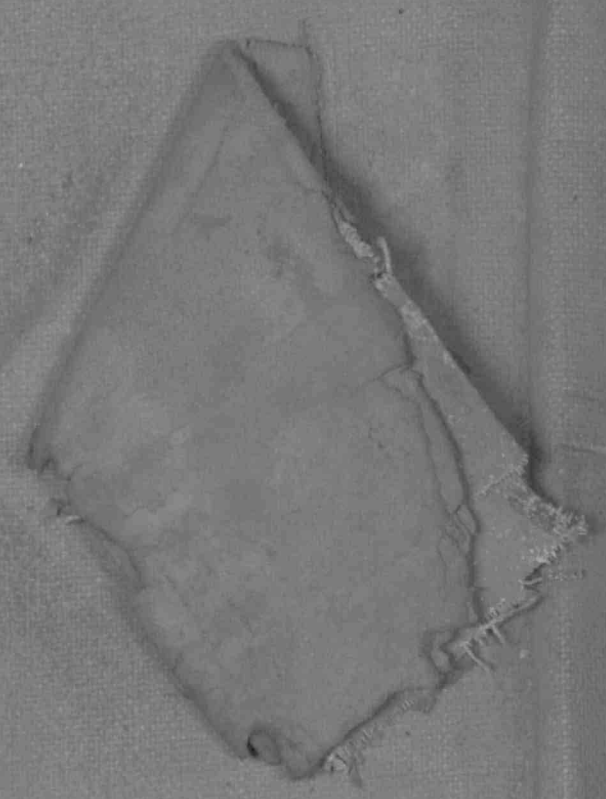

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Acting Commander in Chief to deliver over to them the two eighteen pounders and Stores from Trichenopoly

Captain Campbell seems to be perfectly satisfied with the behaviour of his People on the march hither

I have the honor to be with the highest Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient and Most humble Servant

William Pigott —

Madurah
23 April 1777

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27th In consequence of a private Note from Lieut. Colonel Horne Commanding at the Mount to the President, purporting that Lord Pigot's weakness encreased daily, and that he was much indisposed, the following Letters were wrote by the Secretary, Agreeable to the Collective Opinion of the Members of the Board

opinion

To Mr Gilbert Pasley

To Mr Pasley that Lord Pigot may be removed from the Mount

Sir

The Honble the President and Council having reason to suppose that a change of Air may Contribute to the reestablishment of my Lord Pigot's Health, I am Commanded to acquaint you, that they have no Objection to his Removal from the Mount, — to whatever Place you may recommend for his Residence —

I am Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
R. J. Sullivan Secy.

Fort St George
26 April 1777

To Lieut. Col. Horne Commanding at the Mount

To Col. Horne that Lord Pigot may be removed whereever the Physicians think proper

Sir

The Honble the President & Council having reason to suppose that a change of Air may Contribute to the reestablishment of Lord Pigot's Health, I am directed

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directed to acquaint you that a Letter has been this day written to Mr. Pasley Senior Surgeon, signifying that his Lordship may be removed to whatever Place his Physicians may recommend for his Residence. And, further I am Ordered to acquaint you for the information of his Lordship, that if the Sea Air may be deemed necessary to his Recovery, the Company's Garden House shall be fitted up for his immediate Reception

I am Sir
Your most Obed Servant
R. J. Sullivan
Secy

Fort St George
26 April 1777.

27th The following letters were in Consequence received this day.

Mount 27th April 1777.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr Pasley

I had the honor to receive your Letter and in consequence advised his Lordship to avoid the approaching Land Wind by moving nearer to Town; to which he readily Consented and will move in a day or two. I have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedt and Most humble Servant
Gilbert Pasley
Surgeon

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To Richard Jos. Sulivan Esqr
Military Secretary

From Cr. Horne
Lord Pigot to be
removed as soon
as his weakness
will admits

Sir

I was favored with your letter of yesterday; In which you inform me that the Honble President & Council suppo-sing that a Change of Aire might Contri-bute to the reestablishment of Lord Pigots health. Had directed a letter to be written to Mr Pasley that his Lord-ship might be removed to whatever Place his Physicians should recommend for his Residence. Mr Pasley informs me he is of opinion his Lordship should be removed as soon as possible - and has signi-fied the necessity of Change of Aire to his Lordship. At the same time informing him that the Board had offered the Company's Garden house for his Residence should the Sea Aire be deemed necessary; his Lordship answered if it was necessary to remove him he chose to go to the Compys Gardens in preference to Mr Monckton's or any other. Mr Pasley proposes moving him tomorrow or next day if the Winds will be able to undergo the fatigue

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I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. —

Hum.ble Servant,

Mount
26th April 1777.

Matw. Horne.

Came in Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

Chief Engineers Report of Persons employed on the Work

We have now employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	139.
Tank diggers	635.
Coolies	852.
Lascars	93.
Stonecutters	46.
Sundry Artificers	14.
Amounting in all to	1779 People

I have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obed.t & mo.st Humble Serv.t

Fort St. George
21st April 1777.

Patrick Ross

Lieut Col. & Chief Engineer

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gr. Pres.t

Monday Henry Brooke ——————
28 April 1777 Archdale Palmer. Francis Jourdan,
George Mackay

Colonel Stuart absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

The President acquaints the Board that he late last night received a Note from Mr. Pasley Senior Surgeon acquainting him that Lord Pigot having been unwell all that day, he meant to be at the Garden House early this Morning, and that his Lordship accordingly arrived there about 7. O'Clock

When Mr. Stratton mentioned to me that he intended to write to the Members of Council for the removal of Lord Pigot from the Mount I gave him my Opinion that his Lordship should be removed free of every Reproach.

Francis Jourdan

The Military Paymaster lays before the Board the following letter which he has received from Mr. Peters Surgeon

To Henry Brooke Esq.r
Military Paymaster Fort St. George

Sir

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Minute of Mr. Jourdan upon the Removal of Lord Pigot —

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From Mr Peter Surgeon on the Subjick of his Account while on Detachment at Bombay —

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 15th Instant enclosing me a Memorandum signed by Mr Warden Military Paymaster of certain at Bombay, of Cash advanced me, on Account by a written Order from the Honble the Governor of Bombay and requiring me to pay back in to the Company's Cash the Sum of four Thousand Rupees, I should implicitly Obey the Order of the Honble the President & Council and am ready so to do, but as I am convinced they would be sorry to oppress the innocent, I could wish, Sir, the Board should be informed that my Accounts of Disbursements, not only for the sick of the Madras, but Bombay Troops, from the beginning of February 1775. to the 15th September 1776. remain unsettled to this hour — The, on Obedience to an Order from the Board at Bombay, I laid them before a Committee of Surgeons, appointed to examine them, who not only told me they thought them reasonable but Doctor Bond wrote to Mr Hornby by me, the day I left Bombay that they would pass them, and return them to the Board for their approbation & Order of payment — My Duty to the Detachment calling me away

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way, at a few Hours Notice, prevented my having it in my power to settle them personally, I therefore requested Major Sloane and Mr Ravenscroft, Secretary to the Board, a relation of mine, would endeavour to do it for me, and impatiently wait the Majors return to Madras, and hope the Different Paymasters will transmit to you a general Account Current that you may be convinced the Sums I have received are agreeable to the Rules of the Service —

I am with Respect
Sir
Your Most Humble Servant
James Peters.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

Read Letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have lately received Intelligence from Ensign Halcott Commanding the Detachment stationed at Ventapollam, that on the Night of the 13th Instant three Europeans

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April 1777.

From Masulipatam
Some Innochmen
Land from Pondy
to join Lally.

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had landed at Chinnacoopar and passed into the Guntoor Circar; that on the 16th eleven others had landed about three Cose from Pantapollam and taken the same route, and that as the three parties were regimentably Cloathed armed with Firelocks and Bayonets and said to be French Men come from Pondicherry, with intention to join the Party under Command of Monr. Lally, in the Service of Basalet Jung—

From the extensive track of Sea Coast between Mootapillee & Bompetlank it cannot be expected that the Officer Commanding so small a Detachment as that at Pantapollam, can at all times prevent Men from landing and passing into the Interior parts of the Country; and in justice to Conjeveram he cannot but think he used every precaution in his Power to prevent those Mentioned, after he had Intelligence of their being landed. We have however very strongly recommended, that the Utmost vigilance be exerted to intercept the Passage of others who may attempt the like in future—

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obd Humble Servs
Charles Floyer
Chs. Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

Masulipatam
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Minute of the President reporting his Conference with the Nabob on the Subject of a Loan to be made on the Company's Security

The President acquaints the Board that agreeably to the Resolution of last Consul he waited on the Nabob and Communicated to him the purport of their Minutes Concerning the Loan he had requested from the Company for the purpose of paying the Arrears due to his Troops - That the Nabob expressed great Satisfaction at the readiness with which they promised their Assistance on this urgent occasion, and tho' it was out of their power to advance him any Money from the Company's Treasury they felt themselves equally Obliged to them for the Offer they had made him of the Company's Security in case it should be necessary to enable him to borrow the Sum he was in want of. That the situation of his Affairs was truely such that he found it impossible at this Juncture to procure a Loan of so Considerable a sum as Seven Lacks of Pagodas upon his own Credit, but that he had received Offers from Messrs James Taylor, Andrew Maycuder & Jame Call Gentlemen in the Company's Service who had lately assisted him in his Distress to this Effect - That those Gentlemen would engage with him immediately to pay off this whole Arrears due to his Troops provided

this

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this Governor would give them their publick
Sanction and Security for the Loan to be advanc-
-ed by them on this Occasion.

This

The Board are of opinion that it
would be impracticable at any other time to
lend the Security of the Company to a Loan
of this Nature: but in the present Case they
deem it of the highest Importance to the
Welfare of the Country and even to the Security
of the Nabob's person that his Troops, who
are almost to a Man become mutinous and
disaffected on Account of their Arrears should
be paid off and reduced. And as it is utterly
impossible for them to furnish them with Mo-
-ney on this Occasion, which they should
think it their indispensible duty to do if
they had the means since every distress
in which the Nabob may be involved may
in its Consequence affect the Company's In-
-terests they cannot hesitate in declaring
that the Made proposed to them by the
Nabob is much less inconvinient to the
Company, and therefore preferable to that
of advancing Money from their own Treasury,
were it even in a Condition to admit of it,
since by this Mode the Company are Security
for the Nabob will not in all probability
be ever called upon on this Account, and if

they

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they are it can only be to enforce the Nabobs Engagements to those Gentlemen for the Advances they may make so that in fact it is only the Superior Influence of the Company which is pledged as a Security to them for the Repayment of their Money. Resolved Therefore that the following Letters be written to the Nabob and Messrs Taylor, Maynadier & Call.

To the Nabob.

May it please your Highness

I have had the honor to receive your Highness Letter dated the 19th Instant & have Communicated to the Council the purport of all that has passed on Conversation between us on the Subject of the large Arrears due to your Troops and the Promise made me by your Highness of disbanding 9000 of your Sepoys & retaining your Cavalry in the manner proposed by your Highness tho' provided you had the means of paying their Arrears.

I am happy in expressing the Satisfaction of the Council for this mark of your Highness's attention to my Recommendation

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which they will not fail to represent in a
proper manner to the Company; and they
wish much it were in their power to assist
your Highness from the Company's Treasury
with the Sum you are in want of to Com-
plete the Reduction you propose in your
Military Establishment, but this being
impossible they are willing at least to lend
your Highness such Assistance as they can
possibly afford to relieve you from your
present Embarassment. —

Your Highness informs me that
Majors James Taylor Andrew Majendie and
James Call, Gentlemen in the Company's
Service who have lately assisted you in your
distresses have made you an Offer of
discharging all the Arrears due to your
Cavalry, provided the Governor & Council
would promise them their Sanction and
Security for the Loan to be Advanced;

So great is the Anxiety of the Council
and my self to see all your Difficulties re-
moved and so sensible are We that this
desirable Object can only be attained by
the Plan your Highness has resolved
on for the immediate Reduction of your
Troops, that this Government will
chearfully

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I chearfully Contribute the Assistance which your Highness represents to be necessary on their parts, relying on the steady Assurances given to me by your Highness that you will keep Peace with us in your Revolution and Endeavour to Pick what is so much for the Advantage of your Highness's Government and Affairs.

I have the pleasure to transmit to your Highness a Copy of the Letter which the Board have written to those Gentlemen on the Subject of the Offer they have made to you for discharging the Arrears to your Cavalry

I have the honor to be &c.

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To Messrs. James Taylor
Andrew Majendie & James Call.

Letter to Mr. James Taylor engaging to become Security for the Nabob in a Sum not exceeding 4 Lacks

Gentlemen,

The Nabob having informed us that you are willing to pay off the Arrears due to his Cavalry amounting as we understand to four Lacks of Pagodas provided we will give you our public Sanction and Security, And being desirous to afford the Nabob every Assistance in the present exigency of his Affairs, We give you this public Sanction and Security on the part of the Honble the East India Company

for

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for the payment of the above Sum principal and Interest or such other Sum as you should Advance not exceeding four Lacks Pagodas agreeably to the Engagements you may enter into with the Nabob for the Arrears now due to his Cavalry.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
the 28th April 1777.

Your most Obedient Servants.

Geo. Stratton

&c. Council

In justice to Ummer ul Umrah the Nabobs Second Son who Commands his Forces, the President acquaints the Board, that he has received very essential Assistance from him in the Accomplishment of this Business —

The President having Obtained an exact Account of the Old Establishment of the Nabobs Cavalry; & what he now means to reduce them to, lays the same before the Board ——

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The Old and New Establishment of a Regiment of Cavalry. The first Consisting of Two Troops of Grenadiers Four Private Troops a Company of Artillery & four Companys of Infantry & Two Brigs of Guns. The latter of Two Troops of Grenadrs Two Private Troops. a Party of Artillery Two Companys of Infantry and One Brigade of Guns —

The Old Establishment No of The New Establishment No of The Old Establishment The New Establishment
Consisting of Six Troops Horses Consisting of Four Troops Horses Consisting of 1 Company a Party of Artillery

1 Captain	2	1 Captain	2	Artillery.			
2 Lieutenants	4	2 Lieutenants	4				
6 Cornets	12	4 Cornets	8	1 Lieutenant	1 Lieutenant		
One Adjt & One Qr Master Corps		One Adjt & One Qr Mr Corps		1 Sergeant	1 Sergeant		
X		1 Pay Master	1.	1 Subedar	1.		
1 Surgeon	1.	1 Surgeon	1.	4 Jemadars	4 Jemadars		
1 Mate				4 Havr Ds	4 Havildars		
1 Sergt Major	1			4 Naigs	4 Naigs		
1 Qr Mr Sergeant	1			2 Drums & Fifes	2 Drummers & Fifes		
4 Sergeants	4			1 Vackeel	1 Vackeel		
1 Commissariat	2	4 Sergt Cavalry Lascars	4	2 Bandeyrs or Buckallys	2 Bandeyrs or Buckallys		
6 Subedars	6.	1 Commissariat	2	60 Private	60 Private		
12 Jemadars	12	4 Subedars	4.	70	70		
6 Hauldrs or Bearers	6.	12 Jemadars	12	Horses 24.	Horses 14.		
32 Havildrs	32						
32 Naigs	32	16 Havildars	16				
1 Head Farrier	1.	16 Naigues	16.				
5 Common Farriers	5.						
1 Trumpt Major	1.	4 Farriers & Asst Farrier	4				
8 Trumpeters	8						
6 Vackeels		2 Tom Trumpts 1 Tom Drum	3.				
Buckallys or Beasts	—	1 Vackeel					
406 Private Troopers	406.	4 Packallys					
533.	536	204 Private Troopers	204				
	Artillery Horses 24		224				
	560.			Artillery Horses	286 14		
					300		

The Old Establishment Consisting of Four Companys of Sepoys — The New Establishment Consisting of Two Company of Sepoys — Lascars. Artificers &c to a Brigade of Cavalry

2 Subedars	1 Lieutenant	1 Lieutenant	1 Tindall
	1 Ensign	1 Ensign	14 Lascars
	4 Serjeants	2 Serjeants	1 Head Commaly with 14 under Commalys
	4 Subedars	6 Jemdars	2 Armourers
	12 Jemedars	12 Havildars	2 Smiths
	24 Naiques	12 Naigs	2 Hammer Men
	8 Drums & Fifes	4 Drums & Fifes	2 Bellows Boys
	4 Colour Men	2 Colour Men	1 Head Carpenter
	4 Vackeels	2 Vackeel	2 Under Carpenters
	3 Beastys or 4 Packallys	4 Beastys or 2 Packallys	1 Head Gingaur
	316 Private.	138 Private Sepoys	2 Under Gingaurs
	410.	206.	10 Carriage Bullocks
			12 Draught Do

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A Grend.r Troop according to the OB Establishment	No of Horses	a Private Troop according to the OB Establishment	No of Horses	a Company of Artillery according to the OB Establishment	No of Horses	a Company of Sepoys according to the OB Establishment	No of Horses
1 Lieutenant	2						
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	2	1 Lieut.t & Fd.t		1 Lieut.t or One Lieut.t & two Comp.ys	
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant		1 Serjeant	
1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar		1 Subedar	
3 Jemedars	3	3 Jemedars	3	4 Jemedars		3 Jemedars	
6 Havildars	6	5 Havildars	5	4 Havildars		6 Havildars	
6 Naigs	6	5 Naigs	5	4 Naigs		6 Naigs	
1 Farrier	1	1 Farrier	1	2 Drums & Fifes		1 Colour Man	
2 Trumpeters	2	1 Trumpeter	1	1 Vackeel		2 Boatys or One Puckally	
1 Vackeel		1 Vackeel		2 Boatys or One Puckally		2 Drums & Fifes	
74 Private	74	65 Private & Sixty from 65		60 Private		1 Vackeel	
97	98	84	84	80.		79 Private	
			82.			102	

A Grend.r Troops on the New Establishment	No of Horses	a Private Troop on the New Establishment	No of Horses	Artillery on the New Establishment	No of Horses	a Company of Sepoys on the New Establishment as above
1 Lieutenant	2					
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	1.	1 Lieut.t or Lt.t & Fd. Off.r		
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1.	1 Serjeant		
1 Subedar	1.	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar		
3 Jemdars	3	3 Jemdars	3	4 Jemdars		
4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars		
4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs		
1 Trumpeter	1	1 Trumpeter	1.	2 Drums or Fifes		
1 Drummer	1	1 Drummer	1.	1 Vackeel		
1 Farrier	1.	1 Farrier	1.	2 Boatys or One Puckally		
1 Puckallys	3	1 Puckallys	3	60 Private		
1 Vackeel		1 Vackeel		80.		
52 Private Troopers	52	50 Private Troopers	50.			
72	72	69	67			

NB. Exclusive of the above Establishment there is allowed to Each Reg.t One English Writer Two Mattasiddie & Ndekeab

Read the following Letter from the Nabob, entered in Co. Corr.: No 54.

Translation of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton Dated 28th Apl. 1777

From the Nabob Complaining of the Rajah of Tanjore for Repairing the Annacutta without permission

The repeated Complaints I have had from my Amildars in the Trichenopoly Country of the behaviour of the People belonging to Tanjore, and the glaring Efforts which Tulajaye

to

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The Old and New Establishment of a Regiment of Cavalry. The first Consisting of Five Troops of Grenadiers Four Private Troops a Company of Artillery & four Companys of Infantry & Two Brigs. of Guns. The latter of Five Troops of Grenadrs Two Private Troops. a Party of Artillery Two companys of Infantry and One Brigde of Guns

The Old Establishment Consisting of Six Troops	No	The New Establishment Horses Consisting of Four Troops	No	The Old Establishmt The New Establishment Horses Consisting of 1 Company Party of Artillery
1 Captain	2	1 Captain	2	Artillery.
2 Lieutenants	4	2 Lieutenants	4	
6 Cornets	12	4 Cornets	8	1 Lieutt & Fire Worker 1 Lieutt & Fire Worker
One Adjt & One Qr Master Each		One Adjt & One Qr Master Each		1 Sergeant 1 Sergeant
1 Surgeon	1	1 Pay Master	1	1 Subadar 1
1 Mate		1 Surgeon	1	4 Jemadars 4 Jemadars
1 Sergt Major	1			4 Hauldars 4 Hauldars
1 Qr Master Sergeant	1			4 Naigs 4 Naigs
4 Sergeants	4			2 Drums & Fifes 2 Drummers & Fifes
1 Commandant	2	4 Serjts Cantabaladar &c	4	1 Tindal 1 Tindal
6 Subidars	6	1 Commandant	2	2 Beasts of burthen Buckaly 2 Beasts of Burthen Buckaly
12 Jemadars	12	4 Subidars	4	60 Private 60 Private
6 Staff Qrs Bearers	6	12 Jemadars	12	70 70
32 Hauldars	32			Horses 24. Horses 14.
32 Naigs	32	16 Hauldars	16	
1 Head Farrier	1	16 Naigues	16	
5 Common Farriers	5			
1 Drum Major	1	4 Farriers Cantabaladar &c	4	
8 Trumpeters	8			
6 Vackeels		2 Trumpets 4 Drummers	8	
Buckallyes or Beasty		4 Vackeel		
406 Private Troopers	406	4 Packallys		
533	336	204 Private Troopers	204	
Artillery Horses	24		228	
	560	Artillery Horses	14	
			300	

The Old Establishmt Consisting of four Compys of Sepoys

1 Lieutenant	
1 Ensign	
4 Serjeants	
4 Subedars	
12 Jemedars	
24 Naiques	
8 Drums & Fifes	
4 Colour Men	
4 Vackeels	
8 Beasts or 4 Packallys	
316 Private	
410.	

The New Establishmt Consisting of Two Compys of Sepoys

1 Lieutenant	
1 Ensign	
2 Serjeants	
6 Jemdars	
12 Hauldars	
12 Naigs	
4 Drums & Fifes	
2 Colour Men	
2 Vackeel	
4 Beasts or 2 Packallys	
138 Private Sepoys	
206.	

Lascars. Artificers &c to a Brigd of Cavalry

1 Tindall	
14 Lascars	
1 Head Commaly with 14 under him	
2 Armourers	
2 Smiths	
2 Hammer Men	
2 Bellows Boys	
1 Head Carpenter	
2 Under Carpenters	
1 Head Gingaur	
2 Under Gingaurs	
10 Carriage Bullocks	
12 Draught Do	

2 Subedars

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A Grend.r Troop according to the OB Establishment	No. of Horses	a Private Troop According to the OB Establishment	No. of Horse	a Troop of Artly according to the OB Establishment	No. of Horse	a Company of Sepoys according to the OB Establishment	
1 Lieutenant	2						
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	2	1 Lieut.t & Fire.r		1 Lieut.t or One Lieu.t & 1 Cy two Compy	
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant		1 Serjeant	
1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar		1 Subedar	
3 Jemedars	3	3 Jemedars	3	4 Jemedars		3 Jemedars	
6 Havildars	6	5 Havildars	5	4 Havildars		6 Havildars	
6 Naigs	6	5 Naigs	5	4 Naigs		6 Naigs	
1 Farrier	1	1 Farrier	1	2 Drums & Fifes		1 Colour Man	
2 Trumpeters	2	1 Trumpeter	1	1 Vackeel		2 Beasty or One Puckally	
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A Grend.r Troop on the New Establishment	No. of Horses	a Private Troop on the New Establishment	No. of Horses	Artillery on the New Establishment	No. of Horses	a Company of Sepoys on the New Establishment as above
1 Lieutenant	2					
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	1.	1 Lieut.t or Fire.r		
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1.	1 Serjeant		
1 Subedar	1.	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar		
3 Jemdars	3	3 Jemdars	3	4 Jemdars		
4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars		
4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs		
1 Trumpeter	1	1 Trumpeter	1.	2 Drums or fifes		
1 Drummer	1	1 Drummer	1.	1 Vackeel		
1 Farrier	1.	1 Farrier	1.	2 Beasty or One Puckally		
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1 Captain	2.	1 Captain	2	Artillery.			
2 Lieutenants	4.	2 Lieutenants	4				
6 Cornets	12.	4 Cornets	8	1 Lieutt & Fire Wor	1 Lieutt & Fire Wor		
One Adjt & One Qr Master Each		One Adjt & One Qr Master Each		1 Sergeant	1 Sergeants		
1 Surgeon	1.	1 Serg Master	1.	1 Subadar	1		
1 Mate		1 Surgeon	1.	4 Jemadars	4 Jemadars		
1 Sergt Major	1			4 Hauldars	4 Hauldars		
1 Qr Master Sergeant	1			4 Naigs	4 Naigs		
4 Sergeants	4			2 Drums & Fifes	2 Drums & Fifes		
1 Commandant	2	1 Commandant	2	1 Vackeel	1 Vackeel		
6 Subedars	6.	4 Subedars	4	2 Bandyrs or Buckly	2 Bandyrs or Buckly		
12 Jemadars	12.	12 Jemadars	12	60 Private	60 Private		
6 Hauldars & Bearers	6			70.	70.		
32 Hauldars	32	16 Hauldars	16	Horses 24.	Horses 14.		
32 Naigs	32	16 Naigues	16.				
1 Head Farrier	1.						
5 Common Farriers	5.	4 Farriers Artificers	4				
1 Trumpt Major	1.						
8 Trumpeters	8	2 Trumpts & Two Drums	8.				
6 Vackeels		4 Vackeel					
Buckallys or Bearers		4 Packallys					
406 Private Troopers	406.	204 Private Troopers	204				
533.	336	224	236				
Artillery Horses	24		14				
	560.		300				

The Old Establishmt Consisting of four Compys of Sepoys — The New Establishment Consisting of Two Compy of Sepoys — Lascars. Artificers &c to a Brigt of Cavalry

2 Subedars

1 Lieutenant	1 Lieutenant	1 Tindall
1 Ensign	1 Ensign	14 Lascars
4 Serjeants	2 Serjeants	1 Head Commaly with 14 under him
4 Subedars	6 Jemdars	2 Armourers
12 Jemdars	12 Hauldars	2 Smiths
24 Naiques	12 Naigs	2 Hammer Men
8 Drums & Fifes	4 Drums & Fifes	2 Bellows Boys
4 Colour Men	2 Colour Men	1 Head Carpenter
4 Vackeels	2 Vackeel	2 Under Carpenters
2 Bearers or 4 Packallys	4 Bearers or 2 Packallys	1 Head Gingurr
316 Private.	138 Private Sepoys	2 Under Gingurrs
410.	206.	40 Carriage Bullocks
		12 Draught Do

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A Grend.r Troop according to the Old Establishment	No.s of Horses	a Private Troop According to the Old Establishment	No.s of Horses	a Compy of Artillery on the Old Establishment	No.s of Horses	a Compy of Sepoys on the Old Establishment	No.s of Horses
1 Lieutenant	2						
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	2	1 Lieut.t & F.W.		1 Lieut.t or One Lieut.t & Ensign	
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant		1 Serjeant	
1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar		1 Subedar	
3 Jemedars	3	3 Jemedars	3	4 Jemedars		3 Jemedars	
6 Havildars	6	5 Havildars	5	4 Havildars		6 Havildars	
6 Naigs	6	5 Naigs	5	4 Naigs		6 Naigs	
1 Farrier	1	1 Farrier	1	2 Drums & Fifes		1 Colour Man	
2 Trumpeters	2	1 Trumpeter	1	1 Vackeel		2 Beasts or One Puckally	
1 Vackeel		1 Vackeel		2 Beasts or One Puckally		2 Drums & Fifes	
74 Private	74	65 Private & Sixty from 65		60 Private		1 Vackeel	
			84		80.	79. Private	
97	98.	84.	82.			102	

A Grend.s Troop on the New Establishment	Horses	a Private Troop on the New Establishment	Horses	Artillery on the New Establishment	a Company of Sepoys on the New Establishment and be
1 Lieutenant	2				
1 Cornet	2	1 Cornet	1.	1 Lieut.t or S.t F.W.	
1 Serjeant	1	1 Serjeant	1.	1 Serjeant	
1 Subedar	1.	1 Subedar	1	1 Subedar	
3 Jemedars	3	3 Jemedars	3	4 Jemedars	
4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars	4	4 Havildars	
4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs	4	4 Naigs	
1 Trumpeter	1	1 Trumpeter	1.	2 Drums or fifes	
1 Drummer	1.	1 Drummer	1.	1 Vackeel	
1 Farrier	1.	1 Farrier	1.	2 Beasts or One Puckally	
1 Puckallys		1 Puckallys		60 Private	
1 Vackeel	3	1 Vackeel	3	80.	
52 Private Troopers	52	50 Private Troopers	50.		
72	72.	69.	67		

N.B. Exclusive of the above Establishment there is allowed to Each Reg.t One English Writer Two Mettasiddies & Naickeab

Read the following Letter from the Nabob, entered in Lr. Corr.: No 54.

