thomas Parr
Do. James Cram Adjutant

This Battalion to rendevous and to be formed,

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at Vellore.

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 19th Carnatic Battalion (Captain Balcleff) are to be composed of the Sepoy Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private of the Additional Companies of the 5th Battalion (Barclays) and of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private, fit for Field Duty Composing the present Garrison of Cuddalore, and the Recruits made by Capt Lonyon.

The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion are to be Composed of the Additional Grenadiers of the 6th M.Kenzies the 5th Barclays the 9th (Kellys) and the 15th Davis's according to the Genral Orders of the 17th January.

The following European Subalterns are appointed to the 19th Carnatic Battalion.

Lieutenants { Harcourt Woodhouse
Henry Lucas
Hugh Montgomery Adjutant

Ensigns John Cartridge
Do. Edward Fergusson
Do Antony Beale
Do David Campbell

This Battalion is to rendezvous and to be formed at Cuddalore

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 20th Carnatic

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Carnatic Battalion / Captain Muirhead / are to be Composed of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private of the Additional Companies of the 1st. (Hopkins's) the 3d (Ruspelles) the 8th (Gibbings's) and the 16th (Lanes) The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion are to be Composed of the Additional Lomidars Havildars and Naiques and fifty Grenadiers of the 1st. 3d. and 16th. Battalions according to the General Orders 17th January

The following European Subalterns appointed to the 2d Carnatic Battalion

Lieutenant Nicholas Crotty
Do . . . James Stuart
Do _ William Patterson

Ensign Barry Close Adjutant
Do _ James Jenkins
Do _ Andrew Read
Do Cocles Smith

This Battalion is to rendevous and to be formed at Trichenopoly.

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 2d. Carnatic Battalion / Captain Bagot / are to be Composed of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Private of the Additional Companies of the 2d (Colgroves) the 6th (McKenzies)

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at Vellore.

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 19th Carnatic Battalion (Captain) Baldeffe) are to be compos'd of the Sepoy Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private of the Additional Companies of the 4th Battalion) and of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private, fit for Duty. Composing the present Garrison of Cuddalore, and the Recruits made by Capt. Lonyn.

The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion are to be Compos'd of the Additional Grenadiers Havildars and Naigues and fifty Grenadiers of the 6th M.Kenzies the 4th Barclays) the 9th (Kellys) and the 15th Davis's according to the General Orders of the 17th January.

The following European Subalterns are appointed to the 19th Carnatic Battalion.

Lieutenants { Harcourt Woodhouse
Henry Lucas
Hugh Montgomery Adjutant

Ensigns John Cartridge
Do. Edward Ferguson
Do Antony Beale
Do David Campbell

This Battalion is to rendevous and to be formed at Cuddalore

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 20th Carnatic

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Carnatic Battalion (Captain Murchison) are to be Composed of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers and Private of the Additional Companies of the 8th (Hopkins's) the 3d (Ruspoli's) the 8th (Gibbings's) and the 16th (Lowe's) The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion are to be Composed of the Additional Jemidars Havildars and Naiques and Sixty Grenadiers of the 1st 3d and 16th Battalions according to the General Orders 17th January

The following European Subalterns appointed to the 20th Carnatic Battalion

Lieutenant Nicholas Crotty
Do . . . James Stuart
Do — William Patterson

Ensign Barry Close Adjutant
Do — James Jenkins
Do — Andrew Read
Do Coales Smith

This Battalion is to rendezvous and to be formed at Trichinopoly.

The Eight Battalion Companies of the 21st Carnatic Battalion (Captain Bagshaw) are to be Composed of the Sepoy Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers Drummers & Private of the Additional Companies of the 2d (Holgraves) the 6th (M.Kenzie)

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the 12th (Godfreys) and the 15th Dawsons
The Grenadier Companies of this Battalion
are to be Compound of the Additional Serjeants
Havildars and Naigues and Sixty Grenadiers
of the 2d the 8th and 12th Battalions according
to the General Orders of the 17th January
The following European Subalterns are appo-
-inted to the 21st Carnatic Battalion

Lieutenant Thomas Make
Do Robert Cooker
Do Francis Cockson

Ensign James Mitchel Adjutant
Do Richard Wilkinson
Do Thomas Mylne
Do Robert Sheddon late pro:

This Battalion is to rendevous and to be formed
at Tanjore

The Adjutant General is instructed to proceed to
Chingleput and Cuddalore in Order to reform
the Independant and Invalid Companies in
these Garrison and to seperate the Sepoy
Commissioned Noncommissioned Officers
Drummers and Private who are fit for
Field Duty, to be incorporated into Bel-
-ifis and Edmonds Battalions according
to the preceding Orders, from such as are
Only fit for Garrisons Concerning whom
further Orders will be given The Adjt
General will give the necessary Orders for
furnishing

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furnishing an equal proportion of the European Sergeants from the H. Carnatic Battalions to these five Battalions, and for distributing among them, the Supernumerary Drummers and Fifers now at Madras.

