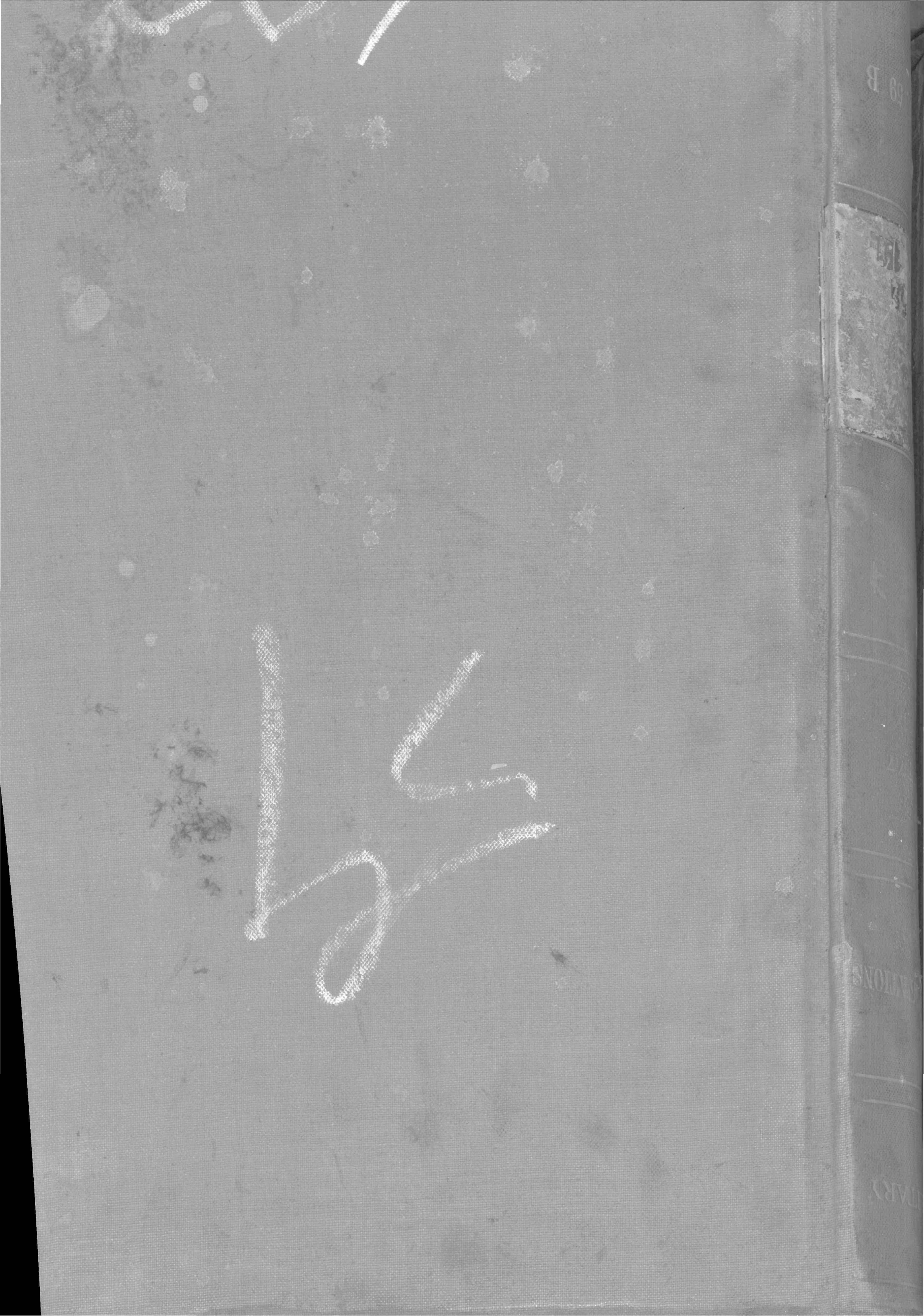

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Agreed. Resolved that Ensign Day be permitted to go to Bengal agreeably to the request of the Governor General & Council.

Minute upon the Conduct of Mr. G. A. Ram &c. relating an Inquest upon the late Lord Pigot

The President acquaints the Board that immediately after the Death of Lord Pigot, Mr. G. A. Ram, who was last year displaced from the Office of Coroner, and who in consequence discontinued to Act in that Capacity, thought proper on this occasion to assume the Functions of that Office again, & to summon a Number of Persons to sit as an Inquest for the purpose of enquiring into the Cause of his Lordship's Death — The President has heard that many of those who were summoned refused their attendance probably in the Idea that Mr. Ram was not legally qualified to act in the Capacity of Coroner — This Gentleman however was at no loss to collect a Jury as the Friends of Lord Pigot who before his Death shewed so much Party spirit against this Government were ready enough to obey the Summons. The Inquest so Composed has been sitting since the 11th Ultimo to take Examination Concerning his Lordship's Death, and has not yet finished the Enquiry —

Altho the Board are perfectly satisfied that the Death of Lord Pigot proceeded

from

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from a Natural Cause, yet as a Suppression of any enquiry may be interpreted into a desire of Concealing the Cause, they do not intend to take Notice of this extraordinary Inquest — until it is over — In the mean time however they are of opinion that it may be proper in Order to Satisfy the Public as well as the Company with Respect to the real Cause of Lord Pigot's Death, and it is accordingly agreed that Mr Pasley the Principal Surgeon Mr Anderson & Mr Mallet all of whom attended him in his Illness be desired to set down in writing their opinion upon every Stage and Term of his Complaints & that the same be Sworn to before a Magistrate —

It is also agreed that a Letter be wrote to Lieut.t Colonel Horne to give the Board an Account of the manner in which Lord Pigot was treated during the time he was under his Charge with every other Circumstance which may have had the least relation to his Lordship's health, & that he do call on such of his Officers as Constantly attended on his Lordship to give the Board the same Information.

Minute Respecting Mr Monckton's application for access to Lord Pigot's Room in the Fort House

The President informs the Board that he lately received a Message from Mr Monckton thro' Sir Edward Hughes acquainting

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acquainting him that being Executor to the
Estate of the late Right Honble Lord Pigot
he intended to come and open a Room in the
Fort House which is supposed to Contains some
of his Lordships Effects and has been sealed
up ever since his Removal Upon the Court
that the / Mr Monckton / meant to remove
all the said Effects from the Fort House, &
expected that free access would be allowed
him for that Purpose. — The President not
chusing to comply with a Requisition —
Conveyed in so improper a Stile, but
being nevertheless desirous of granting to
the Friends of the late Lord Pigot every
reasonable Satisfaction he had delivered
to Mr Bromley Notary Public the follow-
-ing proposal which he directed him
to make known to Lord Pigots Friends
& which the Board approves of; that the
Room should be opened in the Presence
of a Notary Public & such other Person
as the Executor should think proper to
appoint in Order to see whether the
Seals are entire and to take an Inventory
of the Effects belonging to the Company
as well as to his Lordship which when
done whatever Effects or Papers may
be found therein belonging to the
Company.

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Company should be immediately given up and Lord Pigots Effects removed. It is not meant that the Notary Public should examine the Private Papers of Lord Pigot.

28th May 1777.

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Chief Engineers Report of Persons employed on the Works —

We have employed upon the Works

Bricklayers	123.
Tank diggers	595.
Coolies	751.
Lascars	93.
Stonecutters	46.
Sundry Artificers	9.
Amounting in all to	1617 People

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

Fort St George
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The Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Horne entered in Consultation the 19th Inst.o

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is now taken into Consideration, together with the following Letters which the President now lays before the Board.

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

From Coll. Flint applying for the Command of Tanjore

Honble Sir

With due respect permit me to address you on a Subject that nearly concerns me as third Officer on this Establishment at this Critical, when a Report prevails that an Inferior Officer to me, is to succeed General Stuart in the Principal Command under this Presidency, that of Tanjore, it will not only be injurious to me but reflecting on my Character as an Officer should it take Place, I therefore hope Sir you will take this into your most Serious Consideration & beg the usual Custom of the Army may not be deviated from in this particular, my Claim will be presented to the Honble Board thro' the Commander in Chief (a Copy inclosed) and flatter myself it will meet with your Support & the Honble Boards approbation — I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect — Honble Sir

Your Most Obed.t & very Humble Servt.
William Flint

Pondamalee
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To Brigadier General James Stuart
Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast

From Col. Flint
on the same
Subjects

Sir

In consequence of your late promo-
tion am given to understand that you are
to return to the Presidency & another Officer
appointed to the Command of Tanjore on
which occasion, with becoming deference
permit me Sir, to address you, as I should
be wanting to myself and to the Rank
I have the honor to hold if I did not make
this application & flatter myself, thro your
favorable representation to the Honble
Board that the usual Practice of the
Army under this Presidency, will on this
occasion take Place, in case you should
not Sir Continue to occupy that Post or
Colonel Long be appointed, shall of Course
think myself next entitled, as you are
sensible Sir, it was not only General Smith's
recommendation but Sir Robert Fletcher
and the Honble Board approbation that
the Senior Officers should have the Prin-
-cipal Commands and shall think myself
extremely happy should it likewise meet
with your Concurrence — I have the honor to
be with the greatest Respect &c.
William Flint

a Copy.

To

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To Brigadier General James Stuart
Commander in Chief.

From Col: Long on the same Subject —

Sir

As in a former letter, for reasons therein assigned, I deferred my Claim to the Command of Tanjore, those reasons being now removed, I beg leave to revive my Application, in which I hope I may be Honoured with your Assistance and Support

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
Rob: Long.

Madras
12th May 1777
/Copy/

The Question being then put whether Colonel Long shall be appointed to the Command of Tanjore, is carried in the Negative by a Majority, and the same Question being afterwards put, with respect to Colonel Flint is also carried in the Negative by a Majority.

Carried in the Negative against Col: Long & Flint

It is then Resolved unanimously that

Lieut: Col: Horne appointed to the Command of Tanjore

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That Lieutenant Colonel Horne be appoint=
=ed to the Commend of the Fort and
Garrison of Tanjore

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From the Nabob with Intelligence from Poonah.

14 4. Received a Letter from the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence No. 69. enclosing Intelligence from Poonah.

From the Rajah of Tanjore with Bills for Pag.s 50,000 —

14 6. Received a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, as entered in Country Correspondence No. 67. accompanying Bill for 50,000 Pagodas in part — Payment of his Tisk for April —

— Received the following Letter from General Stuart dated 3. Instant.

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

From Gl. Stuart advising of his Departure from Tanjore —

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I am to acquaint the Honble Board, that I took occasion yesterday to mention to the Rajah, why the Presents I brought with me here, were not now delivered to him. He seemed much affected with this Confirmation of your Displeasure, and he added, that it was very unfortunate for him, at this time, that these Presents ever entered his Country.

I have made Extracts of such parts of the Instructions or Correspondence of the Honble Board, as seemed to me of the Nature of Standing Orders, which Extracts

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Extracts I shall leave with Major Brown, on whom the Command devolves until your further pleasure shall be known.

I propose setting out tomorrow Morning for Trichenopaly, by the way of the Annacuttah, — if any thing connected with the public Service occurs, whilst I am on the road to the Presidency, I shall think it my Duty to inform the Honble Board.

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

Tanjore
3 June 1777.

The 7th Sent the following Letter to Lieut.t Colonel Horne, and to Mr. Gilbert Pasley the Second Surgeon.

To Lieut.t Col.o Mathew Horne.

Sir

To Lt. Col. Horne desiring from him an Account of Lord Pigots Treatment at the Mount—

The President & Council being desirous for the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors as well as the public to remove every doubt that may be suggested by malevolent persons with respect to the Cause of Lord Pigots death, they have called upon the Principal Surgeons who attended him during his last Illness for their opinion

Relative

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Relative to the Cause and progress of his
disorder in every Stage of it, and as they think
it may be of Consequence to State under
what kind of Restraint Lord Pigot was
put during his Residence at the Mount &
and to take Notice of every other Circumstan-
-ce which might have any Relation to
his health which he was under your Charge,
they desire you will set down in writing
all the particulars you know on this
Subject and that you will desire such of
your Officers as attended him to do the
same. I am Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
Cha.s Oakeley Secr.y

Fort St George
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To Mr. Gilbert Pasley

To Mr Pasley desiring an Account of Lord Pigots Illness for the information of the Company.

Sir

As your Constant attendance on
Lord Pigot during the Course of his last
Illness must have given you a perfect
knowledge of the disorder with which
he was afflicted, the President & Council
with the View of satisfying the Court of
Directors and the Public as to the Cause
of his Death, which they have reason
to believe may be misrepresented, think

it

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it necessary to desire you will State in writing your own particular opinion with Respect to his disorder and the Progress of it in every Stage until his Death, and as the President & Council are informed that Mr. Mullet one of the Company's Surgeons attended his Lordship with you, and that Mr. Anderson occasionally visited him after he came to the Company's Gardens, they wish you to obtain the opinions of these Gentlemen also on the same subject for their Information.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Cha. Oakeley Sec.y

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. President

Saturday the 7 June — Henry Brooke Archdale Palmer
Francis Sourdan George Mackay

General Stuart absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation Read.

Read the following Letter from General Stuart

To the Honble George Stratton

President and Governor &c. Council

of Fort St. George.

From Gl. Stuart on the Subject of Captain Kelly's Detachment to Perembockum

Honble Sir & Sirs

I this day received a letter from Capt=
=ain Kelly, dated Camp at Perembockum
the 22d and 23d May 1777. I inclose, for your
information, an Extract from that Letter
as to what regards his present Situation
On this occasion I cannot help acquaint=
=ing your Honor &c., how much I was —
surprized to find, that Captain Kelly had
marched with his Battalion, on the Service
he is employed upon, without my ever —
having heard, from any Person whatever,
the smallest Circumstance Concerning it,
for, in truth I concluded, until receiving
this Letter, that he and his Battalion
were at Conjeveram.

I think it particularly unfortunate
for

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for the Service, that any part of the Company's
Troops, so employed should remain inactive, or
be stopd from any Reason whatever, from
expeditiously and successfully finishing it,
because the Credit and Respect given
them by the Natives, may thereby be
lessened — If my memory serves me right,
I recollect having had a full Conversation,
on this subject with the President the
day before I left Madras, and I believe
I gave my opinion as to the Force necessa-
-ry, part of the Stores belonging to the
Brigade of Guns I recollect to have sent,
on readiness, drawn out from the Magazine.
This happened more than three Months
ago, and having never since heard any
thing of further Movements, I concluded,
that the Nabob had given over all thoughts
of punishing the People who had offered
such a Violent Outrage to his Govern-
-ment: but, as things are now Situated,
and the Company's Troops now actually
engaged in this Service, our Honor and
Reputation are, ind my humble opinion,
Committed, and therefore, I have no hesi-
-tation in Offering, to the Honble Board,
my Advice, that the Force required —

by

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by Captain Kelly, be granted him without delay, and, that the President may Concert with his Highness, the necessary measures for that purpose, so that the Service may be carried on effectually — the Adjt. General will take the Orders of the Honble Board in Consequence and communicate them to Captain Kelly;

In the present State of things, the Poligars are furnished with time to strengthen themselves, and as I before remarked, they will lose that awe and Respect due to the Arms of the Honble Company.

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

Tanjore
26th May 1777

Extract of a letter from Captain Robert Kelly, addressed to Brigadier General Stuart Commander in Chief &c. Dated — Camp at Permbockum 22d May 1777

I have postponed from day to day, the honor I intended myself, of giving you some satisfactory Account of our little expedition. But to this hour, Sir, I can say no more on the Subject than I could the

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the first day, although we have been five weeks on the borders of the Polegars Country; during which time we have made a tour quite thro' their Woods and within Pistol Shot of their Banners, for they have more Sense than to commence hostilities on the Company's Troops, and we seem to want something to stimulate us to do what we know to be necessary and Right.

You very well know, Sir, I requested no more than half a Battalion of Sepoys) even the Nabobs might do) to guard the Posts as they should fall, two Troops of Horse, two field Pieces & a Howitzer, with a small supply of Ammunition for each, & a few Men to work them. Yet I have not even been favored with a Line on the Subject since I marched from Conjeveram.

The American of this Country, as well as the Nabobs Manager, have seen and shamefully represented, the necessity of Chastising those Fellows, for which purpose my Battalion was avowedly Ordered out.

I should therefore be exceedingly obliged to you, Sir if you would be pleased to give the necessary directions for Putting us once in Motion, with whatever force,

your

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your may deem sufficient, before the Poligars render themselves much stronger, which they are working day & night to do.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

[Signed] Robt. Kelly

P.S. 23 Morning

Since writing the above, I have had an opportunity of adopting the Plan, which you, Sir, once recommended to me.

I have accepted of the overtures of one of the eight Poligars to assist me with all his force, to take the Poliam from his next Neighbour first, and, afterwards from all the rest, if it should be deem'd necessary. He is the cleverest fellow of them all, & the best to be trusted. But, he strenuously urges expedition, lest his Scheme should be found out in which Case he must fall a Sacrifice.

I have therefore resolved to apply once more for the Reinforcement above mentioned, and humbly hope Sir for your assisting influence on the occasion, which shall ever be esteemed as a favor confered On

Sir

Your's Respectfully

R: Kelly

A True Extract

Henry Malcolm

Secretary

The

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The President having received two — Letters from Captain Kelly on the same subject, desires they may be now entered.

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r &a

From Capt.n Kelly with a Sketch of the Country round Permbockum.

As no description of this Country can convey to you a clear Idea of it, I take the liberty of sending you a Sketch, which tho' not quite correct in all Parts, is most so I believe in those which you are most Concern=ed in the knowledge of

On Comparing this map with the description I formerly sent the General of the Situation of the eight Poligars, you will see that my intelligence were then pretty Correct. And, that Allicoomy-Palcum mouth from its central Situation, be our grand object. For by possessing ourselves of it at once, we not only Command the widest & best roads to all the other Pallaums, but we thereby effectually prevent them from assisting each other as they used to do, by means of this Place of Rendevous. We have therefore determined on this Plan, and are now Concert=ing measures for its execution, which I hope to give you a good Account of by the end of next week, from the Place itself.

Which

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Which, unless I have Orders to the Contrary, I purpose taking possession of in the name of the Company: as it properly belonged to the Pretapatnam district and the Poligar who joins me against the Rest, says he will not be Subject to any other than the English Authority.

By the calculations we have made of the rents of those Poligars Districts, the head man of them will be able under proper regulations, to pay the Company, or Nabob a Lack of Pagodas P Annum. This is an object, Honble Sir, which together with the amazing strong situation of their whole Country, induces me to think no trouble or Expence too much to obtain the entire possession of it.

We want nothing now to put us in motion but about 200 of the Nabobs Horse / wch his Irregulars / & 500 Sepoys — But, not without Pay or Ammunition, as they are commonly out on Command. The Guns &c. which I had the honor of mentioning in my last, may join us time enough after we have carried our first point at Allicoory Pollium —

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
Robert Kelly

Hon.ble

Camp
at Perambockum
31 May 1779 —

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Board, and that General Stuart be acquainted with our Intentions in ordering Captain Kelly's Battalions from Conjeveram.

Read the following Letters from General Stuart.

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

From Gl. Stuart representing the approaches & views of the Rajah & his appearance of disagreement with the Company & the commanding Officer's strongly to attract attention of the Board.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I found myself so much indisposed on Monday last, that I was under the necessity of sending my apology to the Rajah that I could not wait upon him at eleven o'clock (the hour he appointed) to deliver the President's letter of the 19.th & therefore, sent it to him with a message, that, if he had any thing to say in answer which he wished me to Communicate to your Honor &c.a I would wait upon him at any other time — In the evening he sent to me an earnest request, that I would see him the day following (yesterday) which I accordingly did.

The Rajah, in substance told me to acquaint your Honor &c. how much he regretted, that the strife Continued — under the displeasure of the President for what had passed, on his part, in regard

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to the Claim of the Nabob, made upon this Country; he repeated, that the Revenues arising to him from the Crop of last season will not amount, even to the Sum formerly mentioned by him in his Letter to the President; and, that he must be under the necessity of borrowing a very large Sum for the Current Expences, that he desired your Honor &c. would not believe this upon his Word only, but, consult every person versant in the affairs of this Country; he hoped, therefore, that after you were fully informed of this truth, he will not merit your displeasure, because he declines to take up more Money at Interest, on Account of a Claim, for which he cannot bring himself to think he ought to pay Money in advance, untill the Orders of the Company, upon that Subject arrive: and, as he is informed that time now approaches, he requested that his Authority over his people might not be lessened by the reports that now prevail, of his being on bad terms with the English Government: that, these reports were particularly unfortunate to him at this Season, when the principal Renters and people of property come to Tanjore to offer to Rent his Country for the ensueing Season.

The Rajah desired to express his thankfulness to your Honor &c. that he had

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had now an opportunity of Carrying on, unmolested, the repairs of the Annaumbar, in the manner they were done in the time of his father; that, he at no time, desired to enjoy more Country, or more privileges than Pertaub Sing was professed of; that, so long as he was permitted to keep this bank in perfect repair, not only he would be certain of the resources to discharge his Public engagements, but, that the Company's Settlements and the whole Carnatic would thereby be freed from apprehensions of any future Scarcity of Corn.

In regard to the balance remaining of the Kists, he asked, if I had taken occasion to write what he had formerly said to me upon that Subject, I told him I had informed the President of it; — he repeated his assurances, that the last payment of the 40,000 Pagodas should be made, notwithstanding every difficulty, in less than ten days. — Before I took leave, I delivered to the Rajah the Presidents letter of the 23. May, which I had just then received.

I have the pleasure to acquaint your Honor &c. that Lieut.t Pringle has finished his Survey of the Annacutta with

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with great exactness — a seperate Plan is made of it upon a large Scale, with references, — whereby every part will appear distinctly; he has, likewise, made a Survey of the Venaar, as far as its course extends, to near this Place, so that it may be easily joined to Major Stewart's actual Survey for three Miles round the Fort — I am likewise, to inform your Honor &c. that Mr. Pringle has made a narrative, or memorial, connected with the business he has been employed upon for these Six weeks past, which I have read; and, in my opinion that Gentleman deserves the highest commendation, no less for his importiality, than for the accuracy of his observations; his memorial and Plans, I shall take occasion to present, to your Honor &c. on my return to the Presidency. I propose that Mr. Pringle shall attend me, for the Public Service, to make a Survey, as exact as the time will permit, of the road &c. by which I mean to return.

I have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sir Your
Tanjore Most faithful and
28 May 1777 Most Obedient Servant
James Stuart

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

From Lt. Stuart respecting the Works carrying on at Tanjore

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In addition to my last Letter of 26th April, concerning the State of the Public Works carrying on here, I am now to acquaint your Honor &c. that the Barracks for the European Soldiers in the small Fort are now roofed in with Brick, and the Gate way of the small Fort, as also the Officers Barracks there, Major Stevens has no doubt of being able to finish before the next Monsoon- The Firewood for burning Bricks is now coming in abundantly, and, by means of a Competition in making of Brick, now actually introduced, I can now with some degree of certainty, that the works will never hereafter be stopd for want of Mate- -rials - Gordon has already compleated a greater proportion of the retaining Wall, to the Rampart of the great Fort, than the terms of his Contract obliged him to do, and according to the proportion already measured, and paid for, it is certain that, that part of the Public works will not cost near so much, as stated in Major Stevens's Estimate; indeed, I could almost

Venture

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Venture to assure your Honor &c. that the whole of the Works Contained in that Estimate will not Cost above three four ths of the Calculation made: and I guess that my Friend the Major thus purposely keeped within bounds — I much afraid that this valuable Officer will hurt his Constitution by his Continued Labor and personal attendance on the Works, notwithstanding his frequent indisposition — I have said to him all I can upon the Subject, but to little effect, further than from his accepting an umbrella from me.

The painted Choultry is already nearly fitted up to hold Five Officers, and the shades and huts near that Choultry will accomodate One Battalion of Sepoys.

— Captain Mackay has added a Brass piece and muzzle to another 26. Pounder, so as to render it, I hope, serviceable; and he is soon to set about the Brass Mortars, & likewise to cast Iron shot of 2 Pound under which are much wanted here — By a rough Calculation of the Quantity of Country Powder already expended in the Mines at Vellum, he thinks that not above one half of that Powder now remaining there, will be needed for the entire demolition of that Place, and I

he

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he is now employed on making an experiment, to know at what expence the Country Powder may be made equal, or nearly so, to the Madras Powder — The Works necessary for this Experiment are now getting ready — According to a proof made a few days ago upon a small Quantity of rectified Powder, made by Land, it was found to come short of the Madras Powder by Eighty yards, with a charge of one Pound weight to a mortar of eight Inches Diameter — I perceive by the Return of Serviceable small Guns wanting Carriages that, after bringing to this Garrison the Guns of a certain Diameter from the Out Forts, there will remain, nearly, Forty Pieces, from Nine Pounders downwards, for which Carriages may be made here with the Materials now in hand, there being plenty of Iron and Timber sufficient for these small Guns; but, unfortunately, there is not a Master Carpenter under the Store-keeper, capable to give proper directions for the making of these Carriages, though I believe he has taken pains to procure such — The present method of keeping Artificers, from day to day upon Wages without having a fixed Establishment for the Garrison

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Garrison, nearly such as at Trichinopoly, will not only prevent the proper Controul in the Master, but must likewise, necessarily discourage able Mastrops, or other Workmen, from offering their Service —

Perceiving that the Country People had built Huts, or other Coverings, in great numbers, too near the Glacis, the Royals, ach my desire has ordered them to be removed beyond the line marked out by the Engineer; and the poor People have two Months time to do it in — I have desired Major Brown to inspect the Magazines or Granaries of Corn in this Place, to know what quantity of old, and what of new, Paddy remains — By a — Report from Captain Dugood, he informs me that in three months from this time, the Demolition of Vellum will be Compleated, reserving only a Certain space allotted by major Stevens to form part of the Redoubt intended to be Constructed.

I made it a personal request to the Honble Board, that the Queens & Cadets employed there in the Mining Duty, might be favored with Full Batta instead of the half, to which I have not yet been

Honored

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honored with an Answer particular to that request —

The Rajah, upon my application, has given a house to Doctor Buchanan, — which with some Repairs will accomodate him and his family, he has, likewise, given Houses in the Great Fort, to the Town-Major and the assistant Commissary, both which wile need some Repairs but, I am in hopes, that the whole of the Amount for the Repairs of these three houses, will come within Four hundred Pagodas, and, in general, from what I can see of Major Stevens's management, and attention to Oeconomy, I can assure your Honor &c. that the Monthly Expence, for public — Works, will not exceed the Sum you have thought proper to allow on that Account

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31st May 1777.

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

The Board approve of all that has been done respecting the Buildings at Tanjore,

and

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The Establishment of Artificers at Tanjore to be the same as at Trichenopoly.

and they have great Reliance on Major Stewards diligence and Oconomy in executing what remains to be finished — An Establishment of Artificers such as General Stewart proposes will be very proper, and it is Ordered to be the same as at Trichenopoly

Officers & Cadets employed at the Demolition of Vellum allowed full Batta —

Agreed that the Officers and Cadets employed in the Mining Duety at Vellum be allowed full Batta for the time they were so employed agreeably to the Generals Recommendation —

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

From Genl Stewart with respect to the propriety of with holding the Presents from the Rajah

Honble Sir & Sirs

I this day received the Letter of the Honble Board dated 29th May with directions, on my departure from hence to leave in the Stores here, the Presents originally intended for the Rajah, and brought by me from the Presidency; and the Honble Board are pleased to communicate to me their reason for not having them delivered, and for not paying any Compliment to the Rajah

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at this time.