Translation of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Governor Stratton Dated 28.th Apl. 1777

From the Nabob Complaining of the Rajah of Tanjore for Repairing the Annacutta without his permission

The repeated Complaints I have had from my Amildars in the Trichenopoly Country of the behaviour of the People belonging to Tanjore, and the glaring Efforts which Tulzagee

is making to shake off every kind of dependance on the Soubahdary of the Carnatic, to the des-truction of my Rights make it necessary for me to represent matter to my Good Friends in such manner that they, in their justice, may not allow Tulyagee to assume a power & Consequence that are not Consistent with Equity or Justice or with the honor of my Government, or ever with the Company's Orders of the 12th April 1775. whereby I was forcibly dispossessed of the Tanjore Country — The Mound of Earth on Coma-netta which divides the River Cavery into two parts, is in the Trichenopoly Country, and afterwards, that is, from the first Nabob Esta-blished in this Country, to the present time in the Soubahdary of the Carnatic, for it was not only an immediate Check over the Zemin-dar of Tanjore should he be Refractory, but was likewise a Security for his payment of the Tribute, and for his fidelity to the Princes of this Country, who always kept him in Sub-jection, and made his Vakeels attend their Durbars even on the most trifling busines. The Zemindars frequently agreed to pay large Sums for permission to repair the Annacutta. A Proof of Tulyagees bad behaviour is here

over.

was a large Rock, which had always been in the Cavery River, and upon the Ground of Trichenopoly, which he has begun to Remove whereby the Trichenopoly Country will be Ruined, as in the Season when the Floods Come down, the Inhabitants, Cattle, and Grain will be swept away. This proceeding is Contrary to any former Conduct of the Zemin-dars of Tanjore, and is as well Calculated for Answering his Own Interests as for destroying the Trichenopoly Country — At any time that the Bank was in want of Repair, the Zemindar Represented the Situation it was in, and begged the permission of the Nabob of the Carnatic, to make them at his own expense, & the Nabob, then appointed a Person to oversee the Work. This frequently occured in the time of Purtaub Sing Tulyagies Father, who on application to one had Leave, as Customary, granted him for that purpose, & he never presumed to begin them of his own accord, as Tulyagee has at present. The Right he knew to exist in me, and therefore as my Tributary never dared to Act Contrary to the Usual Custom, but Tulyagee has pursued a different line of Conduct since he was put in possession of the Tanjore Country by

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Government subsequent to the Conclusion of the Treaty of 1762, that the Right of amending or Repairing the Annacutta was then acknowledged to be vested in the Nabob, Resolved it is the Opinion of this Board that this Right doth exist in the Nabob alone as Soubahdar of the Carnatic and that the Rajah of Tanjore is not to begin or carry on any Repairs whatever, unless permitted so to do by the Nabob That agreeably to the Nabobs request the People sent by the Rajah of Tanjore to the Annacutta should be forthwith recalled, and that the Rajah be informed it appears from his Father Prataub Sing's Letters, that he has no right to repair the Bank unless privileged so to do by the Nabob. That the Rajah of Tanjore be also informed the Nabob hath granted permission for the Repairing of the Annacutta at our desire and with and Orders immediately to his Amildar at Trichinopoly to give every Reasonable Assistance that it may be put in the same State it was during the life of Protaub Sing, Resolved also: as this has been a subject of Constant dispute between the Nabob & the Rajah

of

from the Company's Records as well as

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of Tanjore, that the following references to the Records be inserted on this days Consultation, to shew at One view to the Honble Court of Directors that the right now claimed by the Nabob has ever been admitted, but, That this Board have at all times Considered it as a Matter of great Moment, that the Annacutta should be repaired whenever the Banks were broken down or washed away

The President is desired to acquaint the Nabob of the proper Sense the Board have of his acquiescence to have the Annacutta repaired, agreeably to our Request to him on that Head.

Consultation 21st March 1763.

A letter is read from the Rajah of Tanjore, entered in Country Correspondence No. 62. requesting the Board would desire the Nabob to permit him to amend the Bank."

Consultation 15th April 1763.

A Letter is wrote from the Board to Mr. Newton Ordered on a Survey of the Annacutta the Board being desirous to procure for the King of Tanjore the liberty he desired, if it might be done without prejudice to the Nabob"

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Consultation 8th May 1763

A Letter is Read from Mr Newton, on the Subjick of the Annacutta.

Consultation 16th Apl 1764. & 14th May 1764

A Minute of Consultation & Letters from the Nabob and the Rajah of Tanjore, together with a Representation from the Tanjore Vackeel on the Subjick of the Annacutta

Consultation 24th May 1764

A Letter is wrote to Mr James Brooker, Ordered on a Survey of the Annacutta wherein the Board say "The King hath "probably requested more than the Nabob can "grant without endangering his own County, "and the Nabob is perhaps too tenacious of "his own Priviledges to Comply with the King's "request, as far as in Reason he ought."

Consultation 24th July 1764.

A Letter is read from Major Campbell — wherein he says "The Nabob has sent Orders "to his Son to Repair the Banks of the Lavoy "immediately, and in such a Manner that "the King of Tanjore, will have no Reason "to find fault with it."

Consultation 2d August 1764.

A Letter is read from Mr James Brooker, describing

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describing the breaches of the Annacuttas.

Consultation 24 August 1764.

A Letter is read from Mr James Bouchier, wherein he says that "a Message from the "Nabob Confirmed what he had all along "Suspected, that tho' the Nabob had given his "Consent to make the Repairs the Board "required of him, nothing was more distant "from his intention than the performance "of it."

Consultation 28th January 1765.

The President acquaints the Board "That "he had with some difficulty prevailed on "the Nabob to permit the King of Tanjore "to Repair the Breaches in the Cavery & "the Annacuttas near Madure."

Read Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Vizagapatam
Vizeram Ranz
declines Coming
to Madras

We have received your Commands of the 18th Ultimo through Mr Secretary Sulivan — The Rajah Vizearam Ranze

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Rauze arrived here from Vizeanagrum about the 21st Ultimo, when the Chief informed Us, he had acquainted him that you had thought proper to acquiesce in the request he had made to you for permitting him to send Juggun-aut Rauze to Madras, and that he might have a guard of Sepoys to attend him should he apply for them. — The Rajah in reply observed that when he had made the above request it was on a Supposition we were unfavourably disposed to him, but that being now Convinced of his error, he is no longer desirous of Sending Juggunaut Rauze to the Presidency, and would rather chuse to avoid giving so much trouble, unless it be your pleasure that he should proceed thither which does not appear to be your intention to insist on this point, we have acquainted the Rajah that we will inform you of his Sentiments and wait your Orders.

Setteram Rauze has applied to Us for a Company of Sepoys to proceed with him to Madras, and they are accordingly marched from hence for

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Sadavaram for this purpose —

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obed.t Humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
C. Berring
Mr. Williams
Hy. Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Dojagapatam
1st April 1777 —

Read Letter from Colonel Stuart with Paper R.

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

From Col.l Stuart with the Letter from Captain Rupell

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor of transmitting to you a General Return of all the Troops under the Presidency, for the Month of February. I also send to your Honor &.a copy of a letter, this day received, from Captain Rupell Commanding at Madura by which I am glad to see, that he repre=sents Captain Campbell's Corps as in a peaceable State at the time and I wish

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wish it may continue.

I remain

Most Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Faithful

and Most Obedient Servant

James Stuart

Tanjore
25th April 1777.

Colonel James Stuart.
Acting Commander in Chief

Sir

I have just now been favored with
Mr Secretary Malcolm's Letter of the 21st and
you may depend upon my paying the strictest
attention to the Orders therein Contained;

Captain Dugald Campbell, with his
Highness's Troops from Tepherambad, has been
Arrived about an hour, and is encamped on
the Glacis where he means to halt a day
or two — He seems to be perfectly satisfied
with the behaviour of his People on the
March, and tells me that those who behaved
ill at Mellore, were some of the worst of
his people, whom he had sent on before, on
purpose. but that now they are all very
quiet, and that he has this Morning received

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a letter from the Dunbar which he imagines will have some additional weight with them. I have the Honor to be with the highest Respect Sir

Your Most Obedt & Most Humble Servant

(Signed) William Ruspell

Madura
23d April 1777.

A True Copy
Henry Malcolm
Secy.

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Read Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C. Corr. No. 52. — Dated 23d April, declining Compliance with the Requisition made to him for a deposit of four Lacks of Pagodas on Account of the Nabob's Claim in the Tanjore Country for the Government Share of the Crop of 1775; — and desiring that no further Steps may be taken in this Business until Orders shall arrive from Europe —

Minute of the Board thereon

The Board are much Concerned to Observe that the Rajah of Tanjore still persevere in an Obstinate determination not to Comply with the Representations which have been made to him on the Subject

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Subject of the Nabobs Claims on the Tanjore Country for the Government Shares of the Crop of 1775 and the more especially, as many Reasons hath been urged to him by the Resident in his Letters and by Colonel Stuarts in the Conferences he has had with him on the Subject, that could be thought to have any influence on a Mind biased even as his is, against the Resolutions of this Government.

Before we come to the Resolution of Consult 4th April, to insist upon the Rajahs depositing Soucar Security for four Lacks of Cogodas, or as a last alternative, to empower Colonel Stuart to secure as much of the Government Share of the present Crop as would Amount to that Sum, the Exigency of the Affairs of the Carnatic was so alarming as to point out the deposite of that Sum in the Company Treasury at Tanjore as the only means left, to prevent a general Meeting of the Nabobs Troops & probably of Consequences of a much more Serious Nature. This will appear more fully on reference to the above Consultations. In all events, the Consent of the Rajah of Tanjore during the Course of this Negociation,

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Negociation, hath been highly disrespectfull
and derogatory to the honor of the Board.
To show however the Rajah of Tanjore, Your
Employers that we were led to issue the above
Orders to Colonel Stuart from a principle of
immanent necessity, and that necessity now no
longer existing (Mess.rs Taylor Majendie & Hall
having agreed to pay off the Arrears due to
the Nabobs Cavalry, as mencitid in the preceding
part of this day's Consultation) to prove
that we pay an equal attention to the
Interests and to the Satisfaction of both
Parties Resolved, that the Execution of the
Orders sent to Colonel Stuart on the 4.th Instant
be for the present Suspended.

Mr. Sowdon dissents to the
above Minute, as it does not accord with
the Sentiments he has entered upon the
Records touching the Rajah of Tanjore

The following Draught of a Letter
to Colonel Stuart is thereupon wrote & approved

To James Stuart Esq.r
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief of the Army

To Coll.o Stuart la-
menting the bad
success of his
negociation with
the Rajah & pointing
out his divertion
from the Orders of the Board

Sir, We have duely received your several
Letters, and are much Concerned to find your
have

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have not met with that Success in your negociation with the Rajah of Tanjore for the Government Share of the Crop of 1775— which you gave us reason to expect in your letter of the 15th March. We were induced to give you the Orders Contained in Our letter of the 4th April, apprehending from what had happened that a General Mutiny in the Nabobs Cavalry would be the Consequence of the Money promised them from the Tanjore Country, or part of it was not immediately Secured for them; — but, means having been Since found for relieving the Nabob in some degree from his distress with Respect to his Troops, We have determined for the present to suspend the execution of the Orders sent to you —

We are sorry to Observe that you totally differ from Us in Opinion respecting Your Orders, and that you should tell the Rajah in Our Name, what we did not instruct you to do, for we never meant we interference in his Government, but to Oblige him to deposit Grain to a certain Amount, provided he could not be prevailed upon to do it; — Nor will you find in our Instruc-

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any thing relating to the Rajahs sending Money to Negapatam or to the Maharattoes

The Conduct of the Rajah on this occasion hath been so very disrespectfull to the Company's Government, that we cannot help expressing the highest disapprobation of it, and our President will Communicate the same to him.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Geo. Stratton
& Council.

Fort St. George
1st May 1779.

Mr. Sourdan subscribes to this Letter adverting to his Dissent to the Orders to Colonel Stuart relative to the Tanjore Grains

Read Letters from Colonel Stuart.

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

From Col. Stuart on the Subject of Capt. Campbells expedition against the Poligars

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take occasion now to transmit to your Honor &c. Copies of the Letters I have this day written to the Officers Commanding Madurah and Tellamcotah; and

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I hope you will excuse my giving Orders on Certain points, which of right, only, belong to the Honble Board to decide upon, but the Officers, to whom I write, know, that my Orders are only provisional —

It is much sincerely to be wished, that this Sparks of Fire to the Southward may soon be extinguished before it grows to a flame, and therefore, I am of Opinion to give Campbell the Battering Guns, and likewise, that the detachment of four Companies that escorted them to Madura do remain there for some little time Nay, I shall, even be of Opinion either to keep them all together in Garrison during these disturbances, or to make the New-Battalion rendezvous there instead of Trichinopoly

On Observing the quantity of Stores which Campbell carries with him to the Southward, I had the Curiosity to Order a Return of the Guns and Military Stores, of every Sort, at Madura and Tellicherry and, I cannot help Observing to your Honor &c., that they are, by no means, suitably provided, Considering their importance, whether

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whether We mean to preserve that Strong Country against external or internal Enemies, And, therefore, I hope your Honor &c. will excuse me if, notwithstanding the unlimited Credit which the Honble Board thought proper to give Captain Campbell upon the Mongazines and Stores of Madura, and perhaps, of Pallamcotta, I have sent Orders provisionally, to Captains Rusell and Hopkins, not to deliver any Warlike Stores untill they hear further from your Honor &c. or from me, by your Order.

I remain With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithfull and
Most Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
21st April 1777.

To Captain William Rusell,
or Officer Commanding
Madurah

(Copy)

Sir The Acting Commander in Chief desires me to inform you that Captain Dugald Campbell's Corps are on their way

way to Madura, and expect to arrive there
the 24th — According to his information, the
Man who Commanded the Naiks Troops,
in Campbells Absence, has received a check,
and had some Men killed by the Poligars:
a Circumstance, which as Campbell writes,
will increase the difficulties in subduing
them; and, as there seems no further danger
from the desertion of his Regiment now
that they are removed from their Old
Cantonment, and, as Campbell represents
the Absolute necessity of having Battering
Guns, the Acting Commander in Chief, there-
-fore directs you to deliver Over to Captain
Campbell, the Two 18 Pounders with every
thing belonging to them, as also the Small
Stores, lately arrived from Trichinopoly,
And if Bullocks cannot be had at
Madura he desires, that the Trichinopoly
Bullocks be detained, to draw them to
Campbells Head Quarters and them to be
discharged: The Acting Commander in
Chief directs, at the same time, that you
will take a Receipt for the 18 Pounders

And every thing belonging to them, from Captain Campbell, with his promise to re deliver them, either at Madura or Pallam-cotah, as soon as the Service is over — With regard to the Order of the Board of February 13 which you mention in your Letter, he is of Opinion that the Board have been surprised into giving this unlimited Credit to Mr Campbell, Considering the small quantity of Stores in Madura and therefore takes upon himself to be Answerable, to the Board, for giving Directions to Captain Rufodt, on no Account to deliver any more Stores to Captain Campbell without further Orders — None of the Company's Troops are to march out of Madura for the Poligars Succours without particular Orders. In case an Escort is necessary for these Guns, from Madura to Captain Campbell's Head Quarters, he should be able to Order a sufficient One from thence to meet them on the road.

Notwithstanding these Orders, the Acting Commander in Chief could with that the Poligars believed the Company were immediately to take part in this Business, And in Order to give strength to this report, he directs that the four

Companies

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Companies escorting these Guns, remain at Madura for a fortnight at least, or until he sends Orders for their Return.

He directs me also to write you, as a Friend, for your own sake as well as the Public's to Obtain the most exact information, of every thing, respecting the Strength, Situation, Arms and numbers of those Polligars as also the real, true original cause of their reverting the Nabobs Government for in Case his Highness's Military receive a Check or are at a stand, it may, possibly happen, that you will be employed if there is a necessity for the Companies Troops to take part — but of this you need say nothing to Campbell.

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

(Signed) Henry Malcolm

Tanjore
ye
21 April 1777.

P.S.

After having sealed this Letter, I am directed to open it, in Consequence of a Letter the Commander in Chief has just now recd from an Officer at Madura, signifying, "That a Party of the "Artillery Men belonging to Captain Campbells Battalion had arrived there with "some Field Pieces but were under no sort "of Discipline." Therefore if Captain

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Rufodt Observes this to be the Case with the rest of Captain Campbells Regiment, on Conversing with him on the Subject, thought the Commander in Chief trusts, in some degree to Captain Campbells prudence and good sense to judge how far it will be safe to deliver over to this people these Battering Guns &c. Yet he leaves a discretionary latitude to Capt. Rufodt to Deliver them or not, as he judges the temper of the Tiger: and, he is to send off an Express to the Commander in Chief the inst. Captain Campbell's Regiment Arrives, and, that he learns from him, an Account of their behaviour on the march. In a word, the Commander in Chief's Wish, upon this Occasion, is to give Captain Campbell, these Guns or any thing else, that he can be safely trusted with, Considering the people he has to do with, but he must see, that, if by any Accident, these Battering Guns, Ammitions &c., fall into the hands of the Poligars, matters will become Serious indeed. In all events the Commander in Chief expects to hear from Captain Rufodt, a daily

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Account of what is going on. I am &c.

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
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To Captain Hopkins, or Officer
Commanding Pallamcotta

(Copy)

Sir,

The Commander in Chief desires you
to inform yourself, and to acquaint him,
of the real Grounds of Complaint of the
Poligars, and the Causes why they revolt the
Nabobs Government; he expects a daily
Account from you of what is going on
Relative to the Expedition against them,
under Captain Campbell; and he likewise
directs that you do not, until further —
Orders, furnish Captain Campbell with
Guns, Ammunition, or any kind of Military
Stores, for this Poligar Expedition, whatever
Orders you may have hitherto received to
the Contrary — The Commander in Chief —
Observes by your Return, that you have
only two Barrels of Country Powder in
the Garrison of Pallamcotta — Is there
no other Powder of any Sort, in the Garrison?
if there is not, he intends to apply that a
large Quantity may be sent you —

I am Sir
Your respectful Humble Servt
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Secy

Tanjore
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To the Honble George Straton,

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

From Col. Stuart advising that three Mines had been sprung at Vellum & recommending that the Officers acting with the Engineer do receive full Batta

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I do myself the honor of acquainting you, that, I was at Vellum early this Morning to see the effect of three Mines, in the Strongest part of the Wall, to the extent of about Eighty Yards, they were sprung about half past five, and succeeded to our most sanguine expectation; the Mason work of the part thrown down was the Strongest I ever saw, my State of health prevented me from seeing the interior of the Mines before they were loaded, but, I took care that as many of the Officers, as could be spared from time to time from this Garrison and Pondicherry, should take the Occasion of seeing them, and all Accounts agree that they were perfect Models of the kind, the Construction & disposition of the Galleries & Chambers, & the Charge with which they were loaded, shew the greatest judgement on the part

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of the Engineers, Major Stevens and Captain Dugood — I have desired a plan, Section, & perspective view, of the three Mines sprung this day to be got ready, which I shall forward to your Honor &c. — Tomorrow Capt Dugood propose to divide, what remanent of the Wall to be thrown down, in Nine parts, and to assign each, to a Ninth part of his Mining party, thus, the whole work will go on at Once, he has expended all the Country Powder at Vellum, and we are to send him, from hence, the quantity he may need of that sort of Powder: and, surely, it can never be applied to a better Use, for, Your Honor &c. may depend upon it that, the Blowing up of Vellum will have the best effect possible, to prevent any Enemy from attempting any thing hostile against this Garrison; it will, likewise shew that we are preparing for every event, and, that we are taking every Measure to Secure our influence in this Country, which in every point of View, I Consider as of the last importance Connected with the other Acquisitions or Possessions of the Honble Company.

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The Non Commissioned Officers and Private Men from this Garrison & Triche= =nopoly, employed in the Mines, have Cond= =ucted themselves with great Regularity, & worked with the utmost diligence — Major Stevens has fixed their payment according to the Work they do, and as Usual in such Cases — As to the Officers and Cadets, although they came there as Volunteers in Order to acquire Instruction, yet from the intelligence they have shewn and may yet acquire, in the Course of this Work I hope the Board will indulge me in the personal Favor which I ask, to allow them full Batta which employed as Volun= for, I know that their Expence and their Labour are very considerable — On Service the Allowance in such Case, is double Pay and double Batta. — I only ask the latter I mean, that, instead of half Batta they may be allowed full Batta Captain Gibbings's Expence has been very Considerable indeed — for, all strangers are welcome to his Table — I hope the Board will think of some way to recompence — this deserving Officer, I can, with Certainty, say,

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say, that, the blowing up of Vellore will be the means of forming a very good Corps of Miners, and, I shall take care to forward to your Honor &c. to be entered on Record the Names of all who have been employed, that recourse may be had to them when occasion Calls for their Services. And Considering the Nature and Construction of the Country Forts, with high Walls and battlements, not properly flanked, of Course affording the best Opportunity of Attaching the Miners, and throwing down the Walls, almost without the Use of Cannon/so difficult to be transported/ I say, on all these Accounts, the publick Service will be greatly benefited, by the Experience acquired in the demolition of Vellore

Knowing, as I now do, the Chicane and affected delays, used by the Black Politicians, whomever they think, that a latitude is left them for a refusal I therefore, cannot help saying to your Honor &c. that I think myself fortunate, to have politely, hit upon away to blow up Vellore, without leaving them that latitude, for, from

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what has passed, in Chance Conversation
on this Subject, within these eight days,
I am Certain, had I, according to the Words
of the Instructions, waited for a direct Con-
-cert from this moor, it would have —
-sent into a Negociation with much ends,
and the precious Moments would have been
lost — Whatever may be the Success of Nego-
-ciations of a Mother Sort, where the Rajahs
Consent is necessary, (unless we risk a Con-
-vulsion of Credit) I hope the Board will
not blame me, if it is out of my power to
Obtain it; but in all matters Connected
with the Strength and defence of this Country,
so immediately under the Military Protection
of the Honble Company, I hope & trust
your Honor &c. will not be displeased
with my Conduct, if in such Cases, I have
recourse only to the Honble Board, for
Advice and Authority — this is the Line
of Conduct I have pursued, and will
Continue to pursue, until you are
pleased to Order otherwise. I have the
honor to be — Honble Sir & Sirs —
Your most faithful & most
Obedient Servant
James Stuart

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P.S.

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P.S. I have taken care to remove all the Cannon and Military Stores from Vellore to this place and Fort St. George only — expected, I can assure your Honor &c. it is better provided in these essential respects, than any other place in the Carnatic — I can almost say that we are not afraid of any Enemy

James Stuart —

Ordered to lie upon the Table —

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

From Col. Stuart on the Subject of Capt. Campbells Expedition

Honble Sir & Sirs

I think it my duty to transmit to your Honor &c. Copies of Letters, this day, forwarded to the Commanding Officers of Madura and Pallamcotta. I hope the Honble Board will approve of my taking every precaution to secure these Forts, and, that, incase his Highness makes any Observation upon this Subject, the President may be enabled to give him the true Reasons of giving these Orders — I have the honor to be Honble Sir & Sirs Your most faithful and most Obedient Servant James Stuart

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To Captain Hopkins, or Officer
Commanding Pallamcotta

Sir, I am directed by the Acting Commander in Chief to signify to you that, as he thinks there is very little Confidence to be put in Captain Campbell's Corps, he wishes to deprive them, as much as possible, of the means of raising serious troubles to the Southward, within the Ports of Madura and Pallamcotta, and, therefore, Orders you, provisionally, on no Account to suffer this Corps of Campbells to be quartered within this Port of Pallamcottah, and, that, if Captain Campbell thinks — proper to send his Guns or Stores into Palla = mcottah, no more than thirty Men, of his, or Bruce's, or any other of his Highness's Corps, are to be allowed to enter with Arms. These Guns or Stores to be under Charge of the Garrison, for the time Captain Campbell leaves them there — Incase the Nabob's Manager expresses surprise at this Order, you are to Acquaint him, that as the Board have been pleased to invest the Acting Commander in Chief with Discretional powers, (Copy of which I herewith inclose) to prevent troubles arising

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in the Carnatic, from the Mutiny and irregularities of his Highness's Troops, and with a particular view to this Corps of Captain Campbell, he has judged it proper to take this precaution, for his Highness's Service, that they may not avail themselves of any Fort or place of Strength, where that Spirit of Mutiny might occasion the most serious Danger and difficulties. The Acting Commander in Chief is very Anxious, that these disturbances to the Southward, should be settled as expeditiously as possible, Consistent with the Noble Honor and therefore, desires to hear of every Step taken towards it — he leaves to you the Method of Conveying Intelligence in the most Certain and expeditious manner and desires you to Communicate with the Commanding Officer of Madura who has similar Orders to these now sent to you — The Acting — Commander in Chief observes, by your — Return, that, there is a want of Gun — Carriages in Pallamcottah, and would be glad to know if you have Workmen or Materials either, to render serviceable, the

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Old Carriages, or to make new Ones.

Upon the whole, the Acting Commander in Chief relys on your prudence, to take care of the Fort and Garrison Committed to your Charge, and to furnish him with the most Authentick information which he will transmit to the Board of the rise and progress of these Disturbances

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Humb. Servt.

Tanjore
28 April 1777

Signed by,
Henry Malcolm
Secretary

To Captain William Russell
Or Officer Commanding
Madurah.

Sir

I am directed by the Acting Commander in Chief to acquaint you, that we have received your Letter of the 21st Instant informing him of the Arrival at Madura of the two 18 Pounders &c., and that, he supposes his Orders for detaining the four Companies of Sepoys arrived in time for that purpose —

I am further directed by the Acting

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Acting Commander in Chief to Signify to you, that, as he thinks there is very little Confidence to be put, on Campbell's Corps, he wishes to deprive them, as much as possible, of the means of raising Serious Troubles to the Southward within the Ports of Madura or Pallamcotta, and therefore, Orders you, provisionally, on no Account to suffer, this Corps of Campbells, to be quartered within the Fort of Madura; and that if Captain Campbell thinks proper to send his Guns or Stores into Madura, no more than thirty Men, of his, or Brodi or any other of his Highness's Corps, are to be allowed to enter with Arms. These Guns or Stores to be under Charge of the Garrison, for the time Captain Campbell leaves them there - You are the Nabobs Manager expresses surprise at this Order, you are to acquaint him that, as the Board have complained to invest the Acting Commander in Chief with discretional Powers, to prevent troubles arising in the Carnatic, from the Mutinous & Irregularities of his Highnesses Troops, and with

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a particular view to this Corps of Captain Campbell's he has judged it proper to take the Precaution for his Highness's Service, that they may not avail themselves of any Fort or place of Strength, where that Spirit of Mutiny might occasion the most serious danger and difficulties.