As soon as Convenient, after the publishing of the preceding General Orders, the Commanding Officers in the several Garrisons, from whence the Additional Companies and Grenadiers &c.a are to be taken, will give the necessary Orders for their March to the Garrisons where they are to rendezvous, furnishing at the same time an Armed Escort, nearly in the proportion of One fifth, to provide what is necessary upon the road. — Captain Duncan will Order a Company of his Battalion from Ongole to escort the two Additional Companies, and Captain Edmonds's Recruits, with whom he will fix the Time and place of their joining on the road to Madras. —

The Captains and Adjutants lately appointed to the five Additional Battalions are forthwith to repair to their respective Head Quarters. It is expected that they will use the utmost diligence in putting their Battalions into the best Order.

The Appointment of the Black Commandants and Grenadier Subadars is left to the Captains

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Captains, who are desired to inform themselves
fully of the Characters of such as they recom-
-mend to fill these important Stations
Approved & Ordered to be issued.

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

From Col Stuart
Communicating
the substance of
his Interview with
the Rajah when he
informed him of the
Orders of the Board
for seizing his
Guns with
a Letter from
Mr Swartz —

Honble Sir & Sirs,

The importance of the business with
which I was Charged, by the President's letter
to the Rajah dated the 5th Inst. and your
Instructions to me, in consequence, dated the
same day, was, in my own Opinion so
great, that, I judged it necessary to Apply
to the Reverend Mr Swartz to serve as Interp-
-reter on the Occasion, because I could trust
to his intelligence in the Mahrattah language,
to Convey my words and meaning, directly to
the Rajah, and, to his fidelity in every
other respect; I applied repeatedly to him; Al-
-though he declined on Account of Mr Wynch's
Situation requiring his attendance but on
being extremely urged, by me & by my
Friends, to come, he sent to Major Stevens,
to be Communicated to me, the letter, Copy
Whereof I now send to your Honor &c.

inclosed

inclosed, which, as it is Characteristic both of the Padry and of the Rajah, whose real temper and turn of mind none know's better than Mr Swartz, I therefore, think it my Duty to Communicate to the Honble Board. Thus after so much delay with the disadvantage, likewise, of my own Interpreter being taken ill with a fever, I was Obliged to apply to Major Brown to let me have his Dubash as Interpreter who could only speak Gentoos and Malabars. Being Resolved not to suffer any further delay, although the Rajah sent me word that his face was swelled with the Cold (which I found was really the case) I fixed this day at ten o Clock for the Interview and was attended by Majors Brown and Stevens, my Aid de Camp and Secretaries and Lieutenant Hearsh, lately arrived here.

I began by telling him, the Governor and Council had that Confidence in me to Communicate the Contents of the letter which I now delivered to him, that, he was there referred to particular Orders and Instructions, sent to me, which I now came to acquaint him of; that it was of such

such consiquence to him, to his Country, and
to his People, that I meant to be very par-
-ticular, in speaking my mind to him
freely.

I then told him that, your Ho-
-nor &c. were, now, more than ever, disatis
-fied with his Conduct and Answers, in refus-
-ing the Advance of Money on Account of the
Nabob's Claim, that, you saw clearly, they
were evasive, and intended to increase the
distress of the Public and of Public Credit:
and that he seemed to take pleasure in
that distress. that your Honor &c. were
informed his Yearly revenues were clear,
Fourteen Lacks of Pagodas, therefore, you
did not believe, that he wanted Money: that
you believed he had Used more than One
Lack of Pagodas worth of Corn, on taking
possession of his Country, and, that you
thought it strange, he should offer Two
Lacks at the Government Shave for 1775.
when it is well known, that the Govern-
-ment Shave is from 50 to 60 P Cent of
the gross produce of the Country: but, that,
you heard the rest his other Revenues to
Nugapatam, as safer with the Dutch
than

than with the English, and that he likewise sent Considerable Sums to the Marattaes, that the support of public Credit and the point of Honor of your Government could not admit of your suffering such proceedings any longer, and that unless he came into the Propositions which I had now to make your Honor &c. would be under the necessity of doing yourselves justice and however — unwillingly, must interfere in the Govern=ment of his Country

I then told him, that your Honor &c. required him, immediately, to give Sufficient Security for seizing your Lacks of Pagodas on Account of the Nabobs claim, or, of his own accord to deposit that Sum with me, that in case of refusal or that he or his Officers declined to Act your Honor &c. impowered me to seize Paddy to that Value, out of the Government share of the present Crop and to sell it publicly; that I had Authority to say, at the same time that this money should be immediately given back or the Amount returned if the Advices soon expected from Europe should be unfavorable to the Nabobs Claim — I added that the Governor & Council of Madras.