The directions of the Honble Board shall be obeyed: and I inclose the Inventory of these presents, signed by the Secretary who has my orders accordingly to deliver them over to the Store keeper.

I have no doubt, but that your Honor &c. when you come to the above Resolution, had well Considered the Arguments on public ground, both for and against the Measure, particularly, as the final determination Concerning the disputed Claims may so soon be expected) Whether, it might not have been proper (since the unfortunate event of Lord Pigot's decease) to take the first occasion, notwithstanding what had passed, of giving the Rajah some such Proof of your attention, in order, entirely to root out any remains of influence, which is believed, hitherto, to have guided his Councils: also in how far, the holding out to the whole Country, by this late resolution, such a Signal Proof of your Continued displeasure, may tend to diminish the Rajahs authority over his subjects: in short, whether the great and liberal line of the Honble Company

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Company's Service, according to the words and
meaning of their Instructions, J. Grenville, —
respecting Fanjore is, thereby, adopted

Your Honor &c. are pleased to signi-
-fy, what was your only motive for agreeing
that these presents should not be delivered by
me now, and the President made me very —
happy, by the assurances, in his seperate note
received yesterday, that nothing personal —
towards me was meant — At the same time
Honble Sir and Sirs it is my duty to let
you know, that, to the Public here, and
particularly, to most of the Army under
my immediate Orders it has a different
appearance; and I cannot help observing
that, if the presents are ever to be given,
it will be difficult to remove that notion,
untill they are convinced that the person,
hereafter to be favored, by your Honor &c.
with the Commission, shall have done —
more for the real and spiritual Service
of the Honble Company in this Country,
than I have done, during my residence,
though every day harrassed with sickness
and pain — I have no difficulty in explaining
what I mean by the real and spiritual
Service of the Company in this District —

With

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With becoming deference I conceive it to be, the putting the Forts and Country with the Troops, in general, into the best posture of defence for the time and means so as with Certainty to secure that part of influence which the Orders and Instructions of the Honble Company of the 12th of April 1773, so clearly point out, as their principal, their only Subject in view, by placing a Garrison in this Fort,

As to his Highness's claim on the Country, and the part I took in that business, I freely confess to your Honor &c, that, when I judged it absolutely out of my power to prevail upon the Rajah to do of his own accord, what the Honble Board so much desired, I thought myself called upon to, Offer my Sentiments agreeable to Particular made pointed out to — obtain an advance of Money on that Account, and, I should not deserve to hold the high station I am honored with, in the Honble Company's Service, if, in matters of such infinite importance, where too, I was, myself, so immediately concerned, I had hesitated, One instant, to tell your Honor &c. what I

thought;

thought: and, as I meant no disrespect or —
offence, by such opinion or representation,
so I shall not easily be perswaded, that the
Honble Board took it, in any such light.

I shall say nothing here to palliate
the Conduct of the Rajah, and, much less,
the stile of some of his letters in correspond=
=ence with your Honor &c. on the Subject
of the Nabob's claim; only, to express my
belief, that he acted under the influence
of others: but, in justice to this man, in
other respects, I am bound to inform the
Honble Board that, in every Measure
tending to what, with submission, I before
observed to be the essential Service of the
Honble Company &c. the Strengthening
of this Country, he has been at all times
ready, when asked, to give the Authority
of his name, with full Power over all
his Forts, and over all the Military —
Stores to a very Considerable Value;
even his Lascars, Bullocks, Carriages,
and Coolies are employed, on such Services,
without any additional Expence to the
Company. I shall endeavour to see the

Rajah

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Rajah tomorrow, or next day, and shall Certainly, mention to him the reasons that have induced your Honor &c. to order the Presents to be put in the Store, and shall, therefore, take leave of him without form or ceremony, and proceed, on my route, wednesday Morng.

I send, inclosed, the opinion of Doctor Buchanan, to shew the necessity of my now taking some relaxation, and of Course, proceeding leisurely on the Journey, which, however will not prevent me from attending to the Company's Service.

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

Tanjore
9th
1. June 1777

The Particulars of the Carriages sent to Tanjore with all appurtenances belonging, also a Rich Saddle and Furniture for a Horse —

Vis a Vis ....

A Berlin fashioned Vis a Vis elegantly framed & lined with Velvet cream coloured, spotted with black and most elegantly ornamented with the best Calloy laces &c. and Curtains — equalls & hammer cloth with all appendages &c. complete.

Triumphal Carr.

A Superb round bottomed & Crane necked Triumphal Carr, back and elbow rails are circular, neatly painted & ornamented, and a fine rich wire work instead of panel, lined with fine light cloth and trimmed with green Calloy lace, green silk curtains &c. with an edging of fine white silk Fringe and all appendages — & of fine white

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Chariot. A Chariot elegantly painted and highly finished richly lined with a White Lemd Tabby silk compleatly ornamented with a rich fringe four equall seats Cushions with all appendages Complete &c.

The Particulars of the parcels Containing a rich embroidered Saddle and furniture, also Harness for three Carriages

No 1. Six turned leather harness compleatly ornamented and edged Jolenage, for Vis a Vis.

Parcels— 2d. 4 Black leathen harness ornamented & gilt compleatly finished for the Chariot.

3d. 3 a Tanned Saddle Compleat with platted & Stirrups and Six Bridles with platted Bitts belonging — Vis a Vis — 2 Pair Harness compleatly edged & ornamented with — Jolanage belonging the Drumpthall Carr. —

4th. 4. A Black leathen Saddle complete with platted & Gelth Stirrups the Saddle neatly stiched with gold Complete for the Chariot Harness — 3 Bridle head mounts for Bitts belonging to the Chariot Harness ornamented and Gilth.
1 Bridle head mount with a platted Bitt silk rose and tofelt fixed, and silk reins to Do for Chariot Harness.
3 Platted Bitts for Chariot Bridles silk reins and tofelts Complete for Chariot Complete.
3 Silk ear roses and tofelts belonging to Chariot Bridles.
4 Head Crown mounts Screw Tofelts for Do
1 Green Saddle Cloth richly laced with Gold for Chariot harness —
3 Do Do Pad Cloths for Harness —

No 5th. 1 Fine red velvet housing richly embroidered also rich gold Fringe and Spangles to Do
2 ... Do Pistol Cases .. Do — Do
2 Red Silk and Gold Nets for a Horse fly net Compleate and fringed —

A

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No 6

A Red velvet Covered Saddle richly embroidered with gold and all appertainances Complete.
Red Morocco rein for Bridle stocked with gold and ornamented.
A strong superb high Ported plated Bitt with gold Bosses to Do.
A Brasson Silk and gold reins with a Gold tassell runner and a plated Bitt
2 Red Morocco holster Cases with Caps for the Furniture —

No 7

Seven Cross-brace Carrs belonging to the Chariot &
Vis a Vis —
A Splashing leather for the Triumphal Carr
1 Green and Silver Patent pointed Saddle Cloth belonging the Vis a Vis Harness
5 Do Do Do pad Cloths for Do Do
2 Do Do for the Triumphal Carr Harness
2 Bridles Complete with polished steel Bitts belonging the Triumphal Carr —

Stores received from Madras along with the Carriages
One Marquee Complete
Two Setts of Buttocks Yokes.

Spencer Cockrane
Town Mayor

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

Sir (As you have been long indisposed with Several obstructions, and are recovering so very slowly from the great weakness in your Bowells, and want a proper digestion.

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digestion; I think it my duty to acquaint you, that besides conforming strictly to the Regimen recommended, it will be necessary, in my opinion for the restablishment of your health, that you refrain some time from all sedentary business and take a tour thro the Country for the benefit of exercise and change of air — I am

Sir

Your Most Obedt and
Most Humble Servant
D.r Buchanan Surgeon

Tanjore
4th April
1777

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel James.

To Richard Jos. Sullivan Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Department

Sir

I must request of you to lay the enclosed Letter with the accompanyd Packets, before the Honble Board, and that you will be pleased to acquaint them, that the Nabob has made the same Complaint of the Scantiness of the Cloathing in General, and being very badly made up.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt and
very Humble Servant
Edward James. —

From Col.o James Complaining of the Scantiness of the Sepoys Cloathing

Tricheenopoly
18th May 1777.

I am

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To Lieut.t Colonel Edward James

Sir,

Upon inspection of the Cloathing sent from Madras for that part of the 2d. Battalion of Sepoys doing duty in this Garrison under my Command. I find that five Subedars and five Jemadars Jackets are so much damaged as to render them entirely unfit for use — and the Cloathing in General Scanty and Badly made up.

I think it a duty incumbent on me to make this representation to you as the Sepoys and Black Officers Complain much on the Subject

I am Sir
Your very Obedient Servant
Ben Bishopp Lieut.t & Comm.g
5th Comp.y 2d. Battalion —

Frichenopoly
18 May 1777

Ordered that Copies of the above be sent to the Sepoy Agent —

Read the following Letters.

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r
From Lt. Tooke — Military Secretary
to be reimbursed
his Expences in Sir
studying the Country
Languages —

Having for more than five years applied to the Study of the Country Langu

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during which time I have necessarily incurred
an Expence not less than Eight or Ten Pagodas
a Month, and understanding that the Company
do in such Cases make an adequate allowance
to such of their Servants as have made any
useful proficiency, I take the Liberty to enclose
you a Certificate from Mr Swartz of my
abilities in the Persian, Moors & Mahrattas,
which I beg you will lay before the Honble
the President & Council, that they may take
it into their Consideration.

I am Sir
Your very Obedt Humble
Servant
H. Lowke —

Tanjore
23 May 1777

Lieutenant Lowke Signifying to me
his Intention of addressing the Honble Board
for some Allowance on Account of the
Expence, he has been at, in learning some
of the Country Language; at the same
time shewing me a Letter from George
Mackay Esq. wherein He seems to think
that a Certificate concerning the progress,
he had made in some Languages might
facilitate the granting of his Request.
I hereby Certify. That I have Conversed
with

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with Lieutenant Fowke on the Persian Mo-
-rish and Mahrattah Language in which
these I thought he could express himself
with tolerable ease, and of Course might
transact business in those Languages.

Tanjore
14th
May 21st 1777

C. F. Swartz

Fort St. George May 24th 1777

From Govr. Read
on the same subject

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have applied almost three
years to learning the Country Language,
and having arrived at some proficiency in
the Persian and Moors, am now studying
the Arabic and Mahrattah, & from
desirous of acquiring a Competent know-
-ledge of other language useful in this
Country, but find myself unable to bear
the great expence attending it, which is equal
to my pay allowed me by the Company.

As you have shown encouragement
to some gentlemen, who have made their
languages their study, I am induced, humbly
to hope, that application to them may
also earn deserving some mark of your
approbation, and such assistance from
you, as may enable me to Continue the

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I am Honble Sir & Sirs
With the greatest Respect
Your Most Obedt & Humble
Servant
Alexandr Read.

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

The Board being fully satisfied with the Merits of Lieutenant Fowke, and Ensign Read, and having in several Instances granted an allowance to such of the Company's Servants as have attained a knowledge of the Tamulian Languages to defray the Expences of Masters & Books, it is Resolved on the present applications that Lieut.t Fowke, and Ensign Read be allowed 500 Pagodas each —

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel Ross

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

Chief Engineers Report of Persons employed on the Works —

We have now employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers . . . . . 129.
Tank diggers . . . . . 599.

Coolies

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Coolies ..... 835.
Lascars ..... 95.
Stone Cutters ..... 43.
Sundry Artificers 10
Amounting in all to 1711 People

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt & Most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
1st June 1777

Read the following Letter from Mr Jones
Paymaster at Tanjore —

Mr Charles Oakeley
Secretary to the Military Department.

From Mr Jones with Mr Gordon's Contract for executing certain Works at Tanjore

Sir With the you will receive Mr. Gordons Contract which you write be pleased to lay before the Honble the President & Council being duly invested. agreable to the Instructions sent to me by Mr Sweeny Sulivan in his Letter of the 14 Instant.

I am Sir
Your Obedient humble Servant
Chs Edwd Jones Paymaster

Tanjore
the
28. May 1777.

Know all Men by these presents that I Charles Edward Jones Paymaster of Tanjore in behalf of the East India Company and William

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William Gordon for himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns do hereby agree and are held and firmly bound to each other in — Manner and Form following on pain and for future of the Penalties hereunder expressed Viz.

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 Charles Edward Jones ..... on behalf of the East India Company to break up the Old retaining Wall of the Rampart of the great Fort of Fort St George as also to break down and lower the outer Wall of the said Ramp= =art to a certain Height or to break up 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 in the little Fort and agreeable to the Directions of the Company's Engineer at Fort St George at the Rate of Seven Madras Fanams P English Cubical Yard.

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Yard of the said Retaining Wall so built in full Consideration for all and Several of the abovementioned Works to be performed except in such Cases as are hereafter Specified—

The said William Gordon doth further Covenant and agree to build and execute daily from 80 to 100 Cubical Yards and 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 further 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 Cent. P Cubical Yard for each Yard of the Retaining 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 Cent. for each Yard thereof as may be built with Materials carried above two hundred and less than three hundred Yards, that is to say.

say an Extra Allowance of two Fanams for every hundred Yards exclusive of the Seven 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 P Cub: 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 Company'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 and Council may please to appoint and the Measurement thereof is to be paid or Accounted for according to the Engineer's Certificate signed by him; or Counter signed by such Inspectors or Surveyors as the President & Council may appoint reckoning forty two Fanams for a Pag.a

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Parties that 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 Pag.as immediately after the Execution of these presents and shall be advanced from time to time as far as three fourths of the Amount of such Certificates as may be granted agreeable to the abovementioned Article 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 willfully fails in the Execution of the aforesaid Agreement according to the true Intent and Meaning of these presents or in case of any Disputes arising between him and the Company's Engineer absolutely refuses to Prosecute or execute the said Works according to the Judgement of Surveyors who shall be appointed by the President & Council of Fort.

1033. Fort St. George the 7th June 1771.

Fort St. George on behalf of the said Company he the said William Gordon does hereby bind himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns in the Penal Sum of two thousand Pagodas to be well and truly paid and performed to the said East India Company - In Witness whereof the Parties have hereunto set their hands and Seal in Tanjore this Twenty Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven —

William Gordon

Signed Sealed & Delivered
where no Stamp Paper is to be had
in the Presence of Us.
George Brown
Robt Gibbings
H.W.d Hearsh —

Read the following Letter from Mr. James Daniell.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr. Daniel with List of Stores received from Captain Dugald Campbell —

Enclosed I transmit you a list of Stores received into my charge from Captain Hopkins which arrived here yesterday — from Dugald Campbells Camp — I beg you

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1033. Fort St. George 27th June 1771.

Fort St. George on behalf of the said Company
he the said William Gordon does hereby bind
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Pagodas to be well and truly paid and for-
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You will be pleased to inform me if you chuse the 18 Pounders should be kept here, or if they should be Returned to Fischenopoly or any of the other Garrison

I am very respectfully
Honble Sir Sirs
Your. Most Obed. Humble Servant
James Daniell
Storek.r

Salamcotah
the 29. May 1777.

List of Stores arrived at Palamcotah from Captain Dugald Campbell Comp the 28th of May 1777

18 Pounder Iron Guns	2.
18 Pounder Carriages with Limbers each	2.
18 Poynder Shot	
18 Pounder Tubes Filled	290.
18 Pounder Ladles with Wadhooks	322.
18 Pounder Sponges	2.
Drag Ropes Pairs	8.
Linstocks	2.
Double Yookes	2.
Single . Ditto	57.
Hand Spikes	4.
Leather Buckets	8.
Ditto Collars for Bullocks	4.
Quoins	4.
	4.

James Daniell
Storekp.r

Ordered

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The Guns ordered to Trichenopoly

Ordered that the Guns received from Captain Campbell be sent to Trichenopoly.

Read the following Letter from Mess.rs Pasley & Anderson.

Fort St. George 2. June 1777.

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mess.rs Pasley & Anderson — recommending Mess.rs Richardson Watson & Galaspie as assistant Surgeons

The Military establishment having been lately encreased and assistant Surgeons not always to be got when their Services are wanted. We take this occasion to recommend to the Honble Board Mr. Richardson late Surgeon of the Marquis of Rockingham Mess.rs Watson & Galaspie Gentlemen who we think properly qualified for the Service — We have the honor to be with much Respect —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

Gilbert Pasley } Surgeons
Ja.s Anderson }

Resolved that Mess.rs Richardson Watson and Galaspie be appointed Surgeon's assistants on this Establishment.

appd. accordingly

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. William Thompson an Officer in the

Mr. Wm. Thomson permitted to go to Bengal on leave

4.

1036. Fort St. George 7th June 1777.

4th Circar Battalion stationed at Jahapour, has applied thro' the Commanding Officer to the Board for leave to go to Bengal on Particular business for three Months granted.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works.

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

+ From the Committee of Works with Correspondance between Mr. John Turing & Messrs Strange & Roebuck

We beg leave to lay before your Honor &c. a Letter We have just received from Messrs. Strange & Roebuck the Brick and Chunam Contractors, and as We are very well Convinced it will be impossible for those Gentlemen to fulfill their Contracts with the Company if Mr. Turing or any other Individuals are allowed to bring in Firewood from the Country for Sale, We hope your Honor &c. will as soon as possible Come to some Resolution on this Subject It is unnecessary for us to observe to your Honor &c. that the Brick Contractors always had the exclusive Privilege of bringing in Firewood from the Country & that no More exercised that Privilege with more

regor

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rigor than Mr Turing did when he was Contractor

We are Respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedt Servant

Fort St. George
6 June 1777

George Mackay
Patrick Ross

(Copy)

To Benjamin Roebuck Esqr

Sir) After what has passed between us respecting Akuna Narrain and Muttiapah I expected you would have Complied with my desire in giving directions to your Servants not to interfere with those People whom your Servants had refused to take into your Service — Upon Coming home last night I was informed that yesterday afternoon your People have siezed & Stopd upon the highway Thirty Carts loaded with Firewood, sent to me by Narrain in part of his Balance — notwithstanding the Cart people told your Servants the wood was my property — they were beat by Sepoys Peons and others who beat and ill treated the Cart People — and by force Carried the Carts and Wood, and Lodged it in your Banksall.

I am astonished to hear of such an

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an Act of Violence and can hardly believe it has been done with your knowledge — therefore I take this method of making the Circumstance known to you, in expectation that you will give immediate Orders to give up the Wood which is my property, and punish those Servants who have acted in a manner no authority can Justify — otherwise I am determined to seek redress by applying to a Justice of the Peace.

You will be so kind as to send an Answer by the Bearer

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) John Turing

Vizary
Sunday Morning
25 May 1777.

A true Copy
Jas Strange

To John Turing Esqr

Sir

Mr Roebuck has recd your Letter —

We shall not enter into a discussion — with Respect to the ill treatment which you say your People have Received, further than assuring you they were the aggressors.

As we suppose with a View of recovering the Balances due to you from —

Aekowa,

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Ackoma, Narrain, and Mutyapah, you would
wish to keep these People in your Service we
offer to take all the Timwood they may bring
to Madras at the same Rate We pay our
Timwood Contractors, and enclose you a
List of the Rates which we pay

If you do not approve of this we
will purchase their Bandies upon an
equitable Valuation, as you are well-
acquainted with the Nature of our business,
we doubt not, but you will see with us
the impropriety of these Persons being
employed by any Individual to Bring
Timwood to Madras, for the Company's
business must in this case suffer, and
it will be out of our Power to fulfill
our engagement with them.

We must Conclude with assuring
you, that we shall be happy to give
you every assistance in our Power in
recovering the Balances due from these
People

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient Humble
Servants.
James Strange
Benj: m Roebuck

Fort St. George
the 21 May 1771
A True Copy
Jean. Strange (Signed)

Mfs.

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Messrs. Strange & Roebuck,

Gentlemen,

Late last night I received your letter in answer to mine of Tuesday Morning, and am sorry to have occasion to say your Answer is not satisfactory to me in any Respect.

I Complain of an outrage Committed by your Servants, and demand the Restitution of my Property which has been unlawfully Seized and detained — You are pleased to be Silent upon this Point, but assure me my people have been the aggressors — on the other hand, I feel my self so highly injured that I do again declare, if you do not send — immediate Orders to give up my Boat & Cargo, I shall refer the matter to the discussion & decision of a Court of Justice — and you can only blame yourselves for obliging me to proceed to such an extremity

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed/ John Turing.

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Thursday Morg.

A True Copy
Ja. Strange

To

1041. Fort St. George 7th June 1777.

To Mr. John Turing

Sir We have received your Letter of this Day's date and beg leave to assure you your Bonds were not detained by our Orders with respect to the part of Letter regarding the Firewood, We must delay giving you an answer until Saturday

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble

Servants

James Strange

Benj: Roebuck

Fort St. George
22 May 1777

A True Copy
Jas. Strange.

To Mr. John Turing

Sir In your letter to us of Thursday, you say no satisfactory answer has been given to the Complaint made by your & our outrage Committed by our Servants in unlawfully Seizing and detaining your Property.

We were so well Convinced that you could not possibly be ignorant of the — Privilege granted by Government to the Brick Contractors that We could scarcely think you was Serious in your Complaint

&c.

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It has been found necessary by Govern-
-ment to grant an exclusive Privilege to the
Brick Contractors to bring in Firewood by
Land to Madras in order to enable them to
fulfill their Engagements with the Honble
Company. While you held the Brick
Contract you enjoyed this Privilege and
we are not ignorant that you exerted it to
its utmost extent we must therefore consider
your bringing in Firewood at this time as
Contrary to our Just rights and an outrage
Committed against the Privilege granted to us

Your Letter communicates a doubt of the
legality of our right can we suppose that
you who acted as the Joint magistrate in
the Mayors Court of Madras would have
made use of a Privilege which you was
Convinced was Illegal or has your present
Interest made you see Justice in a new light?

Upon the present occasion our right
shall yield to your Interest and you
may bring the Firewood now in your
Carts to Madras, but we think it necessary
to inform you that if your Carts shall
again bring Firewood to Madras for
Public Sale we shall then apply to

Government

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Government to support us in those Rights which they have granted us, and in which we make no doubt they will protect us, the Compan-ys Interest being so essentially concerned

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble

Servants

Madras

23d May 1777.

Signed James Strange

Benjamin Roebuck

A True Copy

Jas. Strange,

Mr Lowndes Minute that the Firewood was for Account of Tomacotty

(Mr Lowndes informs the Board that Mr Turing has acquainted him that Tomacotty the Renter of St Thome who by his Lease is to have the Provision of his materials for the Repairs & Additions to Tanks has agreed to take off the Balance due to Mr Turing and that the Firewood Cutters have agreed that Tomacotty shall stand on the Place of Mr Turing the Materials to be applied to the burning of Bricks for the Chunam &a &a—

(It appears by the Report of Mr Lowndes that Tomacotty the Renter of St Thome &a is willing to purchase the Firewood brought in by Mr Turing and to employ the same in burning Bricks for the repairs of the Tank within

Minute of the Board—

Tanks

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within his Power which he is allowed to do
by the Agreement entered into with the
Brick Contractors, it becomes unnecessary
for the Board to take further Notice of the
Complaint made by the Contractors against
Mr Ewing relative to the said Firewood

The Letter from the Committee of
Works dated the 16th May and entered in
Consultation the 19th of that Month, being
taken under Consideration the Board are
of opinion that the Contract made with
Mr Benfield for the Works of the Cook-
Room ought not to be transfered but if
Mr Benfield should be obliged to leave the
Settlement before the Execution of that
Contract they have no objection to his
leaving the Charge of it with Mr Blower,
but he must himself remain Answerable
for the Performance of all the Terms and
Conditions required by the Contract

Mr Benfield not permitted to transfer his Contract to Mr Plumer but permitted to leave it in Charge with him.

1045.

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7th Sent the following Letter from Secretary to Captain Kelly

To Captain Robert Kelly

To Capt.n Kelly expressing Surprise at his acting offensively against the Poligars

Sir

The President having laid before the Board your several Letters to him, I am directed to inform you, that you were ordered to proceed with your Battalion for the purpose only of protecting the Inhabitants and sowing the Grain upon the Ground, and not with any view of acting offensively against the Poligars without further directions from the Board — They cannot therefore avoid expressing their Surprise that you should have taken any Steps of that Tendency, and they have desired me to acquaint you that you are to remain where you are / provided the Situation be convenient / for the purposes explained to you in their Letter of the 22d April and not to take any Offensive Measures whatever, without their Orders.

I am

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Tha.s Oakeley Sec.y

7.9 June 1777.

8th Received the following Letter from Sir Edward Vernon,

Gentlemen

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Ripon Madras Road 8th June 1744.

Gentlemen,

From Sir Edward Vernon arrives to succeed Sir Edward Hughes

I take the earliest opportunity to acquaint you of my arrival here, to succeed Sir Edward Hughes in the Command of his Majesty's Ships, I beg leave to assure you, that I will, on every occasion, be strictly attentive to support the Dignity and Welfare of so respectable a Company as that of the East India, giving every assistance in my power for the General good that may unite the views of the Company with those of Government in one Common Cause, and that may enable me the more effectually to execute the Commission with which I have the honor to be entrusted. I am with much Respect

Gentlemen.

George Stratton Esq.r &
President & Council
Fort St George

Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant
Edward Vernon

Sent the following Letter to General Stuart

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

To Genl. Stuart advising him of the Appointment of Admiral Vernon

Sir

We have received your several Letters,

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Letters, the last dated the 3d June.

We think it necessary to acquaint you that We have appointed Lieutenant Colonel Horne, one Officer in whose Abilities We have the greatest Confidence to succeed you in the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Tanjore —

Captain Kelly totally misunder-
=stand our Intentions in ordering his Battalion from Conjeveram, as you will perceive by the enclosed Copy of the Letter We have thought it necessary to write to him on the occasion.

10th Sent the following Letters to Major Browne and Lieutenant Colo. Horne.

To Major George Browne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Major Browne ordered to deliver over the Command of Tanjore to Lieut.t Colonel Horne.

Sir

Having appointed Lieut.t Colonel Horne to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Tanjore, We direct that on his arrival you deliver over to him the Charge thereof, with such Orders and Instructions relating to that Command as may have been left with you by General Stuart —

We are

Sir Your Most Obedient Servants

G. Stratton &.a 6.a &a

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10th June 1777.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Mathew Horne.

Lieut.t Coll. Horne ordered to take the Command of Tanjore

Sir We have appointed you to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Tanjore: you will therefore proceed thither; and upon your arrival deliver the accompanying Letter to Major George Browne who will furnish you with such Orders and Instructions as he may have received relative to that Command.

We are

Fort St. George 15th. June 1777.

Sir Your Most Obedient Servants

G. Stratton &c.a Council

Received the following Letter from Mr. Mostyn Resident at Poonah.

