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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From L. Mackay containing the same Application

Understanding you have been pleased to allow a Gratuity to some Gentlemen in the Honble Company's Service as a reward for their expence and trouble in acquiring a sufficient knowledge in the Eastern Languages. hope to be honored with the same token of your favor and Indulgence if thought deserving and capable and for which I shall ever entertain the most grateful Sense.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
with the greatest respect
your ever faithful &
obedient humble Servant
Geo: Mackay
Lieutenant

Fort St George
23 June 1797

Ordered that Captain Lucas & Lieutenant Mackay be desired to send in an Account of the Expences they have respectively incurred in learning the Country Languages, after which the Board will take their Letters under Consideration

To send an Account of their Expences

Read the following Narrative of Serjeant Barrett who was sent by General Stuart to attend Captain Blake Lyes on Board the Hector.

Narrative of what passed when I attended Captain Blake to the Hector Indiaman by order of the General. ~

Having been sent by the General to

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Sergeant Barrett's Narrative of Captain Blake's Captivity by the Hector &c

Fort St George 10 July 1777

to see that Captain Blake & Engs Baggage was conveyed on board the Hector Incendian and a proper accommodation Boat being ready for this purpose, I embarked on it with Captain Blake, and as soon as we came to the Ship, I hailed her. & Captain Blake called out to know if Captain Williams was on board, an Officer upon the Deck answered that the Captain was on board, but that he Commanded there. Captain Blake asked if an Order was not been sent to Captain Williams for his being received on board the Hector & to go to England, the same Officer replied that he had not received any Orders, & that he should not receive him on board, & desired us to go away, that if we did not immediately comply, he would order some Shott to be thrown into the Boat to sink her. I demanded the Officers name to which he said, that he had been in the Service and was well known at the India House, where I might go and enquire his Name. He then peremptorily ordered us away, and repeated his threats that it would be to no purpose after his having refused to take Blake on board, or to throw out a rope for him to ascend the side of the Ship by. We returned to the Shore. — It may be necessary to mention that in the same Boat was Mr Wynch on board the Hector, which the same Officer positively refused to receive for him. —

Captain Blake went on board with great readiness, and seemed much disappointed & concerned to be refused a Passage

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Th. Barrett Serjt.

1221. Fort St George 16 July 1777

Agreed, that the Honble
Court be advised of the Circumstances contain-
ed in the above Narrative by the next
Dispatch

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Received the following from
Lieut Colonel James Commanding at Tinnivelly

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Colonel James the Nabobs second Regiment of Cavalry Marching at Pallamcottah

I have the honor to inclose you my several Returns for the Month of June which I hope will arrive in proper time, and to acknowledge the Receipt of your indulging me on the Command to the End of this Month, for which I am infinitely obliged to the Honble Board, and shall repair to the Mount the beginning of August: in the meantime its my Duty to make you acquainted with every Occurrence that happens. This instant a Trooper delivered me a Letter from Lieut. John Rigby of his Highness's second Regiment of Cavalry, which I inclose for your Inspection by all accounts the Officers Situation is made very disagreable being almost starved, and constantly threatened by some of the insurgent Men that have formed their Camp in a Circle round the Mansion Guard in the Center. their Guns always kept loaded with Grape. in this manner they intend to remain till they hear from me. which Distresses me much as it is not in my power to grant them the least relief, without which they are determined to march towards Dindigall - I have made Rattan Lall whom acquainted with every Circumstance who in return applys to me for Money. this he has not paid me a single Cash of what I advanced to the other Regiments, and from the Prospect I have before

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before me I fear I must quit this without being reimbursed. unless the Honble Board is pleased to take it into Consideration that I advanced my Money for the good of the Service and will order that I be repaid. should the second Regiment of Cavalry put their threats into execution. I hope I shall not appear in the least culpable as the want of Cash puts it entirely out of my power to assist them from their distress

I remain with due respects
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very Obedient &
most humble Servant
P. James

Trichenopoly
6th July 1772

Dear Sir.

The People out of patience with the Nabobs delay of payment of their arrears have risen & subverted all authority have confined myself with the other Officers in the Standard Guard as also the Commandant Subadars. and Jemadars Funds Money is immediately sent them I cannot answer for the consequence Bahman Ali Cawn has an order for a Sum 5500 Pagodas of which remain unpaid I beg of you to enforce the immediate payment of that Sum either to the Jemadar of yours or to send it by a Guard of your's as you was so kind in sending the last payment from him hither. thus you will relieve from Distress

your obt & humble Servant
M. Rigby Lieut.

Guard House
3d July 1772 at Mellore

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Dispatched the following Letter from the Secretary to Captain Robert Kelly.