Madras, acting as Mediators between him
and the Nabob, would ever do equal justice
to both: and that he would find by the
letters now delivered to him, that they
had confirmed the Resolution of the late
Government, in asserting their right to Arrear
and Arrear ontageously: and, that your Honor
& Co would Obey the Company's Orders in that
respect:

I then, of myself, added my most
earnest request to him, thought it might be
attended with present inconvenience, to conform
to what your Honor & Co so much wished: that,
if he had not the Money, he might Owe
his Credit: and, that it was but advancing
the Interest of the Money. That by a
different Conduct he might be the Cause
of bringing great distress on his Country:
that the Nabob never disputed the Authority
of the Governor and Council being the same
as of the East India Company in India,
that by his Obstinately persisting to
dispute this Authority, he gave great
advantage to any Enemies he might have,
for that they represented him not only as
an Enemy to the present Government
of Madras but as such, to the Company

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in General, that as to myself, the Powers which the Governor & Council had conferd upon me on this occasion, were unsolicited by me, that, if I were a lead hard hearted or a Covetous man, I might under the present circumstances, profit by the Confusion, but that I most sincerely wished that he would impower me or, of himself, give such an Answer as would save the Honor of Government, and avert all the Evils which I forsaw would attend the Using of Force or Violence, in seizing of property within this Country. that I begd of him most thoroughly to Consider what I had now said that it was the last effort in my Power, to accomodate matters and that I made it my personal request, that he would furnish me with such an answer as that I could make it turn to his Account with the Gentlemen of Council.

I told him that under the present difficulty of finding proper Interpreters, & as the letter from the President refers him to me, for all the important Circumstances that I now told him, I therefore meant, so soon as I returned home to put down in writing, what I had said and to send him

him a translate of it, and that I should
request that, if he had, now, any Answer
to give to me, he would put the same in
writing to avoid Mistakes, that with regard
to the Answer to the Letter now delivered,
I hoped he would well weight every word,
and give it me with all possible dispatch,
that he might not give a handle for
people to say, that he never wrote to the
Presidency, any thing but what was sugge-
-sted by people near Madras.

The Rajahs Answer was Confused
and unconnected, but was in Substance as
follows. He said, that when the English
Company restored him to his Country
he thought himself sure to be happy
under their Protection, and was told that
they would not suffer their Servants to inter-
-fere in his Government. That he would
make it appear that his Revenues were
not so much as they thought, and that
his Expences for this Year would exceed
his Revenues: how then could his Enemies
say that he sent them to Negapatam or
to the Mahrattas? That, he hoped I would
not be Angry if he said, that your
Honour

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Honor &c.a were inpaired upon by the lies of
his Enemies: that if he proved, undeniably
that his Revenues, at present, were not suffi=
=cient for the Years Expence, & if unfortuna=
=tely for his Country. I should be Ordered
to seize the property, every One would lay
hold of that Opportunity to reserve them,
even nice sufficient for his Table, how
then, could it be possible for him to
fulfill his Engagements to the Company or
to pay his Pescash to the Nabob? that
it was their Affair as much as his, that he
was thankful to the Government for what
I had said respecting Arnee and Cavanata=
=gooby, and, that, he did not know why
he was to wait for further Orders from
the Company to be put in possession of these
Places, but, that if your Honor &c.a thought
it just to make him wait for further
Orders from the Company, he hoped your
would likewise be of Opinion that the
Payment of Money for the Nabobs Claim,
might, with equal Justice be delayed, -
on till the Orders of the Company, which
he understood would arrive in a Month, or
two at Most, should decide, whether any
thing was due to him or not - And that
he would abide by the Orders of the -
Company