To the Honble the President

&a Members of the Select Committee at Fort St. George

From Mr. Mostyn apprehensive that St. Lubin will succeed his Views

Honorable Sir & Gentlemen,

My last address was dated the 30th April since when the Chevalier St. Lubt has had his Audience of the Peshwa, when he delivered two Letters, one from the French King, the other from his Ministers — The Chevalier on every respect meets with the greatest attention from this Durbar, and notwithstanding I am assured by the Ministers that they have not yet Concluded any thing with him, I am very apprehensive he will Carry his Point in — obtaining a Port in the Mahratta Dominions on the Malabar Coast, the forty Gun Frigate

in

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in which the Chevalier came from Pondechierry
being permitted to lay the Rainy Monsoon in
the River of Choul, where she actually now is
and he with his party are to remain at
Poonah during that Season.

I am with Respect
Horble Sir & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt & Humble Servant
F. Mostyn.

Currect
near Proondur
the 20th May 1777.

A Copy of the above Letter was dispatched to
Bengal with the following
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General & Council
at
Fort William.

To the G.G. & Council
a Copy of the foregoing

Honble Sir & Sirs,

We have the honor to enclose herewith
a Copy of a Letter received from Mr. Mostyn at
Poonah.

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt and
Most humble Servants.
G. Stratton &c. Council
Garrjam

Fort St George
the
10 June 1777

12 Sent the following Letter to Garrjam
Military Department

To Charles Smith Esqr
To the Chief & Council
of Garrjam acquitting
Capt Lysaght &
dispatch —

Chief &c Council at Garrjam

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of
the

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the 17th Ultimo. enclosing a Copy of the Correspondence between you and Captain Lyoaght, and Complaining of disrespect in the Stile of that Gentlemans Letters particularly in the one addressed to you under date the 8th May.

Having carefully perused the whole Correspondence transmitted to us, We confess there does not appear to us any just Cause for Charging Captain Lyoaght with disrespect — The Letter from him of the 8th May which you refer to, contains in our opinion no one exceptionable Passage, unless these Words "I have received your three very obliging favors" &c. be understood as ironical, in which Sense We cannot possibly conceive them to have been meant, because there is nothing either in the Stile or the Subject of your preceding Letters to him, which could provoke such a Mark of disrespect — On the Contrary We think from those Letters that Captain Lyoaght must have intended to apply the Passage We have quoted in its natural and proper Sense, tho it is — certain the Words he has used are not strictly agreeable to the Common Forms of writing on Public Business.

With Respect to the authority vested in the Chiefs & Councils of Subordinate Settlements by the late Military Regulations,

We

1051. Fort St George June 8th 1777.

We have had experience that the Line is not yet marked sufficiently strong to prevent Misunderstandings and Disputes. We mean therefore to take the Subject again under Consideration very shortly & to pass such Orders as may appear proper on a Review of the difficulties that have already happened.

Fort St George
the 12 June 1777.

We are
Gentlemen.

Your affectionate Friends
G. Stratton &c. Council

Recruits arrive from England

11th Arrived the Honble Company's Ships Royal Charlotte Princess Royal & Prince with Eighty Recruits on Board.

14th Arrived the True Briton & Worcester with Fifty five Recruits.

15th Arrived the Resolution with 29 Recruits.

16th

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We have now employed upon the Works.

Bricklayers	130.
Tank diggers	220.
Coolies	805.
Lascars	95.
Stone Cutters	41.
Sundry Artificers	9.
Amounting in all to	1300 People.

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedt & most
Most Humble Servant
Patrick Ross.
Lieut.t Coll.e & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
4th June 1777.

Read the following Letters from Captain Duncan Commanding at Ongole.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt.n Duncan advising that Mahomed Hussain Cawn Lady of Nairpilly in the Guntoor Circar arrived in this place, some days ago. He now resides with the Nabob Amuldar here, and has claimed from me, the protection of the English Company, being apprehensive that some attempts may be made, to carry him away. He represents that he was attacked in his own house, by a Mons.r Armand, an Officer

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Officer of Mons.r Lally's, who threatned to appre-
-hend and Carry him to Gunsoor or elsewhere
and whose authority for so doing, he by
no means acknowledged, That a scuffle ensued,
upon which he made his Escape, to Engole

He says that ever since he was placed at
Nairpelly, he has to the best of his power
discountenanced, any of the clandestine ways
used by Lallys people, of bringing, men
& Stores into the Country, Contrary to the
faith and Assurances, which he understands
were given by his Master Bazalet Jung
to the English Company — That this
Conduct of his, has occasioned & drawn on
him, the displeasure of the French Party,
and brought him into his present trouble
He is also afraid, they may have undermined
his Interest with his Master, which
prevents his immediately taking Refuge
with him — That as he now suffers on
Account of his friendship and good will
to the Company. He hopes he may be
entitled to their Protection and desires of
me, to lay this before you. He also tells
me that he intends addressing you himself,
with a more Particular Account of his
Situation. He is represented to me as a
man, who has been of some Consideration

in

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in Bazalet Jung's family, and a particular favorite of his Mothers, who is lately dead.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect —

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your very faithfull and
Most Obedient Servant
Alexander Duncan

Ongole
4th June 1777.

To the Hon'ble George Stratton Esq^r
President & Governor &c Council
Fort St George.

From Capt. Duncan
transmitting Letter
from Mahomed
Hossain Cawn

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Mahomed Hossains, the Zemindar Concerning whom, I had the honor to write you some days ago, has sent me the accompanying Letter, requesting it may be transmitted to you — Bazalet Jung's Duan, for the Guntoor Circar, has since that time, been here and finding he could not prevail on Mahomed Hossain to return to his Masters Country, or Service. He demanded him, to be given up: and that no protection should be afforded him; I told him that Mahomed Hossain's application for protection was already made known to you, and that if he desired it, I should also acquaint you, of his demand; which he begged I would do.

I am,

with

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With the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your very faithfull and Most

Obedient Servant

Alexander Duncan

Ongole
11th June 1771.

The Letter from Mahomed Hussain
enclosed in the foregoing from Captain Duncan
is as follows —

From Mahomed Hussain
Cawn Zemindar of
Nainpillee explaining
the Protection of
the English —

Begum Sahebah Mother of Basalet
Jung who has taken care of me from my
Infancy, delivered over to my Charge three
Villages Viz.t Sitrawur, Nannunpullee, and
Mewlpullee which belongd to her Jaguire &
at the same time directed me to vanish her Constantly
the Revenues of those Places, after I had deducted
my own Expences, by no means to encourage
any Ship that comes from Mewlpullee Ghaut
but positively to forbid them, and to be carefull
in those places, as did in the time these
Villages were in Mons.r Lallys Jaguire. As
the Begums Orders to me regarding these
Circumstances were very particular. I never
Consented to any Ships coming Mons.r Cartons &
Mons.r Arnal, who were sent down to Kuttoor
by Mons.r Lally to receive their Tonnages have
three or four Times privately brought down

French

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French Salpetre. Firelocks Flints & other Military Stores, and tho' I constantly forbid them they do not in the least regard it lest Censure might fall on me and the English should say that it is impossible that the French could bring down Stores without my connivance I went to Mons.r Hulcutte an English Officer in the Garrison of Yatapollam on the day that they brought down 150 Soldiers with Firelocks &c. & told him that they would arrive that night — They accordingly did and Carried them thro' the Woods. Certain and Cornal on hearing that I had acquainted the English Conceived an Hatred against me, & only waited an opportunity for Revenge, it is now 2 Months since the Death of the Begum which they considering a lucky event for them, have in a most haughty manner Collected their Forces together, which are now very numerous, and are very active in receiving Succours. In short they do just as they please, For Instance, they every day are exceeding troublesome on the Province & insist upon having Succours upon Mahomed Hussein Cawn, tho' he has Place in his Possession to pay them from — on the 2d June a French Ship full of Soldiers & Military Stores arrived at the Ghaut. Mons.r Amal who was my Enemy, came to Copaumpettee with 150 Horse & Foot, and supposing that I

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I should or I had done before inform the English
of the Arrival of the Ship, began to quarrel
with me, which at last ended in Blows, two
or three of his People were wounded & he
then retired my Patronss dead, & my Honor
not safe in a Place where I was abused for
having any Connection with the English,
In Order to preserve my Honor & left all
the Stores in that Place, & with my Family
fled to Angola to claim the Protection of
the Company. I am in hopes you will be
so kind & mercifull to send Orders to Capt.n
Duncan to protect me and afford me —
assistance all my hopes of Protection are entire-
-ly from God & the Company you will be
more particularly informed of these Circumst-
-ances by Captain Duncan

My Life is at the Company's Disp.o
-osal I formerly informed the Company's —
Garrison of what I heard regarding French
Soldiers, Stores &c. and also when they
brought down Stores privately as soon as
ever I had intelligence of it. I received M.r
Mose of ith an English Lieutenant who is
there now, and if you please to enquire
of him, he will verify what I have said;
Was I to remain in that Place, they would,
Suspect that I informed the Company of
what passes. which has been the Cause

&

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of their treating me as they have. The Chiefs of Mauutpatlee and other Villages are just delivered over to Mons.r Revor, if he is suffered to keep possession of these Places, the Company affairs may come time hence greatly suffer thereby. I and my Family are come to Ongole, & have left all my Stores Furniture &c.a at Bapunpatlee, as I consider myself entirely belonging to the Company, and intend as long as I live to remain under their Protection. I must-request that you will be so kind to Order Captain Duncan to send for More Stores &c.a from Bapunpatlee I am in hopes I shall be honored with a letter in answer to this Argue that I may rest Contented-

Agreed that the Consideration of Mahomed Hussein's Letter be deferred for the present, but that Captain Duncan be desired to afford him proper Protection untill the hears further from us on the Subject.

To be protected for the Present.

Read the following Letter just received from the Chief Engineer.

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

Engineers Report

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

1061. Fort St. George 16. June 1777.

We have now employed upon the Works:

Bricklayers	115.
Tank diggers	483.
Coolies	742.
Lascars	95.
Stone Cutters	62.
Sundry Artificers	13.
Amounting in all to	1510. People

I have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and
Most humble Servant

Patricko Ross.
Lieut.t Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
16. June 1777.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Horne accompanying an attested Narrative of particulars relating to the Treatment of Lord Pigot and the Restraint to which he was subject during his Residence at the Mount.

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

From Lieutenant Colonel Horne.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received a letter from Mr. Secretary Cokeley of the 7th Instant desiring me to inform the Honble Board what kind of Restraint Lord Pigot was under while

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while he resided at the Mount and such other Circumstances as might have any relation to his Health. I have drawn up an Account of such particulars as have occured to me which I now transmit. This narrative I took an opportunity of Reading to many Officers who have frequently done duty at the Mount and Constantly resided there during Lord Pigots remaining there & publickly desired any one would set me to rights if any particulars was misrepresented. The whole agreed in the justness of the representation so far as came to the knowledge of each. I am with the greatest Respect.

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient faithful Humble Servant

Mathew Horne.

Mount
16 June 1777

Ordered that a Copy of the abovementioned Narrative be sent as Number in the Packet to the Court of Directors by the Hector and that it be entered on the Records after the Dispatch.

Read the following Letter from General Stuart.

To the Hon'ble George Stratton.

From Gl Stuart

Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

I have been so much

taken.

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taken up with the detail of business and
fatigued with travelling since last Tuesday,
that, until my arrival here, it has not been
in my power to dedicate a leisure hour to
inform your Honor &c.a of the occurrences
since that time — After acquainting the
Rajah that I meant to present Major
Brown to him as the Officer on whom
the Command devolved for the time, he appoi=
=inted tuesday forenoon to see us, I then
told him, that, I had left with the Major
all the Orders that your Honor &c.a had
thought proper to give to the Officer
Commanding at Tanjore; and, recommend'd
to him, that, as soon as his Rents were
Collected, as many of the Parties, dispersed in
the Country for the apprehension of his Arrears,
as could be spared, should be returned to the
Garrison. — On Wednesday Morning very
early, I set out for the Cummaudda and
passed good part of the day at Pricatapully-
I visited that Fort, and enquired into the
State of the Country and the behaviour
of our Sepoys — I found that a Party of our
People who had been sent in search of
the Poligars, had killed or wounded several
of those Thieves two days before, that,
every thing was then quiet, and, that our
Sepoys

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Sepoys gave satisfaction — In the evening — when I arrived at the Annacutta, Major Stevens and Mr Pringle met me there by appointment — I dedicated the whole of next day to visit all the Works, and I did it mostly in Company with an Ola Man, one of the Nabob's people, sent on purpose from Trichenopoly, and with the Rajah's overseer — I found, that no difficulties, for many works, had been made by his Highness's people to obstruct the carrying on a thorough repair, on the Contrary, that the fullest latitude had been permitted for that purpose, on which occasion the Tanjore People expressed to me, their thankfulness to the Nabob and to the English Government; and I told them they were on no Account to encroach any further than what had been already permitted by his Highness, but only, to finish as far as they had gone — In the afternoon I went to the head of the Vennar along with the Rajah's Overseer and Mr Pringle — the former pointed to a Green spot, that I guessed to be about three quarters of a Mile off, which he said was planted with Grass lately, and would in a very little time form a bank that might divide the Water of the

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the Cavery, out of the course of the Veiver, upon the Cunnacotta — I told him that what was clearly in the Nabobs Country who is at liberty to do what he pleases there, and that he must be Content with what had been permitted by his Highness without asking more — I told him that Mr Pringle had before, spoke to me about that Grass, and, that it was necessary to save the Nabobs Country which lay immediately behind it, from being Overflowed; — And, at parting, I warned him, in express terms, not to exceed the bounds I had walked over in Company with the Nabobs man, from Trichenopoly, before-mentioned — this detail becomes necessary for the information of your Honor &c., because of the very unwarrantable proceedings of this Overseer of the Rajahs soon after I left the Bank, of which I had Certain information this morning at four oClock — Yesterday Morning his Highness's Manager at Trichenopoly came to me with Accounts, such Rajahs people had suddenly assembled in great Numbers, and looted such or Cut down a great quantity of the Grass planted in his Highness's Country — I sent immediately, one of my Hircarrahs along with the Person appointed by the Nabobs Manager,

Manager, and Lt. Pringle followed soon after, from whom I received Certain intelligence of the truth of the Report, and that the Place where the Graft had been cut down &c. was precisely where the Overseer pointed at, and which I forbid him, even to ask his Highness's permission to Cut down, because I thought the request so unreasonable on Mr. Pringles acquainting this Overseer of my Surprise and displeasure at such proceedings, the Rajahs people were Ordered to desist, and he was told that he and his Master must be answerable to his Highness, and to the Governor & Council for all that had passed on that occasion — In order to prevent any such proceedings in future, or untill your Honor &c. shall have Signified your Pleasure, I judged it for the Service to desire Mr. Malcolm, in my Name, to write to Lt. Coll. Fanne what is Contained in the Letter herewith transmitted to your Honor &c. a Copy of which he was directed to send to Major Brown.

I found full employment for the day and half I remained at Trichenopoly All the Garrison Consisting of Six Companys of the 1st Battalion of my Regiment, half a Company of Artillery & Three Battalions of Sepoys, were reviewed, and

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I had every reason to be satisfied with their appearance; The Commanding Officer of the Sepoy Corps, separately spoke to me of many essential Articles, such as Arms Accoutrements, Tents & Pontoons, deficiencies of Cloathing &c.a, that they stood in need of — I desired them to put the whole in writing, to present it to Lieut.t Colt James, & from them to be transmitted to the Presidency; indeed, I was disagreeably surprised, not only to observe a deficiency in the Number & Quantity of the small Arms now with the Sepoys, but, likewise, in a Garrison of such extent & Consequence, not to find a Thousand spare Arms or Accoutrements, of all sorts, in Store — I visited the Artillery Park, & found the Number of Serviceable Guns to answer the return, but in my humble opinion, in Numbers far from being sufficient for this extensive Place — I take a pleasure in informing your Honor &c.a that all his Highness's Stores and Magazines were open for my inspection, and that his Manager did attend me to give every information in his Power — Captain Mackay was with me when we saw his Highness's Park, in our Cursory inspection There appeared a sufficient Number of Brass Field — Artillery

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Artillery with some spare Carriages; We saw
Twelve or Fourteen Iron Battering Guns, but,
I do not believe there is one of them fit for
Service, & there is not one single Carriage
for them that I could perceive - I went into
his Highness's Powder Magazines where there
appeared a large quantity in Bulk & Barrels,
and, at my request the Manager permitted
Captain Mackay to take away a Barrell
from each, to make trial of - I visited his
Highness's Armoury where, to all appearance,
and according to the Accounts given, there
were from Six to Seven Thousand English
Arms kept in very good serviceable Condition -
I was so overpowered with the heat & with
Fatigue, that I had not strength enough
to visit the Corn Magazines, but Lieut.
Pringle, at my desire, took that part; his
report is not yet made to me only in general,
a Verbal One, that there was a Considerable
quantity of Paddy, and in good Condition.

I went round the outside of the Fort,
which, in general, Seems to be in ruins -
Major Stevens was so good as to attend me
& I had in my possession his report of the State of Trichinopoly
from the Annacutta to Trichinopoly made
some time ago - On Conversing with that
Officer - he Considers this important Place

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as, almost, a defenceless line which seems to tempt an Invader; it is, on no Account, equal to Service, even in the present State of that Place, whether we regard the Works or the Military Stores; and, I have no doubt, but that your Honor &c. will, at a proper occasion, represent to his Highness, the necessity of adopting some Plan, gradually to put the Works of Fortification in a proper state of defence — On conversing with the Major on this important Subject, in the general Line, he seemed to think it would be eligible to take, only, the most defensible part of the Place, from which to make an extensive Citadel, that might be out with such a Garrison as could be spared; but, however that may be, I am humbly of opinion, the repairing or new modelling of this place ought to be according to a certain Plan, not to be deviated from by any succession of Engineers, or of Officers who by way of Emolument, as I am informed, have had, on former times, Gate ways, Houses & out works separately, to try their hand upon — I went to the Barracks of the European Soldiers, or, more properly speaking, a Pagoda where they are now lodged

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Twelve or Fourteen Iron Battering Guns, but,
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Lodged

1070. Fort St George 16. June 1797.

Lodged pretty conveniently for the Members
every man, by your favor, has now a Salt to
lay upon, & I was told by the Gentleman,
that it is, in some measure owing to this
Circumstance, the small number of Sick,
not exceeding Twenty Europeans, in the Europe
Battalion — for my own part I attribute
it chiefly to the care & good Management
of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion
Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald — From Hence
I went to the Street where the Officers of
the Garrison are mostly Lodged, & I declare
to you, in all truth, that, in the whole course
of my Thirty years service as a Military
Man, I never saw such bad Quarters allotted
to Officers of any Rank; they are in general,
such that I would not suffer any common
Servant, whom I had a regard for, to live
in — I am sensible that the undertaking the
building of new Barracks for Officers, may
give alarm on Account of the expence of
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Officers Barracks, Constructed upon the
Plans of those at Tanjore, a specimen of
which has already been built by Lieut.
Colonel James at Trichinopoly, would

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I propose leaving this Tomorrow Morning very early, & shall take the route originally intended, by Sagar, Trinomally, Vellore &c. I have the honor to be

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8. June 1777.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most faithfull and
Most Obedt Servant
James Stuart

P.S. My Duty obliges me to acquaint your Honor &c. that Major Burgall, who I recollect, asked my permission to stay, for a few days, only, behind me at Madras, on some Family Affairs, has never yet rejoined, to Trichinopoly, and, indeed, I have never heard

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heard of, or from him since I left the Presidency. — As he has not my Leave to be absent from his Duty, I shall make it my Business to enquire into this matter so soon as I return to the Presidency

James Stuart.

Lieut.t Colonel James

Dear Sir

Copy of Letter from General Stuart to Colonel James ——

In consequence of the unwarrantable proceedings of the Tanjore People by rooting up part of the long Grass growing on the Nabob's Country at or near the Villages of Arashangaody & Vingoore General Stuart gives it as his opinion that the Service requires that a party of Sepays should be stationed at those two Villages with particular Orders to prevent the Tanjore People from Cutting down or rooting out any more grass growing at Vangoore or Arash=angaody; he is of opinion that this Party, Consisting of a Jemedar and 18 Men, should be sent from the Garrison of Trichinopoly, and, that you should send a Copy of this Letter to Major Brown, desiring that he may inform the Rajah, how ungratefull as well as unwarrantable such a proceeding on his part will appear to the Governor

and Council of Madras where it must certainly will be immediately represented & Complained of, and that he will have himself only, or his own People to blame for all the bad consequences that naturally will follow from such a Conduct, to all his affairs. —

General Stuart is further of opinion, that it is the Rajah's duty to send a man on purpose, or to Order his Vakeel to make an apology to the Nabob, in Order to make up this matter in any manner his Highness pleases, and particularly, that he ought to dismiss from his Service Rangia the head Hircarrah who superintends the works at the Annamalla-

The General has no right officially to order the Party before mentioned from Tricheno-poly, but he will be Answerable to your to justify it to the Honble Board, by reason of the exigency of affairs, and in Order to prevent the Repetition of such Outrage, before the Order of Council may arrive to whom he is to write on this subject by the first Occasion so soon as he arrives at Putalore; he will at the same time inform them of Lieut.t Brooghs Report on that Subject whom he sent immediately after the news arrived at Trichenopoly to enquire into it on the Spot — The General thinks

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thinks, however you should by this days Tappal let Government know of your having Ordered the Party for the purpose abovementioned: and he has no objection to your sending a Copy of this Letter, though wrote in the Pallankeen in the way to Cutalore — The General desires you will immediately acquaint the Nabobs Manager of the purpose for which this Party is to be stationed at Vengore and Aras Langoody untill the further pleasure of the Board be known — I am Sir &c. &c.

4 o'Clock in the Morning the 8 June 1777. on the road to Cutalore. Signed by Henry Malcolm

The Board have yet received no Complaints relative to the Conduct of the Vengore People as stated in the above Letter written by Genl. Stuarts Order to Colonel James. They approve of the Measures taken by General Stuart on receiving advice of these unwarrantable Proceedings and flatter themselves that by such timely Caution, no Material Inconvenience will happen to the Nabobs Country

The Consideration of the other Part to of General Stuarts Letter respecting the Deficiency of Stores, Badness of Quarters &c. at Trichenopoly is deferred untill the

Generals

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Generals Arrival —
Read the following Letter from General
Stuart:

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

From Gl. Stuart dissatisfied at not being Consulted on Coll. Horne's appt. & on the general Subject of Military Detail —

Honble Sir & Sirs

Whilst I was at Tiagan I received a letter from the Honble Board dated 5th Instant, acquainting me of your Honor &c. having appointed Lieut. Colonel Horne to the Command of Tanjore, and, your letter inclosed the Copy of what you had judged proper to write to Captain Kelly in explanation of your intentions, when the Honble Board was pleased to Order that Officer to march, with his Battalion, from Conjeveram, several Weeks ago.

In regard to the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Horne, I cannot help observing to your Honor &c. that, every Foreign in the Army knew of it as soon as I did — the date of the General Orders shews this — for I was neither Consulted through the President nor Officially — The Honble Board, of themselves, may perhaps,

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have the right to do that, and much more,
in the Military line, without Consulting the
Commander in Chief appointed by the Honble
Company; but I humbly conceive that
such a Step is not according to the Sense
and Spirit of the Instructions 1774. B —
Ashburnham, especially where the immedi=
-ate exegency of the Public Service did not
press.

As to the explanation of Captain
Kelly's Instructions which your Honr
&c. are pleased to Communicate to me,
I have no other remark to make, than to
acquaint you, that according to my inform=
=tion, the practice of the Army in Bengal,
when General Clavering did Command,
who, himself, received the Instructions above
alluded to, from the Court of Directors, has
uniformly been that after the Board,
or Council have determined upon Gener=
Orders for the Army, they are sent
to the Commander in Chief, who publishes
them to the Army, through the Adjutants
General and the Secretary of the Board
has no other concern with that Order,
than as Certifying its authenticity to the
General, — and when the General through

Sickness

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Sickness, or Service cannot attend, either his advice is taken, or the Senior Military Officer at the Presidency is Consulted — I only — mention this to the Honble Board, because had some such method been followed, I should not have been, for Five weeks, in total ignorance, of Captain Kellys having left his Cantonments with his Battalion. The Honble Board will, I dare say, perceive, that it was, not only to remedy the inconveniencies arising, either from the President giving orders, in all cases whatever, to the Garrison of Fort St. George, or to the Military at this place of Residence, but, likewise, with the view to prevent the Honble Board, as a body, originating Orders to the Army without Consulting the Person, who — from his Office, is responsible for such Advice, whatever it is the Commander in Chief, or the next in seniority — I say, that, it was on purpose to remove all disputes of this kind, that, the line of Duty was marked out by the Honble Company — Upon my Return to the Presidency, I hope to be able to convince

Your

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your Honor &c. of the necessity, immediately to bring all Military arrangements, as to the mode of giving or receiving Orders, whether applied to the Council, or to the Subordinates, precisely on the same footing as at Bengal, according as General Clavering, has declared it to be

I remain
with
13th June 1777

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

Minute of the Board thereon.

The Board are desirous at all times that every attention should be paid to the Commander in Chief which is due to his station, and they think their Duty to the Company requires when it can be done conveniently — that his advice and opinion should be taken upon every subject of a Military Nature, but they do not conceive on the appointments of Lieut. Colonel Horne to the Command of Tanjore, that the Commander in Chief absent from the Presidency on Service, could with propriety be consulted by letter, or that the appointment should have been delayed upon that Account, when the Officer proposed to fill it is a Man indisputably qualified for the Station

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Station — With respect to the Notification of this appointment to General Stuart the Board are of opinion that the publishing it in Orders thro' the Adjutant General was the most proper and expeditious mode of Conveying it to General Stuart, as he had left Tanjore or was to leave it on his way to the Presidency before any Notification by Letter or otherwise could have reached him at that Place.

With regard to the Movements of Captain Kelly's Battalion from Conjeveram, if the Board did not Communicate this Measure to the General, so soon as he might have expected, it did not proceed from any motive of Inattention or slight, but really from an opinion, that as the Battalion was Ordered out merely to protect the Inhabitants and the Grain on the ground from the Incursions of the Neighbouring Poligars, they did not consider it as a matter of sufficient Importance to be formally notified to General Stuart, and they think it must have appeared to him in that light, had not Captain Kelly totally misunderstood the Orders that were sent him and written

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written to the General under that mistake.

Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Poonamalee on Monday the 9th Instant are now laid before the Board — The Crimes and the Sentence on each are as follow.

Crime — Ensign James Johnson of the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment. Ordered in arrest the 31st May by Major Morcell for behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer in coming drunk to the Parade when the Battalion was under Arms.

Sentence — After having duly considered the Evidence on behalf of the Prosecution, as well as what Ensign Johnson has urged in his Defence, the Court find that he is Guilty of the Crime exhibited against him being a Breach of the 5th Article of the 11th Section of the Articles of War and in Consequence thereof, Sentence him to be Cashiered.

Ens.n Johnson — Cashiered by Sentence of a Court Martial

Crime — Edward Wright Private Grenadier of the 2d Battalion 1st Reg.t confined 4th May 1777 by Captain William Phillips for stabbing Corporal Bridges with his Bayonet & threatening Sergeant Needham's Life when in the Execution of their Duty.