To Captain Robert Kelly

Sir

Captain Kelly proceeds with his Battalion to Shoolangur

The President & Council at the Request of his Highness the Nabob are pleased to direct that you proceed as soon as possible after the Receipt of this Letter to Shoolangur which is situated about 8 Cos to the Northward of Arcot and 16 Cos from Conjeveram. There you will find Rajah Boor Ber the Nabobs Manager at Arcot who has Orders from the Nabob to take some speedy Method of settling matters with Bussavauze and the other Polygars who have lately created disturbances in the Country, but Bussauze being represented by the Nabob as a faithless and treacherous Man and Rajah Boor Ber having very few People at Shoolangur the intention of ordering your Battalion there is to afford them such assistance as he may judge requisite. The Nabob has directed two Troops of Cavalry to proceed to the same place under the Commands of Captain Burrows. He has also given Orders that your Battalion shall be supplied with Provisions at Shoolangur by Rajah Boor Ber

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12th July 1777

I am
Sir
your most obed. humble Servant
Thos Wheelly

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Recd the following Letter from Lt Colt Ross

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now employed

Engineers Report upon the Works ----------
Bricklayers ---------- 151
Tankeggers ---------- 609
Coolies ---------- 837
Lascars ---------- 92
Stone cutters ---------- 34
Tunnery Artificers ---------- 15

Amounting in all to 1738 Persons

I have the honor to be with respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lt. Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
13th July 1797

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. President
Henry Brooke James Stuart
Monday the 14th July } Charles Floyer Archdale Palmer
Francis Sourdan George Mackay

Minutes of last Consultation
read.

Read the following Letters
from Vizagapatam.

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

1226. Fort St George 14 July 1727

From Tegnapatam Tegurram Rauze with cated by his Brother Sittaram Rauze complaining Jaggernaut Rauze has appeals to the Company for Protection

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We beg leave to acquaint you that We have received positive information of the Rajah Tegueram Rauze leaving closely confined Tanjapatan Jaggernaut Rauze and also his Brother Tadda Nath Rauze as these is a transaction of a very extraordinary nature. Mr Williams acquainted the Chief therewith who deemed his presence there necessary to assist at a Consultation held on this occasion. We have resolved to write the Rajah and demand the immediate release of Jaggernaut Rauze whom we deem at this juncture under the Protection of the Company an accusation has been forged against him in consequence of which at the Rajahs earnest request you have been pleased to order him to the Presidency that this matter might be enquired into in his hands of the Chief & Council to Havelly are also by your instructions entrusted with the Management of the late Poyakarrons Zemindary, yet though the Rajah well knew he was thus immediately under the Company's Orders he presumed to confine him without even advising us of such an extraordinary Measure, by which their Authority is insulted & Protection rendered ineffectual. These are Points of such consequence that we deem the breach of them deserving the most serious Consideration

With much concern we are obliged to express our fears that our Presents to him

to

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to the Rajah will not have the desired effect, as from a review of his late Behaviour there is but little reason to expect a Compliance with our demands. We have seen him openly rescue Jaggernaut Rauze from the Company's Troops and abet his Brother Sitteram Rauze in detaching Troops the Company's Interpreter Juggah Row on his Journey to Madras

To preserve the tranquillity of this Circar, by which the Company's Revenues and Investment can only be secured, we are induced to make this Representation, and to acquaint you that if we may be allowed to judge from appearances the Rajah no longer entertains that Respect & amicable Disposition towards the Company which he has heretofore professed- the Augmentation of this Troops at this Juncture, his seeking after & engaging in this Service all Europeans capable of acting as Artillery Men, his reinforcing the Forts of Arcot & Vellore & Tyagunagroon without assigning to us any Reasons for those Measures, & superadded to these the interruptions & shocks delays we understand the Committee of Circuit have lately met with, which doubtless they will represent to you, are appearances we presume that will justify our suspicions of his Conduct & we hope induce you to authorize our demanding again from the Rajah the delivery of Jaggernaut Rauze, and in case of Refusal to enforce obedience to your Commands

Late last Night Jaggernaut Rauze

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Rauze sent to explore the Companys Possessions,
he is we understand under great Apprehensions for
his life, being of a wealthy Constitution & closely
confined in an unwholesome Prison. his Wife
also acquainteth us that the Rajahs People were
stripping her & all the Family at Bonay of their
Jewells, plundering the house of its Furniture &
preparing to carry all off. therefore supplicated
our aid to prevent such a signal disgrace & being
thus despoiled of every thing. this very pathetick
Representation of her case inducedes us to detach
Ensign Halliburton with a Company of Sepoys
to protect the Family & Effects.

We cannot conclude without
again expressing our sincere Concern for having
been lately deceived by the artful specious Behaviour
of Sitteram Rauze whom we now see corrobora-
-ting by his Actions the deceitful ambitious Aug-
-mentant Character given of him on the Coast as
in all the Settlements of the Carnatic this 10 years
past we are more & more convinced it is owing to
the banefull influence which he has acquired
over his Brother that the late pernicious Measures
have been adopted. for we are persuaded the
Rajahs natural Disposition is too good to have
suffered him to commit those outrages had he not
been prompted thereto by Sitteram Rauze whose
Haughtiness & Ambition knows no bounds

Having thus explicitly commu-
-nicated our Sentiments on this important Subject,
should you see it in another light we hope not

to be

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only to stand justified in your Opinions but also
free from any future Consequences which
may attend the Measures pursued by the
Rajah through the evil Counsels of Tellewan
Rauze -