Company: In any event, he hoped I would delay doing any thing Violent, untile our Answer came to a Letter which he would write immediately to the President — This I promised to do, if I found he did not Attempt to trifle with me by delays. I next took occasion to tell him, that I was extreamly surprized to find any Complaints from Mr. Jones (to whom M.r Benfield had made over his Concerns) stating, That the very day he (the Rajah) gave me the Answer, which I forwarded to the Presidency promising to assist in recovering from his people what was owing by them, a Letter had been publickly read in the places where Mr. Jones's Agents resided, sent from the Durbar — here, recommending to pay nothing more, and threatening to turn out Mr. Jones's Agents from these Places. That if this Complaint was well founded, it would be the Cause of the Rajahs Character Conduct appearing in the worst light possible, for that no Englishmen could ever after have security in his Public or Private Faith; therefore I requested that he would fulfill his promise: and, that I should mean while in all events, Order the

the Agents to remain in the Country — He said, he would Attend to that, or any other Complaint, and do justice — I gave him Mr. Jones paper in Maharattoic, and took Occasion again to tell him that I was astonished to find another Complaint from Mr. Jones that the Cloth he had brought in his Country, to make Tents for the Army had been detained under pretence of Extra-ordinary Customs, by the Amildar of Nagore. that this was impeding the Company's business, therefore I required of him to Order their immediate release, and that Mr. Jones's Servants or Carriages be never again stoped — this he promised —

Lastly told him that as the purchasing of Firewood for the making a sufficient quantity of Bricks was now left to his own Orders and Management, if it would be his fault if the Publick works stoped, or, if the Officers were Obliged to take up their Quarters in the Great Fort; that it was a matter of the highest consequence to have his Country put in the best posture of Defence, without loss of time, that I wished to know it in my power to say to your Honor &c. that he willingly assisted us in doing so. for if I found any unnecessary Difficultys in this essential business

business, rather than run any Risque by delay,
the people employed by the Company in the
Public Works would probably receive Orders
to cut down the Wood wherever they found it,
and to make Use of Bullocks and Carriages
wherever they were to be had. I hope therefore
the Rajah would speedily take Measures to
avoid such a disagreeable Necessity — He
told me "That every thing should be done in
"a few days according to the promise I had given
him".

I then took leave after introducing
Mr Hearsh as the person recommended
to me by the President, to whom he gave
a Purwanna and Sash —

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithful and
Obedient Servant
James Stuart —

Tanjore
15 April 1777

16 April — P.S. It was so late last night
before I could finish this Letter that I
was obliged to dispatch the Despatch
without it. J. S.

Copy of a Letter from the Reverend Mr
Swartz to Major William Stevens —

My Dear Friend

Yesterday I received your
favor

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favor very late — having watched many nights
and being much in Anxiety I was so tired that
I could not write no more, according to my opinion
which I wrote you many Weeks ago as likewise
to Major Brown, I thought that none but
persuasive Arguments could be Used. Now
you know that they have been used — & repeated
sufficiently but with out any success. Nay,
I at last think, that though I repeated &
enforced them fifty times more it would avail
nothing consequently threatening must be
inforced — but that I can't do. It is against
my Conscience. Shall I lose a good Conscience?
then it were better for me to lay down my
Office all at Once.

Moreover, I am persuaded that the
Rajah will not Comply, but suffer things
to come to Extremity — If then it should
come to a Seizure of the Grain (which God
prevent) would it not be sounded abroad that
the Padre had a hand in that Measure? —
Because they would not Consider me as a
bare Interpreter but as a Person who
advised such Measures, at least consented
to them — Could I afterwards dare to preach
to such People? — Nomy Friend I am afraid
I should hasten to a Corner where no Body
knew any thing of the matter.

But I am afraid I should have no peace
in

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In that Corner — for my own Conscience would upbraid me night & day — In short it would make make me unhappy all my Life long

After this declaration none, I hope, will desire me to enter on such a Business which is full of such dangerous Consequences to my Welfare — & to the Office in which Providence has placed me —

Pray Communicate this my Letter to Major Brown — & let him lay the Contents of it before the Colonel —

I am willing to do any thing which may tend to the benefit of a Single Person much more that which may produce public good provided I can do it with a clear and chearful Conscience —

My respectful Compliments to the Colonel & Major Brown —

I wish that every thing may end well to the Satisfaction of all who are Concerned in it.

God bless you my Dear friends in all Respects —

I am &c.
(Signed) C. Swartz

Trichenopoly
April 13 1777.