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Sentence ... After due Deliberation the Court find that the Prisoner is Guilty of the 1st Part of the Charge exhibited against him being a — Breach of the 5 Article of the 2d Section of the Articles of War & do therefore sentence him to receive One thousand Lashes on his Bare Back by the Drummers of the Garrison in the usual manner, but are of opinion that the 2d Part of the Charge is not sufficiently proven and do therefore acquit him thereof.

Ens: Wright — Private sentenced 1000 Lashes —

Mr Richard Pearce Orton appointed last year a Cadet on this Establishment, not having arrived here on any of the Ships of that Season was struck off the List by an Order of the Board.

The said Richd Pearce Orton came here a few days ago on his Majestys Ship Ripon, & produced a Certificate from the Secretary at the India House, by which he is permitted to proceed on the said Ship to the Station assigned him on the List of Cadets sent hither and dated the 6th of April last Year.

Ordered that Mr Orton be again put on the List of the Army to rank as an Ensign next below Alexander Dyce and above Robert Bowen which is the Rank assigned him by the Court

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Mr R. P. Orton Admitted to his Rank in the Cadets of last Year —

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Court of Directors.

Read a Letter from Lieutt Colonel Horne and a Memorial from the Captains Lieutenants and Lieutenants of Artillery, both which are ordered to lye on the Table untill the arrival of General Stuart,

Lieutenant Colonel Baillie is now appointed to the Command at Poonamalee in the Room of Colonel Flint Ordered to Trichinopoly, and Lieutenant Colonel Harper is appointed to do Duty at Vellore till further Orders

Lieut Col: Harper to do Duty at Vellore

The President acquaints the Board that Mr Williams Wynch Paymaster at Trichinopoly is under the necessity of going home on the Hector for his health and has informed him that he shall deliver in his application for that purpose in a few days — The President therefore requests that Mr Henry Norris may be appointed Paymaster at Trichinopoly as Mr Wynches Resignation which is agreed to.

Mr Norris appointed Paymaster at Trichinopoly in the Room of Mr Wynch

Read the following Letter from Major George Braune Commanding at Tanjore

Hon^ble Sirs

I am this moment informed that

near

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From Major Browne advising that Tondymans People had plundered two Tanjore Villages & committed many insultes there —

near four thousand of Tondymans People armed with Pikes and Match locks have come into the Tanjore Country and assembled at Cullicot-tah which is near the borders of Tondymans Woods they marched from thence to Ayumpettah and Mallapetta which two Villages they have plundered of all their Cattle & Stript & seed Paddy and stript most of the women of their Cloths five of whose ears they have cutt off they have burnt the Village of Ayumpettah and in it a man whom they shut up in a house the head man of — Mallapettah they have bound and carried away with them and as they returned into their own Country before I was informed of it they have prevented my Chastising them and recovering the Property.

On hearing those outrages Committed by Tondymans people I sent for his Vakeel and acquainted him with what his people had done who said it must be done with-out his Masters knowledge and that he would write him immediately and let me know his answer in three Days.

I have the honor to remain with the most perfect Respect.

Hon^ble Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

George Brown —

Tanjore 9 June 1777.

Order

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Ordered to lye on the Table until
further Advice is received on the Subject of it.

1085. Fort St. George June 1771.

23 Received the following Letter from Captain Charles Mears Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Egmont.

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

From Capt. Mears
Recruits for Bengal
per Egmont, sick
on the Hospital

Honble Sir & Sirs

One of the Honble Company's Cadets and three of their Recruits intended for Bengal are at present so ill in the Hospital here as to be unfit to embark without imminent danger of their lives, I therefore request your Honor &c. to grant me a Certificate that such men have been left on Account of their health. I have further to request that you will be pleased to furnish my Leaving List of my Ships Company on Account of their health.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your very Obedient Servant
Chas. Mears.

Mr. John Smith Cadet
Barton
Hagan
Hemmington } Soldiers

Cradwick
Dunn.
Brixey
Gaffney
Watson } Seamen.

Madras 23 June.

1026. Fort St. George 24 June 1777.

At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr President

Tuesday the 24th Henry Brooke Gel James Stuart,

Archdale Palmer. Francis Sourdan

George Mackay

General Stuart being returned from Tanjore resumes his Seat at the Board,

Read the following Letter received from General Stuart a few days before his arrival

To the Honble George Stratton

President & Governor &c Council

of Fort St. George.

From Gel Stuart having visited the strong forts on his Journey from Tanjore the Commencement of my Station to inform your Honor &c of every Circumstance, or occurrence in any way Connected with the purpose of my present tour through the Garrisons & strong forts in the Carnatic, I shall therefore proceed to give you an Account of my Remarks since the day I left Trichinopoly, without saying any thing of the common roads, which Mr Pringle has measured and made usefull remarks upon.

I, before, informed your Honor &c. that I had in view to get the necessary infor=mation Concerning the forts where it might

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ought be proper to fix any Cantonment
on the Western Frontier, for this purpose
Rajanaguer I was particular in my inquiries at Rajanaguer,
or Wolconda, Forts. The Killidar, or as some
people call him, the Nabob paid me every
attention — I went through the Fort,
which Commands the Country round I saw
three or four Guns of small Bore, and
most probably unfit for service, the
Fort is in tolerable repair, and he talks
of making some alterations. The reasons,
why I think this is not the proper place
for a Cantonment, are the water is bad,
near to the Fort, it is an unfertile Country,
and too distant from any of the principal
Passes at the same time not sufficiently
central between Vellore & Trichinopoly,
but, I am clearly of opinion, that the
Magazines or Places, fit to hold Grain
on this Fort, ought to be filled so as
to serve as an expence Magazine, for the
Grain in Communication with the place
destined for the Cantonment, and, I have
no difficulty to offer it as my opinion to
the Honble Board, that Seagan is the
proper place for this Cantonment.
Seagan I went to the very summit of this Fort,
from whence there is a most extensive
View

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View of the adjoining Country — the higher Fort I found in better Condition than I was made to believe, but, the lower part of it and the Pettah are almost defenceless — Where there are Bricks or Stones, they are laid in Mud, and, the Mud wall & hedge round the Pettah are open in several parts on inspecting the Military Stores there were found, 1 Twenty Pounder without Shott — 1 Fourteen Pounder, 2 Twelve Pounders, 1 Five Pounder, 2 half Pounder, all Serviceable and with a sufficient quantity of Shot for each — One Brass piece useless 25 Wall pieces also 200 Firelocks, but no pouches — 2000 Flints — 69 Barrels of Coarse powder & 53 Barrels of English Musket Cartridges — There were also nine Gun Carriages in Store — Water is to be had in great plenty, & of a good sort, in Streams that are never Dry at the times proposed for the Cantonments, from a quarter of a Mile to two Miles Distance — besides which there are many Wells & Springs containing good Water at the Bottom of the Rock — The Country round it is fertile, & grain may be had on the shortest notice, either from the Nabobs Country or from the Tanjore Country — The Mud lines that now surround the Pettah

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Pettah & the lower part of the Fort may, with very little alteration in the figure, be converted into lines of real defence & utility under cover of the Fort, and serving as a retreat for the Troops Cantoned in case of necessity, or when pressed hard by numbers much superior— the Field Engineer attending the Cantonment may, not only, direct the Construction of these lines, but, also, the other repairs immediately wanted for this important strong hold— house for the Sick, or Hospital, may be constructed at very small expence, on the Country Fashion, within these lines, & there seems to be room enough within the high Fort to hold the Troops necessary—

Wallajaw Fort

From the summit of Saigar, to the Westward, I had a view of the place, now, called Wallajaw Fort— from its situation so far advanced towards Hyders Country & the Seat of Affairs, I much wished to have been able to reconnoitre that place in person, but, my strength was quite exhausted by the exertion at Saigar, & therefore, sent Lieut. Search for that purpose, who brought me the following Report, that, this Wallajaw Fort is about sixteen Miles distant from Saigar, situated on a high Ridge said to comprehend twelve hills, covered mostly

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mostly with jungle, & until of late, under the authority of five Principal Poligars dependant, or Tributary to the Nabob of the Carnatic; it seems they had refused this Tribute for some time, for which reason, about 10 or 12 Months ago, his Highness planed an Expedition under Lieutenant Faidey, who, with five Companies of Sepoys took the Place by surprise - they are still in Garrison there - it was then, only in the form of a Pagoda, but is now enclosed by a rectangular Wall of 98 Yards by 72; & additions are making - there are Two Guns, half pounders, and two Malabar Guns, three pounders - the Air & the Water is so extremely good, that, there has not been a Sick man since they first took possession - the Nabobs Manager at Circot has settled the Tribute & there is no disturbance - they are supplied with Corn from the Callicoud Village, which, I believe gave the name to this District - Lieutenant Hearts Accounts, as well as all Accounts I have received, agree on the impregnable Situation of this place the Country between Trichur & the bottom of these hills, is represented as extremely fertile and very passable with any Carriages so that Forage may be easily had for the

Regiment

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Regiment of Horse to be destined for this Cantonment. The post now occupied by his Highness's Troops at Fort Wallajah is about twelve Miles from the pass, and Nine, from the Fort of Attore — it is only seven Miles from a Village belonging to Hyder called Wannatore. & four Miles further, in a Southwesh direction, is a Fort of Hyder, called Hattore, leading to the Mysore Country all these Circumstances Mr Hearsey learnt from Mr Fairley who told him that the ascent, in the Common way, to Wallajaw-Fort, is Six hundred Yards, but that he carried the Pagoda by surprise, advancing, unperceived, through a Gully of about 150 Yards — from the top of the Hill, I was told, that above a hundred Tents can be seen in the Plain, which is represented as breeding Cattle of a great Size — Lights, & various Signals may easily be perceived from Seagar — Sam thus, particulars in the description of Wallajaw-Fort, because I think its being now peaceably in his Highness's hands, it becomes an additional reason for the Cantonment proposed at Seagar; for, no Movement can be made by an Enemy, near the

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the pass of Attore without the earliest Notice; and if this post of Wallajaw is properly Fortified, it must put an Enemy to great inconvenience, Whether they attempt to take it, or, are forced to leave it in their Rear.

Trinomally — At Trinomally I sent up as much of the Hill as my strength permitted, and, had a sort of side view of the Ground from whence Brigadier General Smith drove the Nizam and Hyders Army — The inclosed Pagada within the Trinomally Village is at the very bottom of a high Commanding Hill, and not proper to trench to, even for a Magazine of Grain.

Corrispauk — At Corrispauk, I found the Morning within a Square wall which is, now, slowly building with small Circular Turrets at the end and middle, but, the Bricks are laid in mud, and the Water in the Well within this small square is reported to be brackish so that it seems altogether unfit to serve as a retreat if the Country or Villages were to be attacked only by Thieves, and yet, to all appearance, the adjoining District seems to deserve better protection, the Soil

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Soil being Fertile and the face of the Country
beautifull it has the advantage also to be
well watered at the proper Season, by a Stream
which I guess falls into the Pallar If there
was a good Fort to Cover Lines or Magazines on
this spot, it might be a proper place for a
Cantonment to protect the Pallore and Arcot
Districts from inroads on the side of Shanu-
-gunna: but, that cannot, now, be done without
great Expence of time & Treasure.

Pallore At Pallore I visited the Fort, which is only
a small square, with no Cannon, that I saw,
of any use the fertility of the Country round
it, deserves in my opinion a better defence.

Carnataguer I passed the outer Barrier at the bottom
of Carnataguer Hill work of Pallore about
6 or 7 Miles and went half way up, as far
indeed, as I had strength to go from thence
I then sent Lieut.t Malcolm to the Killidar
to desire his assistance. Mr. Malcolm
with great Labour got up to the Wall
or Fort at the top, but, the Killidar, though
he had been previously apprized of my
coming shut the Gate, saying that as the
Nabob had given no Orders he could
neither admit me nor men and a Doolay
to help me back.

Dobegeur At Dobegeur the Killidar attended
me

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me to the Summit of the Fort where I had an extensive view of the Country — I saw nothing but a few Malabar Goats there, which really ought to be considered only as Ole Iron, from Dobegur Carried by Commandaddy, at this place the 15th Instant at Seven in the Evening. I have already received all the Garrison — Consisting of the 2d B.r 2d Regt Captain Keating & Captain Campbell's Battalions of Sepoys, and Light Company's of Capt Watt's Battalion, and I have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Honor &c.a that Lieutenant Colonel Baillie has great merit from the appearance of the European Battalion & also the Commanding Officers of the Sepoy Battalions in what regards their respective Corps — I went round the Works of this Place, which so far as regards the Masonry of the Body of the Place & Faise Bray, seems to be in very good Condition, and the Revetment of the Outworks together with the Covered-way and Glacis, done by Captain Lieutenant Gaels, is in a Masterly manner, & when Carried round with a proper Revetment where the ground will permit, will add greatly to the Strength of this Place, which, even as it is now, is the most compact & tenable

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Sensible Garrison of any I have seen. The Officers and Men have the means of living well. Provisions are plenty and Cheap. I consider the Three Forts on the hills, and the Mud lines in Communication round the Pettah, as of no use at all. The Lieutenant made no difficulty in shewing me all his Regimental Military Stores and Magazines in the inner square of the Pagoda; they consist Chiefly, of 4 Nine Pounders (only one of which is Serviceable) but no Carriages. 21 Serviceable 1/4 Pounders with Iron Carriages. 22 Barrels of English Powder, a quantity of English Musket Balls, about 600, 18 Pound Shott 3, or 400 Pigs of Lead with three hundred Pistols, and some Pick-axes and Mamanties. all the other Guns are upon the Walls, and Reported, as usual, to the Board; but I am clearly of opinion, that they are too few in number Considering the importance and extent of this Place.

I meant to have visited Arnee on my way here, but, I found that my health required a day or two's rest.

I had the pleasure of hearing, that every thing was quiet in the Nabobs Corps of Cavalry, and that the Troopers who

who had left their quarters, through fear of
Punishment, had returned to their Duty.

Amboor

I staid yesterday at Amboor & went
to the summit of that Fort and round the
Walls - the three or four Guns, which I saw,
seemed unfit for Service indeed I should
recommend that these and many Guns in
the high Forts should be proved in the
manner we have done in the small Forts
in the Faujore District, in Order to know
what to depend upon in case of Service -
I perceived a good part of the Parapet Wall
round the high Fort at Amboor, either
made of mud or otherwise wrong constructed;
but, in general this Place is by Nature
so strong, that One might Venture their
Reputation to defend it against any
Country power, almost without any Para-
=pet Wall at all - for although Hyder
found ways to get a Gun up to one
eminence adjoining, yet he never could
have Carried it at the place he battered;
and the mark that they shewed me, as the
Breach, was only a few Yards of loose
Wall, built upon the Rock, which by
ricochet shot from the Valley was
thrown down - The Garrison Consisting

of

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of Captain Bruce's Battalion is fully sufficient for the Place though at present three hundred less than formerly — the lines which enclose the interior Pettah adjoining to the Fort, though only of mud, seem to me in better repair and better Constructed than any I have seen — I received that Battalion, and it is with great pleasure, that I inform your Honor &c that I never saw a finer body of Men nor in better Order — By Captain Bruce Account every thing is quiet in the Country and Forts adjoining where Hyder keeps only small Garrisons of Match lock men & Subsidd.

I returned to this Place a few hours ago and propose setting out for Arcott tomorrow. I have sent a Message to the Killidar there to acquaint him of my attention to Visit his Highness's Stores, and at Conjeveram I mean to pass a day to reconnoitre the ground in the Neighbourhood, in Order to give your Honor &c my Opinion Concerning the Projects of a Cantonment there.

I have the happiness now to inform the Honble Board that by the Returns I have received the five Battalions of Sepoys last raised are now Compleated,

and

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and arrived at their Respective Garrisons, and by the Specimen I have seen of Two of these Battalions I can venture to assure the Honble Board, that it will not be long before they are on a footing with the Rest of the Army — The Honble Company have now in the Carnatic and District of Tanjore 21 Compleat Battalions of 750, besides eight Battalions on the same Establishment in the Circars; a Country Force which, in my humble opinion is fully sufficient to answer every useful purpose of a peace Establishment, & to furnish the Annual Cantonments — proposed to take place about six weeks — preceding the principal harvest so as to secure the property of the Inhabitants from incursions at the Seasons they are usually threatened with them —

I have Ordered the Report of the Corn in Magazine in several Places belonging to his Highness, to be put in a Seperate Return which I shall present to your Honor &c.

On my arrival here I found the Secretary's Letter, by direction of the Honble Board Consenting to my request in favour of the Gentlemen employed in the Mines in Vellore — I have Communicated the same to Capt. Gibbings & take this occasion to thank your Honor &c for his

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this mark of your attention to any recommend-
-ation; at the same time I cannot help
acquainting you that I never knew of Colo.
Sloan being appointed to the Command
of Trichonopoly until I accidentally saw it in General Orders, for no Notice
was sent to me either from your Secretary
or the Adjutant General, upon which I
can only make the same remark as on the
Case of the Appointment of Lieut.t Colonel
Horne, or the movement of Captain Kelly's
Battalion without any previous Consult-
-ation or Notice given me.

I remain
With all due Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Faithfull &
Obedient Servant
James Stuart.

Vellore
19th June 1777.

In consequence of that Part of General
Stuart's Memorial entered in Consultation
the 16th December 1776 respecting the Fort of
Permacoil — The Board have thought proper
to station a Complete Battalion of Sepoys
at Cuddalore & another Complete Battalion
at Chengleput with the view that the
important Port & Fort of Permacoil might
be garrisoned by Detachments from those

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two Battalions Commanded by an Officer of abi=
-lities and Experience, they are therefore of
opinion that the President should take an
opportunity of speaking to the Nabob on the
Subject and obtain his Consent to place
a Garrison Xe in the Fort of Permaccoil
for the further Security of his Highness's
and of the Company's Possession —

Minute Permaccoil to be Garrisoned by Company's Troops

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t
Colonel Horne with a Memorial from the
Captains Lieutenants & Lieut.ts Farmers of
Artillery

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

Letter from Lt.t Col.o Horne with me=
morial from the Officers of Artly respecting their Rank in the Army —

President & Governor &.a Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

The great increase of the Sepoy establish=
=ment together with the new modelling of
the 6 Battalions having occasioned a great
rise & promotion in the line of Infantry
Officers, The Officers of the Corps of Artillery
find themselves superceded by numbers whose
entrance into the Service has been long
after their and seeing no prospect of any
Considerable rise in the Corps they belong
to are disheartened and discouraged They have
prevailed me an address requesting me to

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forward it to the Honble Board in hopes of obtaining some redress from the Mortifica-tion they must feel when any Service requires their doing duty with Officers of other Corps who have got over their heads.

Well knowing the importance of this Corps, and the care the Court of Directors have at all times expressed of affording it every mark of favor Consistant with the Numbers it Consists of, and also the many applications the Honble Board have been troubled with relative to the Rank of the Officers &c. I have maturely Considered the Situation it is in, & from a long series of Service in it of the most Spectual mode of putting it upon a perma-=nant and equitable footing which would give every Satisfaction and encouragement to the Officers render them Content with the regularity in their own Corps & induce Gentlemen of abilities & merit to enter into it, and at the same time to improve the Corps in discipline render the same number stronger and more useful & at the same time Not to increase the Expence of the Establishment, on the Contrary should it be increased more than the other

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Company already recommended home would
Considerably lessen it. This I conceive may be
done by forming the Corps on the Plan I
have the honor to enclose with the Officers —
address.

It may be necessary for me to explain
these advantages the proposed plan has over
the present establishment and here I must
observe the Corps has been formed on a system
a long time ago adopted in the Kings Artillery
when that Branch was rather a Civil establish
=ment why it has not been long ago more
Actually attended to as to enable many able
Officers as it Consists of various Ranks that
are become useless and unnecessary.

To begin with the Head the circumscribed
Rank of Lieut.t Colonel when other Corps
admit of higher must cast a Damp on the
ardour and interprising spirit of any Man
deserves the name of an Officer & must ever
occasion an endeavour to get removed into
Situation where higher promotion is to
be obtained — When by long experience
their Services might be more useful
to the Public at the Head of the Artillery
a Colonel I presume would be as useful
at the head of this Regiment as at the
head of a Regiment of Infantry. This

would

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would allow of a Rule through the Corps and
when the inferiour Officers see promotion in
their own Corps open to as high a Rank as
in the Infantry they will never Complain —
instead of Six Companys of 104 Men each,
I would propose Ten Companys of 62 Men
each Company to each of which there should
be a Captain One Lieutenant and Two Fire
workers 4 Serjants 4 Bombardiers 4 Gunners
48 Matrosses One Drum & One Fife. The
Captain Lieut.t being a useless Rank and a
Clog on the rise of the Officers I would entirely
abolish it. The present Captain Lieutenants
would Compleat the Ten Captains proposed,
Corporals of Artillery to the same duty as —
Serjants of Infantry which makes double
the Number of Serjants that are really necessa
-ry, consequently so many men less in the
Numbers. That are usefully employed in —
working the Guns and as they do Serjants
duty though called Corporals. There are conse-
=tant disputes whenever they are detached —
with Serjants of Infantry who shall —
Command if no Officer is present which —
with detach.ts totally abolish the Rank of
Corporal in the Artillery. Bombardiers do
Corporals duty but our present Establish-
=ment of Ten to a Company are many
more than are useful, That Number

were

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were originally adopted as they were supposed to work the Mortars entirely & do nothing else that not being the Case at present I retain as many as are necessary to do Corporals duty and the Recruits will add to the Number of private and more useful hands. Gunners were formerly the only men that Worked the Cannon & Matrosses did the duty that Lascars in this Country do, but as they be to do the same duty in working both Mortars & Guns I can see no manner of use in having in two Ranks - The Gunners may be therefore abolished or the whole may be called Gunners on the Room of Matrosses on the Pay of the latter which is half a Pagoda more than the private Infantry have however in my Plan I have put down 4 - Gunners to each Company and there may be such as may be necessary to Employ among the Stores, and an encouragement to good man who cannot write, Consequently unfit to rise to Non Commissioned - Officers. On this Plan of a Battalion of Ten Company's of 622 Men there will be useful men to Work the Ordnance 520 Men, On the Present Establishment the 6 Company's of 626 Men are only 468. Men to Work the Ordnance, In the former

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There are as many Non Commissioned Officers as are necessary, consequently the present Establishment has many more than are useful, and this I am thoroughly convinced of from long experience & thoroughly Considering the subject. Thus I think it will appear that the proposed Plan with the same Numbers Considerably adds to the real strength of the Corps. But another Consideration will add to the utility of this Plan, At present the Company's are too large for being together at many Station Corps. Pricheapoly Tanjore the Circars &c. which occasions their being divided, & by the Capt. Lieut.ts being employed as Inspectors of Stores it often happens that a Young Fire Worker Commands half a Company where if the Company's were less a whole one with its own Officers might be afforded to each Station, a Considerable Advantage in point of preserving their discipline; Another advantage arises from the facility with which this Corps can be augmented if found necessary, for Instance, Ten private men a Company is an addition of 100 Men and are soon made useful the expence only 300 Pagodas a Month when the same additional Number formed into

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into a Company upon the present Establishment would Cost near double that Sum, if so on should a greater be found necessary, which I am perswaded will be the case to protect the many Garrisons of this extencive Coast and do the duty of the Field should We ever have a French War.

I have been thus particular to elucidate my reasons for assuming a liberty of offering a Plan to the Board to alter the Establishment. The Honble the Court of Directors have thought proper to adopt — The hardships the Officers at present labour under and the attachment I have to the Corps I belong to as well as an ardent desire to Contribute in any manner I can to the general good of the Service being my motives — I hope your Honors &c will not deem me presumptuous in submitting the Plan to your Consideration, and should it appear to you in the light it does to me I doubt not your adopting or recommending it to the Honble Court of Directors and in the mean time give every redress that is consistant to the Officers who now labour under the grievance of many supercessions.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Obedt humble Servant
Mathew Horne.

9th of June 1777.

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

The Memorial of the Captains Lieut-
-enants & Subaltern Officers of the Corps of
Artillery.

Sheweth,

That your Memorialists having the
firmest confidence in your Justice, do with
the greatest Respect & deference request you
will take into Consideration their being Cons-
tantly superceded by the Officers of every Corps
on the Establishment, in every degree of
Rank from their first entering into the
Honble Company's Service upwards.

They conceive an equal Military know-
-ledge necessary in the Artillery as in the
other Corps of the Army: and having Cons-
-tantly & zealously exerted themselves when-
-ever their Services have been wanted
either to defend the Honble Company's
Settlements, or to support their Rights, or
the Rights of their Allies. They hope they
have not been found deficient, nor their
Services inferior to the other Corps.

The several Commanders in Chief
of the Troops on this Establishment, have
recommended

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recommended the necessity of attending to
and augmenting the Corps of Artillery, which
appears by their Letters produced to the worth
Committee of Parliament

They beg leave to represent to you
that most of them now stand superceded by the
Officers of other Corps, and that their Senior
Captain Lieutenant is superceded from his
first entering into the Service, by Twenty Six
Officers, some of whose first Commissions are
near Three Years younger than his.

Your Memorialists conceive how neces-
-cessary it is to point out to you, how bitter
& severe must be the reflections of Officers
under their Circumstances, how galling after
Ten or Twelve Years at least unreproached
Services, to fall under the Command of Officers
many years Younger, & Consequently of less
experience than themselves — They again appeal
to your Justice & hope some Plan Consist-
-ent with the good of the Service may be
established to put them on an equal
footing with the Rest of the Army

We are with the Sincerest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient & most Faithful
Servants
John Rigault - Capt.
Artillery

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Arthur Jones Captain Lieutenant
George Nodin Capt — Lt
John McGregor — Lt
Joseph Moorhouse — Lt
George Hodson — Lt
David Smith — Lt
Richd Jones — Lt 2d Fr Wr
Andrew Thompson Lt 2d Fr Wr
Robert Tute — Lt 2d Fr Wr
Thomas Sutcliff — Lt 2d Fr Wr
John Baillie — Lt 2d Fr Wr
Robert Speedeman Lt 2d Fr Wr
Thomas Winbolt Lt 2d Fr Wr
James Gibson Lt 2d Fr Wr
Robert Cox Lt 2d Fr Wr
Hugh Mallet Lt 2d Fr Wr

Establishment of a Battalion of Artillery consisting of Ten Companies

			Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1	Colonels Pay	P Month	97	33	40
1	Lieutenant Colonel	Do	79	7	—
1	Major	Do	60	17	40
10	Captains	Do	529	7	—
10	Lieutenants	Do	283	14	—
20	Lieutenants Fire Workers	Do	375	—	—
1	Adjutant	Do	18	31	40
1	Quarter Master	Do	15	—	—
1	Sergeant Major	Do	4	—	—
1	Quarter Master Sergeant	Do	4	—	—
1	Drill Sergeant	Do	4	—	—
1	Drill Corporal	Do	2	—	—
1	Drum Major	Do	5	—	—
1	Fife Major	Do	5	—	—
40	Sergeants	Do	240	—	—
40	Bombardiers	Do	180	—	—
40	Gunners	Do	160	—	—
480	Matrosses	Do	1440	—	—
10	Drummers	Do	33	14	—
10	Fifers	Do	33	14	—
622	Total Non Commissioned & Rank & File				
	Total of the Pay of the Battalion P Month		3569	17	40

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The above Establishment of Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers are sufficient supposing each Company 70 Men and with an additional Lieutenant to each Company would admit of an augmentation to 80 Men a Company.