We are respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Sam. Johnson
Wm Williams
H. Crawford
Nath. Barlow

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

Vizagapatam
30th June 1779

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Since our last of the 30th Ulto
we received a Letter from Lorsign Hallerton of
which, with our orders to him we herewith send
you Copys (N 192) and in Consequence thereof
detached from hence two field Pieces & 15 Artillery
Men at 3 o'Clock yesterday Morning we also wrote to
Captain Murphy requiring him to send such a
Reinforcement to Lorsign Hallerton, as he judged
necessary. Copy of our Letter to him is enclosed (193)

From Dr. Anderson
of the barbarous
Treatment of
Jaggonnaut Rauz
by Tizuvum Rauz

We have not yet received an
answer from the Rajah Tizuvum Rauze to a letter
the Chief wrote him, demanding the release of
Jaggonnaut Rauze, a Copy of which is sent here-
-with (N 194)

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1230. Fort St. George 14 July 1777

Last Night Jaggernaut Range sent us Intelligence that the Rajah had threatened to give orders for his being tormented by a Musket being hung at the Extremity of each of his Ears, unless he consented to write a Letter to us requesting we would order the Troops to be withdrawn from Bonay he forwarned us that to avoid this direful Punishment he had subscribed to a Letter drawn out to this purport. he entreated however we would pay no attention thereto. but consider it, as exacted from him, under the apprehensions of Torture & not the genuine Dictates of his heart - he repeated his supplications for the Continuance of our Endeavours to effect his release. & desired it might be understood that it was only such hopes, which kept both him and his Wife from making away with themselves. Copies of the Rajahs Letter to the Chief. Jaggernaut Ranges Letter to us and the Answers are marked N.° 5 6 & 7. & 8 on this Packquet.

As Circumstances happen we shall constantly advise you of the Course of this affair. and we mean to continue a strong Party at Bonay untill we have your answer on this Business & that Jaggernaut Range is set at Liberty

We are,

with respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedient
humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
P. Wheler

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Vizagapatam
9th July 1777

H. Crawford
Nath Barlow

To Ensign Halliburton

Sir

You will please to march immediately to Bonny with a Company of Seapoys take possession of Jaggernaut Rauze's the Company's Renters House and not permit the Rajah Vizeram's People nor his Brother Sitteram to take away any of the Effects or People belonging to them Jaggernaut Rauze

We can never suppose that the Rajahs will presume to oppose your obeying the orders we now give: but should we be mistaken, If the Rajahs give orders to attack you, in that case you will acquaint them that you have our orders to punish any Insults offered to the Company's Protection and act in Consequence

We recommend to you to proceed with great Caution and avoid if possible coming to extremities

We are,
Sir
your obedient Servants
Sam'l Johnson &
the Council

Vizagapatam
28th June 1777

Signed

To Samuel Johnson Esq.
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

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Gentlemen

I arrived here this Morning
with

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with the Detachment about 2 o'Clock where I found Jaggernaut Rauzes Family & Effects all safe but every thing in readiness to be sent off to Tegan agreem. which I put a stop to. and wrote a Letter to the Rajah informing him of my being sent here by the Council to protect the Family & Effects of Jaggernaut Rauze the Company's Renter

I have as yet received no answer to my Letter, but it is reported that he is on his way here with about a thousand Men to take Jaggernaut Rauzes Family by force, & as I am afraid my 70 Men will only cut a poor figure against such a number, indeed it would be almost folly to oppose them, as this post is much too large to be defended by such a handful of Men as I have

Settlemm Rauze arrived at Tegana garrem yesterday afternoon

I am Gentlemen
your most obed.t & most
humble Servant
John Haliburton

Bony
26th June 1774

A true Copy
H Cranfordjee

To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Chicacole District

Sir

The Rajah Tegaram Rauze having impressed Jaggernaut Rauze the Company's Renter, whom we also consider as our other

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other Accounts, particularly under the Company's Protection. We have protested against him, the Rajah, for so disrespectful a Conduct, and demanded the immediate release of the Prisoner: but as we have too much reason to apprehend that the Rajah, from the late ascendancy which Sittaram Rauze seems to have acquired over him, will not pay attention to our demand: & as we have in consequence of a request of Jaggernaut Rauze & his Wife, sent Ensign Halliburton with 70 Sepoys to protect their Family and Effects at Bonay, which may be attended with Consequences that cannot be now foreseen. We therefore request you will please to order such a Force to Bonay, to support the Measure we have resolved on, as may appear necessary.