The Acting Commander in Chief is very anxious that these Disturbances to the Southward, should be Settled as expedi-tiously as possible, Consistent with the Nabobs Honor, and, therefore, desires to hear of every Step taken towards it, he leaves to you the Method of Conveying intelligence in the most Certain and expeditious manner and desires you to Communicate with the Commanding Officer of Pallamcottah, who has Similar Orders to these, now, sent to you—

The Acting Commander in Chief observes by your Return, that there is a want of Gun Carriages in Madura, and would be glad to know if you have Workmen and Materials, either, to render Serviceable the Old Carriages,

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or to make new ones — Upon the whole, the Acting Commander in Chief relys on your Prudence to take care of the Fort & Garrison Committed to your Charge, and to furnish him with the Most Authentic information (which we will transmit to the Board) Concerning the Rise and progress of these Disturbances —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt Hble
Signed by
Henry Malcolm Deputy
Read Letter from the Officer Commanding at Amboor

Tanjore
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Amboor 23 April 1777

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

Hble Sir

From Captain Bruce Intelligence of Hyder —

In my last I had the honor to acquaint you of Hyder leaving his Camp at Chunpatnam and Marching in haste towards Sowanoor I now this Morning Informed he proceeded no further than Goota, when he Returned to the Neighbourhood of Bangalore, and that preparations are

making

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making at Colan for his Reception, where he is expected in person to Assist at a Ceremony performed Annually at the grave of some of his Ancestors - His Intelligence was brought by some of the Kellidars people I expect some of mine in shortly, when I shall be able to inform you particularly, Tipu Saib, and Meer Saib, are yet at Savanoor and the Mahrattoes in the Neighbourhood of Serah, I have the Honor to be —

Your Most Obed.t Servant

Thomas Bruce —

The Superintendant lays before the Board the Accounts of Disbursements for the Nabob from the 5th May to 31st July 1796 —

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No

Sir Robert Fletcher dies at the Cape — Lt. Stuart Succeeds to the Command of the Army & Rank of Brigadier General —

29th Advise having been this day received from the Island of Macanitors of the Death of Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher on the 24th of last December, and the Command of the Army thereby devolving on Colonel James Stuart, Orders have been issued accordingly, appointing Colonel James Stuart, Brigadier General & Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Establishment, agreeably to the Orders of the Court of Directors 25th November 1775)

Letter to the Nabob Containing the Assurances of the Rajah of Tanjore during Intercourse with the French or Maharattoes —

a Letter was this day sent to the Nabob as Entered on Co: Corr: No 53. Containing the Assurances of the Rajah of Tanjore to Colonel Stuart, that he had neither sent to or received Letters or Presents from the French, or the Maharattoes, as the Nabob had reason to imagine from the Papers of Intelligence he had received.

30. The following Letter was this day wrote to General Stuart.

To James Stuart Esqr
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief
of the Army

Sir

Having received advice from

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To Gen.l Stuart advising him of his promotion & directing him to return to the Presidency —

the Island of Macaritiere of the Death of Sir Robert Fletcher on the 24th of last December, the Command of the Army by the Company's Orders devolves on you, with the Rank of Brigadier General.

We congratulate you on this occasion and as your Services will be required at the Presidency We are to desire you will return here so soon as it may prove Convenient to you first Visiting such of the Garrisons in the Carnatic as you wish to know the State of —

We are Sir

Your Most Obed.t humble Servants

Geo. Stratton & Council

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2 May. The following Letter was this day dispatched to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam,

To Samuel Johnson Esq.r
Chief &.a Council
at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam on the Subject of their Dispute with Vizeram Rauze —

We have received your Letters of the 25th & 28th. February.

As we have always recommended to the Chiefs and Councils in the Circars to keep upon the best Terms possible — with

with the Several Zemindars and to maint-
=ain them in their respective Rights and
privileges we are much Concerned at the
Steps you had taken to Confine Jaggernaut
Rauze without the Charges being proved
against him for being Duran to Vizeram
Rauze he should have been accquainted thro'
him of the Crime laid to his Charge &
after time had been given him for his
defence and a strict Examination had
place, the proceeding should have been
transmitted to Us for our final decision
and Vizeram Rauze at the same time
informed that it was expected he would
produce Jaggernaut Rauze when we should
have determined on the punishment we
Might deem adequate to his Guilt.

As we understand that Setteram Rauze
is on his way hither we desire on this Case
that Jaggernaut Rauze be told to proceed
to the Presidency together with Such
proofs on either Side, as may lead to a
Clear and determinate decision on this
Matter. We are sorry that any thing
should have been done to have occasioned

our

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an Appearance to Vezeram Rauze of an extor-
-tion on your part to detain his Person
by Military Force a Circumstance that
came represented as owing to the disobedience
shewn by Lieutenant Moore to the Orders
you had given him & for which you
had put him under Arrest.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affect. Friends

Geo. Stratton

& Councils

3d. This day the following Letter was wrote to the
Nabob entered in Country Corr. N° 56.

To the Nabob.

I have had the honor to receive
Highness's Letter of the 28th April —
now enclose you a Copy of the Resolutions
of Council on the Subject of the Annacutta
As the Season is now far advanced,
I am to request your Highness will be pleased
to furnish me with immediate Orders to
your Manager at Tschencopoly, to permit
the Rajah's people to proceed on the
Repairs of the Annacutta, that it may
as soon as possible be put in the same
State

To the Nabob with the Resolution of Council respecting the Annacutta — desiring permission for the Rajah to repair the Bank —

Fort St George
the 2d May 1777

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State it was during the time of Protaub Sing. Your Highness will also be pleased to give your peculiar Orders to your People to assist the Inhabitants of the Tanjore Country in amending the Bank, as heretofore has been customary.

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Read 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 Engineer's Report of Persons Employed on the Works

We have now employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers	135.
Tank diggers	792
Coolies	806.
Lascars	37.
Stonecutters	46.
Sundry Artificers	9.
Amounting in all to	1875. People

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient & Most humble
Servants
Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
4 May 1777

Came in Letters from the Officer Commanding at Palamcottah.

To Richd Jos. Sullivan Esqr.
Secretary to the Military Department at Fort St George

From Palamcottah
advising of transactions on the Tinnevelly Country

In the beginning of last Month

Fort St. George

I informed the Board, through you, of Capt.n Pickard in the Nabobs Service, having marched with two Battalions of Sepoys, and two Brigades of Guns &c.a against some Poligars between this and Madura since which nothing has happened worth Com=municating — One of my Hyarcarrs brought me a letter from him a few days ago, wherein he tells me that he had been joined by the Ponjalam Courchy and some other Poligars. That had settled matters with the Nabobs Manager, with about 4000 Men that he had Marched to Solar Pettah a Poligar Village about fifty Miles from this, some distance off the Madura Road, which he found deserted, all the Inhabitants having retired to Shivagary a Fort about 3 Days March further to the Westward & nearer the Hills — That he was then before Shivagary which he was endeavouring to — reduce — Two Troops of the Nabobs 3d Regiment of Cavalry, 2 Companys of Infantry & half a Company of the Artillery belonging to the said Regiment with a field piece are last week gone to join him. The rest of the Regiment are marched from Trinnavelly to Solar Courchy a Pagoda about thirty Miles from the under the Hills, where the Braminies & Inhabitants of that part of the Country were assembled and refused to cut down the Grain on Account of some differences between them and the

Manager

Manager, but I have just now heard that this matter is settled and they have again returned to their Villages —

The Killedar of this Fort has just now been with me, and informs me that all disputes with the Poligars are likely to be settled in a few days, should this be the case I shall not fail to give the Board the earliest Notice of it. — I am

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

Chas Hopkins —

Pallamcottah
28th April 1777.

5. May. A Letter was this day wrote to the Nabob with an Account of Disbursements made for him by the Superintendants from 5th May to 31st July 1776. Amounting to Pags 101,658. 33. 19.

Entered in Country Corr: No 58.

Dispatched the following Letter to General Stuart.

To Jame Stuart Esqr

Brigadier General & Commander in Chief of the Army.

To Col. Stuart respecting the Impropriety of his countermanding the Orders of the Board respecting Stores for Captain Campbell —

Sir. We observe by your Letter of the 28 Ultimo that you have judged it necessary to send Directions to the Commanding Officers of Madura and Pallam Cottah respectively not to furnish Captain Campbell with any kind of Military Stores for the purpose of his Expedition until further Orders.

This Measure appears to be founded

founded on an apprehension that the Magazines in those Garrisons are not sufficiently provided to admit of any supply whatever. It is Certain when we dispatched our Orders to the Officers of Madura & Palliamcotta, to furnish Capt. Campbell with Stores in case he should apply for them We never meant, nor do We conceive those Officers could have so understood Us, that the Garrisons were to be distressed and the Supply granted absolutely without any view to the Consequences Our meaning was clearly this, that Captain Campbell being employed by the Nabob on an Expedition against the Poligars in the Tinnevelly Country should suffer no Impediment from the want of any assistance that could be supplied from our Garrison, and that Madura & Palamcotta being nearer to him than any others he should receive from those Places any particular Articles which he might want, and which might be spared without Material Inconvenience.

Having thus explained our intention to you, We cannot help expressing our Concern that you should have judged it necessary by your own Authority to suspend the Execution of our Orders & that too in a case wherein it Solely belonged to Us to judge of the

the Propriety of the Measure We had adopted. We wish rather as the delay would have been attended with no bad Consequences that you had given Us your Sentiments on the Subject, and left it to Us to suspend or wholly recall the Orders We had sent if they appeared to Us improper upon your Representation, but the Part you have taken altho We have no doubt it has been done with a good Intention tends to weaken our Authority and to introduce many Inconveniences in the Management of the Company's Affairs. You will be pleased therefore to inform the Officers Commanding at Madura & Palamcotta that Capts Campbell is to be supplied agreeably to our former Orders with such Stores from their respective Garrisons as he may deem it expedient to indent for, they can spare

We are

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the May 1777.

Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants
Geo Stratton & Council

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Coy. Govr. Pres.t
Henry Brooke — Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan ———————

Mr. Mackay underwrote

The Minutes of last Consultation read & approved

The President acquaints the Board,

Capt. Blake Eyre invalided

that Captain Blake Eyre having been for many Months past Confined from Insanity, he had at the request of General Stuart applied to the Senior Surgeons for their opinion, whether there was any probability of Captain Blake Eyre's Recovery, and in being Confirmed by them that there was not, he had Recommended him to be Invalided, which meeting with the Approbation of the several Members of the Board, the following Promotions likewise approved by the Board, took place accordingly —

G. O. — Promotions —

Lieutenant Donald Mc Leod, to be Captain in the Room of Captain Edward Edmonds removed / to 17th Battalion Sepoys /

Lieut.t John Mordaunt to be Captain in the Room of Captain Edward Eagles removed to 18th Battalion Sepoys.

Lieut.t Samuel Hoare to be Captain in the Room of Captain Joseph Belcliffe removed to 19th Battalion Sepoys.

Lieut.t John Fletcher to be Captain in the Room of Captain David Muirhead removed to 20th Battalion Sepoys.

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Lieutenant John Patterson to be Capt.
-ain in the Room of Captain Thomas Bagot -
removed to 21st Battalion of Sepoys.

Lieut.t George Campbell to be Capt.
in the Room of Captain Edward Cagler Deceased

Lieut.t Thomas Prendergast to be
Captain in the Room of Captain Samuel
Blake Cyre Invalided.

Ensign Richard Wilkinson to be
Lieut.t in the Room of Lieut.t Donald M.c Leod
Promoted.

Ensign Thomas Young to be Lieut.t
in the Room of Lieut.t John Mordaunt Promoted

Ensign James Walker to be Lieut.t
in the Room of Lt. Samuel Hoare Promoted

Ensign Alexander Whatson to be
Lieut.t in the Room of Lt. John Fletcher Promoted

Ensign Oscar Mackay to be Lieut.t in
the Room of Lieut.t John Patterson Promoted

Ensign Walter Anderson to be Lieut.t
in the Room of Lieut.t George Campbell Promoted

Read Letter from the Senior Surgeons.

Fort St. George May 5th 1777.

To
Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Senior Surgeons recommending Mr. M.c Fee as Assistant Surgeon

Mr. James Macfie, having had a Liberal Medical Education, and being Willing to enter into the Service: We hereby Recommend him to be appointed an

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an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment

We are
with all due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient Servants
Gilbert Pasley
Ja.s Anderson ... } Surgeons.

Agreed that Mr Macfie be accordingly appointed an Assistant Surgeon.

Appointed Accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Lt. Archd Brown with the Proceedings of the General Court Martial therein Mentioned.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt. Brown deputy J. A. with the Proceedings of a Court Martial

I have the honor to transmit to you the Proceedings of a General Court Martial, held here by Order of Captain Lawrence Murphy, in consequence of power authority delegated to him.

I am
With much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Servant
Archd. Brown
Deputy Judge Advocate

Chicacole
23d April 1777.

Those being Representations from Sir Robert

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The Proceedings to lie upon the Table

Robert Fletcher and General Stuart now before the Board, touching the time of Military Authority. The above Proceedings are Ordered to lie upon the Table, to be taken with them in to Consideration.

Read the following Letters from General Stuart.

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

From Genl Stuart on the duty of the Commissary Genl as overseer of Fortifications and on sundry Matters relative to the Garrison of Tanjore

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor to acquaint you that, in consequence of the Board's accepting of M.r Gordon's proposals to Lower the Wall, and build the retaining Wall to the Rampart round the large Fort, Major Stevens & Doctor Gordon drew up a sketch or Form of a Contract Containing Major Stevens Opinion and Mr Gordons Observations on the Several Articles, the Major sent me this sketch by Major Brown, wishing to have my Opinion, likewise before it was forwarded to the Board. The Addition, which I made, was that besides the Survey, so far as regards Measurement, to be made as usual by the directing Engineer, the Governor and Council should, likewise, be at liberty to appoint any other person

to

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to Measure the Work - I also added, that this Measurement should be made, as often as the Nature of the Work will admit of, (at least once a Month) my reasons I now give to the Honble Board;

I consider the Office of Commissary General as an Office of check and Controul, and, not merely to Sum up Accounts or Compare Vouchers: in this light all Contracts and all Materials, furnished by Contractors, or by any other Persons, on Account of the Company, are to be under his inspection and Controul, not only, he is to be Convinced of the Certainty of the quantity of Work done, but also of the quality, quantity, and price, of all Materials delivered on Account of the Company - The frequency of the Measurement I think absolutely necessary to avoid Complicate, long Accounts -

As I make it a rule to speak my mind freely on such Matters, especially to the persons immediately concerned, I had no difficulty in doing so to, my Friend, Major Stevens, who, entirely, agreed with me in opinion, to Add, the Clause I mention, and, for the same reasons - Your Honor &c, may believe, that it is not from any diffidence of Major Stevens or of any Engineer you may think proper to employ, but really, to follow such

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what I conceive to be the Views of the Company's
in the Appointment of a Commissary of Controul,
which without such powers is, either a sine
cure, or the Duplicate of the Accomptants Office.
In leaving, therefore, the latitude to the Gover=
=nor & Council to appoint any Surveyors, for
the Measurement that they please, there is an
Opening to do that through the Commissary
General, who in my humble Opinion, ought
to have experienced people in that business, &
in the knowledge of the prices and quality
of Materials, attached to himself and to the
Office, and Sworn to be faithful to the
Company — What I say of the Commissary
General Applies to his Assistants or Depu=
=ties, if properly qualified for the duties
of the Office.

There were some other Reasons, with
regard to the fixing the distance that Gordon
was to bring the Materials from, as also with
regard to digging the foundation, and the —
Advance to be made, which I believe are now,
Mutually, agreed upon —

As something Considerable may be
found in the expence of bringing these Materials
within the distance of the Contract, and also,
in Leading of Bricks from the Kilns to the
Works.

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Works, I have advised that the Company's
Draught Bullocks be employed in that
Work, and, that Carts be made for the purpose,
here being no Carts here at present. X

The vessell with the remaining Stores
from Madras is, at last Arrived at Adri-
-apatam, and a party went off yesterday
to bring the Whole up, at One trip, being
the last we can expect for this Season - Finding
here, useless, upon the Rampart, Seven large
Malabar Guns, I have directed that they may
be broke up, the Weight ascertained, and delivered
over to the Store keeper - the Iron is of the best
quality, and will be much wanted for all sorts
of Work here - The Rajah will be told that,
whatever he wants, for his own Use, will be
delivered out to him - I see likewise, a very large
Brass Mortar, with the Ledcask of the same
Metal, which is, at present, entirely unservi-
cable - On taking with Captain Mackay
the Inspector of Stores, he tells me that with
the Addition of a Small unserviceable Brass
Gun he will engage, with the Metal, to
Cast Two Mortars of the same diameter, at a
very small Expence - This I shall Order
unless Your Honor do signify your
dissent.

Captain Mackay is, at present,
employed in Adding a Brass muzzle, to a
large

large Iron Guns, which will render it serviceable,
having done so, to another of the same sort — he
has, by my Orders, put upon the Rampart of
the large Fort, Twenty Guns, with Carriages, of
those we have Marked unserviceable, in the list
of Stores here, though many of them, were
we drove to necessity might be used at present
they are placed there for Salutes and to make
an Appearance in the Country: I have Ordered
all the Serviceable Battering Guns, Field
pieces with Carriages, and every thing Compleat,
to be lodged in the small Fort, where they are
at present, and in good Order and a very Convē=
=dvable Train it is for this Country.

The Laboratory in the small Fort will
hold all the spare small Arms with several
other Stores it is now fitting up for that pur=
=pose, and we shall shortly, have a safe
place in the small Fort to lodge the Madras
or other Serviceable Powder — As to the Country
Powder my own opinion is that every grain
of it made be used in the blowing up of
Bellows — I take this occasion to present to
the Honble Board, the Plan & Sections
of the three Mines lately sprung, sent
me by Captain Dugood and a perspective
View of the same drawn by my Aid de Camp,
Mr Hislop

Major Stevens does me the

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honor frequently to Consult me about what indeed properly only belongs to himself, I mean the planning out the alterations or Additions in the Fortifications here — I went with him to the South Front of the small Fort where the — Gate is to be opened to the Country, and the Cut-work covering it, to be constructed — I agreed entirely in Opinion with him, in the necessity of having a Communication with the Country, entirely independant of the large Fort and also to have a Work that can flank the approaches to that Front, though the distance is greater than Usual for small Arms He shewed me the Estimate Vz.a of the Fortifications to be altered or new made lately forwarded to the Board_ the Expence I confess exceeds what I at first, thought it would Amount to, but as it is necessary, it must be done gradually; and your Honor Vz.a will be pleased to Consider that the more equally Strong we make this important Fortress, the less will it need a very numerous Garrison to guard the weak parts, for I take this Occasion to give the Honble Board, my humble Opinion, that were there any Cause for real Alarm, Five Battalions of Sepoys on the present Establishment Viz.t 700 Men each, and 250 Europeans with half

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a Company of Artillery, are by no means sufficient, to Garrison this place & to defend the Country.

The Surgeons, having the direction of the Hospital at Vellum, have frequently Complained to me that the reflection of the heat from the tiles, and low Roof of the Hospital there, was very prejudicial to the Sick, I have therefore, Ordered them to be made to the places which had been fitted up for Barracks for the Europeans, where they will be very well Accomodated.

I thought Once to have Advised the Converting the painted Choultry near this place into an Hospital, but on talking with Major Stevens about the Expence, to Accomodate the Surgeons &c, I found it would be so Considerable that I should Advise your Honor &c. to Continue the Hospital at Vellum, and to make the painted Choultry a quarter for four Officers belonging to the Battalion of Sepoys that lays there, which will be done for a trifle - I am in hopes that the Barracks, for the Europeans will be finished before the Monsoon, which will make place for Officers and others who are very badly Accomodated at present, and I again, take the Liberty to repeat

my

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my opinion to the Board, that, if no other
suitable Accomodation can be had for the
Gentlemen, they ought to be lodged under proper
Cover in the great Fort, for, at present their
Quarters and Accomodations are really Shock-
-ing to see - they do not Complain, though
many fall sick daily, which makes me the
more Anxious to serve them.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithfull
and Most Obedient Servant
James Stewart

Tanjore
26th April 1777.

The Board have already drawn the line
of the Commissary Generals Employ, & Consequent-
-ly of his Assistants in his Absence, in which it
is particularly set for the that it is the Duty
of the Commissary General & his Assistants
to Check & Controul all Military Accounts
& Disbursements.

Minute thereon

As the keeping of Carts on the Compa-
-ny's Account at Out Garrisons hath always
been found inconvenient, Agreed, that the
Paymaster be directed to recommend to the
Contractor to employ the Company's Bullock
in removing the Materials, the Contractor
paying for the same, & if he should be
assisted with Coolies, that he be charged

Ordered in consequence

with

with their Pay, for the time they may be so Employed.

Agreed, that the Inspector of Stores be permitted to Cart the two Mortars recommended by General Stuart

Agreed also, that the Hospital be Continued at Vellore, & that the Painted Chaultry be converted into Officers Quarters as recommended by the General.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday the Rajah sent to desire I would come to him at half past ten o Clock this Forenoon. I went accordingly, when he told me, that from his Connection & Friendship with the English Company, & with your Honor &c their Representatives, he thought it his duty to inform you, of the approaching Nuptials of his Brother; that he was so much hurried at present that he hoped the President would excuse him if he delayed for a day or two Sending a Letter, and Dispatch upon the Occasion. The two Wives he gives his Brother, are the Daughters of Kistnama Gradarow.

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Guaderow, a Girl of 12 Years Old, and a Daughter of the Deceased Gouderow Guaderow, who is about ten Years Old. This is what is here called the first Marriage, when ripe there is a Second Ceremony — The Ladys are first Cousins & they are Nieces to Vencaty Guaderow / or Baba Saib / who generally attends me to the Durbars

The Rajah took occasion to acquaint me that Mr Jones the Paymaster had sent to him to say, that he had a Letter from your Honor &c. which he was Ordered to deliver out of his own hands, that he / the Rajah / sent for Answer to Mr Jones; that he had appointed this forenoon to see me, & that he would be then ready to receive him that Mr Jones in return had sent him word, that what he had to say had no Connection with me, & that he must see the Rajah seperately. & that if this was refused him, he would send back the Letter to your Honor &c. Upon which the Rajah sent to tell him, that if he did not choose to come at the time fixed, it would not be in his power to give him a Meeting for some Days hence, on Account of his Brothers Wedding — The Rajah desired that I would

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would mention this Circumstance to your Honor Ka and at the same time to say, that he knows of no Business he has to do with Mr Jones, excepting what had been fully discussed in a former Meeting, that he had given Orders satisfactory to Mr Jones for the Recovery of Debts owing by some of his People to Mr Benfield or his Agents, & that if there was any further Complaints upon Mr Jones stating them in writing, he should do him Justice; and that he hoped your Honor Ka would not think that Mr Jones, or any other Gentlemen upon their own private Business had a right to see him whenever they thought proper, for that it would be inconvenient, may improbable in his present State of health — That upon publick Business he was always — ready when able to see me, or any One that your Honor Ka placed at the Head of Affairs here; and that he wished Thro That Channel, to be permitted to give his Answers not only upon publick Business regarding the Companys Affairs, but also on all Business — -ness regarding Individuals, recommended to him by your Honor Ka —

This

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This is the Substance of what the Rajah Communicated to me, and which I promised to inform you of.

I am Most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient and
very humble Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
27th April 1777.

From Genl. Stuart his Conversation with the Rajah on the Subject of a Letter to be delivered by Mr. Jones —

As the Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore, — enclosed to Mr. Jones, & to be by him delivered to the Rajah, related entirely to the private Concerns of that Gentleman in the Tanjore Country, he had a Right to deliver it himself when it suited the Rajah to see him.

Minute thereon

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

From Co.l Stuart communicating the Rajahs Representation respecting the Repair of the Annacutta —

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received yesterday, a letter from your Honor &c. dated the 24th instant, expressing "that you understood the Rajah of Tanjore had sent people to repair the Annacutta, — "Contrary to the Usual Custom, and that as "the Subject was now under your Consideration, "you desire that no further Steps be taken "untill I should be acquainted with your — "final determination."

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In Answer to which, I beg leave, first, to acquaint your Honor &c. with the only Steps I have hitherto taken, in any way Connected with that business;

On my Arrival here, I wished very much to have a Survey of the Principal roads and the Course of the River: I saw it impossible, during my Residence, to Obtain all the infor-=mation I desired on this Subject, and, therefore employed Lieut.t Pringle to make a Survey, in the best manner he could, of the roads & the River between this place and Triche-nopoly I gave him many particular Instructions Concerning the Annacutta Bank, & every Chan-=nel through which Water was Conveyed to this Country, and to inform himself, from both parties, with the utmost exactness and impartiality, of the Real ground of the dispute, that had so long Subsisted between the Nabob and the Rajah, about the Repairs of this important Bank to this purpose, I wrote to Lieut.t Colonel James to inform the Nabob Manager, that he might take occasion to give Mr. Pringle the necessary information; and, in like manner, I gave Notice to the Rajah. A few days after Lieut.t Pringle

arrived

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Arrived at the Annacutta, he sent Word, that the Bank required immediate repair and, that there were but two Months to do it in, sometime after, I had Notice of the disputes and formal Protests between the Nabob and the Rajah's principal Managers, who both appealed to their Respective Masters, and to the Governor and Council, And as Lieut. Pringle seemed to think, that, there was a chance of force being Used, either by One side or the other in, support of their Claims, he wished to know what part was most proper for him to Act in case his Advice or Opinion could be of any Weight - the Substance of repeated letters or Messages, by my Order, to him, was, that, he was sent there, not to decide upon any thing, but, to make the Survey, and to inform himself of Facts, ultimately, to be laid before your Honor &c. that the Company's Troops were not to interfere, on either side without Particular Orders from Your Honor &c. that he should advise both sides, to Obstain from Acts of Violence, and to leave things as they were until the Honble Board, to whom both Parties seemed to Appeal, should decide upon it - this Conduct, I have reason to think, has been invariably, followed by Lieut. Pringle

And

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And I took occasion, through Lieut. Colonel James, to Communicate, these my Instructions to the Nabobs Manager at Triche-nopoly, since which time I have heard of no Threats or Acts of Violence: Lieut.t Pringle has desired, that, the tools of the Rajahs Workmen employ'd in the Repair, before he Arrived there be removed, from the Nabobs ground to the Rajahs, and he writes, that the Rajah's People had desisted from digging sand in a Certain Place, the property of which was doubtful. These, Honble Sirs and Sirs, are the only steps I have taken, and, you may be assured I shall do nothing further then, untill I hear from you.

The Rajah, by himself or his Minis-ters, had formerly, in a Vague manner, mentioned the Encroachments of the Annamalla to me to which I never gave him any Answer, as I had no Instructions on the Subject. — But the only formal, or Official, Conversation that passed between us on it, was, at the Interview of Yesterday, upon my telling him, "that it was your Orders, matters "respecting the Annamalla, should remain "as they Are, untill Your Honor &c., had "decided upon them," I was yesterday, so fatigued with

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with the dispatch after my Return home,
that I could not then enter upon this subject
with your Honor &c. or state what passed
between the Rajah and me in consequence,
but I reserved it for this seperate dispatch
because of its importance.

The Rajah said, that, "if he was not allowed
"sufficiently to repair the Bounk, and in proper
"time, his Country would be a Desart, and it
"would be impossible for him, to fulfill his
"Engagements to the Company, or to pay
"his Peshcash to his Highness; and that,
"he gave me this warning, in time to Commu-
"-nicate to your Honor &c.; that he and his
"people lived under your protection; that,
"the only Riches of his Country was the Paddy,
"that the Paddy could not grow without the
"Water; and that, the Water would either, be
"Stoped from Coming to his Country, or come
"in too great quantities, as was the Case last
"Year, if the Annacutta bank was not properly
"built up; that he had expended One Lack
"of Rupees upon it since last year, and that
"he had destined another Lack of Rupees to Repair
"it properly; that his People had been ob
"Work there, without any formal Complaint,
"before the Nabobs Manager Arrived, or the
English

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English Gentleman I had sent: that he did
"not know any reason why he paid the
"Pishcash to the Nabob, but on Account of the
"Water: and that he did not see why he was
"to be stopped in the Work. that the Principal
"cause of his Revenue falling short was owing
"to the difficulties, thrown in his way, to repair
"it properly: And that as the English Company
"& the Nabob, received more than a half of the
"Clear Revenue of his Country it was therefore,
"their business, fully as much as his, to secure
"to him the only means of discharging their
"Engagements"

He begged of me "to represent all this
"to your Honor &c. and to request, that before
"you decide upon the Subject you will be
"pleased to hear, what he may have to
"Offer in support of his right & practice, in
"the Mode of repairing this Bank."