Ordered

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Minute of the Board disapproving of Colonel Stuarts Conduct —

Ordered to lie upon the Table for further Consideration. As the Board never had an Idea of interfering in the Government of the Rajah over his Country & people, and as they Conceive the Orders given to Colonel Stuart no more implies such an interference, than if they were to give the Colonel Orders to Oblige the Rajah to pay the Nabobs Peishcash, if he Obstinately persisted in not doing it. They cannot help expressing their Surprize that Colonel Stuart should misconstrue, tell the Rajah in their name that they would be Obliged to interfere in his Government, and are sorry to Observe the difference between his Conference with the Rajah, & the Orders sent him from the Board on which that Conference was grounded —

The Board so far from founding their Orders to Colonel Stuart, on a Supicion that the Rajah of Tanjore sent his Money to Negapatam & to the Maharattoes, in their Resolutions on this Subject plainly were a different Motive. They conceived the getting a deposit of four Lacks of Pag.s in part of the Nabobs Claim, to be a point of Absolute necessity, Considering

the

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the distressed Situations of this Province the Actual Mutinying of his Troops, the inability of this Government to afford them with Money to pay them their Arrears, and the Evils to be apprehended should a Spirit so dangerous to the Peace of the Carnatic be suffered to spread itself. The Board will not at present determine on what further Steps are to be taken in this Business, The Letter from the Rajah mentioned by Colonel Stuart may be expected in a few days when the Board are in hopes he will be found to acquiesce in the Measures Recommended to him, in the mean time the Board cannot but express their Concern that the Colonel has not met with the Success he gave them reason to expect from his Letter dated the 15th and 24 March

Mr Sourdon subscribes to the above so far as accords with the Sentiments he has entered, touching the Orders to Colonel Stuarth relative to Tanjore

Ordered that Mr Benfield be furnished with a Copy of the above Para: of Colonel Stuarts Letter relative to the Tanjore Country Affairs

To

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

From Col. Stuart disapproving of promoting Lieut. Brule &c. Single

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this day received your Secretary's two letters, both of date the 15th Instant, enclosing an Extract from your Consultations relative to the Works here and the Contract to be carried on, and a Copy of Lieutenant Brule's Memorial to your Honor &c.

I have given to Major Stevens the Extract from your Consultations on the Works &c. after having taken a Copy of it, and I have likewise Communicated to Mr Gordon the Resolution of the Honble Board Concerning him, previous to its arrival he had begun on the Works by way of Experiment, — and from what I can judge he will execute the Contract to the Satisfaction of your Honor &c.

In regard to what Lieut.t Brule sets forth, my present Opinion which I give to your Honor &c. agreeable to your desire, is, that there exists no need, in the time of Peace to have a Captain in the Command

Command of the Coffre, Company; and
if future Circumstances should render such
an Appointment necessary, your Honor &c
will have time to Consider the Choice of
an intelligent Officer among our own Country=
men for that Station, for without meaning
any thing personal to Lieut. Brule I do not
approve of Foreigners being at the head
of any Corps whatever, in the Honble Com=
pany's Service —

Having, yesterday, seen a letter
to Major Brown, from One of our Officers
on detachment, from thence some where
near the Annaick, purporting, that the
Rajahs people had come to take Cast.
from the Nabobs ground as usual, for
the repairs of the Bank which on being
refused by the Nabobs managers, they
talked of taking by force; I thought proper
to send immediate Orders to Lieut Pringle
(who is now at the Annaick on a survey)
for the purpose of gaining a true know=
=ledge of Facts, to be reported to your Honor
&c) to acquaint all the Officers Comman=
=ding parties of Sepoys in the neighbour=
=hood, not to enterfere or give assistance,
either, to the Nabobs or the Rajahs people
without

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without particular Orders from me for so doing, which I shall not take upon me to give, until your Honor &c. have decided upon the Information to be received relative to the Annicut &c. I likewise directed Lieut. Pringle, to communicate to the Managers of the Nabob and of the Rajah, that the Business he is now employed on, is only, to inform himself of the real grounds of dispute on both sides, but on no Account to interfere, by determining any thing or using force to assist on either side. — I think it my Duty, however, to inform your Honor &c. that Lieut. Pringle observes the immediate necessity of beginning to repair the Bank which, he says will otherwise, in all probability, be destroyed by the floods that may be expected in two Months hence. — It seems, therefore immediately necessary that your Honor &c. should, as Medcaters, think of some expedient to save this Country from the Chance of Famine

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull
& most Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
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Lieut.t Brale promoted to the Rank of Capt.t

As Lieutenant Brale has Continued in the Foreign Legion according to the Agreement made with him on entering into the Company's Service, Resolved, that Conformably to that agreement he do receive a Commission as Captain in that Corps to Continue as youngest Captain on the Establishment.

Ordered, that the Secretary do search the Records, & Report to the Board at the Next Council, all that has passed on the Subject of the Annacutta.