Establishment for a Battalion of Artillery Consisting of Six Companies —

			Pagodas	Fs	Cash
1	Lieutenant Colonel Pay	P Month	79	7	—
1	Major	Do	60	17	40.
4	Captains	Do	211.	28	—
6	Captain Lieutenants	Do	181	36	—
14	Lieutenants	Do	396	28	—
18	Lieut.s Fire Workers	Do	337	21	—
1	Adjutant	Do	98.	31.	40.
1	Quarter Master	Do	15.	—	—
1	Serjeant Major	Do	4	—	—
1	Quarter Master Serjeant	Do	4	—	—
1	Drill Corporal	Do	2	—	—
1	Drum Major	Do	5	—	—
1	Fife Major	Do	5	—	—
36	Serjeants	Do	216	—	—
36	Corporals	Do	180	—	—
60	Bombardiers	Do	270	—	—
120	Gunners	Do	480	—	—
348	Matrosses	Do	1044	—	—
12	Drummers	Do	40	—	—
12	Fifers	Do	40	—	—
626	Total Non Commissioned & Rank & File				
	Total of the Pay of a Battalion P month		3,595.	1.	0
	Total Pay of a Battalion of Ten Companies P mo.		3,569	17.	40.
	Difference P month in favour of a Battalion of Ten Companies	3	25.	25.	40.

General Stuart is of opinion that the Importance of the Subject Contained in Lieut.t Colonel Horne's Letter & Memorial is such as to require the most deliberate Consideration

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He confesses he is not sufficiently informed to enter upon the whole matter, but he is clearly of opinion that the Rank of Captain Lieut.k Peculiar to the Corps of Artillery should be abolished and that the Officers now professed of that Rank be from this day Considered as Captains in the Army, but without any additional Expence to the Honble Company.

The Board for the above Reasons agree to defer the Consideration of the Letter & Memorial & acquiesce in the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief with Respect to the Captain Lieut.s in Consequence whereof the following General Order was directed to be given out -

"The Honble the President & Council have been pleased to Resolve that the Rank of Captain Lieut.ts of the Corps of Artillery shall be abolished, and that the Officers now professed of that Rank shall from this 24th day of June be considered as Captains in the Army but without any additional Expence to the Company.

The Rank of Capts Lt.s of Artillery abolished

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel James -

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith

From Leigh.a Colol James.

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Fort St. George 24th June 1777.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you, my Returns for the Month of May which I hope will arrive in due time.

I also enclose a Letter I have received from Lieut.t Malcolm, General Stuarts Secretary, I have complied with the Generals instructions by sending Sepoys to Tangore and Arashangoady, with Orders totally to stop the encroaching proceedings of the Tanjore people, from cutting & rooting up the long Grass, which grows about those Villages, I have directed the Sepoys to remain till I hear from the Honble Board,

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient & very
Humble Servant
Edwd James

Tinchenopoly
24th June 1777

A Copy of the Letter inclosed in the above, was received from General Stuarts and has been already entered —

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Colonel James.

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

From Colo.l James requesting to remain at Tinchenopoly until relieved by Lieut.t Flint

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to your Orders of the 10th

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10th Instant, I should have repaired to the Mo-
ment had I not judged from the tenor of it, that
I was to be relieved by Colonel Flint, But as
Lieut.t Coll. Fitzgerald claims the Command by
the Order, makes me trouble the Honble Board
with this Address, hoping that if I have erred
in the meaning of the Order, that I may not
incur the Honble Board's displeasure, but
rather flatter myself they will kindly consider
my assiduous endeavours to assist the Nabob
on the late urgent occasions which could not
be done without intangling my affairs with
heavy Debts to the Merchants of this Place,
which is necessary I should in honor settle
before I quit the Command, Therefore beg
to solicit the Honble Boards indulgence, for
my Services to be Continued here, till relieved
by Colonel Flint, which favor I should not
have sought for, but from the aforementioned
Circumstance, if I obtain my request it will
relieve my mind and make me happy, I
remain with due Respects

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient & Humy
Humble Servant
Dd: James.

Tritchinopoly
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Agreed that Lieut.t Colonel James
be permitted to continue in the Command
&

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To remain there entitle the 31st July —

of Fortification entitle the 31st Day of July next when he is to repair to his Command at the Mount agreeably to our former Orders

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Townsend

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of Fort St George

From Lt Townsend desiring leave to return home for his Health

Honble Sir & Sirs

I do myself the Honor to enclose Mr Pasley's Certificate, signifying the necessity of my proceeding to England for the recovery of my Constitution. A French Ship now on the Roads being to sail in a few days, I take the liberty of requesting leave to proceed on her, and that you will be pleased to mention me in such manner to the Honble Court of Directors, as that I may have their Permission, on the re-establishment of my health, to return with my Rank, & standing in the Service —

I have the honor to be with great Respect Honble Sir & Sirs Your Most Faithfull and Obedt Servant Th. Townsend Lieut.

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These are to Certify that Lieut.t Townsend has long laboured under an ill State of health arising from Lever obstruction & Bilious illness a tendency to Consumption for these he has tried different remedies & the aire of different Places without effecting a recovery, on this Account he is advised to proceed to Europe as the properest means for the reestablishment of his Constitution —

Gilbert Pasley

Agreed that Mr. Townsend be permitted to proceed to England agreeable to his request, and that he be mentioned in our next Advices to the Company.

Granted.

Read the following Memorial of Captains Osborne and Netterville —

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

Memorial of Capt.s Osborne & Netterville for Aman of hay from the Presidency of Fort Marlbrough

The Memorial of Captain James Henry Osborne and Captain Nich.s Lemon Netterville of the Presidency of Fort Marlbrough.

Humbly Sheweth.

That your Memorialists a waiting a Conveyance from this Presidency to Fort Marlbro= =ugh are Constrained from unforeseen delay and

and the Expences to which they are subject to solli-
-cit the assistance of the Honble the Governor
& Council in Order to obtain a necessary supply.

They therefore Sir & Sirs, humbly request
you will take these Premises into Consideration,
and Order in what manner they shall receive
from the Military Paymaster their Pay become
due on Captains on the aforesaid Establishment
to which they may be entitled under the Circum-
-stance laid before you.

All which is most humbly submitted
James Henry Osborne M. Nedderville

250 Pagodas granted to each

Resolved that Captains Osborne & Netterville be advanced 250 Pagodas each on their Receipts and that the same be transmitted to Marlbrough.

Read the following Letter from Messrs Major Taylor & Call.

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

From Messrs Taylor Major & Call advising of their Engagements to Lend the Nabob 4 Lacks of Pagodas

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been honored with your Letter of the 28th April last, acquainting us that the Nabob had informed you, we were willing to pay off the Arrears due to the Cavalry, Amounting as your understand

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to four Lacks of Pagodas — provided you would give us your public Sanction & Security; and that being desirous to afford the Nabob every assistance in the Present Exigency of his affairs, you give us this Publick Sanction and Security on the Part of the Honble the East India Company for the Payment of the above Sum, Principal & Interest or such other Sum as we shall Advance not exceding four Lacks of Pagodas, agreeably to the Engagements we may enter into with the Nabob for the Arrears now due to his Cavalry: — We therefore beg leave to inform your Honor &a that in Consideration of your public Sanction & Security so given by you, in behalf of the Honble the East India Company, we have engaged to pay the Nabob the Sum of four Lacks of Pagodas for the Arrears due to his Cavalry — We are with the greatest Respects

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Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient and very
Humble Servants
James Taylor
Andrew Maycindie
James Call —

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C. C. N.º 71 acknowledging the Receipt

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Receipt of our Letter by Mr. Jones and promising to give him all the assistance in his power towards recovering the outstanding Ballances due to Mr. Benfield.

General Stuart acquaints the Board that having perused the Consultations during his Absence from the Presidency he finds the following Paragraph in a Paper of Intelligence from Karical received thro' the hands of the Nabob—

General Stuart complains of a vague, anonimous & false Charge against him having been entered on the Records in his absence at Tanjore

The Sons of Sombajee Vackeel have sent by the Hircarrahs a Letter from Lord Pigot to Sulgaje in which his Lordship desires Sulgaje not to be Concerned about Mr. Stuarts arrival Here nor to fear his Threats, nor to give him any written Vouchers, but to offer him a Bribe & thereby make him his Friend. He tells him to be perfectly at ease for that every thing will be soon settled, which have given Sulgaje great Pleasure. accordingly Sulgaje has given Mr. Stuart 25,000 Pagodas who is to recommend & plead his Cause with the Company.

The General requests the Board to empower the President to inform himself of the Nabob upon what Authority the above Para. was founded, & Cause it to

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to the Board either to investigate the matter
further or to erase it from the Records —
according to their Information & Belief.
Mean while he cannot help expressing
his Concern to find such a vague anony-
-mous and false Charge entered on the Records

The Board observe upon the fore-
-going Minute Concerning the Intelligence
from Karical, that in general they place
so little dependance upon the information
sent to the Nabob by his News Writers —
that many Circumstances of Intelligence
totally escape their Notice or attention,
amongst which the matter alluded to
by the General is one and they freely
confess that until the General pointed
it out to them, they did not know even
that it was inserted on the Records. however
since it has appeared there, the Board
cannot in Justice to the General do other-
-wise than call upon the Nabob in the
manner he has proposed, and the
President is accordingly desired to speak
to the Nabob on the Subject —
conformably to the Company's —
Orders in their Letter of 24th December
1776. Captain Henry Augustus Montague
Casley —

Minute of the Board declaring that the Charges abovementio-ned were contained in a Paper of In-telligence which had escaped their Notice or Attention

an explanation to be required from the Nabob.

Capt. Casby appointed Adjutant General

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Cosby is appointed Adjutant General with the Nominal Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and to be given out as such in General Orders—

Captain Cidingtown appointed Lieut.t Colm.e Palamcottah
Capt.n Barclay Ongole

Captain James Cidingtown is now appointed to the Command of Pallamcottah and Captain Patrick Barclay to the Command of Ongole

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. President

Henry Brooke James Stuart

Saturday Archdale Palmer Fras. Sourdan

the 28th June — George Mackay

Minutes of last Consultation Read

General Stuart delivers in the following

Minute.

Minute of General Stuart on the Conduct of Major Burghall —

"When I was at Trichenopoly, I found no Engineer there — this I thought strange, as Major Burghall, whom the Honble Board had thought proper to Station, in that Garrison, had never applied to me, directly or indirectly, for leave of Absence during the four Months, that he had now remained at the Presidency — I therefore for the sake of discipline and good Example, thought it my duty, to mention this Circumstance in the following Words, in my Letter to the Board, dated at Cuttalore, the 8th Instt. "my duty Obliges me to acquaint your Honor "&c. that Major Burghall, Who, I recollect "asked my Permission, to stay, for a few "days only behind me at Madras, on some "Family affairs, has never yet repaired, to "Trichenopoly; & indeed, I have never heard

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of, or from him, since I left the Presidency,
As he has not my leave to be absent from
his Duty, I shall make it my business,
to enquire into this matter as soon as I
return to Presidency. I returned to the
Presidency the 23d Instant & made no
doubt but that Major Burghall, would
of himself, have called upon me, the day
following. as this was not the Case I desire
the Adjutant General to send a written
Message to him, to call upon me, he did
so, on Thursday the 26th about Noon, the
Substance of what I told him, was, that
I had wrote to the Board in the manner
abovementioned & that I wished to know
what he had to say, for his being thus
absent from his duty, without my leave
the Major mentioned several Circumstances
which had occurred & as he thought were
hardships, peculiar to himself & the
Corps he belonged to, which I told him,
were quite foreign to the present Question.
he mentioned that he had represented his
his Case to the President & if I mistake
not to the Board, I then told the Major
that in sending for him, I had not the
smallest intention, to proceed rigorously,

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on the Contrary, Deliberately repeated, that if he then expressed to me this Concern on having omitted, to apply thro' me, as the regular Channel, for leave of Absence, I was willing to admit of that as an Apology, as he might probably have had Family Concerns, that made his stay at the Presidency necessary. The Mayor declined making this Apology. I told him that his Conduct, would force me to take further steps. I then sent for Mr Malcolm, my Military Secretary, purposely to dictate, in the Mayors presence, what is here put down & with a view to afford the Mayor some more time for reflection, but the Mayor, took his leave before Mr Malcolm, could arrive saying to the best of my remembrance that he saw no occasion for his being present at what passed between me & my Secretary.

I thought it my Duty to Report to the President as Governor, the whole of what is above mentioned, and left the Paper with him.

The President informed me, he had seen Major Burghall, & that the Major had said, he thought, he had expressed to me that he meant no disrespect or slight

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slight to me, or my station, or some Words to that purpose — but the Major declined to hear the Contents of my Report to the President. upon which I requested him, again to send for the Major — & in the presence of Mr. Stratton, I told him that if he was sensible of his error, in having been absent from his duty, without my leave, and said so in the presence of the President, I was willing to pass it over & report favorably to the Board, but the Major instead of taking this step, thought proper to take a — line of Conduct, more vexatious factory, than ever; he proceeded to Charge me in direct terms in presence of the President, with having infringed the Military Law, by the General Order of the 24th of last Decemb.r I then left him & after acquainting the Governor, of what I meant to do, I sent the Adjutant General in the Evening, to put Major Burghall under Arrest, which Arrest the Major refused.

Thus the matter stands at present the Commander in Chief thinks it his Duty, to State the whole to the Board, but he Recommends it to them, before they finally

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determine upon a matter of such Importance to an Officer, that this Minute be Communicated to Major Burgall, & that he be asked if he has any thing to offer on his part, that he wishes may be entered on the Records.

Minute of the Board thereon.

Before the Board proceed to take the whole matter relative to Mr Burghall into Consideration, they are willing from a Compassionate feeling for his present Situation, to give him an opportunity of knowing fully, what is alledged against him, & of reflecting on the Consequences which must arise, from any further proceeding in this Affair. It is agreed therefore that the President be desired, to send the Town Major with a Copy of the foregoing Minutes to Major Burghall, to direct him to read them to him, or give him the Perusal of them, & to acquaint him with the Motives of the Board, on this occasion.

The President acquaints the Board, that yesterday Evening Major Burghall, sent to the Town Major requesting to see him. That the Town Major went to him

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him, & Major Burghall delivered into his hands a letter for the Governor which he desired him to deliver himself, as it was of Consequence. The President lays the Letter before the Board as follows

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

From Major Burghall to the Governor complaining of the General & censuring him of an intention to subvert good Order & Military discipline

Sir

Having been degraded, in my Rank & honors, by an Order of this Garrison, dated 24th. December 1776 & having the greatest reason to apprehend I shall be injured, by the Consequences, in my Character & Fortune, I take this first unavoidable occasion, of requesting a publick enquiry, into the cause of such an unjust Supercession, of such an unexpected, and I hope I may add unmerited violation of the Commission I bear. & of such a flagrant breach of the Companys Orders in regard to the Rights thereof. And, that you will be pleased to Order a General Court Martial, to sit & determine on the Conduct of their Colonel, now Brigadier General James Stuart

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Stuart, on this occasion for the following Charge, Viz.t "For having Contrary to the Duties of his Office, whereby only he takes a Seat at your Board, as Commander in Chief, either advised or Consented to an Order for Subverting the Rights of the Corps of Engineers, which have been very clearly & expressly ascertained, by an Order from the Honble Court of Directors, dated 25th March 1774. & which was confirmed in General Orders here, the 25th February 1775. having been first referred to Bengal.

On which occasion I accuse him as a Member of Council to you, as Gover= =nor of a breach of the Company's Orders.

"And, as Commander in Chief of a design to "subvert good Order & Military Discipline "which may too soon involve the Honble "Company's Affairs in inevitable ruin.

I shall be prepared to support the Charge. I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Geo. Burgh

Major in the Honble Company's Forces

Fort St. George
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Minute thereon

With regard to the Letter from

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Major Burghall, the Board will only remark here, that the Order of the 24th December upon which he founds a Charge against General Stuart, was an Order of the Board, in which General Stuart was no more concerned - than any other Member of the Board; that Major Burghall may have only himself to blame, in case the Board are obliged to proceed further in this business. It is agreed that the following General Order of the 24th December and the Order follow-ing it, on the 2d January, be shewn to him at the same time with this Minute.

G. O.

Fort St. George 24th Dec. 1776.

The following appointment to take place.

Major William Cooke to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Fort St. George & to Continue in the Command of the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment now in Garrison.

G. O.

Fort St. George 2d January 1777

In Justice to the Corps of Engineers, the President & Council think it proper to declare, that in the Appointment of Major Cooke to be Commandant of the

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this Garrison, it was not meant in any respect whatever to affect, any right which by the Orders of the Court of Directors belongs to that Corps; in the present case Lieut.t Coll.o Ross would have been appointed Commandant of this Garrison, had not his Service been shortly wanted elsewhere, & the Service of Major Burgh all the next in Rank to him wanted at Pulicat to which place, he is to, hold himself in readiness to proceed.

By Command of the President & Council

Richd. Jos. Sullivan

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Minute of the President complaining of the disrespectfull Conduct of Coll.o Kirkpatrick

The President acquaints the Board that Lieut.t Coll.o Kirkpatrick who is appointed to the Command of the Troops on the West Coast arrived here the 14th Instant on the Honble Company's Ship the Princess Royal and that from the day of his arrival to the present time Lieut.t Coll.o Kirkpatrick — had neither waited upon him nor in any other manner paid the usuall civil attention to him in his private or Public Capacity he therefore thinks it his duty & for the Publick Service to represent to the Board

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Board this want of respect to the Stations he the President has the honor to hold;

On Consulting the Commander in Chief how far the Rules of the Military Service could Authorize such a Conduct the General told the President he thought it highly blameable if would give his Sentiments at their next Meeting.

The Commander in Chief informed the Board that upon hearing from the President what is above Related he offers it as his opinion that it was Lieut. Coll. Kirkpatrick's Duty as an Officer in the Service to have waited upon Mr. Stratton in his public Character both as Friend, & Governor, and also upon himself as Commander in Chief, especially as there were Orders respecting him in the Letter recieved from the Honble Court — The Commander in Chief therefore finding that Lt. Coll. Kirkpatrick did not of himself call upon him, he thought it necessary to direct the Adjutant General to write to him the following Letter.

Sir Fort St. George 29th June 1797.

I am commanded by Brigadier — General

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General Stuart, to acquaint you, that he desires to see you as soon as you Convenient[ly] can, after the Receipt hereof.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant.

(Signed) James Cidingtown
A. G.

Lieut.k Colo.l Kirkpatrick.

To which Letter he rec.d the following Answer

Fort St. George 25th June 1777.

Sir

I have been favored with your letter which imports, that you are Commanded by Brigadier General Stuart to inform me, that he desires to see me, as soon after the Receipt of it, as I conveniently can. As I have the honor to be Commander of the Honble Company's Troops at a Presidency wholly independent of Fort St. George, I do not see with what Propriety I can obey a Summons which appears to come from you Officially

I am Sir
Your most humble Servant
Ja.s Kirkpatrick
Lieut.t Col.o Commandant of
Fort Marlbrough

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Minute & Resolution of the Board thereon

The Board taking the preceding Minutes of the President and Commander in Chief into Consideration are of opinion that notwithstanding Lieut.t Col.l Kirkpatrick belongs to another Establishment, it was his Duty as a Military Officer in the Company's Service to have waited upon the Governor immediately on his arrival at this Garrison, as well as the Commander in Chief on his coming here from Tanjore and that the Conduct of Lieut.t Colonel Kirkpatrick in neglecting to do this is highly blameable as tending to weaken that Subordination & Discipline necessary to the Service in general.

Resolved that this opinion be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors and that a Copy of these Minutes be sent by the Secretary to Lieut.t Col.l Kirkpatrick at the same time that he be furnished with the 29.th Para.r of the Company's Letter dated the 24.th December rec.d p.r Ship Princess Royal.

The President acquaints the Board of the Nabobs permission to Governor Pennycuick to Garrison Permacoil with Comp.y's Troops.

The President acquaints the Board that in consequence of the Resolutions of last Consultation

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Consultation he had waited on the Nabob and having acquainted him with the wish of the Board that a Garrison of the Company's Sepoys should be placed in the Fort of Permacoil, the Nabob readily gave his assent thereto & desired the President would assure the Board that he should always be ready to pay every attention to their Recommendation being convinced that they have always his and the Company's Interest at heart—

Ordered that the Commander in Chief be impowered to enquire into the present State of the Fort Permacoil with the Military Stores as likewise to place a suitable Garrison there composed of Detachments from the Battalions at Chingleput & Cuddalore, & that he report to the Board as soon as the Company's Troops have taken Possession.

Ordered thereon

Ordered that Lieut.t Hearsh be appointed to Command Permacoil, & to proceed thither immediately with the Nabob's Order to deliver over that Fortress.

Lieut.t Hearsh appointed to the Command

Read the following Letter from Captain Cadogan.

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From Capt. Pilkington on the subject of his Lo[rd]ship's appointment to the Office of Adjutant General with Credit & Testimony of his good Conduct —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Court of Directors having appointed Lieut.t Colonel Casby to the Office of Adjutant General, for which Office I have the honor of holding your Commission at present. This lays me under the necessity of addressing the Honble Board, which I request may be entered upon the Records and made a Number in the Company's Packet, sent by the Ship Hector, together with a Copy of a Letter from my Predecessor in Office. The General Order whereby I was appointed, and also the General Order issued on my Battalions being reviewed.

The Copy of the letter from Lieut.t Colonel Ruffell to me with point out to the Honble Board Sir Robert Fletchers motives for calling me to the Office (for I was hardly acquainted with Sir Robert and not the least Connected with him)

&c.

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as his and Lord Pigots subsequent, thanks will shew how far his expectations were answered.

I flatter myself that I have ever since the above period discharged my Duty in Office to the satisfaction of my superiors and I appeal to the present Commander in Chief (whose known abilities & long experience in Military Affairs must render his opinion decisive) for his sentiments on my Conduct And here I beg leave to refer the Honble the Court of Directors to the recommendation given them of me by Lieut.t Colonel Reed of his Majestys 42d Regiment of Foot under whom in said Regiment & also in the 1st or Royal Regiment of Foot I had the honor of serving last War at the Sieges of Louisburgh Ticonderoga the taking of Martinique & the Havannah &c &c.

I have now to beg the Honble Boards patience untill I relate a few particulars relative to my accepting the Office of Adjutant General — In the — beginning of December 1775. Sir Robert Fletcher then Commander in Chief wrote

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to the Commanding Officer at Vellore where my Battalion was stationed to desire me to proceed to Madras as he (the General) had business with me & upon my waiting on him to know his pleasure he at once told me that as Lieut.t Colonel Ruspell had applied for leave to resign the Office of Adjutant General he had sent for me to make me the Offer of succeeding him which from my Character as an Officer he gave me the preference tho' Field Officers had been applying to him for it my Answer was (after making my acknowledgements for the distinction he was pleased to shew me) That on the present footing the Office of Adjut.t General was on, I could not think of accepting of it to which he replied that he would do his utmost to get it back on the best footing and that he did not mean to take my Battalion of Sepoys from me that as it was the Custom in his Majesty's Service for the Adjutant General to have a Reg.t He saw no reason why he should not

Command

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Command a Battalion of Sepoys in the Company's and desired I would take time to Consider of it — After so many Circumstances in my favor I never could have imagined that any other Person would have been appointed to the Office but on my Resignation or that my behaviour had Obliged the Honble the President & Council to supersede me I cannot help therefore expressing the most sensible Mortification at usage so uncommon to One in a Military life, or have I ever heard in the Course of upwards of Twenty Years in his Majesties and Companies Service that a Commission can be taken away but by the Sentence of a General Court Martial, or the power that grants it when the person holding a Commission proves unworthy; neither do I look on Lieut.t Col.l Casby's Commission as meant, by the Honble the Court of Directors to Supersede that of him who might be in Office, otherwise it would be specified in the Body of the Commission which I am well assured is not the Case of

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the Paragraph in the General letter Concer-
-ning them seems to warrant what I
suggest —

I request The Board will be pleased
to remember that all Commissions prior
to mine become void by Resignation as
the Records will shew The Board's Reposing
to keep the Office vacant also that I supplied
very lately to the Commander in Chief for
leave to Resign, if there was the smallest
probability of my being superseded in
Consequence of which the Board gave me
a Commission for it which, I cannot help
looking upon to be of equal validity as
that for my Company I have likewise
to remind the Board of a Case similar
to the present that of Captain Woods
the Fort Major and Lieut. Evans who
was sent out by the Honble the Court
of Directors appointed to the post of
Fort Major — I now appeal to the
candour of the Honble Board and to the
well known Justice of the Honble the
Court of Directors for their decision in
this affair and that in the meantime
I may continue to hold the Office of
Adjutant General untill the final
determination

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determination of the Court of Directors is known.

Permit me to apologize for taking up so much of the Honble Boards time in talking of myself and which I hope they will do me the Justice to believe necessity only could have prevailed on me to do —

I have the honor to be with the most profound Respect

Honble Sirs

Your Devoted and Obedient Humble Servant

James Giddingtown

Head Quarters Choultry Plain 5th Novr 1775.

Sir I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acknowledge your letter of the 31st of October & to thank you for your observations relative to the Ammunition of which there was an Absolute necessity for making a Considerable reduction, the expence for some time past having been most enormous

I am also directed by Sir Robert to give you his thanks for the Excellent Order (he hears) your Battalion is in and to assure you that an Officers steady

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steady attention to his duty will upon all occasions and at all times have its proper weight with him.

I am
Sir
Your very Obedient and very
Humble Servant
(Signed) William Russel
A. G.

Capt.n James Edingtoun
Commanding 4th Batt.n Sepoys.

Minute of the Commander in Chief in recommendation of Capt.n Edingtoun declared declared to him that no Consideration would, & recommending his case to the Consideration of the Company

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that Lieut.t Colonel Edingtoun repeatedly have induced him to accept of the Office of Adjutant General but from the Belief & Expectation of the Commission granted by the Board being permanent; especially as he observed that Mr Cosby's request to hold the Office in Absence was expressly refused by the Board.

The Commander in Chief gives this public Testimony of the Experience & proofs he has had of Mr Edingtoun's Abilities & Zeal for the Service, both in the Line of Adjutant General & of Captain of a Battalion of Sepoys and the great Assistance he

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he has received from him on the late Arrange-
-ments respecting the Army on this Establish-
-ment. The Commander in Chief therefore
cannot help expressing his Concern to see
this deserving Officer at once reduced from the
Rank (the nominal) of Lieut.t Colonel to
that of Captain — a Practice which he has
formerly represented to the Board as military
unless by a Court Martial —

But as the Superior authority of
the Commission granted by the Honble
Court of Directors to that of the Board,
cannot admit of a doubt. He hopes the
Board will be pleased to Recommend Mr.
Pidingtown Case to the Consideration of
the Honble Court of Directors so that
by the first occasion that offers in the
Staff of the Army he may recover the
Ground he has now lost so unexpectedly
& without any fault on his Part.