We enclose you Copies of the Orders delivered to Ensign Halliburton, and a Letter we have this Instant received from him, by which you will see the Necessity of Expedition

We are,

Sir

your most obedient Servants

(Signed) Sam.l Johnson

J.B. Edmonstone

W. Bourchier

A true Copy

W. Crawford

From the Chief to Tizeeram Rauze

I wrote you some time since relative to a Report which prevailed & was generally credited, of your having adopted the Son of Sittaram Rauze and desired to know in case

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on case this was fact. your reasons for not having communicated so material a Circumstance to me. I have also lately acquainted you that the Governor & Council of Fort St George had complied with the particular request you made them for having Sumpsana Jaggernaut Rauze sent up to Madras. that the Complaints made against him might be then enquired into. to this to I have not received an answer to either of those Letters the appearance of Disrespect to the Company and want of Deference to the Station I have the honor to hold, is occasioned by this extraordinary Conduct, and not from any Knowledge of your disposition. I am willing to entertain it of him. & to suppose that I shall have an explicit Answer from you speedily.

I address you on a Subject which demands your most serious attention, and to which I expect an immediate answer, that I may be enabled to represent the matter fully to the Board of Madras. I have undoubted information that you have employed Sumpsana Jaggernaut Rauze. & also his Brother Seeva Rao Rauze although you know the former has been sent to Madras. and is besides a Renter of the Companys Revenue as also their Manager for Salt here & when the Farmers of these places hear of his Confinement they will neglect the Tillage of these Countries. & a very heavy loss will be incurred thereby. but to these Considerations, however material are

1235. Fort St George 14 July 1775

be put in Competition with the serious Consequences which must attend such an outrage by being offered to the Companys authority I deem it my Duty to inform you that I think this an Action, which may serve to corroborate those Circumstances, which I have above a cy necessity of your having lately but very deficient in the Respect you owe to the Company, who have ever been your Zealous Friends & Protectors

I now demand of you the immediate release of Jumpana Jaggernaut Rauze, and acquaint you that, on your refusal I shall represent to the Board of Madras in the fullest manner the Insult you have offered to the Dignity & Honor of the Company by this Imprisonment, which, you may depend will be productive of Measures which will convince you their Authority is not to be thus insulted with Impunity

I am induced to think you will comply with my Demand, not only on Account of the Obedience you owe to the Company's Commands, but also on account of the great Friendship you have expressed for Jumpana Jaggernaut Rauze, whose Liberty & Attachment to you has often been the Subject of your Discourse

Before I conclude, it is but rendering you common Justice to declare, that I am of Opinion your own Disposition is naturally averse to such actions, as have lately been committed in this Circar under the Sanction of your Name, and this is corrobo-

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1236. Fort St George 12th July 1777

by their having happened since a Reconciliation has been effected between you & your Brother Sir Thomas Rumbold: whose turbulent Temper will not suffer him to be controlled in any thing however prejudicial, arbitrary or unjust, that comes in Competition with his ambitious Views and I cannot help expressing my wish that you may not have reason hereafter to repent your paying so much attention to his Counsels My Zeal for the Interest of my Employers & sincere Friendship for you have induced me thus explicitly to express my Sentiments and I flatter myself that your answer will convince me of your having been led by my good Intentions

To Bagapatam
12th June 1777

What can I say more?
(Signed) Sam'l Johnson

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Translation of a Letter from Tegnapatam to Samuel Johnson Esqr. Chief of Tegnapatam. Dated 2d June 1777

Lieut. Hallidurton has wrote to me that in pursuance of your Orders he has taken Possession of Tegnapatam Rumbold House at Bonay with a Company of Sepoys

When you were here last August you desired me upon all Occasions relating thereto to write to me upon all Affairs relating thereto I am very much surprized that you have not yet taken such Measures but I hope you will immediately on Receipt of this Letter recall back the Sepoys and write to me upon all Matters.

1237. Fort St George 14 July 1772

Translation of a Letter from Tumjaura Jaggernaut Rauze to Samuel Johnson Esqr. Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

Sam given to understand by a Letter from Ensign Halliburton to the Rajah that in pursuance of an order from the Chief & Council he has taken possession of my house at Boney with a Company of Sepoys - From ancient Times. We have been the Raja's Servants - He has distinguished me with Marks of his favor and employed me in high Stations - They are pleased to favour & countenance us whilst our good Conduct merits it - and to correct us when we are wanting in our Duty - Whatever they do to us they are yet our Principal - if there be any thing concerning me my Principal ought to be wrote to & he will answer you thereto - but it is improper that you should suddenly send & station Sepoys over my House - We are People of Reputation, & there are Women at home, wherefore to send a Detachment in this manner is very improper - It is hoped you will on Receipt of this Letter recall Mr Halliburton & the Sepoys you sent with him -

Thus I wrote for your information &c

1 From the Chief & Vizeram Rauze

I have received your Letter requesting that I would have orders given for recalling the Troops under the Command of Ensign Halliburton, detached from hence by the Council to Boney for the Protection of Jaggernaut