This I now take Occasion to lay
before the Honble Board, and, remain
Most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithful and
Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
28 April 1777

This

821. Fort St. George 5th May 1777.

This Subject having been fully discussed at last Consultation, and the Board having taken Certain Resolutions in Consequence, it is unnecessary to make any Remarks, on this Letter from General Stuart.

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Gl. Stuart mustering whether from Capt. Rynde at Madura

Sir I am to request you will lay before the Honble Board the enclosed Copy of a Letter received from Captain Rynde.

Tanjore 28 April 1777.

I am Sir
Your very Obedient
Humble Servant
James Stuart

Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir I have just now been favored with your Secretary's Letter of the 23d and am happy to find that I have taken the precautions - therein pointed out, with regard to Captain Campbell's people - not a man belonging to him has entered this Garrison with any thing but Side Arms and indeed not many of them. In Order to keep the Appearance of the Company taking a part in this business

J.

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I have had the 4 Companys of Sepoys with the 18 Pounders encamped on the Glacis, close by Campbells people —

I have taken Captain Campbells Receipt for the Guns he has heard a 4½ Inch Mortar a Petard and Several other Stores from this Garrison — Yesterday his People received two Months pay — He is to March tomorrow Morning — I apprehend Sir it will be a difficult matter for me to Obtain you any satisfactory Account of the Rise of these Disturbances, but I shall spare no pains to pursue with your with regular Accounts of the progress —

I have the honor to be with the Utmost Respect Sir
Your Most Obedient and
Humble Servant
(signed) William Russell

Madura
25th April 1777

A true Copy
Henry Malcolm Secretary

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department

From Genl. Stuart with Letter from Capt. Russell

Sir

I beg of you to present to the Honble Board the enclosed Copy of a Letter received from Captain Russell this Morning —

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient Servt
James Stuart
Colonel

Tanjore
29 April 1777.

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Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir Captain Dugald Campbell with the Nabobs detachment marched Yesterdays Morning and reached Trimongolam a Village about 15 Miles from thence He has marched again this Morning & I am just now informed that his people are behaving very well and are in excellent spirits

In my last Letter, Sir, I forgot to acquaint you that I had set the Work people about Repairing the Ordnance Carriages & about Cutting timber for new Ones

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedient & most
Humble Servant
(Signed) William Ruffell

Madura
27th April 1777

a True Copy
Henry Malcolm Secretary.

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

From Gel Stuart
recommending
Capt Watts for
the Command of
the 13 Battalion
of Sepoys —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformably to the Instructions,
Article 7th of the Honble Company received
& Cashburnham 1774.

I beg leave to recommend Capt
Robert

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Robert Watts to succeed to the Command of the 1st Carnatic Battalion Vacant by the Death of Captain Eagles - Jams with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most faithfull and Obedient humble Servants

James Stuart
Acting Commander in Chief &c.

Agreed that Captain Watts be appointed accordingly.

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

Tanjore
30th April 1777.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Genl Stuart explaining the Sense in which he had understood the Order of the Board respecting the Annaculla.

This Morning I have received Accounts from the Annaculla, informing me, that his Highness's Manager at Trichenopoly had come with some Sepoys and, had, either, drove or frightened away the Coolies or Workmen employed in the Repairs of that Bank, giving as his reason, that your Honor &c. had written to Lieut. Colonel James and to me, to justify his taking these Steps.

Your Order to me which I suppose is the Duplicate of what you sent to Lieut. Colonel James is A. We understand that

the

825. Fort St. George 5th May 1777.

"The Rajah of Tanjore has sent People to repair
"the Annicutta Contrary to the usual Custom,
"and the Subject being now under our Consi-
"deration, We are to desire, that no further
"Steps be taken on till you shall be
"acquainted with our final Determination
The Meaning of which on till I hear —
further from your Honor &c. I conceive
to be that no new Orders were to be given,
neither any Force or Violence Used on either
Side untill your final Determination was
known — But, this Manager from Tricho
-enopoly, by taking these Measures, has
Stoped the Work, and has Actually decided
upon the Merits of the Question under
your deliberation.

Lieutenant Pringle informs me,
that he found the Rajahs People at Work
on his Arrival at the Annicutta, and
from the Quantity of Work then Done, he
says, they must have been employed, at
least four Months during which time
I know of no formal Complaints having
been made by his Highness's people. They
seem to have taken the Alarm upon
my sending Mr. Pringle, for the purpose
I have already Mentioned to you.

The day before Yesterday, I wrote to
the

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the Honble Board acquainting them of the Steps I had taken: and as my Opinion of the Board's Order was, that things were to remain on the State they were in, I conceived there would be no necessity for my interfering, but as the Men have been drove off, who were employed, both, on the Disputed and the undisputed sides of this important Work, and as there remains, now, only a very few Weeks to Carry on any Work at all, I have Signified my Orders to the Officer, from this District, on Command near the Bank, to protect the Workmen employed in such Repairs as do not Admit of a Dispute— And, I shall send a Duplicate of this letter to Lieut.t Colonel Jones to be Communicated to the Managers of his Highness.

If your Honor &c. determine that the Work should be stoped altogether, you will be pleased to Signify Your Orders to me Accordingly

A Compassionate regard to the people inhabiting this Country whose daily Sustenance depends, almost entirely upon the Repairs of this Bank in proper Season Leads me to imagine, that the Meaning of your late Orders was not,

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by Authority, to Stop the Work altogether,
because that is the Worst that can happen
to these people from any determination, which
determination I am sure you will not give
until you hear both sides of the question
If I have mistaken your meaning,
and, that his Highness Manager knew
it better, I hope to be excused from the
motives that have induced me to give the
Orders of which I have now informed your
Honor &c.

I am Most Respectfully,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull
and most Obedient Servant
James Stuart.

Sanjore
to
30 April 1777.

The Board cannot but remark that there
was an impropriety in the Order given by Genl
Stuart to the Officer Commanding near the Bank
after he had received the Letter of the 24th Ultimo
directing that no further Steps should be
taken with respect to the Annamalla until
he was acquainted with their final determi-
nation on that Subject.

Minute of the Board disapproving thereof

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The

828 Fort St. George 5th May 1799.

From Gl. Stewart proposing that the Sarcar at Trichinopoly shall engage under a Penalty to furnish the Paymaster at Tanjore with Money

The Paymaster has just now been with me, to say, that he has not Money to pay all the Troops there on the Usual pay-day, particularly, that the greatest part of the European Officers cannot be paid on the 5th of next Month.

As I hear there is Money on the road I do not think there will be any great inconvenience arising from this delay — I mention it rather to acquaint your Honour &c, of what I have just now suggested to Mr. Jones in Order to avoid such inconveniences in future Viz.t, that he be empowered to make a Bargain with the Sarcar at Trichinopoly, on allowing him a premium, to find ready Money to a Certain extent under a Certain penalty, provided the Paymaster gives him five days previous Notice, for, as the Case is at present, although the Paymaster has a Credit upon the Sarcar, on any emergency, yet he is at liberty to allidge any excuse for want of ready Money

I have the honor to inclose to your Honor &c. my Recommendation of Captain Robert Watts to Succeed to the Depoy.

829 Fort St. George 5th May 1797

Sepoy Battalion Vacant by the death of
Captain Cagle

I am, Most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithful and
Most Obedient Servants
James Stuart.

Tanjore
30th April 1797.

As it might be productive of many
inconveniences to the Service, if such innovations
were Allowed to take place, the Board cannot
grant permission to the Paymaster at Tanjore,
to make any bargain whatever with Soucars
for a supply of Cash. Money will be sent
to Tanjore as soon as the Treasury will admit
of it - and from the present State of the
Company's Resources none but the most
Material, & the Most necessary works should
be carried on.

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esq.
Secretary of the Military Department
Fort St. George

From Genl. Stuart
with letters from
Madura & Palam-
cottah advising of
the Rise & progress
of the Poligar Expe-
dition & Complaining
of the Sepoy Clothing

Sir

I send you herewith an Order to be
laid before the Honble Board, Copies of
Letters received this day from the Officers
Commanding Madura and Pallamcotta,
Containing some intelligence of the Rise
and Progress of the Poligar Expedition.

Your

830. Fort St. George 5th May 1799.

You will likewise receive inclosed, for the inspection of the Honble Board a State of the New Cloathing belonging to the Sepoy Battalions in this Garrison and District; the Commanding Officers of these Corps have requested to be informed how their Officers and Men are to be Cloathed whose Jackets are found unfit for Use. A muster Jacket of each Rank so reported, will be forwarded to the Adjutant General for the inspection of the Honble Board

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Humble

Servant

James Stuart

Tanjore
5th May 1799.

To Lieut.t Henry Malcolm
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir I have received your Letter of the 2d Instant signifying to me the Commander in Chiefs desire that I would inform myself and acquaint him of the real grounds of Complaint of the Poligars and the Causes why they revolt the Nabobs government

I have not yet been able to learn whether the Poligars have any ground of

Complaint

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Complaint or cause to resist the Nabobs Govern-
-ment, more than the Demands of his Managers
here on them for their yearly Tribute or
Arrears of Tribute, which they make pretences
of not being able to discharge in Consequence
of the want of the usual Rains

About six Months ago ten Golah
Peons carrying Sowcars Money (it is said)
about 8000. Pagodas / from Trinomavalley
to Tuticorin poly, are supposed to be robbed &
Murdered near Collar Pettah a Poligar
Village about 80 Miles from this, some
distance off the Road to Madura, as they
have never been heard of since their passing
that way — The Poligars of this place refusing
to make good this Money and the difficulties
they and some other Poligars make in settling
the Tribute with the Circars are the only
pretences as far as I can understand for
this Expedition against them: In the
beginning of last Month I informed the
Commander in Chief of Captain Pickards
having marched with two Battalions of
Sepoys and two Brigades of Guns &c., since
which I have heard nothing worth Commu-
=nicating — One of my Hircarahs brought
me

me a letter from him a few days ago, wherein he tells me that he had been joined by some other Poligars who have settled matters with the Nabob's manager, that he had marched to Colar Pettah which he found deserted, all the Inhabitants having retired to Shevegary, a Poligar Fort about three days march further to the Westward and nearer the Hills, that he was then before Shevegary which he was endeavouring to reduce, but was likely to find it difficult for want of a 12 Pounder Two Troops of the Nabob's 3d Regiment of Cavalry, two Companies of Infantry and half a Company of Artillery with One field piece belonging to the said Regiment are this week marched to join Captain Pickard - Captain Dugald Campbell is not yet arrived in the Trinomaly Country. I shall pay due attention to the Commander in Chiefs directions Concerning him.

You will please to inform the Commander in Chief that there are only two whole Barrels of Country and none of Europe Powder

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Powder in the Garrison, but there is a great deal of Country Powder of the Nabobs of which I have no Charge and never had any Account — I am

Palamcottah
26 April 1779.
A True Copy
Henry Malcolm Sec.y:

Sir
Your Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) Charles Hopkins

Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir I have just now received a Letter from Captain Dugald Campbell dated the 25th at Verdipettah a Village about thirty miles from this Place. To day he will be at Sattoor, and to morrow at Coilpettah, where he expects to meet the Nabobs manager He has not yet had any Accounts from Captain Pickard — His People Continue to behave well — Tomorrow I hope to be able to give you some Account of the Poligars as I have some Sepoys out for that purpose — I am, with Respect

Madura
29th April 1779.
a True Copy
Henry Malcolm
Sec.y:

Sir
Your Most Obedient and most humble Servant
(Signed) William Russell

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Ordered, that the State of the Cloathing, be delivered to the Agent, with Extracts of General Stuarts Letter on that Subject, and that he do Report accordingly.

Order thereon

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esq.
Secretary of the Military Department
Fort St. George

From Gen.l Stuart with Letter from Polamcottah

Sir,

I herewith send you, for the infor-
-mation of the Honble Board, per this intelli-
-gence Concerning the Poligars in the Trinnevaly
Country.

I am Sir
Your very Obed.t Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
2 May 1777.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Charles Hopkins Commanding Pallamcottah to Lieut.t Henry Malcolm Secretary to the Commander in Chief dated 28th. April 1777.

Sir "I have received your letter of the
"23d Instant accompanying a Copy of one then
"to the Commander in Chief from the Board
"regarding the Mutiny of the Nabobs 5th Regt
"of Cavalry you will please inform the

Commander

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"Commander in Chief, that I shall pay parti-
"cular attention to his Directions Concerning
"that or any other of his Highness's Corps."

"I have not yet heard of the Arrival
"of Captain Campbell in this Country—

"The other part of the third Regiment
"of Nabobs Cavalry are marched from Trinomaly
"to Collaracouroty, about thirty Miles west
"from this, where the Braminee and Inhabitants
"of that part of the Country were assembled and
"refused to Cut down the Grain on Account
"of some difference between them and the
"Manager — I have just now heard this
"matter is settled and they have all returned
"to their different Villages."

"The Killedar of this Fort has just now
"been with me, and informs me that all
"Disputes with the Poligars are likely to
"be settled in a few days, should this be the
"Case I shall not fail to give the Commander
"in Chief the earliest Notice of it —

/A True Extract/ Henry Malcolm
Secy.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

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From the Chief Engineer with the Draft of a Contract with Mr Gordon for performing the Works at Tanjore —

Fort St George
2 May 1777

To Lieut.t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

I herewith submit to your Consideration a Letter I have received from Major Stevens accompanying a Draught of Articles of Agreement to be entered into with Mr Gordon for performing the Fortification of Tanjore by Contract.

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt and
Most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.t & Chief Engineer —

Fort St George
13 & 16 May 1777

Sir

I have received your Letters of the 13 & 16th enclosing the Copys of your Letters to the Board of the 7th & 13th Instant with their Orders in consequence thereof and I now enclose you a draught of Articles of Agreement to be entered into with Mr Gordon for the approbation and Directions of the President & Council forconcluding the same Colonel Stuart having approved thereof I am Sir

Your Most Obed.t humble Servant
Signed William Stevens

Tanjore
28 April 1777.
A True Copy
Patrick Ross

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Knowall Men by these Presents that .....
..... in behalf of the East India
Company and William Gordon for himself
his Heirs Executors Administrators & Assigns
do hereby agree and are held and firmly bound
to each other in manner and form following
on pain and for feiture of the Penalties here
under expressed Viz.t

The President & Council having resolved by their Minutes
of Consultation of the fourteenth of April
1777 that the abovementioned William Gordon
do have a Contract for such works as he
hath given in proposals to execute / his offers
being the most Reasonable / The said William
Gordon doth hereby for himself his Heirs
Executors, Administrators and Assigns covenant
and agree to and with the said .....
..... on behalf of the
East India Company to break up the Old
retaining Wall of the Rampart of the great
Fort of Tanjore, as also to break down and lower
the outer Wall of the said Rampart to a Certain
height or to break up Burrs from such
other Places in the same Rampart as may be
Convenient or as much as may be necessary
and with the Materials Collected from the
above or any part thereof to build, carry on
& execute a retaining Wall to the abovementioned
Rampart in the same manner as is now
performing

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performing in the little Fort and Agreeable to the directions of the Compromys Engineer at Tanjore at the rate of Seven Madras Fanm. B English Cubical Yard of the said Returning Wall so built in full Consideration for all and Several of the above mentioned Works to be performd exception such Cases as are hereafter specified —

The said William Gordon do the — further Covenant and agree to build and execute daily from 80 to 110 Cubical Yards & perhaps more after seven days from the date hereof / when the weather will permit / which the Contracting Parties think will Compleat the said retaining Wall within 9 Months. And Whereas it hath been supposed by the Contracting Parties that the Materials to be used in building the said retaining Wall will not require to be carried farther than the distance of One hundred Yards it is hereby agreed between the said Contracting Parties — that the said William Gordon shall have an Extra Allowance made him of two fanm. ℔ Cubic Yard, for such part of the Returning Wall as shall be built with Materials that may be Carried above One hundred and within two hundred Yards, and an Extra Allowance of four fanams for such part thereof as

may

may be built with Materials Carried above two hundred and less than three hundred Yards that is to say an Extra Allowance of two Fanams for every hundred Yards, exclusive of the Fanams beforementioned

And it is further agreed between the Contracting Parties that the said William Gordon shall be paid at the Rate of One Fanam & Cubic Yard for the Removing of any Ground which may exceed the height of One foot above the Base of the retaining Wall, which he engages to build.

And it is further agreed between the said Parties, that the said retaining Wall shall be examined and Surveyed from time to time by the Compy's Engineer at Tanjore as often as he shall think proper, and that the said Retaining Wall or such part thereof as may be finished shall be measured Once every Month by the Engineer at Tanjore or such other Person or Persons as the President & Council may please to Appoint, and the Measurement thereof is to be paid or Accounted for according to the Engi=neers Certificates signed by him or Counter=signed by such Inspectors or Surveyors as the President & Council may Appoint reckoning forty two Fanams for a Pagoda.

And it is further agreed between the said Parties that should

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should the said William Gordon find any difficulty in providing a Sufficient Number of Coolies to Carry on the said Works that the said William Gordon shall be Assisted with the influence of the Commanding Officer or Engineer in procuring such as he may want, provided they do not impede such other works as may be Carrying on

And it is also agreed between the said Contracting Parties that the said William Gordon shall be paid an Advance of One thousand Pagodas immediately after the Execution of these presents, and shall be Advanced from time to time as for as three fourths of the Amount of such Certificates as may be granted agreeable to the aforementioned Articles, untill the said first Advance be discharged.

And lastly the Obligation of the present Contract is that in Case the said William Gordon negligently and wilfully fails in the Execution of the aforesaid Agreement According to the true intent and Meaning of these presents or in Case of any dispute arising between him and the Company's Engineer absolutely refuses to prosecute or execute the said Works according to the Judgment of Surveyors, who shall be appointed by the President & Council

of

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of Fort St. George on behalf of the said Comp=
=any he the said William Gordon does hereby
bind himself his Heirs Executors Administra
=tors and Assigns in the Penal Sum of Two
Thousand Pagodas to be well and truely paid
and forfeited to the said East India Company,
In Witness whereof the Parties thereto
have hereunto set their hands and Seals in
this day of in the Year
of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred
& Seventy Seven.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
where no Stampt Paper is to be
had in the presence of the. (A true Copy)
Patrick Ross.

The Chief Engineer to give his Opinion thereon —

Ordered, that the Secretary do
call upon the Chief Engineer for his Opinion
of the proposed Contract with Mr. Gordon

The President acquaints the Board
that Agreeably to the Resolution of last
Consultation he had waited on the Nabob
& had procured from him an Order to
his Amuldar at Trichenopoly, directing
him, to proceed immediately to the Annaicutt
and to stay on the Spot untill such
Repairs as were wanting to the Bank

The President acquaints the Board that the Nabob had given permission to — repair the Annaicutt

were

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were finished. The President further acquaints the Board that the Nabob when he delivered him this Order, told him — that he had then given an Order to Oblige his friends, which Pretaut Sing, the late Rajah of Tanjore had found it often impossible to Obtain, altho' his intreaties were Accompanied — with Money, and Jewels to a Considerable Amount.

In consequence of the Above, the following Letters are now wrote to the Officers Commanding at Tanjore and Trichinopoly

To James Stuart Esqr
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief
of the Army at Tanjore

Letter to Col. Stuart informing him of the abovementioned permission & Condemning the Steps he had taken

Sir

We have received your Letters — dated the 28th & 30th Ultimo and having taken under Consideration the Subject of the Repairs of the Annacutta our President writes in a few days acquaint the Rajah therewith, in the mean time the Nabob has furnished a very particular Order to his Amuldar at Trichinopoly directing him to proceed immediately to the Annacutta and stay on the Spot until such Repairs

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as are wanting to the Bank are finished—
We have transmitted this Order to Colonel
James giving him directions to afford all
reasonable Assistance in the prosecution of
this Work: the Season rendering it necessary
that the utmost Expedition should be used
You will be pleased to acquaint the Rajah
of Tanjore with the above that he may
lose no time in Sending Orders for the
Repairs of this useful Work. We cannot
but Remark that there was an Impropriety
in the Orders you gave to the Officer on
Command near the Bank after you had
received our Letter of the 24th Ultimo direct-
ing that no further Steps should be
taken with Respect to the Annacutta
until you were acquainted with our
final determination on that Subject

We are Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 5th May 1777.

To Lieut.t Colonel James
Commanding at Trichinopoly.

Sir I am commanded by the Honble
& Col.l James upon the President & Council, to enclose to you
the Subjects the

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The Accompanying Order from the Nabob to his Amaldar at Trichinopoly, directing him to proceed immediately to the Cummeetta, and stay on the Spot until such Repairs as are wanting to the Bank are finished. In the prosecution of this Work you will be pleased to give all reasonable assistance, as the Season renders it necessary that the intended Expedition should be made.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Rich.d Jos.s Sullivan
Sec.y

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Read Letter & Report from the Committee of Works 29 April

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Committee of Works - reporting the loss upon the Articles of Jaggery remaining a Master Carpenter & Enclosing Copy of the Minutes respecting Balances due by Mr Sullivan

We have the honor to lay before you an Extract from Our Minutes of the 3.d Instant & request your Determination on the Subject of it.

Our Clerk has laid before the

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an Account Current of 470 Candies 19 Maunds
5 Wt of Sagoy received on Account of the Company
from 1st April 1771 to the 30 March 1774 —
Great part of which came at different times
and at different Prices from Bengal 116.
Candies 17 Maunds were issued to the Engineer
& Supplied Mr Sulivan for the Company's
Works — But the President & Council having
thought proper to have the Publick Work
performed by Contract there was no longer
a necessity to keep a Quantity of this Article
on the Company's Account, the Committee
therefore Recommended to the Board that
what remained should be Sold off, and in pursu-
-ance of their Orders it was put up to Sale
in the Month of October following — Tho the
Prices then offered were less than the Cost to
the Company it was thought more advisable
to dispose of it on those Terms than suffer
it to rot waste in the Company's Godowns —
The Loss arising from the Sales & Wastage,
together with an OB Ballance remaining
on the Books under Stat Head Amounts
to Pagodas 1541.5.39 Which We request you
will give Us Leave to write off to Profit & Loss
that Our Books may not specify a Quantity
of this Article which We have not in Store.
The Comptroy of Master Carpenter
being

amount
OK

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being vacant by the Death of Mr. Guest We beg leave to Recommend that his Place be Supplied by Mr. Richard Feltham Master Carpenter of the Coventry Man of War he being Well Recommended by the Commodore and Captain Marlow, as a Sober, diligent Man well skilled in his Profession —

We are Respectfully
Honble Sirs Yours
Your Most Obedient Servants
Patrick Ross.

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29th April 1777.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works
dated the 3d April 1777.

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Richard Joseph Sullivan in answer to
what the Clerk was Ordered to write him
Concerning his Balance.

Gentlemen,

I have been duely honored with the
Receipt of your Commands signified thro' Mr. Forian
the 1st Instant acquainting me that the Balance
of my Account as Contractor for Bricks &
Chunam when I delivered over the Contract
to Mr. John Tweedy, still remained against
me, and as the Committee did not think pro-
per to wait any longer demanding payment

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of that Balance Amounting to Pags. 1635. 12. 42.

At the time of my Contracting with the Honble Company for the Provision of Brick & Chunam in 1773. their Outstanding Balances from Firewood Contractors amounted to Pagodas 8489. 18. — which Balances I agreed to take upon myself, not doubting but that they were all actually due by People then living, & Consequently Recoverable. — On enquiry, afterwards, I found that many Sums were declared owing by People, who positively denied then having Received any Advance from the Company, altho their Names appeared on the List delivered to me by Mr Dowse the Agent. This I repeatedly explained to Mr Whitehill & to Mr Johnson, while they were Presidents of your Committee and moreover Satisfied them as to the unreasonableness of supposing I should be Answerable for fictitious Balances. Such as could be proved, whether Recoverable or not, I acknowledged myself Accountable for, but such as never did exist, — the Company I was assured, would not deem it equitable to demand from me. In this belief Gentlemen I delivered over my Controversial Accounts to Mr Turing conceiving myself indebted to

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the Company, the Sum of Pagodas 729 7. 13.
independant of the Ballances for which he
became answerable — Mr Lewing engaged to
take off Ballances to the Amount of Pags 6854. 6. 11.
The Ballances which could not be proved
& Consequently were irrecoverable came to... } 819. 4. 56.
The Committee of Works, were indebted to
me for Chunam delivered to the Inhabitants } 87 " "
And the Neat Balance owing by me to
the Company Amounted to ..... } 729 7. 13.
Pagodas ..... 8489. 13. "

And thus stood the Account, between the Honble
Company & me as Contractor for Brick & Chunam
may so well Convinced were the Committee of
the unreasonableness of demanding from me pay-
ment of Ballances, that never could be proved,
that at the desire of Mr Johnson I delivered in
a List of the Seerwood Contractors Names to
him, the Amount of whose Ballances, were to
be Collected by the Committee on the part
of the Company, if possible Enclosed I
have the honor to lay before you a Copy
of this List for your Information & Inform-
ming your Judgment on this matter I would
not on any Account you should suppose I
wished to evade payment of what I was
bound to by my Contract. On the Contrary,

I

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I would Chearfully bear any Loss that I could really look upon myself as answerable for, — But when you will be pleased to Reconsider this Subject — and to inform yourselves of what I now Communicate to you, from the Committee's Concessions — I flatter myself you will deem it but Reasonable — that I should be accountable for no other Sum than Pag.s 729. ℔. 13. which Sum I am now ready to pay to your Orders.

I have the Honor to be with Respect Gentlemen Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant R. Sullivan.

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5th
29 March 1777.

George Mackay Esq.r
&.a Gentlemen of the Com.n of Works

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Mr. Sulivan in a Paragraph of his Proposals delivered to the Committee of the 2d June 1773. agrees to furnish the Company with Well Burnt Bricks at 88 Pag.s P Lack, Such proposes to the Committee to take upon himself the Balances due from the Firewood People and to pay the Amount into the Company's Cash by the 31.st of the next December, provided the Committee will agree to give him two Pag.s P Lack more for the Bricks

which

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which will make the Price 90. Pagl.— this the Committee laid before the Board who agreed to it and Mr Sulivan was accordingly paid Ninety Pagodas a Lack for his Bricks, It is to be remarked that when Mr Sulivan made the Proposal to the Committee, he Allowed that a great part of these Balances might be irrecoverable and the Board in their Minutes of the 2d June 1773 gave it as a Reason for the accepting of his Proposals that the Company will suffer no Loss by the Outstanding Balances — According to an Order given to the Clerk he now lays before them an extract hereafter an Account of Bricks & Chunam which Mr Sulivan should have furnished the Company with According to his Agreement and what he actually supplied during the Months he held the Contract by which it appears that he proved deficient 125,130 Bricks & 3128 3/4 Parrahs of Chunam.