The Board agree entirely in opinion
with General Stuart respecting the Merit
& Abilities of Captain Pidingtown and chear-
-fully acquiesce in his Proposal of recom-
-mending him to the Court of Directors
in the Terms mentioned by the General.

General

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General Stuart lays before the Board the following Letter to him from Lieutenant Fireworker Johnston.

To Brigadier General Stuart.
Commander in Chief of the Forces on the Coast of Choromandel

From Lt. & Fr. Wm Johnston to have his Rank in the Artillery

Sir,

During my absence from the Coast Lieut.t Fireworker David Smith (who is a younger Officer than me) has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.t of Artillery in supposition that I was in England (where I had leave to go on Account of my bad State of health, but as I found my self much recovered remained at the Cape of good hope) I therefore Sir address you as Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Establishment, requesting that you will be so kind to lay my Case before the Honble the Governor & Council. in Order that I may obtain my Rank in the Artillery next before Lieut.t David Smith I must also request. that you will take the trouble Sir, to represent to the Honble Board. that they will be so kind to give an Order. that I may have any Pay

during

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during the time of my Absence as the Commissary
who Sent the Bills to) says he cant sign
for more than three Months at a time - I hope
you will excuse the trouble I have given —
your Sir.

I am
Sir with the greatest Respect
Your Most Obedient humble Servant
Joseph Johnston
Lieut. L. M.

Fort St. George
the 26. June 1777.

Read the following Certificate regarding
Captain Cyre.

Surgeon's Certificate respecting Captain Blake Cyre

These are to Certify that Captain Blake
Cyre has for several Months been insane
and often during that time untractable - This
unhappy Complaint having originated in
Bile & Visceral obstructions & as it tends
to a Confirmed Madness or self distruction
it is earnestly Recommended to send him
to Europe by the first Conveyance as the
only Chance Remaining for his Recovery

Gilbert Pasley Surgeon

I proceed to Europe on the Fleet -

Ordered that Captain Blake Cyre
do proceed to Europe on the Fleet, and
that Captain Williams be furnished with
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a Permit to receive him on Board.

Read the following Letter from Capt. Kelly.

To Charles Oakeley Esq. Military Secretary.

Sir

I am honord with your letter of the 7th Instant and am exceedingly Concerned that I should have so far mistaken the intention of the Honble Board as to proceed such long the without positive Orders.

The Manager Nizam Ul deen ahmed Cawn has Acquainted to the Nabob, His Highness letter to the Governor, together with the repre-sentations of the Amildar of Trivalore all conspired to lead me into this error. In the former it is expressly asserted that the Poli-gars, till they are properly punished, will never cease ravanging the Country." And there-fore requests that my Battalion may have Orders to afford the Amildar of Trivalore, on his requisition, such proper assistance as may be an example to others Poligars &c." His Highness in his letter to the Governor requests the favour that my Battalion may be Ordered to give proper assistance to the Amildar of Trepassore to settle the affairs of that place." These letters being given

to

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to me as guides for my Conduct, If the Amildar having actually represented to me the necessity of the Measures I have taken in which I could perceive nothing prejudicial to the Honble Company's affairs or to those of the Nabob, I humbly hope the Honble Board will be so indulgent as to believe that I thought them right & no ways Contrary to the Spirith of their Instructions.

Notwithstanding, Sir, I had taken, and do still Continue to take every necessary precaution to save even the appearance of any hostile intention against the Poligars in my Neighbourhood. Yet, I find it almost impossible to draw a line between Offensive & deffensive Measures with such Perfidious Savages as they are. For, they will never confide in our most Solemn promises, nor are theirs to be trusted in. One moment longer than it becomes their interest to break them. Although we have lain three Weeks here within a Mile of their Barrier without offering them the smallest insult, yet have they sent numerous bodies of their Plundering rabble out, every Night, who come caulking about us & endeavouring to

penetrate

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penetrate our Camps by stealth.

But should any of our Patroles fall in with, & put to death a few of those Thieves, their Masters would not fail to swear that they had been some poor Inhabitants of One of the Neighbouring Villages travelling innocently to some other, on their lawful occasions.

The apprehension of falling into this & such like dilleminas, together with the very convenient Situation of my present Camp for the protection of our frontiers, have induced me to fortify it with a Mud Wall - Parapet & Ditch which will be very tenable against Musketry; and there I will remain for further Orders.

But, as I am given to understand by Saheb Naig that all the other Poligars have joined against him, on Account of his Offers to us, & purpose attacking his Pollams. And as he has applied to me for assistance in this case, I should be glad to know whether I may grant him any or not, & on what terms. If we are to defend his Pollams in whose names are

we

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we to Act. — If we are not to grant him any Succour, what excuse shall We make for leaving him to the Resentment of his Enemies?

Instructions on this head will greatly oblige —

Sir

Your Most Obedient humble Servants

Robert Kelly —

The President is requested to speak to the Nabob on the Subject of Captain Kelly's Letter

Mr. Robert Gardiner is now appointed Gardiner

Paymaster & Storekeeper at Bengale —

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At a Consultation Present.

The Honble George Stratton Esqr. Gov.r President

Monday the 30th June. Henry Brooke James Stuart
Archdale Palmer Francis Sourdon
George Mackay

Minutes of last Consultation Read.

The President lays before the Board the follow-
-ing Letter to him from the Town Major

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

Honble Sir

From the Town Major to the Governor reporting what passed between him & Major Burghall.

In consequence of your Order I waited on Major Burghall yesterday in the Evening about Six o'clock. I told him that I came to him by your Order, & that you was authorized by the Board to send me to him with a Paper, which I produced, of Minutes of Consultation of yesterday, & which I was directed either to read to him, or to give him to peruse - & that if he wants me to read it. I had accordingly opened the Paper for this purpose when Major Burghall stopped me, by asking if the Paper was addressed to him from the Board - I answered that the Contents of it were by the Boards Order, to be Communicated to him by me. He then objected

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objected to this form of conveying the Minutes of Consultation, or the Orders of the Board, to him that he could not, from Memory alone, possibly pay that attention to them that they required - that he understood it had been always usual for the Board to convey their pleasure or orders in an Official manner, under a Cover, Sealed, & addressed to the Person who was to receive them, & that he was to return them in his full Possession. He then required that I should leave the Paper with him. I replied that I had received Orders to read it to him, or to Submit it to his perusal that I had not Authority to leave the Paper in his Possession, but that if, when I had read it, he wanted to take any Notes from it, he might do it. Major Burghall said, that he should be ever ready to pay every Respect & Obedience to the Orders of the Board when they were Conveyed to him in the usual Official manner but that as this form was not Observed and I was not authorized to leave the Paper with him, he could not pay any attention to it. I told him that my Orders were to read the Contents to him, & that therefore I desired he would give me a direct answer whether

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whether he would, or would not hear it read.
To which he replied, that for the Reasons he
had before mentioned, he should not hear
it read to him, that for the same reasons,
he declined receiving it into his Hands to
perusse, & that he desired I would Convey
these his Sentiments in Answer to the
Governor.

I have the honor to be with great
Respect Honble Sir
Your Most faithfull and Obedient
Servant
William Sydenham
Town Major.

Since Major Burghall is determined
not to availe himself of the Indulgence
which the Board were inclined to have shown
him from a Motive of Compassion, but state

a Court Martial to be held on Major Burghall —

persists in a line of Conduct so improper in it
is Resolved that a Court Martial be
Ordered to try the Conduct of Major —
Burghall on the following Charges delivered
in against him by the Commander in Chief.

The Charges exhibited against him.

1.st For being absent from his Duty &
Station without Leave.

2.d For accusing the Commander in Chief of

having

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having infringed the Military Laws by the Genl.
Orders of the 24th December last;
3dly For refusing the Arrest under which he
was Ordered to be put by the Commander
in Chief Ordered that the Secretary do write
the following Letter to Major Burghall on
Consequence.

To Major George Burghall

To Major Burghall advising him that a Court Martial will be held on him & Communicating Charges for which he will be tried

Sir

The Town Major having Reported to the President that you would not read your Minutes of Council which had been delivered to him for that purpose unless a Copy was left in your possession, I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you that they were in hopes that the Levity of their proceedings would have had a different Effect, but since they find you persist in a line of Conduct they cannot but disapprove of, I am Ordered by them to inform you that Considering you actually under Arrest from the time it was Signified to you by the Adjutant General - The President & Council therefore have thought it necessary to Order a General Court Martial on your Conduct for the following

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following Charges delivered to them by the Com-
=mander in Chief 1st For being absent from
your Duty & Station without Leave - 2d For
accusing the Commander in Chief of having
infringed the Military Law by the General
Orders of the 24th December last & 3d. For refus-
=ing the Arrest under which you was Orderd
to be put by the Commander in Chief

Sam
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant -

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The Detachments to Coromandel & the Mount reduced to One Company each

Ordered that the half Company of
Sepoys detached from this Garrison to Coroman-
=del as likewise the half Company at the
Mount be Ordered to Return to this Garrison
& that the Detachments in future for those
places do Consist only of One Company to each.

General Letter
to Hector read
& Approved

A General Letter to go to the Honble Court
of Directors by the Ship Hector is now
ready & approved & Ordered to be Copied
fair.

read/

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At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 2 July 1777

The Honble George Stratton Esq.r Gov.r Presid.t
Henry Brooke & James Stuart
Archdale Palmer & Francis Sourdan
George Mackay

The Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved

General Letter to the Honble the
Court of Directors per Ship Hector read & Signed.

Ordered, that the Packet be

closed

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The following Letter was
despatched to Colonel Horne on the 25th June

To Lieut. Colonel Horne

Sir

To Colonel Horne empowering him to confer with the Rajah on the Subject of the Nabobs Claims

Tho' we have long had reason to be much displeased with the late Conduct of the Rajah of Tanjore in not complying with the Requisition made to him for four Lacks of Pags. on part of the Government's Share of the Crop for 1775. yet from a Perswasion that such Refusal would have proceeded only from the Advice of those Persons who have continually Labored to frustrate the Measures of our Administration, and being willing to suppose the Influence Assumed by them is almost if not entirely at an End, We are anxious to embrace every occasion that may offer of pointing out to the Rajah his own true Interest which can only consist in his faithful Attachment to the Company, and his attendance to every thing that is urged to him by this Government on their behalf. We wish you to inculcate these Ideas in his Mind and lay before him in the strongest Colours the bad consequences that must inevitably ensue from his listening to the Advice of those who would impress him with different Sentiments. If you can by Reasoning and Arguments of this Tendency bring him to a disposition more favorable than he has yet shown towards the Measures We have recommended. We desire you will take Occasion to introduce again the Subject of the Nabobs Claim which We cannot help urging on the most earnest Manner as the Company feel very sensible

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sensibly the present distress under which the Nabob
labours for want of Money, & We think it our Duty
to relieve them as well as the Nabob by every Means
in our Power

As the Dubeer was employed by
the Nabob in the Collection of the Revenues of the
Tanjore Country whilst it was in his Possession, and
as he has still Accounts to a large amount to settle
with the Neighbours. We desire you to request our
wish to the Rajah that this Man may be left at
Liberty to come to Madrass when the Nabob wants
him and in the mean Time as the Dubeer is
apprehensive that his life is not safe whilst his
Enemies are in power at the Rajah's Court. We
direct that you give him Protection whenever he
may require it from you

We are
Sir
your most obed. Servants
George Stratton
Jh. Council

Fort St George
27 June 1777

The following Letter was received
from Colonel Harper on the 27th June

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I arrive here the 20th Inst. at
Night and the next day received of Major Brown
the Command of the Troops with some public
Papers he received from Lt Colonel Harper and
others from general Stuart, immediately on my
arrival

From Major Brown
acquainting of his
Arrival at Tanjore
& of his first Visit
to the Rajah

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arrival I gave information to the Rajah, and requested he would appoint a time when it would be convenient to him, that I should do myself the honor to pay him a Visit. He appointed the following day, but being then indisposed I received a Message postponing the Visit then this Morning and am now just returned from an Interview with him. I found the Rajah very much indisposed & feverish so much so that he could not enter into any Conversation on publick Business of any kind, and after giving him assurances of my being disposed to render him every Service in my Power took my leave. I shall as soon as I hear he is better do myself the Honor of visiting him again, and endeavour to get him to enter on Subjects of Publick Business. In the mean time I beg leave to assure your Honors &c. that I shall lose no time in making myself acquainted with the Situation of Affairs here and the Characters of such as have the most Influence with the Rajah. the Success of which I shall not fail to inform you &c - I have the Honor to be

Honble Sirs & Sirs

your most faithful

& obedient Humble Servant

Matt. Horne

Tanjore

23 June 1777

Received the following Report

from the Chief Engineer

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.

President & Governor &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now employed upon

Report of the Engineer

the Works

Bricklayers ---- 133

Tankdiggers ---- 577

Coolies ---- 768

Lascars ---- 94

Stonecutters ---- 51

Sundry Artificers ---- 5

Amounting in all 1028 People

I have only to remark, that the Contractor has requested of me that more Bricklayers & Tankdiggers may be brought on: as he has not at present near sufficient for the Works to be carryed on. In hopes you will be pleased to give the necessary orders for their being collected

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Honble Sir & Gentlem.

your most obedient &

most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
22d June 1777

1st/

Received the following Letters —

From Lt Colonel Patrick Ross

Sir.

I have received the favor of your Letter of the 2d inclosing an Extract of Minutes of Consultation and a Paragraph of the Honble Company's General Letter of the 24th Decr last whose Contents, I shall eagerly embrace the first occasion, to execute.

Sam

Sir

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Sir,

Fort St George
30th June 1777

your most humble Servant,
James Kirkpatrick
Lt Colonel Commt of
Fort Marlborough

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt Colo Kirkpatrick
in reply to Capt
Livingstons Repre-
-sentation

As I find that Captain Livingston the late Adjutant General has thought proper to address you on the Subject of my appointment from the Honble the Court of Directors feeling fault therewith and expressing his surprize thereat, and founding his hopes of being reestablished on some promises which he received from Sir Robt Fletcher, I must beg leave, in answer thereto, to observe that I was the first Adjutant General that was ever appointed on this Establishment & the only one whose appointment has been confirmed by the Honble Court of Directors and indeed I cannot conceive it a greater hardship on Captain Livingston than it would be on Lt Colonel Nixon or Major Cook, should the Field officers whose duty they perform and whose Rank they hold nominally during their absence on England, return to the Coast, in which case Lt Colonel Nixon & Major Cook would I presume return to their original Rank of Major & Captain since no Rank or Appointment of a Field Officer can be confirmed

but

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but by the express approbation of the Court of
Directors and as the nominal Rank of Lieut.
Colonel is annexed to the office of Adjutant Gen.
I conceive Captain Livingstons removal to be a
similar case. I must beg leave also to observe that
previous to my departure from this coast for
England, I received the firmest assurances from Sir
Robert Fletcher, that he would afford me all his
Interest to return to the Post, & that he should give
whatever officer might succeed to it during my
absence to understand that he expected I should
come out with the same appointment confirmed
by the Honble Court of Directors. when I was in
England that Captain Russell had succeeded to the
office, had so soon after resigned it & was succeeded
by Captain Ludington who was allowed to keep
his Battalion of Sepoys. I was fully persuaded in
my own Mind that S.r Rob.t Fletcher had not concealed
from them the probability there was of their being
displaced for a confirmation of which I take the
Liberty to the Honble Board to the following Extract
of a Letter from Sir Robert Fletcher to Mr. Dampier
the original of which I have also the Honor to
enclose

" This serves merely to introduce
"and recommend to you Lt. Col.l Crosby. he is much
"of a Gentleman. and an Officer of great Merit, as
"such, and as my Friend I recommend him to you.
"General Goddard is extremely attached to him
"and wishes as I do, that he may return not only
"to his Rank, but to his Post of Adjutant General
"which he is very deserving" dated Fort St George

June

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June 30th 1775. this letter was seen both by Mr Roberts the Chairman & Mr James the Deputy Chairman.

As Captain Edwardstown on behalf of his own claims has given into the Board extracts of some Paragraphs of Letters given on his Favor I should be wanting in justice to myself however I may be averse to Egotism, were I not to request of the Honble Board to cast a retrospect to the Commander in Chiefs Letters relative to the Battle of Trinomally and the Siege of Pellaur & Tanjore wherein he was pleased to mention me as also to his Report and the review of my Batt.n of Sepoys at Trichinopoly in the year 1771.— It is far from my thoughts to take from Captain Edwardstowns Merit as an Officer on the contrary I very readily subscribe to all that has been ascribed to him; but at the same time I hope that the Vouchers of my Conduct abovementioned together with eighteen years Service to the Honble Company and the greater part of which on actual Service will be considered to be at least equal to what Captain Livingstown has urged in his favor more especially as he came to this Country but a few years ago & is yet but a young Captain on the list of the Army. as Captain Livingstown has expressed a desire that his Letter to the Honble Board should stand on record I beg leave to request the same indulgence for mine

Your Honble Sirs

I hope so readily declared my Appointment to the Office notwithstanding Captain Livingstones

Representation

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representations. nervous this Letter is some measure unnecessary. yet as this letter is to be Transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors I think I cannot in justice to myself & to those Gentlemen who apprentice me be silent on the occasion. I therefore hope you will excuse this trouble. I have the honor to remain with the most perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
30th June 1777

your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. W. M. Crosby
Lieut. Genl.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I herewith lay before you the

Chief Engineers Report of the Progress of the Works during the last three Months

Progress of the Works for these last three Months

and remain with great respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Fort St George
1st July 1777

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

Work performed from the 23d of March to the
30th June 1777

Body of the Place

Exterior & Interior Elevation
of the Southwest Gateway Chunnam & Compleat
Outer Gates of the same Facing with their
Foundations

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Fastenings &c. Exterior facing of the Parapet
completed & pointed in Chunam from the
East Flank of the Ravelin to the newly erected
Flank of the Royal Bastion Drains completed
and the Arch Work of the Northwest Gateway
and its Communication Galleries finished

Southwest Caponiere

The Terreplein made good.
and gravelled. Parapets & Banquets raised on
Brick & pointed & the Bridge on the Retrenchment
between the Caponiere & Ravelin finished

Southwest Ravelin

The Terreplein & Floors of
Casemates made good and gravelled. Doors of the
latter finished and a Temporary Bridge of this
Ravelin completed Exterior facing of Parapet
finished

Place of Arms - before the Southwest
Ravelin completed with its Traverses,
Palisadoes, Barriers &c. this Court & Terreplein
thereof made good & gravelled.

Parapets of Outworks

Exterior facing completed
of the Southwest and Northwest Lunettes of Southwest
Works with Brick. Southernmost Lunette of Northwest
Outworks made good in Earth

Sortie - Road made good and gravelled.
and its Revetment completed.

Gallery of
Communication round the Counterscarp

Nearly completed from the
Saliant Angle of St Georges to the Saliant Angle

F

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of the Nabobs Bastion Foundation of Traverses &
the covered Way &c Laid.
North Lunette &c N W Outworks
Exterior Revetment completed
and Cordon laid
Glacis
Nearly formed & completed
from the Salient Angle of the Nabobs to the salient
Angle of St Georges Bastion
The Workmen are now employed
in finishing the Gallery of communication, pre-
-paring for the Work at South East angle in separa-
-ting the Tenaillons to the Southward, & in completing
the Glacis.

Patrick Ross

Fort St George
1st July 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have just now, the following

From Captain Duncan advising of the Designs of the Nizam on the Territory of Bazalet Jung

Intelligence brought me ten days from Adoni that the whole of that Town and Country, were then in the greatest Consternation, and all the Inhabitants & People of Property either had deserted it, or were preparing to do so.

That it was reported, that the Nizam had made a demand of the Fort of Adoni from his Brother Bazalet Jung, to be delivered up to Hyder Ali Beg (Donja) who would take possession of it with the Forces under his Command. That

the

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he should also deliver up to him, his youngest Brother, who has been long in his custody, and take up his own Residence at Radnelore, another Fort in the Canara Country ~

Bazalat Jung it is said, has peremptorily refused to comply with these demands, and has declared, that rather than do so, he will throw himself into the Hands of Hyder, & submit himself entirely to him ~

I have also Accounts from Gutte, that Hyder was advanced into that Country, at least, that large Bodys of his Troops were there, some of whom had already committed depredations, on the Skirts of the Moore Country.

What credit is to be given to all these Reports, I will not take upon me to say, but that they are in some Circumstance at Moore, & that the Soucars &c. are removing from it, I believe may be depended on - of this I have also confirmation, from Gunboor, from whence it is also added, that they are apprehensive, of both the Nizam & Hyder, having Intentions on that Circar. I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your very faithful &
most obedient Servant
Alex.r Duncan

Onjole
26th June 1777

2.

Received the following Letter
from Captain Dungloun

To the Honble the President & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

On

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From Captain Baingtown in reply to Lt Col. Cosby

On perusing Lieut. Colonel Cosbys letter to you of the 30th Ulto. I find myself under the necessity of giving you the further trouble of a short answer in order that the real meaning of my letter to the Board dated the 27th of last Month may be perfectly understood

Lieut. Col. Cosby in the beginning of his letter says I find fault with his appointment from the Honble the Court of Directors and that I found my hopes on promises I had from Sir Robert Fletcher. I presume the Honble the Board and Court of Directors will hardly consider an humble representation of Facts as finding fault. and my expectations are from from the Commission granted me by the Honble the President & Council. The known candour of the Honble the Court of Directors when they are made acquainted with particulars and the practice of every Military Establishment in Europe.

In respect to that of Lieut. Col. Nixon & Major Cooke being a similar case to mine. I must observe that Lieut. Cols Boyonet Braithwaite and Billingham were sent home with leave to return with their Rank, which was denied to Lieut. Colonel Cosby as the following Extract from Minutes of Consultation 1st July 1775 will shew.

EXTRACT of Minutes of Consultation 1st July 1775

ORDERED. that the Secretary do acquaint Colonel Cosby that he has the Permission of the Board to return to Europe on Family Affairs. but that his request of keeping vacant the office of Adjutant General till his return to this Establishment cannot

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he should else deliver up to him, his youngest Brother, who has been long in his Custody, and take up his own Residence at Ravedroog, another Fort in the Ghaut Country —

Bazalet Jung it is said, has peremptorily refused to comply with these demands, and has declared, that rather than do so, he will throw himself into the hands of Hyder, & submit himself entirely to him —

I have also Accounts from Gutte, that Hyder was advanced into that Country, at least, that Large Bodys of his Troops were there, some of whom had already committed depredations on the Skirts of the Ghaut Country.

What Credit is to be given to all these Reports, I will not take upon me to say, but that they are in some Degree at Moment, & that the Sircars &c. are seriously frightened, I believe may be depended on — of this I have also confirmation, from Gooty, from whence it is also added, that they are apprehensive, of both the Nizam & Hyder, having Intentions on that Circar. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

Your very faithful &
most obedient Servant
Alex^r Duncan

Cuddalore
26th June 1777

2.

Received the following Letter
from Captain Cuddington

To the Hon^ble the President & Council of
Fort St George

Hon^ble Sir & Sirs

On

1165. Fort St George July 17th 1777

From Captain Baingtoun in reply to Lt Col. Cosby

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Lieut. Col. Cosby in the beginning of his letter says I find fault with his appointment from the Honble the Court of Directors and that I found my hopes on promises I had from Sir Robert Fletcher — I presume the Honble the Board and Court of Directors will hardly consider an humble representation of Facts as finding fault and my expectations are from from the Commission granted me by the Honble the President & Council. The known candour of the Honble the Court of Directors, when they are made acquainted with particulars and the practice of every Military Establishment in Europe.

In respect to that of Lieut. Col. Nixon & Major Cooks being a similar case to mine, I must observe that Lieut. Colo Boyonet Braithwaite and Billingham went home with leave to return with their Rank, which was denied to Lieut. Colonel Cosby as the following Extract from Minutes of Consultation 1 July 1775 will shew.

Extract of Minutes of Consultation 1st July 1775

RESOLVED. that the Secretary do acquaint Colonel Cosby that he has the Permission of the Board to return to Europe on Family Affairs, but that his request of keeping vacant the office of Adjutant General till his return to this Establishment cannot

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he should also deliver up to him, his youngest Brother, who has been long in his Custody, and take up his own Residence at Ravedoor, another Fort in the Canara Country ~

Bazalet Jung it is said, has peremptorily refused to comply with these demands, and has declared, that rather than do so, he will throw himself into the Hands of Hyder, & submit himself entirely to him ~

I have also Accounts from Gutte, that Hyder was advanced into that Country, & that that large Body of his Troops were there, some of whom had already committed depredations on the Skirts of the Canara Country.

What Credit is to be given to all these Reports I will not take upon me to say, but that they are in some Consternation at Mysore, & that the Soucars &c. are removing from it, I believe may be depended on ~ of this I have also confirmation from Goudoor, from whence it is also added, that they are apprehensive, of both the Nizam & Hyder having Intentions on that Circar. I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

your very faithful &
most obedient Servant
Alex.r Duncan

Bangalore
26th June 1777

2.°

He incloses the following Letter

from Captain Edmonstone

To the Honble the President & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

On

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From Captain Boneytown in reply to Lt Colo Cosby

On perusing Lieut.t Colonel Cosbys letter to you of the 30th Ulto. I find myself under the necessity of giving you the further trouble of a short answer in order that the real meaning of my letter to the Board dated the 27th of last Month may be perfectly understood

Lieut.t Colo. Cosby in the beginning of his letter says I find fault with his appointment from the Honble the Court of Directors and that I found my hopes on promises I had from Sir Robert Fletcher — I presume the Honble the Board and Court of Directors will hardly consider an humble representation of Facts as finding fault. and my expectations are from from the Commission granted me by the Honble the President & Council. The known candour of the Honble the Court of Directors when they are made acquainted with particulars and the practice of every Military Establishment in Europe.

In regard to that of Lieut. Colo. Nixon & Major Cooke being a similar case to mine, I must observe that Lieut. Colo Boyonet Brickenridge and Billingham went home with leave to return with their Rank, which was denied to Lieut.t Colonel Cosby as the following Extract from Minutes of Consultation 1 July 1775 will shew.

Extract of Minutes of Consultation 1 July 1775

ORDERD. that the Secretary do acquaint Colonel Cosby that he has the Permission of the Board to return to Europe on Family Affairs, but that his request of keeping vacant the office of Adjutant General till his return to this Establishment cannot

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cannot be complied with.

As regard to Sir Robert Fletchers
Promise of giving whosoever should succeed Col.
Cosby to understand that they only kept the Office
until his return, from my knowledge of Capt.
Rusel I am persuaded he never would have
accepted of it on such terms and I solemnly declare
that I never would have any such thing ever been
hinted to me. and as to keeping the Command of
Battalion of Sepoys I look upon that as no more
than Lieut. Col. Cosbys keeping his Company.

I hope the Board will
grant me the indulgence of transmitting this
Letter with my former to the Honble the Court
of Directors I have the honor to be with the
greatest respect

Fort St George
2. July 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs
your devoted & obedient Servant
James Pettingrew

3.