1238. Fort St George 14 July 1777

Jaggernaut Range's Family House & Effects: as
this Resolution was taken in consequence of
undoubted intelligence that your People were
plundering the House & preparing to remove
all the Effects. which has been corroborated by
Ensign Halliburton. The Council are unanimous
-ly of Opinion that your Request cannot at present
be complied with: but as I have hopes of hearing
this day that you have released Jaggernaut Range
in consequence of the demand I made to you on
my last. should Jaggernaut Range come forward
to Tegnapatam & solicit the assistance of the
Troops. We shall then take his Request into
Consideration & do what seems to us proper on the
occasion: but we shall not pay any Regard to
Letters wrote by him under Confinement. As that
is a business of the most serious Consequence and
nearly affecting your Interests. my Friendship
for you actuates me to repeat my advice for you
directly releasing Jaggernaut Range & restoring
all his Effects: it is well known that Jaggernaut
Range is to serve his own ambitious Purposes.
recommending those violent & barbarous Means
which must involve you in much Trouble, by
which he intends to benefit & forward his own
Arrangement. I hope you never will have occasion
to remember my salutary advice when it is
out of your Power to follow it.

Tegnapatam
1 July 1777

What can I say more?

Yours

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8 From the Chief Justice Judge Advocate Ruize

I have received a Letter; in which you have advised to me & the Council here, to whom I have communicated the Contents, they join with me in opinion that, if you were wanting of your having wrote that Letter under undue influence, there could not be any stronger Proof than the advice of this very Letter; as we are convinced you are too well acquainted with the Customary Forms of conducting Business, to have been guilty of such an Impropriety, as adding to your Letter to me and the Council insisted of one who have always, so duly, carried on the Correspondence on all Matters relative to the Circars: this is the established Custom & would not now be deviated from by you had you been left to the free exercise of your own Judgement.

Your acknowledging that you are still in Confinement is a sufficient Reason for my not paying any Regard to a Request made by you under such Circumstances, and I have sufficient Grounds for believing you wrote this Letter by the Commands of the Rajah who ordered your Confinement: Therefore the Council are unanimously of Opinion that your Family and Effects ought to be guarded, until you are released & come personally before us to make a request for the Troops being withdrawn it is a fortunate Circumstance for you that Lieutenant Halliburton arrives at Bonay before your Effects were removed: a few hours later would

have

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have been sufficient for their removal into the Fort of Tegnapatnam.

As the Council among your Imprisonment can result on the Respect & Obedience due to the Company whose Master & Managers you actually were at the time of your Seizure, they have represented to the Nabob fully to the Board of Madras & have confidently they shall have speedy Orders for your immediate Release & also for the full restitution of your Effects. Therefore they recommend to you to remain quiet and not to give yourself up to Despair as they are confident the Day of your Release is not very distant.

What can I say more?

Tegnapatnam
1st July 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 1st Inst we have received a letter from Ensign Hallidays Copy of which is enclosed (N°1) and in consequence we wrote to Capt. Murphy as D Copy thereof (N°2)

From St Tomé to Sultanam Nauze the Mesenger of the Nayk

The Flag staves sent out, to bring us intelligence of what Ships at Tegnapt is expending this Boat this Troops, and as the measure we have unanimously undertaken on the maturest consideration, we believe

endorsed

1241. Fort St George 12th July 1777

entirely coincides with the Sentiments of the Committee of Circuit, who have also persisted against the Rajah, for having empowered Jaggernaut Ranze: we are of Opinion it is absolutely incumbent on us to support it to the utmost of our abilities

The Chief acquaints us he has also received information that Setteram Ranze has lately been intriguing with the Morattahs, tho' no particulars have yet transpired; As we are however well acquainted with his turbulent Disposition, We think this a Circumstance deserving of Notice, & which serves to corroborate the Opinion universally entertained that, whilst he remains in it Tranquility will never be restored to this Circar. - His Preparations, & indeed the whole Tenor of his Conduct, plainly indicate that he does not intend quietly to suffer any Regulations to be carried into execution, which may affect the Interest he has in the Circar, and we are strongly of Opinion the Committee of Circuit will meet with great Opposition in their investigation of the Rajahs Territories, if Setteram Ranze is permitted to have any influence therein. It is beyond a doubt that, if he was ordered to the Presidency & there detained the Company's affairs would flourish, & the Inhabitants be rid of those continual Apprehensions they now labour under, from the Cruel & barbarous Disposition of this Tyrant. This Character has already been delineated by this Brother

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Brother we are ready for the Troops & to assist
we request your Reference

Fitzgeraldstown
3d July 1777

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath.l Barton

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief Council of
Fitzgeraldstown

Gentlemen

I received your letter
of yesterdays date this Morning By Accident
that I received from Fitzeraldstown last night
and this Morning both confirm the Report
the Rebels having ordered a Strong detachment
here to carry off the Family & Effects of
but what Credit to give to it. I do not
know as I think if he had intended doing
thing by force, he would not have delayed
long. at any rate I will be now able to take
till the Reinforcement arrives from the
Letter is not yet come to
the Guns but I expect them shortly.