According to a Bond now produced to the Comtee Mr Whitehill is answerable for this Deficiency but as he has never been Called upon to account for it, the Committee think it their Duty to Observe it to the Board, Agreed therefore that an Extract from these Minutes with Mr Sulivans Letter & Account

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Account Current be laid before them

A true Copy

W. Sorriano
Clerk

Account of Pattotaudong Balances not
proved by the Agent Mr. Dawes &

Meenumbockum Wadda Gnaapah	27	13	35.
Kuraipockum Nillatomby	20	6	7.
Rayaputtah Niniapah		5.	" "
Cofeimby		"	6 70.
Audinoor Moodu	4	37	30.
Wadda Thurunga Chinga	16	4	—
Malla Naraen	6		—
Woodda Grua	1	20	10.
Mootin	1	17	60.
Nulloor Wodda Rama		"	22 40.
Paoliore Gnaapah	10	21	20.
Chellapockum Ramenaig	4	24	10.
Cheecada Cota Gnaapareddy	73	37	76.
Chellapockum Paupinaig	2	36	75.
Vongadamongalom Colledy	21	21	5.
Trecachoor Moodu	19	28	50.
Colatore Chinnaiah	2	9	—
Niniapah	500	"	"
Vapery Fondava Moorty	58	4	15.
Moodu Naig	37	29	40
Mooteria Vencatachelom		"	33 77.
Alembady Etchapa		"	7 76.
Nandavaram Soppa	2		—
Mala Sylamaddaly	2		—
Pagodas	819	4	56.

Dr. Mr. Richd. Jos. Sulivan Contr. for Bricks & Chunam ..... Cr.

1773. May ...	To Agent for the Provision of Bricks for the Firewood Contractors Balances carried to his Account as p Contra Terms	7221. 16. 15.	
	To Materials Sold him	1268. 2. 38.	
	Pagodas ..	8489. 18. 53.	

1774. March –	By John Turing for Outstanding Balances Carried to his Debit when he took the Contract ..	6854. 6. 11.	
	By Balance due from Mr. Sulivan to the Company ..	1635. 12. 42.	
	Pagodas ..	8489. 18. 53.	

Errors Excepted

p W. H. Torriano

Clerk to the Committee of Works.

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Minute thereon

If those Debts which are Obliged to be
Mr Sulivan did not really exist, they could not
be delivered over to him, & he Consequently
should not be made Accountable for them.
Ordered therefore that the Committee of
Works do enquire into the validity of the
Several Debts Objected to by Mr Sulivan and
Report the same.

On reference to the Minutes of
Consultation in the Civil Department the
15th January 1776, — and 4th of March 1774. It
appears, — that the Board admit of the Reasons
given at that time by Mr Sulivan for not
delivering a large quantity of Materials, — &
that the Board on the 11th March following
permitted Mr Sulivan to give up his Contract
to Mr John Turing, who Agreed to supply
the quantity of Bricks & Chunam engaged for
by Mr Sulivan, & promised to encrease the
quantity of Bricks & Chunam should the Com-
mittee Require it.

Ordered that a Copy of the above Minutes
be sent to the Committee of Works.

The President acquaints the Board that
from Certain Intelligence received in a private
Letter from Bombay, he understands a French
Ship named the Consolante arrived there
in March last. that she was the same
which

The President Com-
municates Intelligence
received from Bombay
of the Arrival of
French Ships on
that Coast with
Men.r & Artillery

which brought out Mr. Belcombe the new Governor of Pondicherry and her pretended Business at Bombay was only to deliver a Letter of Compliment from Mr. Belcombe to the Governor there — that she proceeded from thence to Choule in the Mogg = hourhood of Bombay from whence it is said two French Gentlemen were sent to Poonah — that another French Ship of War called the Brilliant passed for 74 Guns had been seen or seizing of Geriah and another Ship of War is said to be anchored at Carwar on the Malab. Coast to the Southward of Goa where some Officers have been seen measuring the Ground there as supposed for a Port that the principal Person he understands to be the Chevalier D'Lisbon / formerly so well known on this Coast / who gives out that he is not employed under the Direction of the French Government in India, but Acts under a Commission received directly from France. The President acquaints the Board that he has Communicated the Above Intelligence to the Governor General —

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No. 10. The following Letter was this day wrote to Ge-
neral Stuart

To James Stuart Esqr.
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief of the Army.

To General Stuart in reply to sundry Letters from him

Sir, We are now to reply to your several
letters under date 26th 27th 28th 28th 29th 30th 30th 30th
Ultimo and 1st & 2d Instant.

We have duely attended to what you
represent relative to the Duties of a Commissary
of Check & Controul. At the desire of Colonel
Capper, We some time since drew the line
of the Commissary General's Employ, and
Consequently of his Assistants in his Absence,
in which it is particularly set forth that it
is the Duty of the Commissary General &
his Assistants to Check and Controul all Military
Accounts and Disbursements.

As the keeping of Carts on the Company's
Account at Out Garrisons hath always been
found inconvenient, We desire that the Paymas-
-ter at Tanjore do Recommend to the Contractor
to Employ the Company's Bullocks in removing
the Materials, the Contractor paying for
the same if he should be assisted with
Carts, that he be Charged with their Pay
for

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for the time they may be so employed.

If the Inspector of Stores is of opinion he will succeed, we shall have no Objection to his casting the two Mortars, as recommended in your Letter of the 26th Ultimo.

In consequence of your Representation relative to the Hospital & Officers Quarters, We approve of your Continuing the former at Vellore, and of your Converting the Painted Choultry into the latter, as soon as may be Convenient.

As the Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore enclosed by our Orders to Mr Jones and to be by him delivered to the Rajah, related entirely to the private Concerns of that Gentleman in the Tanjore Country. We are of Opinion he was the proposer Person to deliver it when it suited the Rajah to see him. We have Considered attentively the Representations you have made in Several of your Letters of the Situation of the Annuallta; — Our Resolutions on this head have been already Communicated to you. We cannot however but remark that there was an impropriety in the Orders given by you to the Officer on Command over the Bank, after you had received our Letter

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of the 24th Ultimo, directing that no further Steps should be taken with Respect to the Annamalla, until you were Acquainted with our final determination on that Subject.

As the Plan you proposed to the Paymaster of Tanjore might be productive of many Inconveniences, — We cannot grant him our permission, to enter into any Engagements whatever with Soucars for a Supply of Money. As soon as our Treasury will admit of it, Money will be sent to Tanjore, — And in the mean time, we cannot too Strongly enforce to you our opinion, that Considering our present Resources, none but the most necessary Works should be Carried on

We have furnished the Agent for the Sepoy Cloathing with the Statements which Accompanied your Letter of the 30th Ultimo together with Extracts of your Letters on that Subject, — and have directed him, to Report to Us, his Reasons, for the deficiencies Complained of.

We are &c

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Sir Your Most Obedient Servants

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– The following Letter was this day wrote to
Lieutenant Colonel Horne

To Lieut.t Colonel Matthew Horne

To Colo Horne –
Ordered to take
the Guards from
Lord Pigot –

Sir

I am Commanded by the Honble the President & Council to acquaint you – that the Sepoys usually Stationed at the Company's Garden House, are no longer to Continue under your directions or on any wise to remain as a Guard over the Right Honble Lord Pigot You will therefore issue Orders to them according by

I am Sir

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&c

H. 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 Engineer's
Report of Persons
employed on the
Works –

We have now Employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	119.
Tank diggers	675.
Coolies	796.
Lascars	94.
Stone Cutters	46.
Armory Artificers	10.
Amounting in all to	1740 People

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I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient & Most
Humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
L. C. Chief Engineer.

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The Death of Lord Pigot

It 11 At 10 o'clock A. M. departed this life the Right Honble Lord Pigot at the Company's Garden House.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Govr. Presit.

Henry Brooke

Archdale Palmer. Francis Fowke

George Mackay.

Monday 12th. May 1777

General Stuart absent on Service.

The Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approvd

Minute of the President reporting that having Orders to pay Military Honors to the Body of Lord Pigot they were refused.

The President acquaints the Board that having received a Note on Saturday Morning from Doctor Pasley that he had no hopes whatever of Lord Pigots Recovery, he had requested of Commodore Sir Edward Hughes to signify to Mr. Monckton that as the president wished to pay his Lordship every Military Honor, it was his intention, if it would be accepted to give Orders that a Funeral party immediatily on his Lordships Decease should be directed to attend his Corps Consisting of the European Battalion under the Command of a Colonel - and that all the Sepoys of the three Battalion should form a Street from the Garden house to the Church where he might be buried, and that on the Corps leaving the Garden House as many Minute Guns should be fired as he was Years of Age - Sir Edward Hughes having made the foregoing Offer

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to Mr. Monckton in the name of the President,
Mr. Monckton acquainted him "that they
"would not accept of any Military Honors what-
"-ever from this Garrison"

The President further acquaints the
Board that on Saturday Evening with the
Concurrence of the Board he had directed
the Secretary to write the Order to Lieut.t Col.t
Horne which is entered in the preceding
Diary; — and that as he was determined —
nothing on his Part should be wanting, he
had, at his Mr. Monckton Request the
Military Honors intended for his Lordships
Funeral Caused Minute Guns to be fired
both by the Fort and the Company's Ships
in the Road, during the Procession from
the Garden House.

The President lays before the Board,
the following Letters that passed yesterday
between Mr. Monckton & Lieutenant Colonel
Horne.

Company's Garden House
11 o'Clock the 11th Day of May 1777

(Copy)

From Mr. Monckton
to Lt. Horne desiring
permission to
enter the Body of
Lord Pigot -

Sir Lord Pigot having died this Morn-
-ing under your Charge & Custody, I now
require of you to deliver his Body over to
me that his Friends may see the same
decently interred

I am
Sir
Your

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Your Most Obedt Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Monckton
Major Mathew Horne.

(Copy)

To the Honble Mr Monckton.

From Col. Horne to Mr Monckton in Reply.

Sir I have this Moment received your Letter, — and am exceeding Sorry to hear of Lord Pigot's Death.

In consequence of directions from Mr Stratton, the Guards at the Garden House were informed last Night that they were no longer under my directions, or in any manner to have Charge of Lord Pigot's — Person any longer. But were to remain at the Company's Gardens with no other Orders But the usual ones before this Lordship's re- -moval from the Mount — His Lordship's Body is therefore under no manner of Restraint — His Friends may remove it with every Convenience they please — I shall immediately inform Mr Stratton, who I doubt not will direct every honor to be shewn at his Lordships Funeral.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obed. Humble Servt
(signed) Mathew Horne —

Choultry Plain
11th of May 1776
Past 11 o'Clock
A: M.

Read

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Read Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal dated 7th April.

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

Gentlemen,

We have lately received several Letters from the Nabob of Arcot representing to Us in the Strongest terms the distressed Situation, to which his Affairs are reduced, and earnestly entreating us to take some immediate Measures for his Relief, as the Embarrassments which he Complains of, are of so urgent a Nature, that he cannot a-wait the Decision of the Court of Directors without exposing his Government to irretrie-vable dangers.

The Safety of the Company's possessions in the Carnatic depends so much on the Welfare and Stability of the Nabobs Government, that We cannot View his Concerns in this critical State, without being greatly alarmed for the Consequences and althe the present Subject may not strictly come within our Cognizance by Virtue of the powers vested in us by Parliament, yet we place that Confidence in your

Deference

From the Gov.r General & Council giving their Opinion what they Consider as Just Claims of the Nabob upon Tanjore expressing their disapprobation of Tankas & Com-municating the Nabobs desire of entering into a Treaty with the Company.

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Deference to our Opinion on Points which regard the general Superintendancy and Controul of the Company's Political Interests that we do not hesitate to declare our Sentiments to you on the present Occasion leaving it to you to Carry them into Execution if you shall deem it expedient for the inseperable Interests of the Nabob and the Company so to do.

5th ..... We are of Opinion that the Nabob has a just and indisputable Claim to the Recovery of all such Sums of Money as were laid out by him for the Service of the Country of Tanjore during the time that he held the Possession of it.

Under this head may be enumerated the following Articles which we have Collected from his Letters.

1st Amount repaid to the Dutch and French for the Redemption of Districts belonging to the Tanjore Country purchased by them from the Raja

2 Sums paid by the Nabob for the discharge of Debts due from the Raja, to his own Troops and to Individuals.

3 Expences incurred by the Nabob for the Settlement of the Country

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Country for embanking Rivers and
Nullahs and for repairing Canals,
the Fortifications of Tanjore and
other Places under the Direction of
Major Stephens.

4. Advances made to the Ryots
under the Denomination of Tegavy
Expence incurred for Seed Grain
supplied them and for other Provision
for the benefit of the Cultivation.

5. Money advanced to the Ryots
who had absconded & Abandoned
the Country, whether on Account
of the Ill treatment they had
experienced from the Raja, or the
Calamities of the War, to induce
them to return to their Habitation

6. Expence of Maintaining Forces
for the Defence of Tanjore, erecting
Magazines and other Military Charges

Having already declared that it
appears to us the Nabob has a just
Title to the Recovery of these Claims,
it follows of Course that they
ought to be demanded of the
Raja of Tanjore and in Case of
his inability to discharge them,
we recommend it to your Consideration
on & offer it at the same time as
our Opinion that such means
should be taken as in your

Judgement

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Judgement may seem most expedient,
Consistently with the Dignity and
Rights of the Raja to secure the
Actual Collections of Tanjore from
Embezzlement and Dissipation,—
until his Debts to the Nabob and
to the Company shall have been
Completely discharged.

It appears from the general
Tenor as well as particular Passages
of the Nabobs letters that he is
greatly indebted to British Sub-
-jects in the Service of the Company
or residing at Madras under their
Protection. We have strong grounds
to Conclude that he may have grant-
-ed to these Creditors Pensions or
Assignments of the Revenues of the
Carnatic in the same manner as
he had formerly mortgaged the
Collections of Tanjore. We cannot
avoid expressing our Disapprobation
of this Act, if it has really taken
Place - because it must evidently
tend to lessen the Power of the Carnatic
by depriving it of its Resources and
thereby expose it to the Danger of
Foreign Invasion — In this Case
Therefore we recommend to you

to

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to require in form of the Nabob that he resume all such Grants, that he deliver to you an Account of his Debts Contracted with the Subjects of great Britain and suspend the Liquidation of them untill he shall have fully discharged those due to the Company or untill you may be furnished with Instructions from the Court of Directors respecting the Demands of private Creditors as it is probable that such Instructions may speedily be received in Answer to the Reference which you made to them on this Subject in the Course of the last Year.

4 ..... The Nabob has expressed a Strong desire to enter into a Treaty of Alliance with the Company, but we are neither specially Authorized nor properly qualified to form such a Treaty with him, having received no Instructions to that Effect from the Court of Directors nor understanding the Nature of the Distribution which he proposes to make of the Succession to his Government & Patrimony to which he has Solicited the Sanction of such

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a formal Treaty with this Govern=
=ment. We have therefore informed
him that in the present Circumstan=
=ces we do not deem it expedient as
we have already intended Consi=
=deration of his Case and to prevent
future Causes of Disagreement
between him and your Presidency
recommend the Plan of a Treaty
to be executed between him and
the Company in a Letter written by
us to the Court of Directors on
the 15.th January 1776. which we
hope will produce clear and express
Instructions from them to enter
upon a Negociation with him
for that Purpose. —

We have received your Letters
of the 10.th and 16.th January and 24.th February
with the several Inclosures to which they
refer.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Jn.o Clavering
Richd Barwell
P. Francis.

Fort William
5.th April 1777.

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(As the Orders of the Court of Directors may be shortly expected on this Subject, Agreed that the following Letter be wrote to the Nabob

L. C. 62.

To the Nabob

Letter to the Nabob with Copy of the foregoing from Bengal —

I have received a Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal on your Highness's Affairs, a Copy of which I have the honor to send You herewith. —

I have the honor to be with prof-
-ound Respect

(May it please your Highness

Your Highness's

Most Sincere

Most Obedient and Most

Humble Servants —

Fort St. George
the 12th May 1774.

Read Letter from Mr. Paul Benfield

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George.

From Mr. Benfield for the Balance of his Account to Decr. proposing to receive Bill of Mr. Taylor Esqr. in payment

Honble Sir & Sirs.

(As I am settling my Affairs with intention to proceed to Europe I have repeated made Application to the Committee of Works for the Balance of my Account for the Works of the West Front to the 31st. December last — I understand there may be difficulty in

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in issuing such a Sum of Money from the Company's Cash at present, but as I learn the Board have Drafts from Mr. Taylor for a large Amount I have to request that Bar- -lance may be negotiated thro' him in part discharge of One of the Drafts for the Extraordinary Hire - I owe a Considerable Sum to that Gentleman, and shall be greatly relieved by this mode of Payment - I shall give a Receipt for the Sum so ne- -gotiated in discharge of my Account -

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Devoted Humble Servant
Paul Benfield

Fort St. George
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Agreed that the Transfer be made accord- -ingly, & that the same be Signified by the Secretary to Messrs. Benfield & Taylor.

Agreed.

Read Letter from the Chief Engineer 12 May

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

From the Chief Engineer in appro- -bation of the Contract with Mr. Gordon -

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

The Terms & Conditions drawn out for the Contract with Mr. Gordon for - performing the Fortifications of Tanjore

appear

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appear to me to be agreeable to the Proposals you were pleased to accept, and Advantageous for the Company.

I have the honor to be with respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and Most

Humble Servant

Patrick Ross.

Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
12 May 1777.

Agreed that the Contract be entered into with Mr Gordon agreeably to the Draught — transmitted to the Chief Engineer by Major Stevens, — and that the Paymaster do Execute it on behalf of the Company.

Read Letters from General Stuart

To Richard Joseph Sulivan Esqr

Secretary of the Military Department Fort St. George

From Genl Stuart requesting that his aid de camp and Secretary be given within Genl Orders.

Sir

As I believe that form requires, that my Aid de Camp and Secretary be appointed in public Orders in Consequence of my being now actually the Commander in Chief, you will be pleased to Communicate to the Honble Board what follows for that purpose.

"Lieutenant James Kilop is

"appointed Aid de Camp, and Lieutenant Henry

"Malcolm Military Secretary to the Commander

in Chief."

I beg you will remind the

Honble

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Honble Board about the promotion of Captains &c to fill up the late Vacancies as I cannot proportion the Officers for the European Battalion at Madras, so much Wished for by the Governor, neither can I regulate the different Changes through the Army, in general untile that promotion takes place. I am

Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

James Stuart.

Tanjore
4th May 1777.

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

From Gel Stuart
on Notification
of Terms used by
him in his ne-
gociation with
the Rajah

Honble Sir & Sirs

I received this day your letter of the 5th of May, where you express your Concern, "that I have not had that Success in my "negociation with the Rajah for the Govern-"ment Share of the Crop 1776. which I gave "you reason to expect in my letter of 17th. "March, that you were induced to give me "the Orders of the 4th April from our Appre-"-hension of a general Mutiny in the "Native Cavalry, in case the Money or "part of it, promised from the Tanjore "Country, was not immediately secured for

them,

"them, but that as means had been since found
"to relieve the Nabob in some degree from
"his distress with respect to his Troops, you
"had determined, for the Present, to suspend
"the execution of the Orders sent to me."

Your Honor &c. are pleased to add
"that you are sorry to Observe, that I totally
"differ in Opinion from you with respect
"to those Orders, or that I should have told
"the Rajah, in your name, what you did
"not instruct me to do, for you never meant
"an interference in his Government, but
"to Oblige him to deposit Grain to a
"Certain Amount, provided he could not be
"prevailed upon to do it. and, that I will
"not find in your Instructions any thing
"relating to the Rajah's pending Money
"to Negapatam: or to the Mahrattas."

As the abovementioned Letter, seems
to Convey some thing personal respecting
my Conduct here, I hope the Honble
Board will excuse me, if I think my-
=self called upon, to speak my mind,
with respectful freedom, upon the Occasion,
and I shall endeavour to do it, in the
Order pointed out in your Letter.

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I have looked to the heads of my letter of the 17th March, / for, I was not able to Copy it at full length with my own hand / And, I can not find any part of it, that in my humble Opinion, can be said to give reason to expect Success or the Contrary in my nego=ciation — I shall here transcribe such parts of that letter as Apply to the Subject —

"I there say," that your Honor &c.

"may rest assured that nothing Proper, on my "part shall be left unattempted to bring "this Affair to conform to your wishes, but, "that I had some thing to say on the only "Effectual means to do so which I begged leave "to defer Communicating until your Honor "&c. should be pleased to agree upon some "Plan of Secrecy." I add "that it seemed un=="fortunate, in the then state of the business, "that the Rajah should be informed, by "the Presidents letter to him, that his "Highness had refused his Claim, to over rule=="rooms at home, as the doctrine I wished "to inculcate was, that the Governor and "Councils determination was to be "immediately Obeyed — I further added —

that

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"That, on the Present occasion, I begged your Honor
"&c. would be explicit in informing me what
"Steps I was to take, in case all the Arguments
"or reasoning on my part, could have no other
"effect than to engage the Rajah to make a
"deposith of Money at a distant period, and not
"from the Present Crop, or that he absolutely
"refused to put this deposith entirely out of
"his own power, by paying it to his Highness
"or to the Circar, before the Orders of the
"Honble Company, respecting the Nabobs
"Claim, arrived from England," I said further
"=ther to your Honor &c., that I had it much
"at heart to succeed in this Negociation, because
"of the honor and Authority of the Board, —
"although I had no hand in the Resolution

If this be a faithfull transcript of my Letter of the 17th March, I consider it as a narrative of the then state of things, &, as I said before, not as conveying, either, a prospect of Success or of the Contrary.

Whatever may be thought, I have left nothing undone that I judged proper to be done — my reasons for that judgement I shall give to your Honor &c. in the course

of

of this letter — What I say regarding the only effectual means, in my own humble Opinion, to carry the point you wished for, I have already touched upon in my public Dispatch, to the Honble Board, of the 2d of April.

At the time when the Honble Board sent me their letter of Instructions, of the 5th of April, it was accompanied with the Minute of Consultation of the preceding day, where I perceive their assent to the President's Minute then entered at large — I then concluded, and do still think, that, Minute of Consultation was likewise sent to me, not only for my information, but also for my Instruction; and, as I had a latitude to use every Argument that the Subject offered, it was natural for me to state that part of the Nabobs information regarding Money sent to Negapatam and to the Mahrattas, especially, as it is said in that Minute, that these Arguments, in general, if impartially Considered, will be found to have real Weight, and as the Board Concur entirely (excepting what is Contained in Mr Sourdon's Minute) in opinion with respect to the Conduct of the Rajah.

In my narrative of what passed

between

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between the Rajah and me, for which alone I am answerable, I do not say it as if you knew the thing to be fact, but that you heard he did so — this circumstance I mention here, though last in Order.

As to what your Honor &c. are pleased to say, in regard to "my differing totally in opinion from you with respect to those Orders, or that they should have been represented by me to the Rajah, as an interference in his Government, for, that such was not your meaning: And, that you meant only to oblige him to deposit grain to a certain amount, provided he would not be prevailed upon to do it." Your Honor &c. will pardon me if in what follows, I speak to what, I think, are facts whatever intentions may have been.

I judge, both from the tenor of the Minute of Consultation, and from the official letter of the Board to me, that I am instructed and directed to seize and sequester, out of the Government share of this Crop, either in General or only from Two Soubahs, Paddy, to the Amount of Four lacks of Pagodas, in case the Rajah

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Rajah refuses to give Soucar Security, or in any other way, of his own Accord, to deposit to that Amount with me, or in the Company's Cash here, and I have power to seize this of my own Authority, in case he declines to give his Authority to his Own people for that purpose — I say then, that, as the Rajah did repeatedly refuse and decline every proposition of that Nature, I must necessarily, have — made Use of the Military under my Command to Seize upon the property by Compulsion; not only so, but at my own personal Risk, must have answered for the Consequences, — if by Mistakes (scarce to be avoided) I had stopped the free Circulation, either, of the — private property of the Labourers or that of Merchants & others, who had, fairly, prior Mortgages upon the Government Share.

It was plain, that, with all the prudence & Management, which the Board do me the honor to think I possess, I was not able to bring the Rajah, of himself, to Conform to the — Honble Boards wishes entirely the Orders from England Arrived Concerning his Highnesses — Claim; And, it was equally plain, that no prudence or Management, on my part,

could

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could secure the Amount, in question, without Military Aid

Before your letter this day received there was no Official Power left me to stop proceeding, your Honor &c. will therefore excuse me if I say, that by the Words and Sense, both of the Minute of Consultation, & of the Public letter sent to me, had I proceeded without the clause that has happened your Orders and Instructions could not possibly have been carried into execution, as things were then situated, without a direct interference in the interior Government of this Country.

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull and
most Obedient Servants
James Stuart

Tanjore
14 May 1777.

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

From Genl. Stuart
Communicating
his Intention of
Visiting different
Places in his Return
from Tanjore

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am highly favored by your Letter of the 30th of April, wherein you are pleased

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to Congratulate me, on my succeeding to the Rank of Brigadier General, and to the Command of the Army on this Establishment; and I take this occasion to assure you, that nothing on my part, shall be wanting to co-operate with the Honble Board in whatever they may suggest for the good of the Public Service, & the Advantage of the Honble East India Company.

As you are pleased to think that my Services will be wanted at the Presidency, my intention is to return there so soon as the weather will admit of travelling. - Considering the present weak state of my health, and I propose not only to Visit all the Places Garrisoned by the Company's Troops (Madura and Pallamcotta excepted) but also most of the Forts or strong grounds within a days Journey of the road from Trichenopoly to Vellore, and from thence to Madras.

My Object is information. This I wish to procure both for his Highness's Service and for that of the Company, which cannot be disconnected. - And, therefore, I beg the favor of your Honor &c. to empower the President, to acquaint his Highness of

my

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my intention, in Order, that there may be
no Obstructions to my going, wherever I see
proper, for the purpose abovementioned

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir &c &c
Your Most Faithfull, and
Most Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
5th May 1777.

The President is desired to acquaint the Nabob
of General Stuart's Route, & to request he will
give the necessary Orders to his Amuldars.

To Richard Jos. Sulivan Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department
Fort St. George.

From Genl Stuart
with letter from
Capt. Russell

Sir I send you herewith, for the infor=
=mation of the Hon'ble Board, Copy of a
letter received this Morning from Captain
Russell Commanding Madura.

I am Sir
Your very Obedient humble Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
5th May 1777.

Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir I have just now received the following
few lines from Captain Dugald Campbell
dated

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dated the 5th at Coilpettah — "No Answer is yet
"come from Pickard, We heard above twenty
"Guns yesterday Morning. It is said that the
"Shevgunny Chief intends to make Peace — We
"have such heavy rains every day that We
"cannot march above 10 Miles — The road is
"full of quicksands." I'm informed he is to remain
at this place till he is met by Chawdy Cawn
the Manager of the Tinnevally Country — It is
about forty Miles from Pallamcottah and a days
March from Shevgunny

I am with Respect

Madura
3 May 1797.

Sir

Your Most Obedient & most humble
Servant
(Signed) William Ruspell
Lt & Fy

A True Copy

Henry Malcolm
Lt & Fy

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department
of Fort St. George

From Lt. Stuart
with Letter from
the Commandants
of Madura and
Palamcottah

Sir

The inclosed are Copies of Letters this
day received from the Officers Commanding —
Madura and Pallamcottah, and I request you
will present them to the Honble Board.

I am Sir
Your very Obedient humble
Servant
James Stuart
Lt

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To Lieutenant Henry Malcolm
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir You will please to inform the Comm-
-mander in Chief that Captain Dugald Camp-
-bell with his Highness's first Regiment of
Cavalry and also the Regiment of Topasses is
arrived at Coulpetta about forty Miles from
this on the Madura Road where he has halted.

I have at present nothing further to
Communicate regarding this Poligar Expedition
than that Captain Pickard is still before Thave-
-gurry, and that I hear one of his Guns is
rendered unserviceable by a Shot from the
Fort.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Chas. Hopkins

Palamcottah
9th May 1771.

A true Copy Henry Malcolm Secy.

Brigadier General James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir I have just now received a Letter from
Captain Campbell wherein he tells me the
Nabobs Manager arrived at Coil pettah on the
3d Instant, that he expresses a strong desire
of making Peace with the Poligars and that
he had summoned their Vakeels to meet Campbe
and

X This should be entered after 6d. Stuarts Letter of the 8th May

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and him for that purpose —

The accompanying is a Copy of Pickards letter to Campbell —

I have the honor to be with the great respect,

Sir

Your Most Obedient

& most humble Servants

(Signed) William Russell

Madura
the 6 May 1777

A True Copy

Henry Malcolm
Secretary

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

From Genl. Stuart this application to the Rajah for permission to make a canal to the Company's farm at Dwcottah

Honble Sir &c.