From Captain Williams

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Capt Williams requesting to be excused from receiving on Board the Invalids

I am extremely sorry to inform
you that I cannot take the Invalids on Board
the application came so late, that I have not
time to lay in Provisions & Water, likewise I am
obliged to leave my Cooper & his Mate in the
Hospital very Ill and no more Water Casks than
what are full. which is not water enough for

such

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such additional Number of Men, on that
Account you will please to order that they
may not be sent on board. I am
Hond.le Sir & Sirs
your most obed.t Servant
Step.n Williams

Fort St George
3.d July 1777

Received from St Edward
Hughes the following Letter inclosing Copy of one
from Mess.rs Russell & Stone.

From St Edwards
Hughes inclosing
Copy of a Letter
from Mess.rs
Russell & Stone

Sir & Gentlemen
Having just now received a
Letter from Mess.rs Russell & Stone, of which I send
you a Copy enclosed, I must desire of you to make
me such reply thereunto for my information,
as to you shall appear just: till I have your
answer I cannot determine what Conduct
it will be necessary for me to pursue on this
Occasion I am
Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

Salisbury in
Madrapatam
3.d day of July 1777

To Sir Edward Hughes Commodore
& Commander in Chief of His
Majestys Ships in the
East Indies

Sir.

We have the pleasure to inform
you that, by a Vessel just arrived from Suez with
advices

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advices to Lord Pigot. We learn that the East India Company, upon a Ballot have, by a great Majority, reinstated his Lordship in the Government - and as We find by the Musters Report, that a Vessel is stationed to the Southward by the Gentlemen in the present administration, to stop all Dispatches from Suez, and that she gave Chace to him for that purpose, after having demanded his Packet. We think it highly necessary to apprize you of such violent unwarrantable Conduct, not doubting that you will take such Steps as Commander of His Majestys Squadron as may appear proper to prevent such extraordinary Exertion of Power, as well as to secure the safety of the expected Packets and the full execution of the Orders from the Company

We have the Honor to be
Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servants
Edwd Ravenscroft
J. M. Stone

(Signed)

Copy

In Reply to which we dispatched was

the following
To Sir Edward Hughes
Commodore & Commander in Chief
of His Majestys Ships in
India
Sir

We have had the honor to receive

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To Sir Lewis's Fr. person reply to the above.

I receive your Letter of this date inclosing a Copy of one addressed to you by Messrs Rupell & Stone, and requesting us to make such reply thereto for your Information as to you shall appear just

The Gentlemen acquainting you in their Letter that a Pigot past arrived from Suez with Advices for the late Lord Pigot, was chased by another Pigot which from the Masters Report they took to be stationed to the Southward by the Gentlemen of the present Administration to stop all Dispatches from Suez

In reply to this Intelligence We shall for your Satisfaction beg leave to inform you that the Report of any Vessel having been stationed to the Southward for the purpose above-mentioned either by us or with our Knowledge, is totally false, such an intention never entered our Minds, and We think it necessary with the view of removing any impressions which may have been caused by this extraordinary Report to observe to you, that We shall as We have always intended and as our Duty requires contribute as far as lies in our power to the full Execution of the Companys Orders whatever they may be

We have the Honor to be
Sir
your most obed. humb. Servants
George Stratton &c.

Fort St George
3d July 1777

Additional Letter to the Company by Hector -

1st The Hector having been detained at the Request of Sr Edward Hughes a Letter of this date is addressed to the Court of Directors with Copies of the Letters to & from Sr E. Hughes & from Messrs Rupell & Stone —

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble George Stratton Esqr President

Saturday the 5th July 1777

Chandale

Henry Brooke, James Stuart

Arcdale Palmer, Francis Fourdan

George Mackay

In consequence of the resolution of Consultation the 30th Ulto a General Court Martial is ordered to sit in this Garrison on Monday the 7th Instant of which Colonel Flint is appointed President.

From the Rajah of Tanjore with a Bill on Mr. Taylor for 25,000 Pr.

Read a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore assuring Country Cor. &c. &c. advising that he has sent a Bill of exchange on Mr. James Taylor by the Means of Mr. Jones for 25,000 Pagodas in part of his Kist for May.

The mode of Remittance impro- per

The President is desired to acknow- -ledge the Receipt of the above Letter and to inform the Rajah that is improper to remit any of his Payments to the Company by means of the English Gentlemen, and that he must in future adopt some other mode

Cadets appointed.

The following Gentlemen are appointed Cadets on this Establishment to rank next after those who may be sent out this Season by the Company Viz.

Messrs. ——— Copeland

John Allen

——— Thompson

——— Lindsay for the Artillery

John Jones

John Barras

Tho.s Weatherhead

Mr.

1771. Fort St George 5th July 1771

Mr Floyer, who came here a few days ago from Masulipatam with the Permission of the Board for the recovery of his health, having been invited by the President to attend Councils, the Board take under their Consideration whether Mr Floyer during his Stay here shall have a Seat & Voice at such Councils as his Health may permit him to attend. They are of Opinion that although it is not usual to allow a Chief of a Subordinate Settlement residing here on leave of absence on account of his health to preserve Affairs to have a Voice at the Board, yet in the present Case as Mr Floyer was at the Board during the Proceedings which passed previous to, and on the 2d August last, and as orders may be very soon expected from the Court of Directors relative to those Proceedings on which the advice and assistance of Mr Floyer may be necessary they think he should have a Seat & Voice in Council during his residence at the Presidency, and the Secretary is directed to summon him accordingly.

Mr Floyer

Mr Jourdan & Mackay enter the following Minute on the occasion

We believe the Constitution of the Service gives every Member of the Council a Seat & Vote in Council at the Presidency whenever he happens to be there, notwithstanding he is Chief of a Subordinate but the Custom of the Service at this Settlement has generally been that Chiefs coming to the Presidency on their private affairs or for the recovery of their Health have not voted at the Council Board

Minute of Mr Jourdan & Mackay

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1772. Fort St. George 5th July 1772

Board and We have known Instances of Ships being refused Water. If therefore we are for observing this Rule in general. In the present Case for the Reasons given we are for Mr Floyers having a Seat & Vote in Council during his Residence here.

General Stuart requests the Board will now come to some Determination respecting His Allowances as Commander in Chief & Colonel before and since the Death of Sir Robert Fletcher.

The Allowances to General Stuart before & after Sir Robert Fletchers Death

Resolved that Brigadier General Stuart do receive the Pay & Emoluments of Commander in Chief from the 24th December the day on which Sir Robert Fletcher died at Masulipatam, but that the Batta of Colonel which General Stuart has received from the 24th December be deducted therefrom agreeably to a Minute of Consultation the 14th December last

A Narrative from Lieut. Col. Horne respecting the Nature of the late Lord Pigots Instrument, and the treatment he received at the Mount having been delivered in before the Dispatch of the Hector, as likewise an Account of Lord Pigots Disorder by Mr Pixley the Head Surgeon. Copies of these Papers were sent to the Court of Directors by that Ship, and the Papers themselves are ordered to be entered in this Place together with sundry Letters from the Officers of Artillery who severally attended Lord Pigot at the Mount, certifying the Nature of his Confinement, and the Behaviour of Lieut. Colonel Horne towards them

On the

1773 Fort St George 5th July 1773

Narrative of Colonel Horne respecting Lord Pigot's treatment at the Mount

On the 24 August 1776 about 9 o'Clock at Night Captain Lysaght came to my House accompanied by Lord Pigot and delivered me a Paper with the presence of his Lordship containing orders from Colonel Stuart acting Commander in Chief of the Forces to take under my Charge and Custody the Person of Lord Pigot &c. upon which I presume are on publick record, after perusing them I addressed his Lordship to know of him the Contents of those orders, his answer was that he imagined the purport was for me to receive him under my Charge, and he was happy they had made choice of a Man whom he had long known to be a Man of Honor, and who he was confident would not suffer any indignity to be shewn him, I assured his Lordship of every respect and attention in my Power - he then wrote a few Lines to Mr. Monkton which he read and desired Captain Lysaght deliver, I immediately mounted an Officers Guard with orders to shew Lord Pigot the same Honours he received in the Fort of Madras, and extended these orders to the Main Guard and all Centinels at the Mount. We afterwards went to supper, at which his Lordship appeared more chearfull than I could be expected, soon after ten o'clock Mr. Dalrymple arrived and gave his Lordship an account of their imagining he had been carryed to Tripatuck, and their going thither &c. with Captain Kelly, and wanted to have taken his Lordship aside, which at that Juncture being improper I intimated it to his Lordship in the most civil the most respectfull manner

which

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which he appeared sensible of and declined going out of my hearing and Mr Dalrymple taking leave, his Lordship retires to his apartment, the only convenient and cool room my House affords, those particulars if material can be corroborated by Mr Sutliff and Doctor Mallet, who happened to be with me when his Lordship arrived.

On the 25th in the morning Mess.rs Russell, Dalrymple, Latham, Monckton & a Number of other Gentlemen arrived to visit his Lordship all of whom had free access to him, and among the rest Commodore Sir Edward Hughes.

My House being very full and many of the Gentlemen appearing to be agitated and talking [illegible] on matters than I thought was respectfull before me. I was induced to speak to Sir Edward Hughes and shew him my instructions in presence of his Lordship. I made choice of Sir Edward, as the Person of most consequence there and consequently was likely to have the most effect on those Gentlemen who appeared to me to be most dissatisfied otherwise I should have had no occasion to have given the slightest intimation to Sir Edward of wishing him to restrain his conversation in the smallest degree, however my speaking to Sir Edward &c. did not produce all the effect I wished for — I therefore judged it necessary to shew Mr Monckton a Paragraph I received that day from the Board respecting Mr Russell which appeared to me intended to be a caution to him and of course might have a proper effect on others and I am firmly of opinion it had — I must

Here

1775. Fort S.t George 5.th July 1775

Sure do Lord Pigot the justice to say, that his own
Conduct the whole day was no ways censurable
on the contrary he appeared to moderate the
discourses of many of those about him, and on
the Evening and the two next Days was quite
composed and seemed to make himself quite
easy in his situation

On the 27.th about 1 o Clock
at night Lieut.t Col.o Livingtoun arrived with an
order to me to deliver his Lordship into his Custody
in order to convoke him. I refer for particulars of
what passed that night to my Letter to the
Commander in Chief. Referred to him by
Colonel Livingtoun, and to the Colonel's deposition
which I understand has been sworn to before a
Magistrate

On the 28.th Sir Edward Hughes
again came to the Mount when Lord Pigot made
a demand of the Protection of the Kings Flag
assigning for a reason that his Person was not
safe where he was, and expressing apprehensions
of intended foul play if he was removed up the Country
and appealed to me and every Person about to know
if his Conduct had not been proper & inoffensive
since his arrival at the Mount, which Testimony
I could not refuse him. In urging his demands
of the Kings protection to the Commodore, His Lordship
Passions rose to a degree of Frenzy little short of
what they had been the night before, calling the
Members of the present Government Traitors
Rebels &c.a and that he would hang every Man
that was any ways concerned in depriving him

of

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of this Government £6:5:6 for the Truth of which
and other particulars of those demands I refer
to the Commodore notwithstanding the part I
had acted the Night before in his Lordships favr
by pledging my Life & Honor to the Government,
through Colonel Bonington for his safety & taking
upon me in conjunction with the Colonel to oppose
carrying into execution the Governments orders.
yet he shewd little difference to any assurance I could
make him, and He, or rather the party about him
effected to say he could not sleep in safety except
Sir Edward remained at the Mount, and to oblige
them, he for some Nights slept in a small Room
adjoining to his Lordships, while he was writing
to the Board and receiving answers relative to the
protection of the Pagoda during this period his
Lordships Partizans were constantly bringing
him false alarms of parties of the Nabobs Horse
being hovering about with intention to seize
him: and at Nights of partys of Foreigners marching
from the Roads - These every means to persuade
him there was not the smallest Truth in these
Reports - nor did I give more Credit to those I
received from Madras, respecting Captain Forbes
however I thought it it prudent to be always on
my Guard, and one day when a report of a large
of Troops being more positively asserted to be
in motion than usual, his Lordship took me
aside and expressed a sense of the Service I had
rendered to him in not putting him in possession
of Colonel Bonington, and his hopes that I then
would not allow him to be seized. I told him after
the

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the promise the Governor had given the Commodore I was certain there could be no truth in these Reports, but as he had his fears and could not put any confidence in the promise made, to satisfy him gave him my word of honor that I would protect him against all the Forces in the Carnatick until I should send to the Governor and Council and also for his satisfaction in the Commodore and receive their orders he took me by the hand thanked me and told me from that moment he should rest satisfied, paid me some Compliment on the good order I had brought the Corps to, who he had experienced more steady and implicitly obedient to all orders I gave, and though the Party continued to propogate continual Alarms I never afterwards saw his Lordship pay any attention to them, and he by degrees resumed a chearfulness equal to whatever I could discern in him ever since I first knew him, as was as agreable Company at Table as I ever knew. His usual custom after these alarms was after Breakfast to walk out accompanied by me or the Officer of his Guard and any other Gentlemen casually, and amuse himself about the Mount, or at Mr Monktons, and making improvements in the Offices & Gardens, then Dinner, and the same in the Evening when generally Mr Monktons Family drank Tea & sometimes with us, but as they kept a Table there the Party in their Interest had constant access, they seldom chose to dine or sup with us for some time nor did many of their Partizans. altho' I

constantly

1778. Fort St George 5th July 1777

constantly for some Months as his such as could visit his Lordship, and both myself and Family used every means in our power to render his Lordships residence easy and agreable to him — and no Account ever chose to hear or take notice of any reflexions or insinuations to sometimes thrown out, which his situation was natural enough for him to do: sometimes Mr. Hinkston and many others of his party were more imprudent, may indeed Just out of respect to Lord Pigot and determining if possible not to give him uneasiness on any account We took no notice of any thing they were constantly flinging out, however disagreable to our feelings, one Night I was under the necessity of deviating from this rule, but was forced to it by his Lordship, and as it is the only instance that his party can urge of my speaking to him any ways disrespectfully — I shall here relate whatever passed

The first Quarter Sessions after his Lordship's residence at the Mount, having met & adjourned until next morning any business his Lordship the Night after at supper where there were many Officers present, was observing how he had warn'd the People in power at Madras not to prevent him executing his legal Functions at the Quarter Sessions, which they having done and fearing they had not legal Authority to hold the Sessions themselves — had brought matters in a fine Situation that Robbery Murder or any other Crimes might be committed with impunity, and there was no authority to punish the Perpetrators — and that this situation subjected even to the Military for Courts Martial could not act

1779 Fort St George 5th July 1779

act legally, for the Commissions the Officers held under the present Mock Government were not worth a Straw. Captain Kennedy observed in a facetious manner that surely those they had paid for twice were good for something. I stopt the Captain, thinking the public safety required my shewing his Lordship the impropriety of holding such a discourse in presence of those Officers who were acting under me, and shew they were acting on a just cause.

I then addressed his Lordship, first premising that it was probable that an investigation would take place were his Lordships conduct as well as those of his opponents would be minutely enquired into and that I pledged myself that I would then stand forth and meet any Charge his Lordship could bring against me in any shape whatever. I then asserted that there were no just grounds for his assertions of a want of Justice, It was true the Quarter Sessions had been adjourned and its being so was no new thing. as the same had often been done on various occasions, that said to be the present season was rather proper than otherways, as they wished to have More Minds satisfied by such opinions as the Judges might send from Bengal, that from shewing this moderation very different conclusions than those his Lordship drew might to be assigned, and that for bearing to act in their Judicial Capacity for a small space of time on such Motives, was praise worthy - and that he might rest assured the Sessions would sit & try every Criminal who's Fate might

be

1180. Fort S. George 5th July 1777

be committed to Prison. and respecting the Military I must take the Liberty to assert that I was convinced the Officers Commissaries were now as legal as ever, ever were during either the first or late Government, and that they would hold Courts Martial and maintain order and discipline among the Troops. His Lordship immediately changed the discourse and never afterwards took the smallest notice of it to me. however at Mr. Monkton's I was almost daily informed by my officers who where occasionally there that the common Topick of discourse was reviling and abusing all those who were not declared of their party. that Rascals, Rebels, Traitors &c. were the common Epitaphs, for all those in the Government or who adhered to them and threats of hanging &c. constantly thrown out, Letters from every part of India that seemed favorable to their party were read to every Person & in short every means were used to raise & keep up a party. The Officers often complained to me of such indecent discourses before them, and many of them could with difficulty be prevailed to go there, except on Duty with his Lordship.

In the beginning of January his Lordship one day coming home from Mr. Monkton's about an hour earlier than usual appeared to be much agitated, and at Dinner could eat nothing though at Mrs. Hoopes's intreaties he several times attempted, when dinner was over he took me into the Garden, and told me he had information in the Board were debating about sending him a board Ship, and declaring he had settled in his own

Mind

1781. Fort St George 5th July 1777

Mind and would lose his life rather than be taken
or removed from where he was to any place
whatsoever except this Fort, until orders arrived
from England, that he was uneasy on account of
his Children, for what might happen otherways
he did not on his own account care a Straw. &
and appeared quite desperate. I endeavoured to ease
his Mind by assuring him if any resolutions of the
kind were come to, timely notice would be given
him to prepare and every Honor & respect shewn
him, however all I could say had little effect & he
seemed to be very apprehensive of being suddenly
seized and bound fast before he could make
resistance - as I was certain no such mean
measures could even be intended, to ease his Mind
I gave him my Honor that he should not be kidnaped
or carried away in any disgraceful manner from
the Mount, and that I would at the hazard of my
life protect him till I had sent down, and had
received from next regular orders, upon which he
should have notice as soon as I received them -
after expressing thanks he told me he was satisfied
and should go to rest with safety: however he declined
going out as usual until I informed him that the
Board had come to a resolution of not sending him
to Europe - Mr Macpherson now in England has
matter to corroborate the Truth of this.

I had at the time the Board
sent him an offer to reside at any of the Bungalows
or proceed to England on the Grenville had some
discourse with his Lordship about accepting
the offer, but he would not hear of any thing

that

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that looked like a quarrelling or any offer or measure
with those who he asserted were Usurpers of his
right &c.— However I again resumed on this
occasion that Subject and intimated, if he rather
chose to remain at the Mount, if he would give his
word of Honor to remain quiet and not in any
manner disturb the present Government
until the Company should decide between his
Lordship & them, I was persuaded they would
drop all all thoughts of sending him to Europe, or
even keeping him longer under restraint, but
his answer was as pointed as ever, that he would
never dishonour himself by entering into Promises
or having any manner of Engagements or hold
any Faith with Men who had stript him of his
Government and were Rebels.

From this time his Lordship
continued as usual in walking about in the
Neighbourhood or in the Garden with every Mark
of Satisfaction and appeared to be in as good
Health as Man could possibly enjoy— and when
the Hot Season set in he could not be perswaded
from continuing among his Workmen in the
Garden as usual although the Officers who
accompanied him could not stand it and used to
retire to the House to avoid the Heat of the Sun.
to his Lordships coldness could be perswaded and used to
say he never was effected by the heat, the consequence
was that on Wednesday the 5th of March he found
himself unwell, but would not give way to it, and
on Thursday we went out again, but still found
himself unwell, and as usual when he was any
ways

1783. Fort St George 5th July 1783

ways out of order eat only a little Broth, Imentions
Mr Pasley to him that day and asks his Lordships
if he had not better be sent for. He declared it
and imagined his Complaint was Tertiary and
I believe had something from Mr Mallet that
Day. on Friday he appeared to me to grow worse
and I advised Mr Monkton to send for Pasley but he
did not do it. The Town Major supposing at the
Mount that Evening, I desired him to inform
the Governor that Night if possible that Lord Pigot
appeared to me to be very much out of order and I
wished Mr Pasley to come out 6h. on Saturday Morning
The Doctor arrived and from that Period I shall
refer to him and the other Gentlemen of the Faculty
who attended his Lordship to give an account
of the Progress and nature of his Disorder

But lest any misrepresentation
should appear of a Tendency to infer that his Sickness
was occasioned by any severe restraint or want of
Exercise - I must here observe and declare in the face
of the whole world that he never was under any
restraint whatever except going into the Garrison
of Fort St George which I was determined to prevent,
no limits were ever assigned to his Lordship or any
ways prescribing the distance of his Walks, nor can
any Person whatever say where or to what distance
I fixt his bounds or that any were ever fixt at all;
I was sure of being informed by the Orderly of 6h. if Lord
Pigots motions, and should have prevented danger
to the Government, but so far from limiting his
Lordships to any distance or even to walking, that
on the contrary soon after his arrival at the Mount

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1786. Fort St George 5th July 1777

redress from home, but had no great expectations
from Bengal unanimity that Board would
not interfere - at least on no decisive manner
and sumed much disappointed on receipt of their
dispatches - when the Packets were sent to
England he appeared to me unclonable to wait
the result in patience, but those about him
constantly urged him to endeavour as much as
possible and he too easily came into their views
one of their objects was to throw impediments
in the way of the Government relative to the
Quarter Sessions. Andrew Ross was their Oracle
in this measure - he frequently has been writing
in his Lordship's room and staying down the
Law to him, till one or two o'Clock in the morning night
caused the Letter to be wrote I have reason to believe
to the Commodore on that Subject, accused the
Measures of the prosecutions in the Mayors
Court &c. Monckton, Smyth, Stone &c. were
constantly bringing him letters and advices
from all their Correspondents and were the
means of his countenancing every measure they
imagined would keep up the spirit of their party
and throw difficulties in the way of the present
Government - which had he been left to himself
he would never have thought of - what secret
Transactions he might have (if any) relative to
the Country Governments, must have been carry'd
on at M.r. Monktons where he has been in the
Rooms up Stairs and the Officers left below fre-
quently for many hours together, and there those
of the Party used often to be

On

1784. Fort St George 5th July 1779

On the 28th April this Lordship informed me the Doctors thought it advisable to remove him to the Company's Garden House, and as the Land Winds then expected soon to set in, might be more favourable than at the Mount. and that he could there have the attendance of Doctor Pasley without entirely depriving the rest of the Settlement of his assistance. he therefore had consented to remove thither - that if I would give him leave he meant to make a present of something to the Soldiers for their good behaviour and if I approved it, thought a Short a piece would do them more service than Money. I said me a Compliment and desired his respects to Mrs Stevens & her Sister. - on getting into his Palanken he took me by the hand to take leave. when I told him I would do myself the honor of attending him as far as the Company's Gardens. which he having done. I left him, but after dinner the Governor informing me I was not released from my Charge - but must still have the same at the Gardens. I had at the Mount, I in the Evening called there, informed Mr Monkton of it. but at the same time told him his Lordship had no occasion to be informed of it, and having given orders to the Guards to admit of no noise in the Neighbourhood. I returned to the Mount, and from thence the next day to my own House on Choultry Plain - on the 10th of May I received orders to take off all Charge from his Lordship which was done accordingly through Mr Monkton the next day wrote me a letter

Demanding

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demanding his Lordships Body to be untied by
his Friends, a Copy of which and my answer
are on the Governors hands.

The above is a faithful
narrative to the best of my recollection of any
thing material that occurs to me at present and
which I readily shall attest if thought necessary.

Mat.w Flower

Mount
8th June 1777

Sworn to before me on
Fort St George this 9 Day
of June 1777.

George Stratton
Justice of Peace.

The Case of the Right Honble L. Pigot

His Lordship about 58 years of
Age very healthy and subject to no Constitutional
Ailments, has resided at St Thomas's Mount for
some Months - during the rains and cool seasons
he remained in perfect health — being accustomed
to much stirring and exercise he employed himself
daily till Noon (exposed to the heat of the Sun) in
Gardening repairing of Tanks &c. - The confidence
he had in his own Constitution made him per-
severe in these Amusements Contrary to the
advice of Friends - About the beginning of March
when the Weather grows hotter, appearance of
a redundancy of Bile and disturbed Secretions
took place on his Lordships. He grew listless, his
Spirits flagged perspiration became scanty Urine
hot with a feverish Disposition which obliged
him to take to his room. He remained some days in
this Situation took an Emetic and a Purge and
revisited

Mr Parsley's Account of Lord Pigots Case

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resisted the feeling of an impending illness, but
things growing more serious I was called upon
and was somewhat alarmed at the Situation I
found his Lordship in - He was in a hysterical oppression
and difficulty of breathing - prostration of Strength -
His tongue as white as a Sheet - his Urine like Sour
beer - His Skin hot & dry - His Pulse very quick &
his whole System agitated with Putrid Bile -
more Time was not to be lost - He was directed
to take immediately a Laxative Compound of Senna
Manna, Sal Rochelle Tamarinds & Fennel Seed
which in the Course of the Evening operated four
times - The Evacuations were fetid and offensive
and produced some Relief - The Laxative was repeated
in the Morning - had a good effect brought away
much putrid Bile and gave general Relief - a
Perspiration was recovered on his Skin his Tongue
looked better his Pulse swelled and less quick &
every thing favorable - He now began to use
Saline draught with Tartar Emetic which reduced
his Stomach brought up some fresh Bile and a
quantity of Glutinous Stuff that moved not
dissolve in Water - as the putrid oppressive
Complaints abated he became sensible of Pain &
tenderness in the Region of his Liver and pain of
his right Shoulder - His Laxatives was again repeated
and evacuations less putrid more produced by it -
after which he used Saline Mixture often, as a
refreshing drink and as all Symptoms of irrita-
-bility were much diminished and little more
than a feverish disposition remaining he was
directed to take some alcalizate Mercury and

Tartar

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Tartar of vitriol equal quantities Morning &
Evening to remove Fever & other Visceral
obstructions by these means proper diet
Antiphlogistic drinks and Laxatives. he became
quite well to all appearance, notwithstanding
to secure a permanent recovery. I thought proper
to apprize his Lordship that as all disorders of
the kind he had laboured under originated in
or the Liver, a Course of alkaraine deobstruents &
aperient Medicines would be highly necessary
and every other precaution in diet & exercise to
prevent relapses which might happen from
indigestions & diseased Secretions. I was at some
pains to explain these Matters to his Lordship
but from a Confidence in his Constitution & former
healthiness he could not be persuaded they were
in any respect necessary particularly as he
had not a feeling of Disease about him and his
Spirits in their usual Style - He therefore went
out again and followed his Amusements and
occupations as before - in a fortnights time
however he became sensible how imprudent
he had been in not listening to the advice he
received - His Appetite began to fail then his
Sleep grew disturbed. he grew heavy & feverish
and the whole Scene of illness was renewed
without having Strength sufficient to support
a second attack - On the Commencement of
this illness he took some Tartar Emetic and
a Purge by both he had great discharges of Bile.
They gave but little relief as he had considerable
congestion & irritation on the Liver which

occasioned

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occasioned Copious Secretions of Bile & the stoop
his fever in spite of evacuations relaxing and
deluting Medicines and a perfect obedience on
his part to every means that was necessary

As his Disorder gained ground
and the heat of the weather encreased he was moved
with his own consent to the Company's Garden
house near to the Sea. In the Course of three or four
days after his removal he was better in some
respects tho' not generally but some violent
exertions and exposing himself to cold and
fatigue threw him back again and brought
on severe Shiverings after which he gradually
declined untill he died of a slow Visceral fever,
partial Suppurations in the Substance of his
Liver & putrid Bile

Gilbert Pasley
Surgeon

Sworn to before me
George Stratton Justice of Peace

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.re
Governor &c.a Council &c.a &c.a &c.a
Honble Sir & Sirs

It being requested of the
Artillery Officers here to give in writing what
they know of the treatment the late Lord Pigot
received during his residence at the Mount,
and his his Lordships behaviour during
that time — I have frequently mounted
Guard over his Lordship — I always observed
that Col.l Horne and family behaved with
the greatest politeness and respect towards him

Reports of the Artillery Officers of Lord Pigots treatment & Behaviour

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I likewise have heard Col Horne different times observe to his Lordship, that he took too much exercise in the heat of the day. His Lordships reply used to be, that he was accustomed to exercise and fond of Gardening - His Lordship used to be fond of walking about the Cantoonments and his daily Employ for the day, used to be mostly in Mr. Monktons Garden, where he sometimes stayed from Breakfast time till about two o'clock in the afternoon, and frequently used to take the Spade and work himself - his Lordship always shewed the greatest Cheerfulness in Company, and to Col Horne & Family in particular till after his Lordships late Sickness; when soon I thought that Mr. Monkton & Family shewed towards Col Horne & Co. a Coolness - His Lordship had all the Military Honors paid him the same as Govenor and no limits to this Mark, that ever I heard of

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
A Thomson
Lieut. & Warden

St Thomas's Mount
9th July 1797

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

It being requested that the Officers here do give an Deposition of the Treatment the late Lord Pigot received during his Confinement at the Mount -

I have

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I have mounted several Guards over his Lordship
at Colonel Hosnis House, where I always observed
the greatest civility and attention paid him
by all the Family and his behaviour equally
polite & chearfull. His Lordship usually
spent the forepart of the day in Mr Hamiltons
Gardens — I have often observed to him the
exercise he there took I imagined to be too severe
for him

I never received any Orders
concerning his Lordships limits nor do I
know of any.