Read Letter from Mr. Paul Benfield

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

From Mr. Benfield requesting that the Rajah be informed that Mr. Jones has taken Charge of his Concerns in the Tanjore Country

Honble Sir & Sirs

As my Intentions are, with your Permission, shortly to proceed to Europe I have been settling my Affairs as far as I possibly could — I have agreed with Mr. Jones for the Concerns I had in the Tanjore Country, which I have accordingly assigned & made over to him & have therefore to request on the part of Mr. Jones & myself that you will do me the favour to make the

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the Rajah acquainted with this Translation, that he may be pleased to recieve Mr. Jones's applications regarding those Concerns: and as Mr. Jones writes me that distant Periods of Payment have been proposed for the Inhabitants to discharge their Debts, We have to hope your Honor &c. will recommend that no such Delay may happen, but that Mr. Jones may have speedy Satisfaction —

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your devoted humble Servt
Paul Benfield

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Agreed that the Rajah of Tanjore be informed Mr Benfield has transferred his Concerns in the Tanjore Country to Mr Jones & that he be recommended to afford Mr Jones all speedy & reasonable Assistance in the Settlement of his Affairs in that Country.

Read Letter from the Officer Commanding at Vellum —

To Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief
Tanjore

Sir

I have received a Letter from Mr Henry Malcolm containing and explaining

from Capt Gibbings
the acting Commander in Chief

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on Orders regarding the Paddy in this Gar-
rison — Mr Stroud has received an Order
importing the same: but as he has not ever
Collected or bought Paddy on the Company's
Account, as the above Order seem to imply
he had done: he wishes to be further ins-
-tructed on he can take upon him to
dispose of Grain of which he now & had
ever the smallest Charge of, & only knows
the Quantity and Quality from the Rajahs
Agents.

I am Sir
with the greatest Respect
Your most Obed.t Humble
Servant
Robert Gibbings —

Vellum
6 Apl. 1777.

The Paymaster at Vellum to dispose of the Grain there

Ordered, That the Paymaster at Vellum be directed to ascertain the quantity of Paddy Collected by the Rajah of Tanjore's Agents at Vellum on Account of the Company. That he do dispose of the same to the best Advantage, & at the Close of the Sales that he do transmit a particular Account of its to the Board.

Read Letter from the Nabob dated 16th Inst. entered in Cons. Corr. No 48. with Copy of a Letter he had received from the Governor of Pondicherry, & a Draught of the

Answer

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Answer the proposed Returning

Read Letter from the Nabob C.C. N.o 47.

From the Nabob requesting a Loan of 4 Lacks of Pagodas —

respecting a Loan of four Lacks of Pagodas towards the discharge of the Arrears due to this Troops —

Read Letter from Vizeram Rauze

From Vizeram Rauze complaining of the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam —

Complaining of the Chief Council at Vizagapatam entered in Lo: Corr. N.o 49.

Read Letter from Mr Saunders.

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

President & Governor of Fort S.t George

From Mr Saunders presenting that Military Orders are wanted at Cuddalore without being Communicated to him —

Honble Sir,

I yesterday received your Letter of the 3.d Instant and immediately forwarded the One for Colonel Stuart which accompanied

Since the Receipt of your Letter of the 25.th Ultimo. I find our Commandant Captain Forzyn has received directions from the Acting Commander in Chief through his Secretary Mr Malcolm for the Recruiting of Sepoys & that several have been entertained in Consequence — now I am on this Subject I will take the liberty to represent to you that all Orders that come

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Come from the Adjutant Generals' Office to this Place go. to the Commandant and are Published without any Information being given me, so that lately when Lieut. Rankin came here all the knowledge I had of his appointment was from himself and when Ensign Mackay left the Place for Tanjore, I had no kind of intimation given me thereof.

I should therefore be very glad of Information in respect to my Line of Conduct in these matters — being very respectfully

Hon'ble Sir

Your very Obed.t Humble Servant

Edward Saunders.

Cuddalore
8th April 1777.

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Minutes on the Subject of the Nabobs assent to become security for them in a Loan of 4 Lacks of Pagodas

The president acquaints the Board that agreeable to the Resolution of Consultation the had waited on the Nabob on the Subject of retrenching his Expences, a Subject which hath anxiously employed his attention since he hath been in the Chair that he reported to the Nabob the many Argument he had used on former Occasions as entered on Our records and represented to him on the strongest Colors the bad Consequences

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Consequences of his keeping up a Force which
so far from being of Use in the protection
of his Country would inevitably ruin it
and unless he took some speedy & effectual
Method for discharging the Considerable
Arrears due to his Troops and disbanding
such part of them as could not be regularly
paid the Evil would every day become more
dangerous & more difficult to be removed &
his whole Country in the end be involved in
a Scene of Rapine and Confusion from
the Mutinous and disorderly Behaviour
of his Troops — The Nabob was sensible
of the truth of this Representation, but
appeared averse to the measure on Account
of his inability to pay the Arrears with-
-out which no part of them could be
disbanded — finding him in this disposi-
-tion the President thought it a favorable
opportunity to induce him to assent, &
at length prevailed on him so far that
he gave them his promise to disband
9000 of his Sepoys and to reduce his
Cavalry Consisting of Men to about
2100 provided the Company would assist
him with a Loan of four Lacks of
Pagodas to enable him to pay off the
Arrears which are now due & which —
Amount nearly to that Sum — The
President

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President having succeeded so far beyond his
Expectations left the Nabob with the assurance
that he would represent all that had passed
between them to the Council, and that he
had no doubt they would agree with him
in lending him every assistance towards
accomplishing the end proposed.