Bony
1st July 1777 8 oClk

I am, Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
John Hamilton

attested Copy (signd)
H. Crawford Secretary

1243 Fort St George 14 July 1777

To Captain Lun.e Maupay Esq.r

Commanding the Troops in the

Chicacole Districts

Sir

The Chief has acquainted us with the Contents of a Letter he got this Morning from you and in consequence of one to the Counsil just received from Ensign Halliburton, we have sent orders to Ensign Goddard to March with the utmost Expedition to Boney but as from our Information it seems not improbable that the Rajah may be daring enough to Proceed to that place & attack the Companys Troops we desire you will immediately on Receipt of this march the remainder of your Battalion to some Station so contiguous to Boney as to admit in case of Necessity of your speedily supporting Ensign Goddard

We are, Sir

Your most obd.t Servants

Vizagapatam
9th July 1777

(Signed) Sum.l Johnson
&c Council

A true Copy
H.y Cranford

Minute thereon
the President to
write to the
Rajah & enquire
Means to be
adopted for the
support of the
Companys Authority

The Board are much concerned at the present Situation of Affairs in the Chicacole Circars and think it necessary without entering into the particulars Causes which may have produced these Commotions, to take the most speedy measures for restoring Tranquillity and effecting that degree of Harmony & Confidence between Vizeramauze and the Servants

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Servants of the Company which is so necessary
to ensure the peaceable of the Revenues in that
District

The Confinement of Jaggoo-
=nant Rauze under the Circumstances mentioned
by the Chief & Council without any regular
Complaint or Notice first intimated to them
or indeed without assigning any Cause was
a mark of the greatest Disrespect to the foregoing
Authority, for tho' Jaggernaut Rauz by his Station
of Duan is the immediate Servant & Dependant
of Tezuramrauze, yet as a Renter & one of the
Companys Farms and Manager for the
Zemindary of Vencatella he was under the
Protection of the Companys Government and
ought not to have been removed from his
Habitation or punished in any Shape
without their Sanction

Resolved, That therefore before
any further steps be taken in consequence of
the Letter from Tezaguramrauze that the Presi-
do write a Letter to Tezuramrauze, to set
before him the Impropriety of his Conduct
& Proceeding towards Jaggernaut Rauz and to
demand the immediate Release of that Person
as a proof of his Obedience and Submission to
the Company's Authority

but as there is some reason
to think from the Letters before the Board,
that Tezuramrauze may hesitate in complying
with

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with this demand it is further Resolved
that the Gentlemen at Ganjam be directed
to hold Captain Clephanes Battalion of Sepoys
Stationed at Tekapore in readiness to march
on the shortest Notice

In Consequence of the above
Resolutions the following Letters are now
written.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief & Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam enclosing Letter to Tejooramrauze

We have received your Letters
of the 30th June & 3d July - informing us of the
Confinement of Jaggoopaut Rauze & his Brother
and enclosing the Correspondence which
has passed on this Occasion

The Behaviour of Tejooram
Rauze has been so disrespectful, that We
have deemed it absolutely necessary in support
of the Companys Authority to desire the Presidency
without loss of time to write him a Letter of
which We enclose you a Copy to lay before
him the impropriety and Danger of his
Conduct, and to make a positive Demand
for the immediate Release of Jaggoopaut Rauze
and with the View of giving Effect to this demand,
We have directed the Chief & Council of Ganjam
to hold Captain Clephanes Battalion on
Readiness to March on the shortest Notice
from us. when We receive Tejooramrauze's

Answer

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Answer to the President's Letter He shall take such further Measures relative to this Province and the General respecting the late Transactions on the Travancore Circar as may appear necessary on a review of all the Letters you have transmitted to us

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14th July 1795

We are
Gentlemen
your affte Humble Servts
George Stratton
Jr. Council

To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief Jr. Council at
Tanjore

Gentlemen

The disrespectful Behaviour of Tejoo Saib and the principal Inhabitants of the Travancore Circar making it proper that We should be prepared to enforce the Authority of Government if necessary We direct that you immediately acquaint the Commandant of Tanjore or your District to hold Captain Chaytayre's Battalion in readiness to march upon the shortest Notice from us

To the Chief and Council at Tanjore
To Capt. Chaytayre's Battalion
on receipt of
March.

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We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Servts
George Stratton
Jr. Council

Send the following Letter from Major Cook

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To Brigadier General Stuart

Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

From Major Cook desiring to resign the Service

Having an inclination to return to my Native Country, I shall esteem it a favor if you will be pleased to solicit the Honorable Board for their Permission for my immediate resignation of the Service and also that they will be pleased to grant me a Passage on the Worcester

I have the Honor to be Respect

Fort St George
14th July 1775

Sir

your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Cook

Granted

Agreed, that Major Cooks Request be granted, and as the Board have every Reason to be satisfied with his Conduct as an Officer it is further Agreed to express that Approbation in their next Letter to the Court of Directors

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute & Papers on the Subject of the Military Instructions sent out by the Company in 1774

The Commander in Chief requests that the Board will be pleas'd to take under Consideration the Expediency of immediately adopting a Precise Plan, agreable to the Instructions of the Honble Court of Directors, dated 29th March 1774, and to the practice in Bengal, so that in every instance the Military Service