I have only to observe as his
Lordships illness encreased his Chearfullness
decreased, but did not perceive the civilities
which he usually received were lessened to
the time of his departure

I am with respect
Honble Sirs Yours
your most obedient
humble Servant
Thomas Hamblet
L. F. M.

Mount
9th July 1777

The Honble the President & Council
of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

during my attendance on
the Right Honble Lord Pigot, to the best of
my recollection was treated with the greatest
Respect

I am
Honble Sirs Yours
with

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With the greatest Respect
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Rich.d Jones
Lt 5th Regt

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being requested that the Officers of Artillery would give some general Account of the treatment of the late Right Honble Lord Pigot during his Confinement at the Mount, together with the reasons of his common behaviour; mine is as follows.

according to the best of my recollection

during the whole course of time that I mounted Guard according to the Rotation of duty over Lord Pigot. I have always seen the greatest attention and respect paid him by Colonel Stuart and his Family. In which he appeared sensible of

I was not acquainted with the nature of the Exercise his Lordship used to take before his Residence there, but am so far from thinking that he used too little that I have often mentioned, that I was afraid the daily Fatigue he underwent in his Garden (of which he was exceedingly fond) in the heat of the Sun would be prejudicial to his health—

As to any Restraint he might be under with Regard to the length of

his

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his Walks, I cannot form an Opinion, as I have no occasion to Guard over him, than a Copy of the Commander in Chiefs instructions to Colonel Harris, whereon it was mentioned that he was not to be out of the Officers sight. With Regard to his General behaviour I can only say, that he was commonly in good Spirits, and I have always thought that his patience, under his Disappointments redounded much to the advantage of his Character as a Man of great Abilities and Resolution

I am with all Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
and dutyfull Servant
David Smith
Lieut. of Artillery

St Thomas's Mount
10th July 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

As it is requested that I should give my Opinion to the Board of the Lieutenant Lord Pigot receives from Col. Harris during his time at the Mount. I can only declare that I never discovered his Lordship on any occasion, nor did I suspect at any time during his stay at this Place, which puts it out of my power to give any Information on that head

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs, your most obedt & humble Servant
John Macgregor
Lieutenant

1796. Fort St George 5th July 1796

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

It being requested that the Officers here do give in a Deposition of the Treatment the late Lord Pigot received during his Confinement at the Mount

I have mounted several Guards over his Lordship at Colonel Harris's House, in which I always observed the greatest Civility and attention paid to him by all the Family, and his behaviour equally polite: he generally after Breakfast past his time in Mr. Monkton's Gardens until Dinner. I often observed to his Lordship that I thought the Exercise he took was too severe for him, as I found I was not able to expose myself so much in the Sun as he did.

I never had any orders regarding his Lordship's Limits, nor did I know of any

I have only to observe that since his late Illness his behaviour seem'd more distant and cool, much more his Family, but Colonel Harris's behaviour and treatment seemed to me, to be the same from the Day of his arrival to that of his Departure

I am with respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
John Baillie
Lt. Fore Worken

Mount
10th July 1796

1797. Fort St George 5th July 1797

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

At being requested of the Officers
at St Thomas's Mount to make declarations of
what they know of the treatment Lord Pigot expe-
rienced and of his own behaviour during the time
he was there.

being on duty at Mr Cons's when
his Lordship was first sent to the Mount, and when
it was resolved to remove him to Choultry, and
being by my Office exempt from mounting Guard
my declaration must be in general terms and is
as follows.

Lieutenant Colonel Horne and
his Family shewed the greatest attention to Lord
Pigot, and behaved with the utmost politeness not
only to him but to those of his Family. I have often
heard Colonel Horne express to his Lordship, his
surprise at his being so much in the Sun, and
taking such severe exercise in the heat of the day.
I received orders daily of Colonel Horne and declare
he never gave to me any orders fixing bounds for his
Lordships Walks, on the contrary, I always under-
stood the Officer on duty was to attend him
wherever he thought proper to go.

His Lordship was polite & equal
in his behaviour & remarkably cheerful and at
Colonel Hornes Table, in fine so often as I always
saw him merry himself & promoting Mirth in
the Company.

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In January when it was reported his Lordship was to be sent to England his Spirits were much depressed, and for a few days he did not go abroad but that point being cleared up, he resumed his usual behaviour.

After his Lordship's first unfortunate seizure which came on from the beginning of March he seldom dined at Colonel Harris's being generally at Mr. Monkton's. His Exercise was chiefly in Mr. Monkton's Garden, where he generally walked from breakfast till twelve or one o'Clock & sometimes again after dinner. and he would frequently use a Spade & Trowsey & work very hard.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedient
& faithful humble Servant
Joseph. Moorhouse
Lieut. of Artillery

St Thomas's Mount
July the 5th 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

It being requested of the Officers here to give their opinion of Lord Pigots treatment during his residence at Colonel Harris's House & his behaviour in general.

I was frequently at Colonel Harris's house to Dinner & most the Evenings & generally used to play at Billiards with his Lordship. and he always appeared to me in great Spirits. and particularly at Table he would promote lively conversation

He

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He had all military Honors paid him as tho' Governor, and the greatest respect shown him at the Colonel's house, which he seemed well pleased with.

I always observed him walk much and never heard he was restricted to any particular distance. I hear by the officers that attended him that he used great exercise at old Monktons Gardens during the heat of the day till the first time he was taken ill, after which I do not observe him go about so much.

This is all I observed during his Lordships stay here.

I am Honble Sirs Sirs
your most obed Humble Servant
John Rigault
Captain

St Thomas's Mount
5th July 1777

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President Council &c &c.
Honble Sirs Sirs

Captain Lyndsay is deputed by request of the seventh assistant to the Commanded Officers of Artillery, for transmitting the Board such circumstances as they know relative to the treatment & behaviour &c of the late Right Honble George Lord Pigot during his restraint at this Mount.

As an individual I shall cannot relate such circumstances as opportunity & Duty from time to time admitted. I cannot, this time, recount many cares over his Lordships Person, during most of the former part of his detention during duty on the Rock but when I did, he always

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always appeared altogether tranquil, seemingly
unaffected at his Situation, and perfectly courteous
to every Body.— The manner of his Lordships
treatment while under the inspection of Col Stone,
and during what I saw of his Family, was every
way adequate I thought to his Rank, condition,
and Situation.— As to the time its prescribed for
Healthful Exercise, I never known of the least
restraint to which his Lordship was subjected
on that head.— I saw a Horse brought always
the times my tour of duty returned, I believe
intended for his Lordships use, which for aught
I know he might have used, accompanied
discretionally.— indeed his favorite exercise
seemed walking, which he used I may say for-
=tunes fatiguingly.— I frequently see him
occupied in Gardening— an amusement to which
he dedicated most part of this Forenoon, much
latterly, I believe, to the prejudice of his health) In
all other respects such as walking in the Evening
on the Plain, upon the Mount, or else where his
Fancy led, on all these (according to my directions)
I accompanied his Lordship within the limits
of the Mount without the least order of restric-
=tion or Insurance. Having nothing more
materially to mention, I beg leave to subscribe
myself

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most Respectful &
obedient humble Servant
Geo. Hodson

St Thomas's Mount
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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President & Governor & Council
Fort St George

Honorable Sir & Sirs

In obedience to the desire of your Honors that I should write you regarding the treatement and behaviour of Lord Pigot, during his being at St Thomas's Mount; I can only inform you that in the time of his Lordships residence at Colonel Hannes, I have often mounted Guard over him. In which time I have ever observed him treated by Colonel Hanne, and family, with all that attention and respect, due to his high rank & Station in Life. whenever his Lordship chose to walk out from his quarters. which he frequently did at all hours of the day. I then attended him. wherever he was pleased to go, but never interfered with, nor interrupted his public or private conversations with his family, his Friends, or Strangers.

His Lordship at all times treated me with every respect due to an Officer on Duty. nor did he ever appear displeased by my attendance

I am
Honorable Sir & Sirs
your most obedient humble Servant
James Gibson
Lt. 5th Regt

St Thomas's Mount
the 5th July 1777

Gentlemen

I am desired to write you of the treatment of Lord Pigot during his being at

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St Thomas's Mount. I mounted Guard over his Lordship in my tour of Duty with the Subaltern officers of Artillery: whenever his Lordship chose to walk out from Major Horne's Quarters, I attended him wherever he was pleased to go. I never interrupted his public or private Conversation with any Man.

Lord Pigot at all times treated me with every respect due to an Officer on duty, and never appeared to be displeased at my attending him.

I am Gentlemen
your obedient Servant
Thomas Sadleir
L. F.a Wm Artillery

St Thomas's Mount
9th day July 1777

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

Honble Sirs & Sirs

In being requested that the Officers who attended the late Right Honble Lord George Pigot, during his Confinement, should give an account of his Behaviour & the treatment he received & the usual Exercise he took:— what occurs to me is as follows.

On the 27th August 1776. I had the Command of the Main Guard, about 11 o'Clock that night I heard a disturbance at Lt Colonel Horne's Quarters, I immediately ordered my Guard to be on their Arms to fall in with their Arms when ordered, at the same time I heard Lord Pigot say that they should not take him away

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away alive. and that he would have those rebels at Madras all hang'd — at this Time I did not know what occasioned the disturbance, but next Morning was informed by Lieut. Gibson that Lt. Colonel Deangtown had been there on a visit to remove his Lordship.

I frequently mounted Guard over his Lordship. & if I was not on duty made it a rule to go to Lt. Col. Horne's almost every Evening. I was often at his Table when Lord Pigot was present on these & all other occasions I observed Lt. Colonel Horne & his family to treat him with the greatest attention & Politeness and he always appeared to me desirous to live with & converse with them.

This Lordship generally walked in the Mornings from Lt. Colonel Horne's to Mr. Monkton's Gardens. where he would give directions to the Workmen. & I have often seen him take a Rock Ox. Shade, or Umbrella to screen himself. he commonly returned to dinner when I have heard him complain of being fatigued. but as soon as dinner was over would return to the Gardens as before & there remain until the Evening. I have often heard Lt. Col. Horne signify to him that the Exercise he took was too severe, and at the same time recommended it to him to ride out Mornings & Evenings. to which he would reply he was used to the Country

I must further observe that the many Guards I mounted over his Lordship

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I never received any orders regarding his Limits. but did always attend him wherever he chose to go.

I am Hond Sir & Sirs
your most humb Servant
Robert Cox
D. Q. M. 2 Company Artillery

St Thomas's Mount
the 6 July 1797

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

As I was directed to give my Opinion concerning the behaviour of the Right Honble Lord Pigot, during his Confinement at St Thomas's Mount

Stark-my regular tour of duty with the Subaltern Officers of the Corps Attended His Lordship whenever he chose to take a walk, that he always treated me with the greatest respect & never appeared to be displeased when I attended him.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed. Humble Servant
John Anderson Eastland

St Thomas's Mount
10th July 1797

It being requested that the Officers of Artillery would give a general account of the treatment of the late Right Honble Lord Pigot during his Confinement at the Mount, to get that with the manner of his common behaviour, mine, according to the best of my recollection, is as follows. ~

during

1205. Fort St George 5th July 1777

During the whole course of
Time, that I mounted Guard according to the
Rotation of Duty, over the late Lord Pigot, I have
always seen the greatest Attention, & Respect paid
him by Colonel Horne & his Family, which he
himself appeared to be very sensible of.

I am not acquainted with the
Nature of the Exercise his Lordship used to take
before his Confinement, but am so far from
thinking that he used too little since that period,
that I have often mentioned my Apprehension,
that he daily fatigue he underwent in this
Garden, / of which he seemed to be exceedingly
fond / would be prejudicial to his Health.

As to any Restraint he might
be under respecting the Length of his Walks, I
cannot form an Opinion, as I had no other
Orders when on Guard over him, than a Copy
of the Commander in Chiefs Instructions to
Colonel Horne, wherein it was mentioned,
That he was not to be out of the Officers Sight
who attended him.

With Regard to his general
Behaviour I can only say, that he was com-
=monly in good Spirits, during the Opportunities
I had of being in his Company. & I have always
thought, that his Patience under his Disap-
=pointments, redounded much to the Credit of
his Character, as a Man of great Resolution
and Firmness of Mind.

Rob.t Speedman
Lieut.t 74 Foot

St Thomas's Mount
8th June 1777

1206. Fort St. George 5th July 1779

Being requested by Lieutenant Colonel Horne to declare to the best of my knowledge the Circumstances which attended the late Right Honble Lord George Pigot during his Confinement at the Mount.

The following Narrative contains the particulars of what I can recollect of the Subject I am now entering upon

The 29th of August 1777 I mounted Guard over his Lordship, which was the first time I had seen him since his arrival at the Mount, he then appeared to me in perfect health and not in the least depressed in Mind, from that time till the Lycorgus arrived from Bengal (during which time I mounted many Guards over him) I did not perceive the least alteration in him, and was often astonished to see the vast flow of Spirits he appeared in the Situation he was then in, the good State of Health he enjoyed for many Months at the Mount I imputed to his regular Method of living and the Exercise he daily took in the Garden. About the 5th or 6th of July 1777 as near as I can recollect being on duty over him in the afternoon he went to Mr Hendertons with his Interpreter Anna. Mr Russell began a Discourse about the Illegality of the present Government upon which Subject his Lordship settled most violent Passions and seemed greatly agitated in his Mind for such was the first and last time I ever perceived any alteration in his Lordships Conduct) his

Passion

1207 Fort St George 5th July 1779

Supper soon after was over in less than a quarter
of an hour he assumed his usual cheerfulness,
from that time to the time he left the Mount
whenever I saw him he always appeared
perfectly easy in his Mind.

The many Guards I mounted
over his Lordship I never received any orders
regarding the Limits he was allowed to walk
and did always attend him whenever he chose
to go to. I likewise always paid every Respect
& attention to him on my Power.

I must further observe that
Colonel Morris and his Family always treated
him with the greatest Respect imaginable &
seemingly did every thing in their Power to
make his Confinement as agreable as possible

Robert Pitt
L.F. Worker

St Thomas's Mount
the 9th June 1779

1208. Fort St George July 1777

The following Letter having
been yesterday received from Major Burgyhall
was sent round to the several Members of Council
and they with General Stuart being satisfied
with the Apology therein contained it was resolved
that the General Court Martial which was to
have sat this Morning should be countermanded—

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Major Burgyhall apologizing for his Conduct

I am sensibly concerned at
having given occasion for the Court Martial
which I find by the Orders of this day is to sit on
my Conduct

I beg leave to assure you my
Behaviour has not been the result of any Spirit
of Opposition, Disobedience, or disrespect either
to the Board or Commander in Chief but has
proceeded merely from my own Misapprehensions
and for which I am heartily sorry. and I
flatter myself that you Gentlemen & General
Stuart in particular will accept this Apology
and believe that I am and shall ever wish to
prove myself.

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6th July 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obed. humble Servant
George Burgyhall
Major

Received also the following
Letters from Captain Ruspini & the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

yesterday at Noon beinge-
informed that the Nabob's Troops at Vellore had
confined their Officers - I immediately sent two
of my Sepoys to enquire into the truth of this
matter & they returned this Morning with the
following Account. that they were not per-
-mitted to go into the Lines, but that they met
with an old acquaintance a Sepoy, who told
them. that on the 7th Instant the Noncommission-
-ed & private went in a body to their Officers
to ask the reason of their being fifteen Months
in Arrears. that the Latter began to use their
authority upon which the former struck
several of them & made the whole Prisoners

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

From Capt. Russell advising of a Mutiny in the Nabobs Troops at Vellore

Madura
30th July 1777

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now employed upon

Engineers Report

The Works -

Bricklayers	142
Labourers	611
Coolies	851

Lascars

1210. Fort St George July 1775

Lascars ——— 90
Stonecutters ——— 45
Tyndoy Portifeurs ——— 14

Amounting in all to 153 People

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Hond Sir & Gentlemn
your most obedt & most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
6th July 1775

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Wrote the following Letter to
the Governor General & Council
To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General &c Council
at Fort William
Hond Sir & Sirs

I have forwarded to Bottoms of this
Establishment having served their contracted
Time and being willing to reenlist only on
the Condition of going into the Military at
Bengal. We have paid them the usual Bounty
of 25 Pagodas each and they are sent to you
by the Silverturie

To the Gov. General & Council with seven Men reenlisted for Bengal

Bounty

As We are much in want of
Soldiers to complete the Establishment we shall
be obliged to you if you will forward us to return
an equal Number of the Recruits who may
come out for your Presidency by the latter
Ships, to serve here in the room of those who
are now sent you

We are
Hond Sir & Sirs
your

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Fort S.t George 6.th July 1775

Fort S.t George
6.th July 1775

Thursday
the 10.th

Ata Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq.r President
Henry Brooke, James Stuart
Charles Floyer, Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan, George Mackay
Minutes of last Consultation
read.

yours most obedient &
most humble Servant
George Stratton
&.c Council

The President lays before the
Board the following Declarations given him
by Sir Edward Hughes relative to the Report
said to have been made to Mr.s Bagley Stone
by the Master of the Vessell which arrived a
few days ago with Dispatches for the late
Lord Pigot

For Diary the 5.th July

Declaration of the Master of the
Diligence Snow.r to the Commodore
S. C. Hughes

Declaration of the Master of the Diligence Snow

The Master of the Diligence
Snow Captain Hurley being between the Pago
-das and Ceylon about 5 Leagues to the S.ward of
Ceylon saw a Sloop working to the S.W. she was
standing off. Shott about and stood towards
the Snow who was running to the Northward
hailed the Snow and ask'd when they came, being
answered from the red sea, the Master of the
Sloop reply'd Lord Pigot was dead, Capt. Hurley
said he was sorry for that, he had a Packquet
for his Lordship. the Sloop had a Boat towing
a Man

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a Storm and the Master said he would come on
board of Captain Thurley would bring to, he
said he could not do that, the Sloop bore away
and stood after him.

The Commodore sent for a
Mr Williamson the owner of the said Sloop to
know what orders he gave the Master, he does
he sent her to Covelong to load some Salt then
to proceed to Sadras for some Coir Rope, and
further to the Southward if he could not get
know the price of and purchase some articles
for which he gave the Master money to pay
that if he met any Vessel likely to have a
Packet or Pacquets on board from the red Sea
as was expected, he should in that case return
to the Road for the Chance of being hired to
carry and there might be for Bengal where
the Sloop was to go that he had bore away
once before meeting a European Ship of the
Company for the same Chance.

The Snow had a Flag at her
Mast head made the Master of the Sloop
conclude she might be such Vessel.

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Flint A.C.G.
To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Lyon the acting engineer
here, having informed me that he is ordered to
Madras, I think it necessary to represent to
you before he goes, the bad condition of the
Pandalls

From Col.o Flint
representing the
bad State of the
Pandalls lately
built

1213. Fort St George 10th July 1777

Pandalls unenhabitable on account of the seats being matted instead of walled by which the Gentlemen are so much exposed to the inclemency of the Weather, that they are absolutely obliged to be removed on the least sickness to the Barracks in the Fort. at the same time beg leave to inform you that two of the Pandalls by the Seats being built of substant brick are made very comfortable, whereas on with little Expence & durable, whereas on the present plan repairs will be constantly necessary, very liable to be burnt, a Harbour for Tessmine. & at the best no security against the Weather or thieves

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

Pondamalle
22d June 1777

Ordered that the Chief Engineer do proceed to Pondamalle to report the State of the Quarters, and represent what is further necessary for the accommodation of a Battalion & a half of Europeans - as the Quarters hitherto erected are very slight and insufficient and continually wanting Repair and as there will always be at least a Battallion of Europeans it is proposed that the new Quarters intended should be built on a permanent Plan

The Chief Engineer to make a Report

Read the following Letter from

Lieut Hearst.

Dear

1214 Fort St George 10th July 1777

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

Sir & Sirs

From Lt Hurst
takes the Command
of Permacoil

I have the honor to acquaint
you of my arrival and of having taken Charge
of this Garrison

I am
with the greatest Respect
Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
H. W Hurst
Lt Commanding

Permacoil
2d July 1777

The Engineer to
report the State
of Permacoil

Ordered, that an Engineer
be directed to examine & report the State of
the Fort at Permacoil, and the Condition of
the Gun Carriages in particular which
are represented to be very bad & he must
acquaint us what Repairs are immediately
wanted after performing this Service he is
to proceed to Cuddalore, examine the Sea line
there which the Commander in Chief
acquaints us is in a ruinous Condition &
report what is necessary to make it strong
& durable.

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Ross

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

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1215. Fort St. George 16th July 1777

From Lieut. Col. Rps representing the Hardship of going Duty under Col. Brathwaite

I had flattered myself no Circumstance would have occurred to have made me trouble you on the Subject of my Rank before the Sentiments & Determination of the Court of Directors had been obtained on the memorial lately presented to your Honor &c. by the Field Officers of Engineers & Artillery but Lieutenant Colonel Brathwaite being appointed to the Rank of Colonel & my Brevet on this Establishment, and the information received that he is shortly expected to arrive here, occasions this Short Address

Some time after I had held the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Colonel Brathwaite came here younger Major. He has taken his rise as common with other Officers of the Establishm.t to the Rank of Lieut. Colonel and I apprehend at the granting of his Brevet as Colonel it has escaped the Notice of the notice of the Honble Court that I held a Senior Commission of Lieut. Colonel. I doubt not the Representation made by the Field Officers of Engineers & Artillery will be duly attended to by the Honorable Court, and that their respective Rank in the Army will be preserved to them. I am anxious to exert every Endeavour to forward the Service of my Honble Employers in the Department I am charged with, and Trust, under the present humiliating Circumstance of the Brevet appointment of Colonel Brathwaite your Honor &c. will feel the Difficulty and embarrassment of my Situation should I be put under the immediate Command of that Gentleman after his arrival here, and I flatter myself your Honor &c. will

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relieve me in that respect till the Pleasure of the Court of Directors be known on the Memorial

I have the honor to be in great respect

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27th June 1777

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

The Board are very desirous of relieving Colonel Ross as far as they can from the disagreeable Situation in which he finds himself placed by the Brevet Commission given to Colonel Brathwaite with respect to his being put under the immediate Command of that Officer after his arrival, the Board think it necessary for his Satisfaction to observe that neither the Chief Engineer nor any other Officer of that Corps residing here are to be considered as under the orders of any Commandant as such but only under the orders of the Board or the Governor.

Minute thereon the Engineers not immediately under the Command of the Commandant of the Garrison

Read the following Letter

From Colonel Ross

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen.

I am informed that Mathematical Instruments being wanted for the Service and some being offered for sale I am to request your Honor &c. will give Order for their being purchased.

From Chief Engineer representing the want of Mathematical Instruments

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most

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most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Agreed that Colonel Ross
be permitted to purchase the Mathematical
Instruments agreeably to his Request.

Tanjore to be purchased

Read a letter from the Nabob
complaining of the insolence of the Rajah of
Tanjore in detaining the Dubbeer Vengatagie
his Absence all the Confusion in settling the pay
due to his Troops adverse of disturbances in his
Country the Consequence of Lord Pigots Conduct,
and requesting that Troops may be ordered to
assist his people in reducing Bassilagee to
Obedience. ordered in Cont. Cons. N.o 95 with a
Paper of Intelligence relative to the Situation
of the Dubbeer at Tanjore

From the Nabob complaining of the Rajah of Tanjore for detaining the Dubbeer

The Board on their Letter to Colonel Horne of the 2d Ult. mentioned the Situation of the Dubbeer and desired him to repeat our wish to the Rajah that he might be permitted to come to Madras. to this Letter they have yet received no Answer and cannot therefore come to any further Resolution on the Subject at Present.

Read also Letter from the Nabob ordered in Co. Cons. N.o 76. applying to the present for the Causes of his present distress from the Restoration of Tanjore to the Rajah in reply to the Letter enclosing Copy of ours from the Gov.r Gen.l & Council representing that he cannot ascertain his Expences in Tanjore without the Assistance of the Dubbeer and that the Discharge of the Debts

From the Nabob. The Dubbeer necessary for him to ascertain his Expences in Tanjore

to

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to his private Interests will depend on the
restoration of Tanjore.

Also a Letter intimating that
he had determined to defer the vigorous Measures
proposed against Bussaurge but desiring that
Rajah Bees Bee whom he had sent to negotiate
with them assisted with a Battalion of the
Company's Sepoys to protect him in case of
need.

From the Rajah Bee Bee approving to negotiate with Bussaurge & requests the assistance of Captain Kellys Battalion

Agreed That the Nabobs
Request be complied with and that Captain
Kelly be ordered to proceed with his Battalion
on that Service.

Captain Kelly to be ordered in Consequence

Read the following Letter.

To Charles Oakely Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir,

You will be pleased to inform
the Honorable the President & Council that I have
for some time applied with considerable Labour
& Expence to the Study of the Most Eastern
Languages & have been so far successful in the
Pursuit, as to have been able to assist the Publick
service some years since under Colonels Vaughan
& Bellingham. That I have now undertaken
the Malabar Language, & that I shall always be
happy to dedicate the fruits of my Labours to the
General good. That I therefore humbly offer
myself a Candidate for the usual mark of their
approbation, & beg leave to assure them their
bounty shall not be misapplied

Captain Lucas applies to be reimbursed his Expences in learning the Country Languages

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant
C. Lucas Captain

Madras
30th June 1777