The Nabob having since written a
Letter as entered in Country Corresp.: P. No 47.:
requesting a Loan of 4 Lacks of Pagodas —
from the Company for the purpose of
discharging the Arrears to his Troops. The
said Letter with the foregoing Report from
the President are now taken into Consideration

The Board are happy to find
that the President has prevailed so far
as to engage a promise from the Nabob
to disband so considerable a part of his
Force as soon as he is able to pay off the
Arrears, and they much wish it was in
the Company's power to advance him the
Sum necessary for this purpose, but on
reviewing the State of their Finances there
appears an utter impossibility of assisting
him with any Money whatever: and as
they are apprehensive they should be
distressed

distressed men for sufficient to defray their
own Current Charges and supply the Sums
absolutely wanting for the Investment.

In this State they see no other way
of upsetting the Nabob than by giving the
Company's Security for the Sum he stands
in need of, in case he is able to borrow it
from Individuals, and they shall be well
Satisfied if by this means they can accom-
=plish the Object which hath been so long
desired as well by the Court of Directors as
this Government, of prevailing on the
Nabob to reduce his Force & thereby bringing
his Expences within some reasonable Bounds;
and they are the more anxious to effect this,
as it is a Measure in which the Nabob
could never be induced until this time to
give his Concurrence, and if the advantage
be not taken of this present Disposition
they are afraid that the opportunity may
not again Return; that his Finances —
will daily become more embarassed and
the Company's Affairs in the end be —
materially injured. This being clearly the
Opinion of the Board. Agreed that the
President be desired to acquaint the
Nabob that if he finds it impossible
to borrow sufficient from Individuals
on

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Sum necessary for this purpose, but on
reviewing the State of their Finances there
appears an utter impossibility of assisting
him with any Money whatever. indeed
they are apprehensive they should be
disappointed

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distressed even for sufficients to defray their
own Current Charges and supply the Sums
absolutely wanting for the Investment.
In this State they see no other way
of assisting the Nabob than by giving the
Company's Security for the Sum he stands
in need of, in case he is able to borrow it
from Individuals, and they shall be well
satisfied if by this means they can accom-
=plish the Object which hath been so long
desired as well by the Court of Directors as
this Government of prevailing on the
Nabob to reduce his Force & thereby bringing
his Expences within some reasonable Bounds,
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as it is a Measure in which the Nabob
could never be induced in till this time to
give his Concurrence, and if the advantage
be not taken of this present Disposition
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not again Return; that his Finances —
will daily become more embarassed and
the Company's Affairs in the end be —
materially injured. This being clearly the
Opinion of the Board. Agreed that the
President be desired to acquaint the
Nabob that if he finds it impossible
to borrow sufficients from Individuals
on

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on any other Terms, the Board will engage on behalf of the Company to become Security for the repayment of what he may borrow provided the whole be applied to the discharge of the Arrears owing to the Troops, and that he immediately disband the full Number of Men which he has promised. —

Mr. Sourdon informs the Board he will deliver in a Minute on this Subject

Minute on the present posture of affairs relative to the Country powers.

By intelligence lately received of the Motions of the neighbouring Powers we are given to understand that the Mahrattas are in the Field with an Army of 60,000 Horse, that they have passed the River Kristnah, & in two Actions which they have had with Hyder Ally Cawn, that they have been successful. That Hyder has been obliged to march the greatest part of his force against them, & from an apprehension for the Safety of his Family. That he has removed them and his Treasure to Biddanore. — And Manarerow (whom he had long Confined at Seringapatam)