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Service under this Presidency may be called
or without these difficulties and Disputes with
which the Records are crowded arising chiefly
from the want of defining a clear Line to be
followed on all Occasions both by the Board
& Military Servants

This Business has already
been entered upon by the Board in July last
and a memorial was presented by the last
Commander in Chief stating particular Cases
of Deviation from the Orders of the Honble Court
but as it is the Wish of the General to bury in
Oblivion all former cause of Disputes, and
only to regulate them in future, he proposes
at present to lay before the Board for the
original Foundation the following Questions
put by Sir Robert Fletcher to Lieut General
Clavering, together with the General's Answers
hereto annexed. That the Board, having duly
thought proper to conform to the Practice of
Bengal as to the Establishment of the Troops
so they will determine how to carry on the
Service in the same manner, and how far any
Variation, especially as there has been no
difference of Opinion on that Subject among
the Members of the Supreme Council, and
as the Nature of the Service both in Fort
William and the Subordinates is almost
similar to that of this Presidency with
their Subordinate Chiefs & Councils

Consider

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Answers to the Queries put to General Clavering by Sir Robert Fletcher

Q.1. Who grants leave of Abs.t The Chief & Council at absence to officers in & Patna, or at any other place near to Patna and the northern three Provinces do Places where there is not grant leave of absence to a Chief and Council Officers conformably to the and can General Clavering by Sect. 5 Pars. of the Court of Direc- grant such leave in oppos- tors Instructions temporary =ition of the Chief and Leave of Absence is granted Council. by the Governor General to Officers doing duty in the Garrison of Fort William, or Town of Calcutta, and by the Military Commanders in Chief of the Companys Forces in Bengal, Bahar & Corjsa to all other Officers

No doubt can arise on the Interpretation of this Article

Q.2. Can the Chiefs & Q.2. by a Warrant dated Councils of Subordination over the 30th March 1763 the Governor. and Council of Provincial Court Martial Each Presidency are em- powered by the Court of Directors, by virtue of a Warrant from the King to authorize the Commander in Chief of each detachment of their Forces to hold Courts Martial: Tconcieve Courts Martial held by any other Authority to be illegal

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23d Ff Generals Clavering &c. The Commissioners
were at present a Stranger to the Subject
matter to be treated of & therefore not
the Orders of the Chief & Council at that
Consultation take over Never all Commissions
Subject to any Orders are directed to the 3d further
but those of the Governor & the Hon.ble
General and Council which shall from time
to time be sent by the Company
Chief & Council shall for the
con duct of the Business
the Board of Directors from
strictly conformable to the
Practice in Bengal
all Military Officers
to send Assistance when
required to the Civil Officer
General & Clavering think
Commd.r not subject to any
Hon.ble Governor Bengal &
those of the Governor Gen.l
& Council, explaining
as he may receive from
the Hon.ble the Court
Directors

24th Do General Clavering & Mr When Instructions
Orders from Calcutta to Patna in Council with the
the Troops at Patna and the Army, & to Answer
to the other Presidencies Instructions are sent to the
go through the Chief & Council and no other
Council, and no such Secretary, and the Consul
ary, but that of Governor &

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6 Clauses[ing] before they go from the Presidency.

the the Residences of the Chiefs and Councils

General Clauses never yet thro the Chief and Council nor do they receive any of their Authority but that which is above mentioned.

25th Flowers are the Troops in the Districts under Subordinates Subject to the Orders of the Chiefs & Council

All Detachments of Troops in certain Number & Strength to be called Invalids Sepoys expressly raised for the Service of the Collections, or the Companys Investments. a Copy of the Regulations given to this Body of Troops was transmitted to Sir Robert Fletcher under date

26th Con[tinu]ed Clauses

All 6th The Commander in Chief by Virtue of the 42d Article of the Clauses permitting any Man, or Men from one Corps to another with out the Approbation of the Chiefs & Council in Districts under the Subordinates, to call the Men in the other Corps on the Army without first applying to the Board.

Companys Instructions removing Officers and Soldiers from one Corps to another, as the Exigencies will be most conducive to Military Discipline, & the good of the Service without applying to the Chiefs of Subordinates, or to the Board. This Authority was exercised before his Arrival either by the Commander in Chief or by the Governor

27th It is General

2d The Paymasters & Surgeons are considered as forming

a part

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Board that grant Leave
of Absence to Pagmasters
& Surgeons of Corps sta-
-tioned at Calcutta
& Fort Wilkins

Pt Whitehurst Thomas A.P. Have Answer the week-
-ly Returns of Officers from
one Corps to another
made by General
Clearings or by the
Board

Part of the Morning
Have Answer the first

Reference

After the Board have determined
upon any Matters respecting the Public Service
which is to be communicated to the Army the
Mode of publishing their Orders is for their
Secretary to furnish the Commander in Chief
with an authentic Extract of the Minutes of
Council as the proper Authority for him to
give it out in General Orders to the Army the
Adjutant General who writes all such
Official Extracts in a Book for the Purpose
be referred to.