I delivered to the Rajah your letter which the President sent me, desiring his permission to make a Canal of Communication through part of his Country to the Company's Farm at Dwcottah, and, recommended it as a mark of attention which they had a right to expect from him, The Rajah did not open the letter in my presence, but he desired me to acquaint your Honor &c. that he would immediately inform himself of every particular, and would write to the Honble Board accordingly.

J.

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I took occasion to mention to the Rajah, that it was entirely an Accident, owing to the neglect or hurry of the President's Servant, that a letter, lately sent him, was not sealed, or wrote in the usual manner, in regard to the paper; his answer was polite; "that he "esteemed it an honor, in any way, to receive "a letter from the English Government," or, "from the President; that his reason, for "mentioning these Circumstances in his letter "to the Honble Board, was that such marks "of Authenticity were of Use to prevent forgeries, "but that he took nothing amiss."

I have repeatedly recommended Mr. Stockwell's affair to the Rajah, who has as often promised to do her Justice — the business seems to be involved & Confused, but I shall endeavour to bring it to some point before I leave this — Captain Bryce arrived here this day; — his Battalion is already assembled here — The drafts from Captain Davies's Battalion are marched for Cuddalore —

By a letter just now received from Vellore, Two Mines are ready to be sprung tomorrow — I have the honor to be

Honble

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Faithfull
and Obedient Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
7th May 1779

To Richard Joseph Sullivan Esqr

Secretary of the Military Department
of Fort St. George

From Gl. Stuart
with Intelligence
respecting the
Poligars expected

Sir

I herewith send you, for the infor=
=mation of the Hon'ble Board, further intelli=
=gence of the Poligar Expedition, received this
day — Sam Sir

Your very Obedt Servant
James Stuart.

Tanjore
8 May 1779.

Colonel James Stuart
Commander in Chief

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This Letter should
be entered after
Col. Stuart's Letter
of the 6th May

Sir

I have just now received the following
piece of Intelligence from Campbell's Camp —
"Pichard writes" that he has effectually blocked
"up the Shevegunny people and that they are
"in great distress for Water & Provisions, which
"will Oblige them very soon to come to the
"terms proposed — by the Renter — as to him, he
"begs Captain Captain Campbell not to march
"towards Shevegunny, lest he should alarm the
"Chief soon there" The last part of this intelli=
=gence, I confess is beyond my Comprehension and

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I am with Respect
Sir
Your Most Obedient & Most
Humble Servant
Signed William Ruffell

Madura
14th May 1777

A True
Copy Henry Malcolm
Secretary

Copy of a Letter from Captain Pickard - To Captain
Dugald Campbell Commanding the Camp

Dear Sir Your favor of the 28th Instant I have
had the honor to recieve last night by Nayeen
Hircaras, and this Morning I was favored
with a duplicate of the same. A report prevails
here that your Regiment had Mutinied and
your was gone to Madras which was confirmed
in a Letter I recieved informing me, that an end
was put to the whole expedition which is the
reason of my not having wrote you since my
last of the 11th Instant.

I am extremely glad of your arrival
so near to us and according to your desire I
send you an Account of the Situation my
Troops are in at present - I have the 4th and
9th Battalions with me here, of which a great
Number of Sepoys are on Command & employed
in the Civil Business up and down in the
Country, which together with the sick, when

Substracted

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Subtracted from the total of the Strength of both Battalions I have only the Number of One Battalion left for duty, and the poor people are very much fatigued being Obliged to be day and Night on duty, and besides they labour under another great hardship with regard to their pay, for they are Obliged to make shift with one Pagoda for their Subsistance, for One Month and a half, and they are not paid that regularly, as for Batta they have received none during all the time they have been in Camp, and Sitabar Cawn will not allow any European Officers their full Batta untill he receives an order for it from the Nabob - I have had One Artillery Sepoy killed, and two Sepoys wounded, since I wrote you last - I have been reinforced the 23d Instant with 2 Troops of Horse 3 Companies of Infantry and a half Company of Artillery Sepoys belonging to the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, One Six Pounder and One 2 Pounder, and they are Incamped on the other side of Sheveguroy; for want of two 12 Pounders with a Sufficient Quantity of Ammunition and some Stores I have been Obliged to turn the Siege into a Blockade, for the two Six Pounders are Not fit to make a Breach, and they are as - ture ffull to us as they are of Service, because

the

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the Besieged party pickup all our Shot which serves them for their Six Pounder I have about 5000 Poligars with me tear which I have — distributed in ten different redoubts all round the Place and I have made three Batteries against it so that they are intirely surrounded the strength of the Enemy is above 2000 well Armed Men their Provisions begin to turn Scarce their Water is bad and they are in great distress and any firing from the three different Batteries makes them not a little uneasy The Bastions of the Placdare all of Mudd, Straw and Palmire Trees it is surrounded on the south side partly with a thick dry Thorn Hedge & partly with a thick unpenitrable green — Bamboo hedge behind which is a Ditch about 8 feet Broad and 6 or 7 deep defended by a breast work after you have passed that you come to another Thorn hedge Ditch and Breast Work and behind that you have a third Thorn hedge Ditch and Breast Work before you in the Middle of this triple — Entrenchment stands a Lodge Mudd Fort, I have done all my endeavours to prevail upon the Poligars to Storm along with my few Troops but they will not hear of that they are rather inclined to Starve them out and as they are not Europe Troops

and

and directly under my Command I cannot do what I would however I am of Opinion that the Place will fall soon and that they cannot hold out much longer. This is all the News I can inform you of at present — I remain with my Sincere Wishes for your health & Success.

Dear Sir

Your very Obedt & Humble Servant

Camp before Shevegurry 30th April 1777

a True Copy

Henry Malcolm

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To the Honble George Straton

President & Governor & Council of Fort St. George

From Genl Stuart in justification of His Orders to the Commandants of Madura & Pallamcotta & to the Officer on Command at the Amaunttas

Honble Sir & Sirs

This day I had the honor of receiving two letters from the Honble Board, both dated the 5th of May I beg leave to be permitted to answer both of them in this letter; and first as to what regards the Orders that I sent to the Commanding Officers at Madurah and Pallamcotta.

I cannot avoid saying to your Honor &c. that I did not expect that any Concern, (or perhaps dispatisfaction) should have been expressed upon my giving the Orders in question, or, that the most distant

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distant idea could have been harboured, of
their tending to weaken your Authority —
To shew your Honor &c., my Anxiety to —
guard against any inconvenience happening
of that Nature, I beg leave also to refer you
to my letter of the 21st April where I say,
that "I hope you will excuse my giving
"Orders on Certain points which of right, only
"belong to the Honble Board to decide upon
"but the Officers to whom I wish know that
"my Orders are only provisional." I must
have state to you what in my Station, at
this distance from the Presidency, I conceived
it to be necessary for me to do, under the
impression which I then had of a Thousand
effective men fully Armed with, I believe,
Eight Field pieces and Two Battering Guns,
gorged with Military Stores of all kinds;
Men who I knew had Confined their Officers
and threatned their lives; - impressed, I say
with the Idea that such a lawless Troop
was moving towards Madura and Pallam =
=cotta, and, hearing that Captain Campbell
had an unlimited power to take from the
Stores of those places whatever he might
want, the first Step I took was, to inform
myself immediately of the State of the
Military

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Military Stores in the Garrisons of Madura & Pallamcotta; And on finding them barely provided of what was necessary, Sent the Orders, Duplicate of which, in the course of the Sappaul, were forwarded to your Honor &c. If it, therefore, have been agreeable or Convenient to have signified, to me, your pleasure immediately in return to that letter, it would have been, from me, Communicated to Madura and Pallamcotta with the same readiness and dispatch that I have done it this day — The Honble Board shewed me a mark of Confidence in empowering me discretionally, to take such Measures as I saw necessary, to quell Mutinies many of the Nabobs Troops, a Copy of which Order I forwarded to Lieut. Colt, Lieut. Captain Russell and Captain Hopkins — In Join reasoning — from Circumstances and Situation I concluded, that you gave me these powers, also to prevent all Chance of these Mutinous Corps availing themselves of their Strength to Offer any insult to the Company's Troops, or the Places garrisoned by them — It was upon this principle that I took upon myself to give provisional Orders to the Commanding Officers at Madura and Pallamcotta, not to suffer any of the Nabobs Troops to enter with fire Arms, nor their

Artillery

Artillery under the Care of their own People, although I acknowledge and know full well that such powers in such Cases, only belong to the Honble Board: And as your Honor &c. do not find fault with this Caution, on my part Conveyed nearly at the same time I shall Conclude that you approve of it —

You will pardon me if I say, that, by such steps of precaution, where the scene of Action is at such a distance from the Presidency, where the most Complete Artillery = ment, for the Number of Men, that ever was furnished by the Nabob, is now engaged, with a Spirit, so lately shewn, of daring Mutiny not to be equalled in the history of this Country, and where the People have been used to Rebellion, I say, your Honor &c., I hope will upon reflection rather justify my Conduct, than Convey the implied censure for the Provisional Orders I sent, accompanied as they were, with the clearest explanation of your undoubted powers.

In respect to the other letter this day received, the Honble Board will likewise excuse me, if I speak my Mind freely as to the latter part of that letter, where it is said "We cannot but remark, that there

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There was an "impropriety in the Orders you gave
"to the Officer on Command near the Bank after
"you had received our letter of Ultimo directing
"that no further Steps should be taken with
"respect to the Annaicutta, untill you were
"acquainted with our finial determenation
"on that Subject"

The blank which you have left above.

I suppose to be your letter of the 24th April -
In my letter of the 28th April I acquainted your
Honor &c. of the orders I had given Lieutenant
Pringle in his Survey, and of what passed
between the Rajah and me upon my notifying
to him your said Order of the 24th April, which
I conceived to imply, that the Work was not
to be discontinued, but, only to be carried on in the
usual way and where the ground was not
disputed: but, as the Manager from Tricheno-
=poly had actually been at the Bank, and the
Work had been, in consequence discontinued,
I gave my Order, provisionally to the Officer
from this district near the Bank to protect
the Tanjore people in carrying on the
Work in the manner it had been done
many Months, before any Complaint was
heard of this Season — In my letter of the
30th of April I say, that if your Honor &c.

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" determine the Work should be stoped altogether,
" you' will be pleased to Signify your Orders
" to me Accordingly," and I add, in substance," that if I have mistaken your meaning, I hope to be excused from the motives of humanity to the people inhabiting this Country, whose daily sustenance depends, almost entirely, on the Repair of this Bank in proper season. Now I know, that, though I did mistake your meaning (and that your real intention was that the Work should then be stoped) yet, from the Sentiments that I know you possess, which are justified by your decision, this day received, to prosecute with diligence what you so justly call "a needfull Work," I say, that, as I do not see any public inconvenience to result from my Orders signified to the Officer as above, but on the Contrary, that I save three clear days labour, of nearly, Two Thousand people, have been thereby gained at a Most critical period of the Year, — Such being the Case, the Honble Board will excuse my Feelings if, with becoming respect and freedom, I add that I cannot bring myself to think I deserve the implied

implied censure conveyed in the Paragraph alluded to.

I have Communicated to the Rajah and to the Officer, from this District, Commanding near the Bank, your Orders, this day received, respecting diligence to be used in the Repairs &c.

I have the honor to be

Tanjore
7 May 1777.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most faithfull and Most
Obedient Servant
James Stuart

The Board Continue of the same opinion as expressed in their Letter of the 5th Instant, for notwithstanding they gave the General discretional Orders with Respect to the Nabobs Cavalry, it could never be inferred that he was to Countermand any Orders given by the Board to the Commandants of Madura & Pallamcotta.

Minute thereon

Read Letter from Lieut.t Col.o James Commanding at Trichinopoly

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

From Col.o James on the Subject of the Annuities

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your Letter of the 12th 24

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24th Ultimo I communicated the purport of it, to the Nabobs Manager Rahmon Ale Cawn, who at the same time read me a letter from the Nabob on the Subject of the Annamutta, and understanding by the tenor of both, that no further Steps be taken tile I have the final determination of the Honble Board, The Nabobs manager repaired to the Bank and acted as I have set forth to the Commander in Chief as you will see by the enclosed Copy of my letter to him, who I find differs in opinion with me — Rahmon Ale Cawn has again Complained that the Coolies are set to Work, and begs of me to prevent them but nothing can I do more then make the Honble Board acquainted with the Solicitations of the Nabobs people. — As I do not touch to a Black Servants Interpretation, in Cases of such importance I request the assistance of the Reverend Mr Swartz by which I think I cannot err, if I have in this assertion I hope the Honble Board will Excuse me. I have the honor to remain with due respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very Obedient & most

Humble Servants

Edward Jarnes.

Pitchenopoly
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To Colonel Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir Your letter to the Honble Board I have
has fully explained to the Nabobs Manager as
you desired, to which he expressed his astonish=
=ment being accused of driving and frightening
away the Workmen employed at the Bank, I
begs you will learn the truth of his proceed=
=ings from Lieutenant Pringle, who he waited
on immediately as he arrived at the Annacutta,
and made him acquainted, that I had received
a letter from the Honble Board desiring no
further Steps be taken until I was informed
of there final determination — The manager
only took with him four Guards of Sebundie
Sepoys, and assures me no force or Violence
was even Used, but that Rangah the head
Mercan of the Rajahs employed at the Bank
readily Ordered the Coolies &c to leave Work,
when he understood the true meaning of the
Managers visit that it was in consequence
of the instructions he had also received from
the Nabob, who told him I was wrote to on
the Subject which I find we have taken
in a different sense, for I confess I look
upon it that the Honble Board meaning
by Ordering no further Steps be taken —

was

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was that every thing should remain quiet
till the affair is properly settled by there
Determination —

If I have said in Judgement I hope
my apology will also be accepted of by the
Hoble Board.

I am very respectfully Sirs
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward James.

Trichenopoly
2d May 1777.

Read Letter from the Chief & Council of
Cuddalore.
Military Department.

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

Hoble Sir & Sirs

From Cuddalore the Battalion of Sepoys Stationed there have accommodated Submitting to the Propriety of their remaining Military Orders this Capt. Sempr. —

In consequence of Information We lately received that a Battalion to be Commanded by Captain Bilcliff was to be Stationed at Cuddalore — that the Officers belonging to it were daily expected and would be in want of Quarters on their Arrival We collected the Dutch Factory House in Cuddalore for the accommodation of as many of them as it would Serve, and permitted the others who could not be supplied

supplied with any, to draw for the usual allow=
=ance for House Rent – a Measure We hope
your Honor &c. will approve. –

The Channel thro which We were in=
=formed of the destination of this Battalion
was from Captain Lyon who received the
Account from the Commander in Chiefs Secretary.
The propriety of which made We beg leave
to Submit to your Honor &c.

We are very Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient humble
Servants
Edward Saunders
Willm Maitland
O. H. Fallofield

Cuddalore
10th May 1777.

The Board approve of the Officers being allowed
House Rent, as set forth by the Chief & Council
at Cuddalore

Resolved, that a General Order be
issued directing that no General Orders whatsoever
be given out at any of the Subordinacies, untill
they have been first Communicated to the
respective Chiefs & Councils

General Orders thereon

Read Letter from the Chief
Engineer

To

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

From the Chief Engineer with Copy of Mr Gordons Proposals & Major Stevens's Sentiments thereon.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Inclose for your approbation & ther Proposal from Mr Gordon for filling in the Ground of the Ramparts of the great Fort of Tanjore, and for undertaking the Causebray on the same terms, with an Extract from Major Stevens letter Containing his Observations thereon. - I would recommend the accepting of Mr Gordons proposals as the Expence will be thereby ascertained, and all Opposition in Conducting the Business prevented.

I remain
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt & Most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. & Chief Engineer —

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Extract of Major Stevens Letter to Colonel Ross —
dated Tanjore 3d May 1777.

I could wish that Mr Gordon should have the Contract for filling in the grounds of the Rampart to which he is building the retaining Wall as it would be attended with many inconveniences should it fall into

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into any other hands: but his Proposals for the Sawbray might be con after Consideration when the upper Rampart is done and We see what Materials are remaining: or at least Mr Gordons Contract might extend so far on Condition that it may be thought expedient to Carry on any Works thereon by Contract when the upper Rampart is Completed

From Experiments I have made in the little Fort I find that moving the Ground about 100 or 120 Yards filling in and ramming has Cost two Madras Fanams P English Cub. Yard, and that the same at the distance of 250 to 300 Yards has Cost four Madras Fanams.

I will on the one hand say that the Workmen on the above Experiments / though no particular attention was paid to them / worked very well, but they were more under the Eyes of Inspectors than they can be in the great Fort, and had not such convenient hurking places as they will have there - On the other hand I am jointly of opinion if Mr Gordons proposals be not accepted that the Company's Workmen ought to be employed thereon and no other Contractor permitted to undertake it

A True Copy Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

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To William Stevens Esqr.
Major of Engineer

Sir

As the filling up the Rampart of the great Fort becomes necessary, especially as the retaining Wall rises — I beg leave to make the following proposals Viz.

I will engage to carry Earth 100 Yards, filling in and ramming it at 2 Madras Fanams 30 Cash. P Cubic English Yard, if two hundred 4 Fan.s & 50 Cash and if three hundred Yards 6 Fan.s 70 Cash and so in proportion as the length may exceed. I have come as low as possible, mindly to prevent disputes &c. which I can almost foresee would happen should any other person get it, to the impeding greatly my Contract for the Wall: and which I hope will be Considered both on the Company's and my Account.

Should my offers meet with approbation, I will engage myself under any Penalty, to — fill in as fast as I can build.

And should the Tanjore Wall require to be levelled and build a retaining Wall I will agree to do it on the same Conditions as agreed for in the Contract for the large Fort Wall, as likewise filling up according to the above proposals their being so Connected in the Cause I offer to undertake the Work.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient & Humble Servant
(Signed) William Gordon

Tanjore 29th April 1777.
A true Copy
William Stevens
D.r Eng.r

A true Copy
Patrick Cosse
Chief Engineer

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(As the Chief Engineer recommends the
acceptance of Mr Gordons proposals, Agreed,
that they be accepted accordingly.

The President lays before the Board the
following Letter from the Chief of Vizagapatam.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

President & Governor
of Fort St. George

From the Chief of Vizagapatam complaining that Captain Murphy arrogates a right of opening & dispatching the Sappal.

Honble Sir,

I wrote you the other day what
happened at the Court Martial, but there
Gentlemen it would seem are not satisfied
with divesting the Civil Power of all Military
Authority, they are also making encroachments
on the Civil, and that too in a most uncivil
manner — The Committee for divers good Causes
& reasons, too obvious to need the mentioning
desired Captain Murphy through me, not
to give himself the trouble of managing the
Sappal business, which we would execute
for him but he refuses compliance, insists
upon the right, as he terms it, of receiving
and dispatching the Sappauls himself, nor
has any arguments of mine had the least
weight with him to alter this opinion —
he did indeed suffer them to be brought to
Us One night, but upon his talking over
the

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the matter with me, and finding we did not
Consider it as a Matter of Compliment, but
of right, he immediately altered his Plan, &
sent Sepoys to force the Pappals to his
Quarters — this was adding Insult to the
violence of his proceeding, and may if suffered
to pass unnoticed, materially affect the impor-
-tant Affairs we are engaged in — a Cooley,
who was bringing us Bread yesterday from
Wallur, was stopt two Cos from thence, by two
Sepoys who told him they had orders to
bring all letters to the Commandant of Chica-
-cole, and would not let the fellow proceed till
they were satisfied he had none with him;
If therefore Mrs Johnson had wrote me
by this occasion, he would have been forced
close by my own Quarters, & Brahmin hugo
House, to the other side of the River, before
a Passport had been granted for him & the
letter; but altho' the Man had no Letters
for me or any other Gentlemen, yet I leave
you to judge Sir of the Ideas this, and
arrogating by Captain Murphy the disposal
of the Pappal business, must create in the
minds of the Rajahs, and all we have to
do with! I have the honor to be very
Respectfully, Honble Sir.
Your Most faithful & humble Servant
Samuel Johnson

Chicacole
9th April 1777.

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Minute thereon Capt. Murphy Condemned.

Agreed, that the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam & Captain Murphy be informed that the Tappals in the Several Districts having been placed under the immediate Orders of the Civil Power No Officer whatsoever is to open or dispatch them unless expressly permitted so to do, by the respective Chiefs & Councils, - & therefore that the Board highly disapprove of Captain Murphys Conduct, in assuming to himself a Right to open & Dispatch the Tappals as represented in the above Letter.

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A Advice from Pondicherry dated the 4th & received 12th May 1777.

From Pondicherry 60 Horses sent by Hyder stopt by the Nabobs people for Duncan

Hyder ally sent 60 Horses for the use of the European Troopers & the Nabobs people stopt them in their District desiring them to pay the Duncan which was communicated to the Governor, who sent Orders to his people, to pay the usual Duncan to the Nabobs people and bring away those Horses immediately.

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13th Dispatched the following letter to Masulipatam

To Charles Floyer Esqr.
Chief & the Council
at Masulipatam

To Masulipatam advising that Mr. Bakers proposals for Building the Barracks. then were accepted.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by the Honble the President & Council to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Letter addressed to them by the Chief Engineer, - and at the same time to inform you, - that Mr. Joseph Bakers proposals for erecting an Hospital & Barrack, having been accepted, you are to enter into a Contract with him for those Buildings, - and see that they are executed as soon as possible.

commanded

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

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14th Sent the following Letters to Genl. Stuart.

To James Stuart Esqr.
Brigadier General, & Commander in Chief
of the Army.

To Gl. Stuart in reply to letters from him justifying his conduct

Sir,

I am Commanded by the Honble the President & Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters addressed to them, - under date the 4th Inst. 5th Inst. 6th Inst. 7th Inst. & 8th Instant

and

and to acquaint you, that the President hath been directed to inform the Nabob of the Route you propose taking on your Return to the Presidency, who will give the necessary Orders to his amuldars

I am further directed to acquaint you, that, the Board Continues of the same opinion they expressed in their Letter Dated 5th May as notwithstanding they gave you discretional Orders with Respect to the Nabobs Cavalry, it could never be inferred, that you were to Countermand any Orders given by the Board, to the Commandants of Madura & Pallamcotta

With respect to your Letter of the 14th April I am Commanded to inform you, that the President has been desired to repre-sent to the Nabob the Particulars of the Affair as Complained of in your Letter, and to request of him to give such Orders that nothing of the kind, may happen in future

I am likewise directed to acquaint you, the Board are of Opinion, that you should have applied immediately to the Nabob's Manage-ger, to apprehend the Deserters, & not to have sent a Party of Sepoys after them, in the manner you have represented

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Represented.

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Richd. Jos. Sullivan

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To James Stuart Esqr.
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief
of the Army.

To Lt. Stuart informing him that Mr. Gordons Proposals were complied with.

Sir

The Honble the President & Council having been pleased to accept of Mr. Gordons proposals for the Work to be carried on at Tanjore I am directed to acquaint you that the Paymaster on the part of the Company is to enter into a Contract with him, agreeably to the Form & Conditions laid down in the Draught of a Contract transmitted by Major Stevens to the Chief Engineer.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedt Humble Servant
Richard Jos. Sullivan

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Sent the following Letter to Vizagapatam, and to Captain Laurence Murphy.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & the Council at Vizagapatam

To Vizagapatam in reply to the Captain's agreeing Capt. Murphy for stoping the Peppal —

Gentlemen,

I am Commanded by the Honble the President & Council to acquaint you that the

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the Tappalls in the Several Districts having been placed under the immediate Orders of the Civil power, no Officer whatsoever is to open or Dispatch them unless expresly permitted so to do, by the respective Chiefs & Councils. And further I am directed to inform you that the Board highly disapproves of Capt.n Murphy's Conduct in assuming to himself a right to open & Dispatch the Tappals, as Represented in your Chiefs Letter to the President of the 27th Ultimo

I am
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient Servant
Richd Jos. Sullivan

Fort St George
the 27th
14. May 1777

To Capt.n Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the Chocacole Circar

To Capt.n Murphy censuring him for stopping the Tappals

Sir

I am Commanded by the Honble the President & Council to acquaint you, that the Tappalls in the Several Districts having been placed under the immediate Orders of the Civil Power, no Officer whatsoever is to open or dispatch them, unless expresly permitted so to do by the respective Chiefs & Councils — And further I am directed to inform you that the Board highly disapprove of your Conduct in assuming to yourself a Right to open & Dispatch the

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the Tappalls, as represented in the Chief of
Vizagapatam's Letter, to the President of the
27th Ultimo. I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Richd. Jos. Sullivan
Secy.

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Sent the following Letter to the Paymaster at Tanjore

To Mr. Chas. Edward Jones.
Paymaster at Tanjore

Sir The Honble the President & Council having been pleased to accept of Mr. Gordon's proposals for the Works to be carried on at Tanjore, I am directed to acquaint you, that you are, on the part of the Company, to enter into a Contract with him, agreeably to the Form & Conditions laid down in the Draught of a Contract transmitted by Major Stevens to the Chief Engineer.

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

Ordering him to Contract with Mr Gordon on the part of the Company.

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A General Court Martial having been Ordered yesterday for the Trial of Lieut.t Abbot at his own desire, and Lieut.t Abbot having since thought proper to make an Apology to Major Cook for his late Behaviour, which has been accepted, a General Order was this day issued, countermanding that of yesterday wherein the Court Martial was directed

to

to assemble.

To the Rajah of Tanjore on the Subject of the Annacutta.

Sent a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in Country Correspondence № 64. acquainting him that the Annacutta can be repaired both by permission of the Nabob — which the President had now procured.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Govr. President

Monday the 19th May 1777. Henry Brooke — Archdale Palmer

Francis Sourdain — George Mackay.

General Stuart absent on Service.

Minutes of last Consultation read & approved.

The President lays before the Board a Letter to the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondance No. 63 with a Copy of the Instructions proposed to be given to the Officers who may serve on the Recruiting Service which are as follows.

Copy of Instructions to be given by the Captains commanding Battalions of Sepoys to those Officers they may send on Recruiting Service.

Instructions to Recruiting Officers

A Dustuck from the Nabob being delivered to the Officer employed on this Service he is to shew the same to the respective Commandants and Nabobs Amuldars, who are to afford him every assistance he may require.

On the Officers having recruited any Number of Sepoys he shall shew them to the Amuldar and if it shall appear to the Amuldar that they are not in the Nabobs Service the Officer will then enlist such Recruits by giving them the Bounty

and

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and the Annulbar shall Sign a List of such Recruits so enlisted and deliver it to the Officer as a Voucher that they are enlisted with his Concurrence and to prevent the Number less Complaints made by the Nabobs Annulbars against the Officers employed on the Recruiting Service.

Read the following Letters from General Stuart

To Richard Jos Sullivan Esqr
Secretary of the Military Department
of Fort St. George

From Genl Stuart

Sir

I request of you to acquaint the Honble Board, that Mr. Gordon, the Contractor for the Works here, have had, for some Months past, three or four hundred People employed daily, and that he now finds it difficult to raise Money for their payment, by reason that the Honble Board have not Signified their Agreement to the Contract, and returned it to the Engineer here.

I am
Sir
Your very Obedt Servant
James Stuart

Tanjore
the
12 May 1777.

The

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The Board have already sent Directions to the Paymaster at Tanjore Concerning the Contract to be made with Mr. Gordon.

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

Sndry Gt. Stuart advising that Robbers having been taken committing Depredations in the Nabobs Country the Rajah had ordered them to be impaled.

Honble Sir &c.

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 10th Instant, and to acquaint your Honor &c. that I immediately Ordered Extracts to be made, and sent them to the Chief Engineer, the Paymaster, and the Inspector of Stores, as to what respectively Concerned those Gentlemen.