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to a Strong Fort called situated on
a Rock. That the Nizam has taken
the Field with a very Considerable Army.
and on being joined with 4000 Horse by
the Nabobs of Cudapah & Kurnoul pro-
-poses marching against Hyder to -
retake from him some Places which he
was dispossessed of last Year. Hyder
being reduced to this situation it is natu-
-ral to suppose he would apply to the
French for assistance - And indeed we
have every reason to believe Military
Stores have been lately sent to him
by the way of Mahé, and it is not
improbable, but the people embarked
on the man of War that carried their -
Stores, are intended for his Service tho the
French give out they were sent there to
relieve that Garrison. and in this Conjunc-
-ture we are Confirmed, by the Mysterious
manner in which Hyder Ally's Vakeel has
visited Mons.r Belcombe the present
Governor of Pondicherry. He was received
in a Secret manner at Midnight, & after
holding a Conference with Mr. Belcombe
shortly departed from Pondicherry, Such
having had every assurance of the support
& assistance of the French Nation, - and
that

that if more Troops than could immediately be spared them were wanting that French supplies should be Ordered from the Islands

From this State of the posture of affairs on this side of India. We have no reason to apprehend that the Carnatic will be visited with Trouble, on the Peace, which is very improbable should be Concluded between Hyder, the Mahrattoes & the Nizam should however the designs of Hyder against those two Powers prove unsuccessfull, it is not improbable to suppose the French would deem it a favorable opportunity to afford him that assistance, which we have reason to believe they have long premeditated against the Carnatic

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No. 22 To the Rajah of Tanjore advising that Mr. Benfield's Concerns were transferred to Mr. Jones —

A Letter was this day wrote to the Rajah of Tanjore Conformable to the Minutes of Yesterday's Consultation entered in Cons. to No. 30. informing him of Mr. Benfield's having transferred his Concerns in the Tanjore Country to Mr. Jones recommending to him to grant Mr. Jones early & reasonable assistance in the Recovery of the Debts due to him.

The foregoing was enclosed in the following Letter to Mr. Jones dispatched this day.

To Mr. Charles Edward Jones

To Mr. Jones with Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore —

Sir

The accompanying Letter under a flying Seal for your perusal, I have the Commands of the President & Council to desire you will yourself deliver to the Rajah of Tanjore —

I am Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

(Signed) R.J. Sullivan Secy.

Fort St. George
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24th In consequence of a Representation from the Nabob to the President, on the Subject of the Carnaccatta, — the following Letter was this day wrote to the Commanding Officers at Tanjore & Trichinopoly.

To

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To Colonel Stuart
Commanding at Tanjore

Sir,

To the Commandant
of Tanjore & Tanjore
that no further
steps be taken
in the Repair
of the Annamalla

We understand that the Rajah of Tanjore has sent People to repair the Annamalla Contrary to the Usual Custom and the Subject being now under our consideration. We are to desire that no further steps be taken until you shall be acquainted with our finale determination

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24th April 1777.

We are Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servants
George Stratton &c.Comm.t

The same as the above was also despatched to Lieut.t Colonel James Commanding at Trichinopoly –

" 23 The following Letter was this day received from Mr. Mostyn at Poonah & the Packet for the Governor General & Council, immediately forwarded to Bengal

To the Honble the President
& Members of the Select Committee
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir and Gentlemen,

From Mr. Mostyn
advising of his
Letter to Poonah

I have the honor to advise you of my return to this Durbar yesterday, and shall readily execute any Commands you may

may please to favor me with —

You may be assured Gentlemen I
shall keep you Constantly advised of the
State of affairs here that may in any respect
affect the Honble Company's Concerns under
your management, or any others that may
be worthy your Notice —

I am to request you will forward the
Inclosed letter for the Honble the Governor
General and Council and am

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obdt Humble Servant

Currech
near Proondeer
the 4. Apl 1777.

T. Mostyn

P.S. I should I have occasion to address your Honor &c. in
cypher, I shall make use of the Honble Comp-
anys great cypher No. 1. Letter A

The 26. Came in letter from the Commanding Officer
at Madura —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Com-
mandant of
Madura advising
of an Order rec.d
from Col. Stuart

Yesterday Lieutenants Crosby and
four companies of Sepoys arrived here
with two eighteen pounders & some —
Stores from Trichinopoly

I have received an Order from
the Acting Commander in Chief not to —

deliver

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"deliver those Guns and Stores to Captain
"Dugald Campbell or to any of his People
"without a particular Order either from
"the Honble Board or from him for
"that purpose

I am just now informed that Capt.
Dugald Campbell with the Nabobs Troops
from Zepherabad is at Mallore about
eighteen Miles distance from this Place

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient & Most
Humble Servant
William Ruspell

Madura
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Came in another letter from the Officer
Commanding at Madura

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

From the same Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Dugald Campbell with
his Highness Troops from Zepherabad
arrived here this forenoon & is encamped
on the Glacis where he intends to halt a
day or two & then proceed towards Tinnevelly

I have received Orders from the
Acting