I have this day a Letter from Captain Ruffell informing me, that the Detachment from Trichinopoly, together with the additional Companies and drafts, were to have marched, as yesterday, from Madura towards Trichinopoly. —

Yesterday I received notice, that some Robbers living in the Rajahs Country near to Patican, had entered the Nabobs Country near to Arialore, and brought

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of a Number of Cattle from hence - I immediately Ordered half a Company of Sepoys as a reinforcement to the Detachment there on duty, and the Rajah has sent Orders to his Overseer, and also proper People from hence along with the Detachment, to secure the Cattle, and to make Examples of these Villians - His Highness may be assured, that Justice will be done to his Subjects, and every protection given, in my power but your Honor &c. will be pleased to Observe, that upon the Limits of the Nabobs and of the Rajahs Country, wherever there is Cover there are a set of Fellows who live by robbing, indescriminately, the Inhabetants of both Countries; Our People have apprehended a good Number of late, and the Rajah Ordered them to be impaled;

I have ordered a Serjeant and a small party of Artillery to inspect the Stores and prove the Guns in the small Forts of Poddicotta, Ardengy, Tricatapelly, Pondamallee & Mahadrapatam; My opinion is, that such of the Guns, above Two Pounders, as are found Serviceable, should be brought to this Garrison; they are in general, at present, half buried in the Ground, without Carriages

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without any Carriages, and can be of no use where they are.

I have already an Account from Peddicota, of four Guns having been proved, and found Serviceable, One of which is an English Twelve Pounder.

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

Tanjore
14th May 1777.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colo. Baillie.

To Richard Jos Sullivan Esqr.
Military Secretary.

From Lt. Col. Baillie Sir
Some defects having been Observed
Complaining of
the Sepoy Cloathing in the New Sepoy Cloathing for the Battalion
in this Garrison I ordered a Survey — The
following Report was made which I think ne-
-cessary to transmit you for the perusal
of the honorable the President & Council.

One Subidars Coat damaged — the whole
with thin poor lace and badly put on. The
Jemadars Coats — the Collars and Capes of
most spoiled in cutting them. The Havildars
Coats made up with Scarlet of different dyes
most

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most of them much patched under the Arms
& without Epollets. — The Navigo Coats in the
same Condition as the Hamilcars. — The Sepoy
Cloathing sewd mostly with cotton white
thread, Single lace on the Button Holes, —
without Lapelle and neither seams in the
Sleeves or backs. — The Drummers very badly
Sewed and the seams of the Sleeves in gene=
=ral kept together only by the lace that
Covers them. — The Flaps of all the Cloathing
turned back with White Cloath instead of
the facings of the Battalion in Lieu

Vellore the 11th May 1777 Sir

Your Most Obedt Humble Servt
William Baillie

Ordered that a Copy of the above
Letter be delivered to the Sepoy Agent.

Read the following Letter from Capt.
Hopkins.

To Richd Jos Sullivan Esqr
Secretary to the Military Department
at Fort St. George.

From Capt. Hopkins with a Return of Sepoy Cloathing unfit for Use.

Sir I herewith enclose you a Return
of Sepoy Cloathing for the 1st Battalion
of Sepoys found unfit for Use, which
I request you will please to lay before
the

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the Board.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servt

Chas. Hopkins

Palamcotta
8th May 1777.

A Return of Sepoy Cloathing for the Year 1777 in the Honble Company's 2d Carnatic Batta-lion of Sepoys found unfit for Use. Palam-cotta 8th May 1777.

	Hamilcars	Naigs	Sepoys	Total
Grenadiers	10	9	"	19
Battalions	2	"	4	6
Total	12	9	4	25

Chas. Hopkins Captain
of the 2d Batt.n of Sepoys

Agreed that Captain Hopkins be Ordered to send hither the unserviceable Cloathing that it may examined and the particular Defects of it ascertained which does not appear to have been done by the Reports enclosed in Captain Hopkins's Letter.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We

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Chief Engineer Report of Persons employed on the Works.

We have now employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers	125.
Tank diggers	681.
Coolies	737.
Lascars	94.
Stone Cutters	40.
Sundry Artificers	10.
Amounting in all to	1683. People

I have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Lieut.t Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
19th May 1777.

Read the following Letter from General Stuart to the Secretary.

To Richard Jos. Sulivan Esq.r
Secretary of the Military Departament
of Fort St. George

From Gl. Stuart with Letters from Madura and Pallamcotta respecting the Poligar Expedition

Sir

I enclose herewith Copies of Letters received this day from Capt.n Dugald Campt.-bell and Captain Hopkins, which I request you will lay before the Honble Board, & inform them that I have, in Consequence, sent Orders provisionally, to Captain Camp.-bell (Copy whereof is also inclosed) to lodge the 18 Pounders in the Fort of Pallamcotta,

and

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and likewise such Other Stores, Powder inpar=
=ticular, as he can spare after the Service
is over, as they are very much wanted there.
The Officer Commanding that Garrison &
Madura have likewise been directed to Order
the four Companies of Sepoys that escorted
these Guns, with additional Companies
and draft of their Respective Battalions, to
proceed to Trichenopoly —

You will also be pleased to acquaint
the Honble Board, that two small Mines
intended to open a passage into the Fort,
were sprung at Vellum, the day before
Yesterday, and had the effect that We
wished for.

I am then request of you to —
lay the following Order before the Honble
Board and to signify my desire that it
be issued as soon as possible.

"Lieut.t Colonel James is directed to Order
"the Recruits of Gebbings's Battalion,
"together with the Commissioned and
"Commissioned Black Officers & Sepoys,
"belonging to the Dirdt of that Battalion
"in Trichenopoly to proceed to Vellum,
"there to be under the Care of their Com=
"manding Officer & of the Adjt of the
"Battalion."

Pleased

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Please to acquaint the Honble Board that Mr Brighton and Mr Cadogan arrived here last night, the former, says, he has leave from the Presidency, and the latter, from the Chief and Council of Cuddalore to come here and spend a few days with their Friends — This Explanation was in Consequence of my having sent the Town Major to acquaint them with that part of my Instructions, respecting the Company's Servants Residing here.

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
James Stuart.

Tanjore
the
10 May 1777

To Lieutenant Henry Malcolm
Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Sir

I have this morning received your Letter of the 5th Instant in consequence of which I have applied to the Killedar to give me an Account of the Nabob's Military Stores in this Garrison, and he tells me that he is but lately come here and has not yet taken Charge of them from the last Killedar, having at present only care of the Keys, and takes an Account of what Stores are sent out or received, till the late Killedar delivers the whole over to him — It is true the present Killedar has not been much above a Month here, but I look upon

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upon his Answer to be evasive, as I formerly
applied to the late Hilldar on a similar —
instance for an Account of what Provisions
he had in the Garrison, and received for
Answer, that he would not send me any
Account of them without an Order from
the Nabob.

I have just now received a Letter
dated the 3d Instant by one of my Hircars,
from Captain Pickard, who is still at the =
=vegurry, which he says he has surrounded
with ten Redoubts, wherein he has posted
the Poligars that are with him, and has
erected three Batteries from which he fires
a Cross into the Fort with his Field pieces —
On 29th Ultimo in the Evening they demanded
a cessation of Arms which was granted, they
offered to pay the same Tribute to the Carnam
as the other Poligars, but when they were
told that they must deliver up the Place
and their Arms they refused — The 2d
Instant in the morning he says that he
found their intention was only to amuse
him, for he saw that they were at work
in the inside repairing their Walls &
making Ditches in some places, upon
which he began again to fire —

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I have likewise received a Letter from Captain Dugald Campbell dated yesterday, wherein he says that he was to march this Morning to Sangarma Coil on his way to Shevegunny. This is all I have at present to inform the Commander in Chief regarding this Expedition.

I am Sir

Your very Obedient Servant

Pallamcotta
5th May 1799.

Signed Chas. Hopkins

A true Copy
Henry Malcolm
Secretary.

Letter of Captain Dugald Campbell to Lieut.t Henry Malcolm Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Since I received your favor of the 21st I have been on such a disagreeable uncertain Situation that I could write nothing Satisfactory. Cabar Caum the Nabobs Manager in this Country joined on the 3d I came here with him yesterday Morning. with One Hundred Horse and as many foot, to treat with the refractory Poligars in Shevegunny. But they abandoned it at 12 o'Clock last night, and are gone to Hyders Country. Captain Pickard has now possession of it. I will probably take a look at it tomorrow, as it is only Sixteen Miles distant. Present my Respectfull Compliments to the Colonel and

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and inform him of the above, I will if agreeable
to him deliver the 18 Pounders to Captain Hope
=kins as soon as I see that we can have no
further use for them. I brought a 4½ Inch
Mortar (Country made) and a Pickard from
Madura which I will keep with me until
all is Settled —

Sam Yea.

(Signed) Dugald Campbell

Camp at Sangarma
Sail 6 May 1777. }

A True Copy
Henry Malcolm
Secretary

To Captain Dugald Campbell

Sir I presented your Letter of the 6th Inst.
to the Commander in Chief this Morning, &
he expresses much Satisfaction at the pros=
=pect your have of settling this Poligar —
business —

As it seems to be convenient to you,
he directs you to lodge provisionally, the
two 18 Pounders and their Stores in the Garri=
=son of Pallamcotta, and likewise, as soon as
the Service you are upon will permit, to
leave your small Stores and Powder in
that Garrison, where they are much wante

With respect to the 4½ Inch Mortar
and the Petard, he wishes them to be
returned

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Returned to Madurah, as there are no more of their kind in that Garrison, but, incase you find it difficult to get Bullocks for the purpose, he desires that you will lodge the whole, provisionally, with Captain Hopkins at Pallamcotta.

The General is of the Opinion (which he wishes you will take occasion to Communicate to his Highness & to the Ameer) that as there is, now no, Capitulation with these People of Shevegunny, this is the time, which you are on the Spot, to destroy thoroughly every Vestige of a Strong hold, or retreach among the woods, which these people or any others may avail themselves of, — he even advises that the Woods should be made pervious & open — In short, he hopes, from your Prudence & Management, that you will avail yourself of your present Strength and favorable Situation to establish his Highness's Authority in every Corner of the Farmelly Province so that we may never more hear of Poligar Disturbances. I am

Sir Your Obed.t Servant

Henry Malcolm
Secretary

Tanjore
10th May 1777.

To

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The General Order proposed in the above Letter is directed to be issued.

Report from the Committee on Invalids and Pensioners —

The Committee for examining Invalids and Pensioners Report that 1 Serjeant 2 Drummers and 20 Private Invalids are to be totally unfit for any kind of Duty, and recommend that they be sent home. Ordered accordingly —

Mess.rs Lucas and Bedford appointed Cadets in the Artillery.

Mr Charles Lucas and Thomas Bedford being recommended by Colonel Horne, are now appointed Cadets in the Artillery Corps.

Abstract of Expences on Account of Tanjore

The Military Paymaster agreeably to an Order of Consultation, lays before the Board an Abstract of the Expences on Account of Tanjore from 5th March 1776 to 31st March 1777 Amounting to Pag.as 280,749 16 68 —

The President reports that he has received Advice from Captain Hopkins that the Garrison of Shevegunny a Poligar Fort attacked by the Nabob's Troops abandoned it on the 5th Instant. (Polygar, ed,)

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works.

To

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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

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

From the Committee of Works with their Minutes recommending that Mr Benfields Contract be transferred to Mr Plummer.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to inclose your Mr Benfield's Account Current to the 15th Instant also a Letter We have received from him dated the 13th Instant. Copy of the Contract made with him for the last Fronk. and an Extract from our Minutes of this day.

We remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedt
Humble Servants

George Mackay.

Patrick Ross.

Fort St George
16th May 1777.

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works dated the 16th May 1777.

Mr Benfield delivered in his Account Current with the Commt dated the 15th Inst. for Work done by him to the 31st Decembr last the Ballance now in his favor being Pagodas 58137.7.46 Agreed that the said Account be sent to the President & Council.

Read a Letter from Mr Benfield dated the 13th May 1777. Proposing as he intends to return to England that the Remaining

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remaining Part of his Contracts with the
Comm.t be transferred to Mr. Plumer or if
that be Objected to that Mr. Plumer shall —
Continue as heretofore in the Management
thereof on his Mr. Benfields Account.

The Committee are of opinion as Mr.
Plumer has carried on the Works of the Work
Yeard under Mr. Benfield and under the
Inspection of the Chief Engineer that he
is a very proper and fit Person to be —
Continued in it, and as he will be always
on the Spot to answer as a Principal for
any Defects the Comm.t beg leave to —
recommend that the remaining Part of
Mr. Benfield's Contracts should be trans-
-ferred to him.

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D.r The Committee of Works in Account with Paul Ben

1777. April ... 2	To Ballance of my Account Current dated this Day	77424 18. 16.
	To Interest on the Amount of my Gen.l Account of 31st. December last to this day on Pag.s 120,245. 7. 10. for 4 Months 15. days @ 8 P Cent P Annum	3607 13. —
	Bagodas	81,031 31. 16.

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Sield Contractor for the Several Works of the West Front

1777.		
April 17th	By Cash received in part discharge of this Amount of Bills on Masulipatam for Madras Pagodas 20,000. @ 8 3/4 P Cent	21750 — —
—	By Interest from 31st December on Amount of Charge for difference of the Prices of Materials being Pag.s 6,520 — 30. 74. for 4. 15 @ 8 P Ct P Annum	195.22.50.
—	By Interest from 31st Jany on Pag.s 15,000 paid me that day. 3. 15. @ 8 P Cent P Annum	350 — —
—	By Interest from 7th Febry on Pag.s 21,300 paid me that day 3 Months 8 Days @ 8 P Cent P Annum	463.31 —
—	By Interest from 17th April on Pag.s 21,750 paid me that Day 28 Days @ 8 P Cent P Annum —	135.12 —
—	By Ballance due to me this Day Pagodas	58,137.7.46. 81,031.31.16

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Excepted P Paul Benfield

John Mitford
acting Commissary General

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

Gentlemen,

As I intend taking the permission of the President & Council to return to Europe and am desirous of arranging the business of my Contracts with the Committee, in such manner as you may be pleased to approve previous to my Application to the Board: I take the liberty to propose that Mr. Plumer may stand in my Place, for the Performance of what remains to be done on the Several Contracts I have entered into with the Committee: It is known to you that Gentleman hath Wholly Conducted the Works done under my Contract for the West Front, and I can justly say he has every knowledge and Abilitty to give satisfaction in the performance of the Works to be Carried on. If transferring my Contracts to Mr. Plumer as I have proposed be Objected to — That Gentleman will continue as heretofore in the Management of them on my Account

I am Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servant
Paul Benfield

Fort St. George
the
13 May 1777.

Articles

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Articles of Agreement indented made Concluded and agreed upon this Sixth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Five Between Paul Benfield of Fort St. George Gentleman of the One Part and Samuel Johnson John Maxwell & Hone George Mackay Esqrs & Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross who Compose the Committee of Works at Fort St. George for and on behalf of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies of the other Part as follows that is to say.

Whereas the President & Council of Fort St. George have judged it expedient that the following Works & Fortifications be Constructed namely.

South Front

Reform of the Fanaillons.
Counterscarp & Glacis before the Fanaillons
Cunette & Berm to the Southward before the Body of the Place.
South Curtain
East Line & advanced Redoubts
Wall to the Sea.
Works at the South East & North East Angles
Their Counterscarp & facing of the Glacis before them.
Boomproof Cisterns within the Fort.

And ... The said Paul Benfield for the Considerations hereinafter mentioned do thereby for himself his Heirs Executors & Administrators Covenant & agree to and with the said Committee of Works and their Successors for the time being for and on Account & behalf of the said United Company. That He the

said

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said Paul Benfield shall and will perform the abovementioned Works for and on behalf of the said United Company, at the following Prices, and under & subject to the Condition & Clause hereinafter specified that is to say.

Plain Brick Work in the intended new Fortifications & new Cisterns including Baling Water, Damming, Cask of fresh Water, to be furnished by Mr George Baker, according to the Terms of his Contract with the Court of Directors. Excavation for Foundations & all contingent Expences, at One Pag.a & thirty four Fanams P Cubic Yard

Arched and Cromle Brick Work in Ditto at three Pagodas & Ten Fanams P Cubic yard, all Contingent Charges included as above.

Well Brick Work in Ditto at One Pag.a & thirty eight Fanams P Cubic Yard, all incidental Charges included as above.

Wall on the East Line to prevent the Encroachments of the Sea.

Well Brick Work in Chunam after the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer including Baling Water.

Expence of Damming either with — Facines or Cazoons, as may be necessary and all Contingent Charges included

as.

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as above at two Pagodas twenty One Fanams B
Cubic Yards. Plain Brick Work with Cement
Chunam as mentioned by the Chief Engineer,
the Outer & inner Faces of the Wall to be
Chunamd including Boiling Water-Damm-
-ming with Facines or Cazoons as above Fresh
Water from Mr Baker and all Contingent
Expences at three Pagodas P Cubic Yards.
Filling in with Earth ramming & watering
in Courses of Six or eight Inches at fourteen
Fanams P Cubic Rod. Ditto with such Earth
as may be twice moved at Twenty Fanams
P Cubic Rod.
Ditto with Earth that may be brought
from the River or the opposite Side of the
River at eighteen Fanams P Cubic Rod &
The whole of the Work to be performed
in a Workmanlike manner — The Fanams
to be Reckoned at forty two P Pagoda.
It is further agreed & declared by and
between the Parties hereto that it shall
remain at the Discretion of the President
& Council of Fort St. George and their Successors
for the time being for and on behalf of
the said United Company to declare the
whole or any Part of this present Contract
null and void if they the said President
& Council shall deem such a Measure —
necessary either from the Orders of
the

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the Court of Directors or from any other Cause

And the said Samuel Johnson John Maxwell Stone George Mackay Esq.s & Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross for the Considerations aforesaid do hereby for themselves and their Successors for the Time being, for and on behalf of the said United Company Covenant and agree to and with the said Paul Benfield his Hurs Executors and Administrators that they the said Committee or the said Company shall and will pay unto the said Paul Benfield the respective Prices beforementioned for the Work that he the said Paul Benfield may do or perform agreeable to this present Contract According to the true intent and meaning of these Presents In Witness whereof the Parties hereto have to the Parts of these Presents interchangeably set their Hands & Seals the Day & Year first above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered where no stamp Paper is to be had in the Presence of

W.H. Torriano

Boulsover Vidamadiah Bramitry

a true Copy W.H. Torriano Clerk to the Committee of Works.

(Signed) Sam.l Johnson
John Maxwell Stone
George Mackay
Patrick Ross.
Paul Benfield

Ordered

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To lie on the Table.

Ordered that the Letter from the Committee of Works with the Papers — enclosed do lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Horne.

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

From Colonel Horne applying for the Command of Tanjore —

Honble Sir & Sirs

General Stuart having succeeded to the Chief Command of the Army and understanding he soon intends to leave Tanjore to come to the Presidency; I with great difference take the liberty of Apply=ing to your Honor &.c for the Command of the Garrison of Tanjore. I am the more induc'd to make this application from a consciousness of having now served the Honble Company faithfully upwards of Nineteen Years; and what no other Officer of my standing can urge — I have never yet enjoyed a Command of any Garrison or beneficial station in the Service —

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Service — excpt the Command of the Cantoon-
=ment at the Mount where no manner of
Advantages or emoluments of Consequence do
or can arise; I therefore presume to Solicite
your Honor &c. for this Appointment which
should your please to confer; it shall be
my Chief and only care to merit by dis=
-charging my Duty with zeal and Fidelity
to the Honble Company: I am with every
Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient and
faithfull Humble Servant
Mathew Horne

Fort St. George
May the 19. 1777.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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20th Sent the following Letter to Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President & Governor & Council at Bombay.

To Bombay informing them of the Particulars of our Hospitals Establishment

Gentlemen,

In a letter received from your Presidency dated 11th October last — You are pleased to inform Us of your having had for some time past a desire to introduce a thorough Reform in your Hospitals, and as the Regulations in our Military Instructions were not sufficiently explicit, Signifying we would favour you with the most Complete and particular — Intelligence respecting every branch of our Hospital Expences, and of our general method of Conducting that Department.

The great expence attending the Hospital on this Establishment, hath frequently led us to take into Consideration the best & cheapest Method of Conducting that Department as well with respect to the Company as to the Surgeons, and the Sick in general, but so many difficulties ah all times have occured towards an Alteration in the System, that we were under the necessity of submitting it to the Consideration of our Employers. Their Orders to be in

Consequence

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Consequence arrived by the last Ship that imported here from Europe, wherein they decline drawing the precise line, but leave it to Us, as the Nature of Circumstances may admit. From a variety of Causes, We have hitherto been unable to determine on what further alterations are necessary.

Lest however a further delay should occasion any Inconvenience to you in the mode of Conducting your Hospitals, We shall here answer such Questions, as you wish immediately to be satisfied on, leaving a more particular Information, till We shall have adopted some more favorable System than We conceive the present.

The Surgeons in general at this Place have a Contract with the Company for supplying every necessary Article to the Hospitals, the particulars of which are explained in our Military Regulations page 62. from the 3d to the 15. Para; at the rate of five Fanams P Day each man, reckoning 36 Fanams P Pag.a The victualling of the Hospitals is likewise by Contract at three Fanams & Twenty Cash P day each Man, reckoning 36. Fanams.

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Fanams ₱ Pagoda, from which is deducted
2 Pagodas ₱ Month or 2 Fanams 64 Cash
₱ day out of each Mans Subsistance, paid
by the Commanding Officer of each Company
to the Contractor at the Rate of 42 Fan.
₱ Pagoda.

Should European Medecines or Instrue=
=ments be wanting, the Surgeons apply
to Us for Leave to purchase them. Country
Medicins are supplied by the Surgeons
being included in the Contract for each Mont=
=ioned for every necessary Articles

The Custom we Observe with respect
to Sick and wounded Sipoys or Lascars is
pointed out in the two last Paragraphs of
our Military Regulations, to which We
beg you will be referred.

We do not allow of any Charge
for Medicines for private Practice.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
George Stratton
& Council

Fort St George
20th May 1777.

21 Recd a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as
entered in Co. Cor. Ao 65. with Bills for —
Pagodas 50,000.
23 Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore
as.

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as entered in Co: Cor. No 66. in Answer to the foregoing.

24th Received the following Letter from Mr. Mostyn at Poonah.

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

From Mr Mostyn at Poonah the Intrigues of the French there

Honble Sir & Sirs

I addressed you last under the 4th Instant acquainting you of my arrival in quality of the Company's Resident at this Durbar. This is purposely to inform you that the Chevalier de St Laub with five other Gentlemen who had landed from a French Frigate at Choul are arrived within a few Cos of Poonder on an Embassy to this Government and are furnished as I am informed with Letters from France and Pondicherry — This visit is in Consequence of an Application from the Ministry here to the French Chief of Surat during the late War — what may be the real Motive of this Embassy it is not in my power at Present to say. your Vicinity to Pondicherry will enable you to get more Certain and earliest Intelligence regarding it than I can

give

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give you. From what has transpired their Views seem to be the settling a Factory at Poonah and Obtaining a Sea Port on some Part of the Malabar Coast in the Maratta Dominions.

I shall again address you on this Subject as soon as I can receive any certain Information of what passes between the French and this Durbar, and shall esteem myself Obliged by any Information you can give me on this Point.

I am with Respect
Hon'ble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble
Servant

Current
mar Promdur
the 30th April 1777.

In consequence of the above, the following Letters were sent to Mr Mostyn and to the Governor General & Council at Bengal

Military Department

To Thomas Mostyn Esq.h
To Mr. Mostyn Resident at
Poonah
in reply to the
above

Sir We have received your Letters of the 4th and 30th April and are Obliged to you for the Intelligence you have Communicated to us respecting Mr St Lubin and the other French Gentlemen who lately visited Poonah

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Poonah.

The only Accounts We have before us this subject were gathered from private Letters received from Bombay which mention that Mr. St. Lubin came out from France in a Frigate of 36 Guns with a Commission independent of the Government of Pondichery, and that since his arrival on the Malabar Coast French Colour have been hoisted at Cheul;

We are

Sir Your Most Obedient

Humble Servants

Fort St. George
the 24th May 1777.

Military Department

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General & Council

at Fort William.

& Gov.r General & Council enclosing Copy of Mr. Mostyn's Letter

Honble Sir & Sirs

We beg leave to enclose herewith a Copy of a Letter just received from Mr. Mostyn at Poonah. We cannot from the Accounts We have yet been able to obtain, add any thing certain to the Intelligence Communicated in that Letter, but We think it proper to observe to you that private Letters from Bombay mention that

that

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that French Colours have been hoisted at Choul and that Mr St Lubin (called Lamb in Mr Mostyns Letter) came from France in a Frigate of 36 Guns with a seperate Commission, independent of the Government of Pondicherry.

We take this opportunity of acquainting you that Lord Pigot after a long Fit of Illness departed this Life the 11th Instant.

We have the Honor to be

Hond Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

Fort St George
the 25 May 1777.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. President

Monday Henry Brooke Archdale Palmer

the 26. May. George Mackay.

General Stuart absent on service

Mr. Lourdan absent.

Minutes of last Consultation Read

Read the following Letter from General Stuart to the Secretary.

To Richard Jos. Sulivan Esqr.

Secretary of the Military Department of Fort St. George.

From Gl. Stuart in reply to the Remarks of the Board on the Steps taken by him to apprehend Deserters.

Sir

I this day received your Letter dated the 14th. Instant, wrote to me by Order of the Honble Board acknowledging the Receipt of my publick Letters to them to the 8th. Instant.

In the last Paragraph of your Letter, you say, "that the President is to "represent to the Nabob the particulars of "the Affair Complained of in my Letter of "the 14th. April" As that Letter contained more than one Complaint, I am to guess that what you allude to, is what I say of the Conduct of the Nabob's Manager at Ariallore, in detaining a Deserter, and turning the Inmidars out of the Place who was

to

to point him out to the Manager; And, in
regard to this your acquaint me, that the
Board are of opinion "I should have applied
"immediately to the Nabob's Manager to
"apprehend the Deserters, and not to have
"sent a party of Sepoys after them in the
"manner I have represented." - In answer
to which, I request, that you will inform
the Honble Board, that I know of no
better way to prevent desertion, than
to send a party of Sepoys with proper
Orders, in quest of them immediately after
they leave their Quarters, and to follow
them on the first intelligence they receive
of the route they have taken; if it shall
be to any of the Nabobs Forts, as in the
present Case, the Officer Commanding
the party goes there to find out the
Man, and to shew them to the Nabob's
Overseer, Reporting the same to the —
Commanding Officer of his Battalion
this was the Case as Captain Godfrey
informs me and the treatment &
complaint of upon his Report, is that
the Company's Sepoy Officer was struck
out of the Place, and the Deserter —
remains, to this day, there; and I am
likewise

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likewise informd that five more from the same Battalion have since deserted to the same Place. I shall, however, inform Major Brown of what, you say, is the Board's Orders about, "applying immediately to the "Nabobs Managers to apprehend Deserters, "and not to send a party of Sepoys after them in the manner I represent," at the same time, I do not see how we are to get Notice of Deserters, unless we send Sepoys after them in the manner Captain Godfrey did I am

Sir

Your very Obedt Servant

James Stuart.

Tanjore
18th May 1777.

P.S. I have also this day received your Letter of the 14th Instant, Containing the Honble Boards Acceptance of Gordon's Proposals, and their directions Signified to the Paymaster in Consequence. Copy whereof I have sent to the Chief Engineer here and to Mr Gordon — On enquiry I found that the Boards Orders on the Subject had been Signified to the Paymaster.

James Stuart.

The President acquaints the Board that having procured an Order from —

the

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the Nabob to his Amuldar at Ariolore directing him to give every assistance in his Power towards recovering the Men who had deserted, and to afford the like assistance upon all future occasions, he had sent the said Order to General Stuart, which the Board approve.

Read the following Letter from General Stuart to the Board.

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

Honble Sir &c.

From Gl. Stuart desiring to know whether the Presents intended for the Rajah are to be delivered to him or not.

I am to inform your Honor &c. that the Presents bought on the Company's Account, intended for the Rajah, and which were sent from Madras, as I understood, to be delivered by me to him, remain as yet in my Court-Yard under cover of a tent, I request, therefore, of your Honor &c. to let me know in what manner they are to be disposed of— The Public there are as the Rajah, house all along imagining that I was to have delivered them in

form

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form to him, long before this time, enabled, in the point of View in which I see this matter, I think myself called upon to wait here the determination of the Honble Board, whether I am to deliver these Presents or not

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

Tanjore
14th
18 May 1777.

Minute on the inexpediency of delivering those Presents to the Rajah whilst one is left in Charge of the Storekeeper

The Board Resolved in Consultation the 12th February last year that a Present and Public Thanks should be given to his Highness the Nabob for admitting a Garrison of the Company's Troops into the Fort of Tanjore — As this Resolution has never been Complied with, and does not by the Records even appear to have been Communicated to the Nabob the President took occasion since the Receipt of General Stuarts Letter Concerning the Presents for the Rajah of Tanjore, to ask the Nabob whether he had at any time received Intimation of the Present intended for him, and when it would be agreeable to accept it — The Nabob in answer to this replied that Lord Pigot had informed him of the Resolution

of

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of the Board respecting the Present, but as
his Lordship was at that time endeavouring
to obtain this /the Nabob's/ Consent to the
Resolution of the Country of Tanjore to
the Rajah, he was apprehensive that his
acceptance of the Present proposed for him
under this Circumstances, might be repre-
=sented by his Lordship, as a tacit acquies-
=cence in the Requisition made to him
for delivering up the Country, which he
then Considered, and still looks upon as
his undoubted Right - That he had on this
Account told his Lordship he would receive
the Present intended for him some other
time. He expressed his thanks to the
President for his attention in respecting
the Offer to him again, but said it would
be agreeable to him to wait the next
Advices from the Company before he
availed himself of it.

The Board having taken into Consider-
=ation the Letter from General Stuart
Concerning the Presents purchased for the
Rajah of Tanjore, they are of opinion
that it would be improper to deliver
them to him at this time for the
following Reasons.

These

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These Presents were purchased, and intended to have been given to the Rajah at a time when he shewed the greatest Respect and attention to the Government and an anxious desire to Comply with every solicitation made to him on Behalf of the Company. Whilst the Rajah was in his Deposition of mind any Compliment of Approbation that could be made to him would have been proper and Consistant, but the Change which took Place in the Government about the time these Presents were to have been delivered having wrought an entire Change in the Sentiments of the Rajah, and the Board having in their last Letter to him thro' the President written a few Days ago only thought it necessary to express their displeasure at his Conduct in very strong Terms; they cannot at this time without departing entirely from their Settled Intentions and without degrading the Character in which they ought to appear Consent to an Act which Conveys a Testimony of Approbation, where they have so much real Cause of Displeasure.

The Board are likewise of opinion that

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that as the Resolution for making a Present to the Nabob passed long before they agreed to purchase the Articles intended for the Rajah it might with Reason give Umbrage to his Highness to deliver the Rajah's Present first supposing he had done nothing to incur the displeasure of the Board, but the Conduct he has Observed has been so disrespectfull towards this Government and so injurious towards the Nabob that any apparent mark of Preference shewn to him at this time would be particularly striking and with Respect to the Nabob would appear very inconsistent with the Superior Regard and friendship which he is entitled to from the Company—

Resolved for the above Reasons that General Stuart be desired not to deliver them the Presents to the Rajah but to leave them at his Departure from Tanjore under the Charge of the Storekeeper, that they may be afterwards disposed of as the Board shall see proper

Read the following Letter also from General Stuart

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To Charles Oakeley Esq.r

Secretary of the Military Department

of Fort St. George

From Gol. Stuart enclosing Letter from Capt.n Dugald Campbell

Sir

I take this occasion to Congratulate you on your late Appointment: and to request that you will present to the Honble Board the enclosed Copy of a letter received this day from Captain Dugald Campbell.

I am

Sir

Your very Obed.t Servant

James Stuart

Tanjore

20th May 1777

To the Honble George Stratton

President & Governor &c.a Council

of Fort St. George

From Gol Stuart incls. Petitition made by the Rajahs people who were plundered in the Nabobs Country: inclosing a Paper explaining the Grounds of their Disorders

Honble Sir & Sirs

I took occasion in my letter of the 11th. Instant to mention to your Honor &c.a my having Ordered a party from hence to Patticar to assist in recovering the Cattle &c.a which the people of that Place had forcibly carried off from the Nabobs Country near to Arialore —

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Honor &c.a that this Service has been completely executed — so much so that

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I have seen the Receipt sent from Arialore, — acknowledging that full Restitution had been made — By this checking in time, those Incursions I am hopeful that We shall Establish Peace and Security on the Borders & that, both, his Highness and the Rajah will find the benefit of the Company's Military protection — I send, inclosed, a Paper Containing Information as to the Causes of the incursion, on the part of the Rajahs Poligars or Plunderers.

By letters from the Tennevalley Country, I find that the Corps under Captain Campbell is employed in destroying every thing, that has the least appearance of Strength, lately possessed by the Poligars, who are gone to the hills, and wait only the Nabobs pardon, and an Agreement of the proportion of the Produce in future to be paid to his Highness, and hitherto not ascertained exactly. Both my Accounts say, that, the Public were much deceived in thinking there were any Strong holds, that needed Battering Cannon to reduce.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithfull and
Obedt Servant
James Stuart.

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When

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When the Arialore Country was possessed by its own Poligar, the Calleries of Shengrepettah, near to Patrian, were Cavaleers or Taliars of Twenty Two Villages in it, and received the Allowance as such — Since the Nabob has been in possession of that Country, the Head man of Two of these Villages have withheld the Cavaleers or Taliars, Twenty Continued to pay it, and on this Account, the Taliars took the Cattle in hopes of getting their Accounts Settled.

On Examination before the Moneagar at Patrian, and in Presence of the Subidar, Commanding the Party of Sepoys on the District and of the Complainants, it was found, that, instead of Two hundred Cattle, represented to have been Plundered from the Arialore Country, only Fourty Two Bullocks a Lamp, a Cricce, and a Piece of Cloth has been taken away, as appears from the Receipt given in Consequence of the Cattle &c. being Restored.

The Board are pleased to Signify by the above Letter from the General that a

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a Stop has been put to the Incursion of the
Colleires into the Nabob's Country.

Read the following Letter from Capt=
-ain Kelly enclosing a Report Survey of the
Cloathing of his Battalion.

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r
Military Secretary Fort St. George

From Capt.n Kelly
Complaining of
the Cloathing of
his Battalion

Sir With this I have the honor of
enclosing you the copy of a Report of a
Survey on the Cloathing of my Battalion
not including that of the half Mounting,
which we have not yet received

I remain Sir
Your Most Obed.t humble Servant
R. Kelly

Camp
at.o Peremboakum
22 May 1777.

Ordered that the Report of the Cloathing
be delivered to the Agent.

The President acquaints the Board,
that the Nabob received advice a few days
ago that his 4th. Regiment of Cavalry
Commanded by Captain M.Allister had,
mutinied on Account of their Arrears of Pay,
and put all their Officers in Confinement—
that he / the Nabob / immediately sent Capt.n
Burrows who Commands another of his
Regiments and who was then here, with
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The President
Reports to the
Board the Muti=
=nying of another
of the Nabobs
Regiments

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a Sum of Money to relieve their Present Necessities, and to induce them to Release their Officers — That Captain Burrows found them in such a Disposition that so far from being able to satisfy them, he was himself detained in their Cantonment, from whence he wrote a Letter to the President on the 23d Instant, which is now laid before the Board with the President's Answer

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

Letter from Captain Burrows to the President detained by a Mutiny of the Cavalry —

Honble Sir,

I arrived at the Camp of my own Regiment yesterday Morning, & immediately sent over my Commandant to the Quarters of the 4th Regiment (about five Miles distant) to acquaint the Men of my arrival, of my having brought Money from the Nabob to relieve their immediate distresses, and also Orders from him, to take Command of their Regiment & do every thing in my power to satisfy them — That I would come over myself & bring my Regiment with me — and would settle every thing to make them easy — On my March over I received several Notes from Captain

M.Allister

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McAllister requesting that I would not proceed
close to them, as they threatned him and his
Officers with Death - I accordingly halted
my Regiment and Advanced myself with
his Particular. Invitation, that matters
would be immediately Settled upon my
coming on my entering their Quarters,
so far from any appearance of matters being
likely to be Settled - I never beheld any -
instance of so much insolence & Mutiny
as there was amongst the people - their
general cry was, that they insisted upon
having their Arrears and that they would
not Depend upon the Nabobs Word. As
troops were sent by the Board against the
Second Regiment they are apprehensive
the like may happen against them, they
seem determined to make Captain McAllister
and his Officers answerable with their
lives should any People be sent against
them - Indeed they have detained me since
yesterday, and I now begin to doubt whether
they will let me go or not untill they
are fully Satisfied - it is a wretched Situa-
-tion - & I most earnestly entreat that
you will be so good as to take the matter
Seriously into your Consideration, and

Conark

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Concert such means with the Nabob, as that
we may be set at Liberty - without any
Violence being attempted against them,
for should there be our lives will be the -
forfeit for such.

There are none of the Indian -
Officers or Noncommissioned Officers Concerned
with them - They have appointed Officers
amongst themselves are provided with
Ammunition and are exceedingly watchfull
upon all Occasions — I must again repeat
my entreaty that you will exert your -
influence with the Nabob that Money
may be immediately sent to satisfy these
people - could I have had any Idea that
Men could be reduced to so Insolent and
Mutinous a Disposition, I could not have
even depended upon Captain M.Allistons Word
- In the hopes of being soon Relieved -

I am with Much Respect
Honble Sir
Your Most Obedient -
Humble Servant
H Burrowes.

Quarters of the
1st Regt of Cavalry
Cuddalore May the 23d

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To Capt Burrowes
in Reply. Sir

I have been favored with your
Letter dated yesterday, and am extremely
Concerned

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Concerned to hear of your Situation and the Mutinous disposition of the Regiment—

Having in consequence applied to the Nabob and remonstrated to him in the Strongest manner of the absolute necessity of sending you instant Relief, he told me that he had settled the payment of the Arrears with Mr. Taylor and others and that they might rely on these Gentlemen that the whole would soon be discharged.—I wished to send you Money but this at present is out of my power or Mr. Taylors, and there is therefore nothing now left but for you to tell the Men publickly that every thing is settled with Mr. Taylor & others who have engaged to pay them their Arrears & for which he has the Security of the President & Council, so that the Men may depend on their whole Arrears being soon discharged. I hope this will have the desired Effect and that it may be the means of satisfying them.

You may read this publickly to them if you please. I am

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

(Signed) George Straton

The

Captain Burrowes.

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The Board express their hopes that the Letter from the President to Captain — Burrowes will have the desired Effect, and Minute thereon as the Nabob has taken Measures for discharging all the Arrears due to his — Cavalry they flatter themselves that the other Regiments will remain quiet until the Reduction proposed by the Nabob shall take Place —

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28th Received the following Letter from Bombay.
Secret Department

To the Honble the President
and Council at Fort St. George.

From Bombay enclosing Letter from Mr. Mostyn at Poonah advising of the Intrigues of the French there —

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Having received some Advices from Mr. Mostyn of the Proceedings of the French with the Poonah Durbar, We think it necessary to transmit Copies of his Letters & We have in Consequence desired the Commodore immediately to bring round his Majestys Squadron to this Place.

Bombay Castle
10th May 1777.

We are
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed. Humble Servants
Wm. Hornby
John Carnac
D. Draper —
N. Workhouse
Wm. Ashburner
Andw. Ramsay.

Secret Department

Extract from a Letter from Mr. Thomas Mostyn — Resident at the Maratta Court to the Select Committee at Bombay, dated from Currek near Poorunda the 20th April 1777 and received the 24th following

On my way to Poonah I received from the Honble the President Copy of

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a Letter and Substance of a Message to him from Ragoje Angria, informing that a French Forty Gun Ship had arrived at Colabby from which several Gentlemen had landed and intended proceeding to Poonah, I immediately directed Gungadar Punt, who was formerly Vackeel, from this Government, at Bombay and had Orders to Accompany me to inform the Durbar thereof, in answer to which Nanah wrote him that Ragoje Angria had sent the same intelligence to the Durbar, and that in consequence of Letters they had likewise received from those Gentlemen, Leave had been given them for proceeding to Poonah, On my arrival here I was — acquainted the Principal Gentleman was the Chevalier de St Lubi to escort whom the Durbar had Ordered 25 Arab Sepoys, an Elephant, 20 Camels, a Palanquin some Horse to Logun — Only one whose Name or Station I have not been able to learn is yet arrived, he entered Poonah the 6th Instant and had an Audience of Nanna. then there, On the 10th but that nothing passed except Compliments — This Person arrived and encamped at a Tope ab a little

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little distance from this Place on the 17th and the next day I am informed went up to the Mauby where the Peshwa resides accompanied by Crustrow Ballah, who is appointed to transact the French business. The Chevalier by the Intelligence I have received is daily expected at Poonah - Your Honor &c. may depend my utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to gain Information of every thing that passes at the Durbar regarding them, as well as to prevent their carrying Schemes into Execution to the Prejudice of our Honble Employers - I may not perhaps receive this Intelligence so easily as I could wish from the Strict Watch that is kept over me, to prevent I suppose my having any Communication with those on whom I can depend for Certain Information, no one having hitherto been near me and my own People are obliged to be very Cautious with whom they Converse.

Upon my representing to the Ministers the impropriety of their Conduct in permitting the French to come to this Durbar. I was credibly informed that their Visit was in Consequence

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of an Application from this Government to Mons.r Brian court at Surat Buxar about a Year and an half ago and as they had advanced so far, the Durbar could not with propriety refuse seeing them.

A True Extract

In.o Spencer

Deputy Secretary

Copy.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Mostyn to the Select Committee at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I addressed you last under the 20th Ultimo — this is purposely to inform you that Byrao Punt and Gungedar paying me a Visit this afternoon informed me that the French Gentlemen were arrived & encamped within half a Coss from our Compound, I asked them if they were so dilatory in their Proceedings, how these Gentlemen were to return to Choul & the Ship to clear the Coast before the Rainy Season, when they replied that it was settled they should stay at Poonah during the Rainy Season, that the Ship was unrigged her Guns and Stores landed in Order for her Coming into Choul &

that the French had likewise landed from

Bare

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One hundred to One hundred & fifty pieces of Ordnance for Sale some of which by Byrns Punts Account are of a very large Caliber, besides a large Quantity of Copper & Broad Cloth — Byrns Punt likewise informed me that Mons.r St. Lubb had yesterday written to the Dunbar acquaint-ing them that He expected two more Ships upon the Coast which he requested might have Permission to winter in some of their Harbours, this he says was granted them, but did not mention what Harbour they were to go to. This I think Gentlemen, puts the Intentions of this Dunbar beyond a Doubt and must have been determined on before the Ships arrival, for its impossible to have been done since the Chevalier landed at Cheul as he has not yet had an Audience of the Peshwa or Ministers.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedt humble
Servant
Thomas Mostyn.

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Boomanda/
May 2d. 1777.
Rec.d 5. following —

a True Copy
Jno Spencer
Depy Secretary.

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Sent the following Letter to General Stuart.

To James Stuart Esqr.

Brigadier General & Commander in Chief
of the Troops on the Coast —

To Gl. Stuart desiring that the Presents be not delivered to the Rajah but left in charge of the Storekeeper

Sir We have received your Letter of the 14th. 18th & 22d Instant. The several Letters you have written to the Secretary have also been laid before Us.

We wish the Rajah of Tanjore had given us any favorable occasion for delivering to him the Presents which We permitted you to carry with you from hence as We should in that case have been happy thro' your means to have offered him such a public Testimony of our approbation — but on reviewing the whole of his Conduct both before and since your arrival at Tanjore We have so much reason to be dissatisfied with it, that We think We cannot with the least Propriety make him at this time any Compliment what=ever — It is only a few days ago that We expressed our Displeasure to him in very strong Terms for his Refusal to comply with any of our Requisitions — relative

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Relative to the Government Share of the Crop of 1775 — To offer Presents to him immediately afterwards could answer no other Purpose than to degrade ourselves in his Estem and to stamp our Measures with the most glaring Inconsistency. These are our only Reasons for thinking the Present ought not to be given at this time of which we doubt not you will see the Propriety and if necessary explain them to the Rajah — We desire on your departure from Tanjore that the several Articles may be left under Charge of the Storekeeper.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
G. Stratton &c. &c.

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29th May 1777

June 2 Sent the following Letters to General Stuart and to Mr Charles Edward Jones Paymaster at Tanjore —

To James Stuart Esq.r
Brigadier General & Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast

To Lt. Stuart advising him that the Board had accepted Mr Gordon's Proposals —

Sir

By command of the Honble the President & Council I have this Day — transmitted to Mr Jones Copy of Mr Gordons Proposals

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Proposals for filling up the Ground of the Rampart & executing the Fosse Brae at Tanjore; as also Extract of a Letter from Major Stevens containing his Sentiments thereon.

The abovementioned Proposals having been accepted by the Board Mr. Jones is directed to enter into a Contract on the Terms specified thereon; adverting to the Condition recommended by Major Stevens.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Humble Servant
Cha.s Oakeley
Sec.y

Fort St. George
2 June 1777.

To Mr. Charles Edward Jones
Paymaster at Tanjore

To Mr. Jones directing him to Contract with Mr. Gordon

Sir

Herewith you will receive Copy of a Letter from Mr. Gordon Containing Proposals for executing certain Works at Tanjore, together with Extract of a Letter from Major Stevens Communicating his Sentiments thereon.

The Honble the President and Council having been pleased to accept of Mr. Gordon's Proposals, You will accordingly thereto enter into a Contract with him, adverting to the Condition recommended

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Recommended by Major Stevens

Sir

I am

Your Most Obedient Servant

Chas Oakeley Secy

Fort St. George

2d June 1777.

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r President

Monday } Henry Brooke Arch.d Palmer
the 2 June } Francis Sourdan Geo: Mackay.

General Stuart absent on Service.

Minutes of last Consultations Read.

Read the following Letter from Ganjam.

Military Department

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r

President & Governor &.c Council

of Fort St. George.

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Ganjam Complaining of the Disrespectfull Behaviour of Captain Lyoag.th

We have been favord with your Commands of the 15.th through the Military Secretary, and your Letter of the 17.th Ultimo.

The five Europeans sent to us by the Salisbury arrived here the 13.th Instant, and proceeded yesterday Morning to Aska to be incorporated in the Coffry Company.

We beg leave to assure your Honor &.c that it has at all times been our endeav=our to Cultivate that harmony, and good understanding with the Commanding Officer in this District which you have been pleased to recommend, and which are, so essential to the Welfare of the Companys affairs

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Affairs entrusted to our Management, and it is therefore with Concern We inform your Honor &c. that We Continue to experience an opposite disposition in the Present Commanding Officer.

Upon the receipt of your Letter of the 14th Ultimo in which your Honor &c. direct that our applications to the Commanding Officer for Troops shall be requisition, We immediately proceeded to execute your Orders relative to the Zemindary of Pellantra, by requiring Captain Lysaght to Order a Detachment Consisting of 4 Complete Com=panies to March, & take possession of the Fort or Pallam of that name and as the Situation of Pellantra is such that our Orders if sent through the Commanding Officer would necessarily make a Circuit of 100 Miles instead of 60 / the distance from hence to Pellantra / We judged it proper to direct the Officer appointed to execute this Service to Correspond immediately with us and inform Us of every material Occurrance The Letter which Contained our Requisition was dispatched on the 5th and We received the same day a Letter from Captain Lysaght acquainting us of his having received Information of the Murder of the Daracoote Pauter at Mundamvory, that he immediately went to that place with

two

two Company's, and found the Report true — That at the desire of the Tasildar who had charge of the Crop in that Country he had distributed the Sepoys of the two Companies for the Protection of the Grain and the Inhabitants — That the Rajah disclaimed having had any Concern in the Murder, & desired permission to accompany him to Aska, to remain there until matters should be Settled, which he acquiesced in — That he was sensible there was an impropriety in his taking any step of that kind without a requisition from this Board, but as a delay might have been attended with detriment to the Company's Interest he hoped that what he had done would meet with approbation.

To the foregoing Letter We returned an Answer on the 6. approving of the measures he had taken and requiring him to Continue the two Companies where they were then Stationed and to use his endeavours to Secure the Perpetrators of the Murder as well as those who were any ways accessary to it — The same Evening We received another Letter from Captain Lyoaght informing Us that from Circumstances which had

come

Come to his knowledge since his last Letter, he had reason to believe the Murder was either Committed by the Rajahs directions, or that he was privy to it, and that he should therefore prevent the Rajahs leaving Aska, untill he heard what We chose to have done with him, In our reply We required him to inform Us of the Circumstances which induced him to believe that the Daroga to Rajah had been privy to the Murder, and to Continue to prevent him from leaving Aska untill he should hear further from Us.

We inclose your Honor &c. a/ No. 1.2.3.4/ Copies of the abovementioned Letters to the Commanding Officer, and of his Letter to Us of the 8th Instant, the Stile of which appears to Us of so very extraordinary a Nature & so different from that which Capt. Lysaght's Predecessors held in their Duty to observe in their Correspondence with this Board, that We think it incumbent on us to lay the Letter before you, together with those to which it is an Answer, submitting to your Judgement whether the Terms in which the former is conceived are such as becomes the Commanding Officer to Use, or Ourselves Silently to acquiesce in.

We have been Obliged to defer the dispatching of this Packet by the Receipt of

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of another Letter from Captain Lysaght in answer to One from us in which We expressed our sense of his Letter of the 8th. Your intention of transmitting your Honor &c. a Copy of it - We enclose also /No. 5./ a Copy of that We have just received in which your Honor &c. will observe Captain Lysaght denies that he acts under our Authority a Doctrine which We do not find in the Company's Instructions, and which appears to us directly Contrary to the explanation given of them in your Letter of the 24 May, in the following Words, "The System of the Military Establishments "as laid down by the late Regulations, and "Instructions, is clear and precise, with — "Respect to the Troops acting under the Orders "of any Subordinacy and only removes the "Authority from the Chiefs into the Boards "of the Respective Chiefs & Councils, who — "have regular Returns made to them and "who of Course have a Right to insist upon "every Officers Corresponding with them who "is invested with a Seperate Command."

Lieutenant Blacker took possession of Jellantra without opposition the 8th. Instant. We shall address your Honor &c. on the affairs of this Zemindary, & those of Daracoote, in the Revenue — Department

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Department.

The Commanding Officer having come
time since represented to us that the Officers
Barracks, and Storehouses at Aska, and
Itchapoor, were in a ruinous Condition We
directed the Paymaster to repair them, & for
that purpose furnished him with an Esti-
=mate of the Repairs delivered in last year
by the Engineer, a Copy of which was trans=
=mitted to your Honor &c. with our Letter
of the 15th June 1776.

We have the honor to be very Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt Humble
Servants.
Charles Smith
R.t Maunsell
Tho.s Pyndley
Robt Hughes
V. Audley

Ganjam
15th May 1777.

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops
in the Ittapour District

Sir Upon reciept of this Letter you are
hereby required to Order a Detachment —
Consisting of 4 Compleat Companies to march
and take possession of Jellantra the Chief
Fort,

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to believe that the Daracoote Rajah was
privy to the murder of the Pastor and to
Continue to prevent the Rajah from leaving
Arka until you hear further from us

We are
Sir
Your obedient humble Servants.

Ganjam
7th May 1777

(Signed) Charles Smith
Robert Maunsell
Thomas Dymeley
Robert Hughes
John Huddleston

A True Copy
John Huddleston
Secretary.

To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council
Ganjam

Gentlemen,

I have received your three very
obliging favors of the 5th 6th & 7th Instant.
In consequence of the first, four
Companies of the Battalion Stationed at
Itchapore, have been ordered to march to
take possession of the Fort or Pettah of
Pellantra. In reply to the Second I am to
inform you, that the Two Companies in
the Daracoote Country are directed to
remain where they are until I hear
further from your Board, and to use
their

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therein endeavours to secure the Perpetrators of the murder, as well as those who were any ways accessary to it.

And in answer to the Third, I have only to say, that the circumstances which induced me to think that the Daracoote Rajah was privy to the murder of the Pauter, were my being informed by the Tafsaldar, that they had been upon very bad terms with each other for a considerable time before the affair happened, & that the Pauter had been under apprehensions of some thing of the kind for some months past. The Rajah is here, and shall remain there as you desire.

I am with all due Respect

Asha 2d May 1777.

Gentlemen

Your most humble Servant

(Signed) Arthur Lysaght

A true Copy Peter Hudleston Secretary.

To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council Ganjam

Gentlemen,

I have received your Letter of yesterdays Date.

After the most attentive — perusal

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perusal of your three Letters, and of mine of the 3. Instant in reply thereto, I am really at a loss to find out, wherein my Stile has been disrespectful — I am perfectly sensible Gentlemen, of the Respect which is due to you as a Public Board, altho I cannot admit that it is under your Authority that I act and I shall think it my Duty, as long as I have the honor to Command the Troops in the District, to Conduct myself with deference to you, notwithstanding I do not acknowledge that I am under your Orders. In short, Gentlemen, as the Company's Regulations and the Orders of the Honble the Governor & Council have been the Guides of my Conduct ever since my arrival in the District and as I am conscious of having paid every Respect to you as a Public Body which you were entitled to from me, I with pleasure submit the whole to the Judgment of the Honble Board, to whom I have transmitted Copies of all the Letters which have lately passed between us, as likewise a Copy of my last Letter to your Chief, which I hope will at least Convince them, that I could not have had a premeditated design of treating you

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you with disrespect — I remain
Gentlemen
Your Most humble Servant
Signed Arthur Lysaght

Sitka
16 May 1777.

A True Copy John Hudleston Secry.

The Board having perused the Correspondence between the Chief & Council at Gargaon & Captain Lysaght are of opinion that the former have no just cause from any of Captain Lysaght's Letters to charge him with disrespect — His letter to them of the 8. may to which they particularly refer on this occasion does not appear to the Board to contain any thing disrespectful — The Chief and Council may probably have conceived these Words. "I have received your three very obliging favors" &c. as ironically meant, but the Board are of opinion that there is no real Ground for a suspicion of that kind, as they see nothing in the Letters from the Chief & Council to Captain Lysaght that could possibly draw from him such a mark of disrespect — but rather on the contrary they think those Letters afford very sufficient cause to believe that Captain Lysaght meant to apply the Passage above quoted in its proper and natural sense

Minute thereon The Complaints against Captain Lysaght groundless

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Fort St. George 2. June 1777.

Since tho' it is certain he has not expressed himself in the usual, and perhaps proper stile of Letters addressed to a publick Board upon Business —

With respect to the Authority which the late Military Regulations have vested in the Chiefs & Councils of subordinate Settlements the Board are of opinion that the Line is not yet drawn sufficiently clear to prevent disputes in all cases that may arise, and it is agreed therefore as the arrival of General Stuart from Tanjore that the Subject be taken under Consideration and such Resolutions passed as may best tend to remove the difficulties which have lately appeared.

Read the following Extract of a letter from Bengal to the other Departments —

Extract of a Letter from the Council of Bengal dated 10th May 1777

Extract of Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l & Council request-ing that Mr Duff be removed to Bengal.

The Friends of Mr. Duff now on Consign on your Establishment having solicited his removal to this Presidency, We request if you can dispense with his Service, that he may be permitted to come round by the first Opportunity.

A true Extract

Tho.s Lewin

Secretary

Resolved