It follows of course that the
Commander in Chief is bound with the Authority
as already mentioned, are not to be objected to
controuled by the Subordinates. It is sufficient
that the Commanding Officer & the District
communicate the Orders intended to issue
-ing them to the Chief or Provincial Court
Servant President

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As it is not expected nor is it the

Experience rule of Service for the superior Military Officer
resident at Fort St George to wait in Person to
receive the Parole from the Governor: but
only, that in the Communication of orders to
the Garrison, peculiarly specified in Article
4th he sends his Aide de Camp or other proper
Officer to the Subordinates where the
Officer so also, on the Subordinates where the
Complement of receiving the Parole is paid. The
Military Commanding Officer is to send this
Adjutant, or other proper Officer to the Chief
for that purpose

When any part of the Army

Reference is ordered for Service it remains with the
Commander in Chief, or Officer acting
under him, to fix and determine the precise
Officers or men who are to compose such
Parties, and no Inferior under that of the
Governor & Council, can interfere or alter of
course no Chief, either by himself or with his
Council, has a right to do so, for this is part
of the Military Detail

In all Cases where there is

Reference a probability of communicating with the
Commanding Officer of the District, he is to be
made acquainted with the Orders for the
March of Troops in the terms of Article
54th of the Instructions nothing, therefore
but the most sudden emergency will justify

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a Chief and Council or Resident in or during the Absence of any Military Party without previously acquainting the Commanding Officer.

1st A Chief Justice or Officer not to arrest, a general Court Martial is summoned who Jointly that the Chief having no Military Commission has no power of himself to [illegible] an Officer under an arrest, and therefore the Officer is released by order of the General Court Martial.

2d The Chief & Council send orders to Officers upon the Service without acquainting the superior Military Officer of the District, although there was time sufficient for that Purpose.

3d A Chief upon removing to substitute one Company of Sepoys instead of another particularly ordered for the Service by the Superior Military Officer.

4th A Chief to subscribe himself Governor in the place where the Council resides, together with all essential Powers of the Governor of Fort St George such as ordering and approving of Garrison Courts Martial, confinement or release of all Prisoners in the Guards - putting Officers under Arrest, granting Leave of Absence to Officers and Soldiers of his own Authority.

5th A Chief not to commit Causes

Causes that have occurred within this Presidency which have occasioned Disputes referred to the Board, or may hereafter have that Presidency

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the right of summoning General Courts Martial in the District, and of course, of approving or disapproving their Sentence.

6th — The Orders for the Army after being approved of by the Board are not publish-ed officially to the Army by the Commander in Chief, & through the Adjutant General as is the universal Military Practice wherever there is a Commander in Chief and an Adjutant General

Art. 10 — By the Preamble it appears, that the reason for sending the Instructions in 1774, was to remove the Doubts and difficulties which had arisen between the Governor of Fort St George, as such and the Chief Military Officer, acting thus under their respective Commissions, and therefore, a Military Commission (or a new form) as Commander in Chief neither Fort St George is granted to the Governor, implying clearly that Military Authority cannot be executed without a Military Commission: and therefore, a Chief of a Subordinate being no where mentioned or alluded to, as having such Military Commission, his Powers are not, in that respect, similar to those of the Governor of Fort St George.

Art. 11 — Defines precisely the Military Powers annexed to the Station of Governor, and particularly mentions, that the Commander in

Articles in the Gl Instructions of the Council which have a reference to the points, or cases in dispute, within this Presidency with observations submitted to the Board—

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in Chief or the Superior Military officer etc to communicate to them, all Orders respecting the Military in the Garrison, among which all Orders to the rest of the Army, are to be published by the Commander in Chief without any distinction of Chiefs of Subordinates, what they then o[illegible] were understood by the Company, as having similar Authority with the Governor

Art. 115

would have been particularly mentioned.

Particularly specifys that all temporary leave of absence shall be granted to all Officers in the Army, out of the Governor's Military Jurisdiction by the Military Commander in Chief but there is no Mention what-ever of any exception of Officers in the subordinate Residence. From thence it is probable that this clearly defines power of the Commander in Chief can be exercised, if the Chief claims the same Privilege as by this Article is granted to the Governor of Fort St George or even if the Chief was to

Art. 49.

have a Negative

States a particular case where the general Orders of the Board are to be published by the Governor within Fort St George, but, to all the rest of the Army by the Military Commander in Chief.

No allusion is here made to any Previous Communication, of any Officer with a Chief or a Subordinate for publishing Orders there.

Art. 52

It is remarkable, that this Article

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Article particularly says, that the Keys of all Subordinate Factories shall be kept by such Persons as the Governor & Council shall appoint: is it not, therefore, a fair inference to draw, that the Company did not consider the Chief as the Military Governor: for, had that been the case, no other Person could have kept them?

Ans. 53. States, that in those cases the Keys of the Subordinates, shall in case of Attack, deliver them up to the Superior Military Officer.

Qy. 54. States, that in all cases of Requisition for Troops, it is the Chief Civil Servants, aforesaid, called the Chief & Council who settle the Mode of carrying that Service into execution, as also the number of Troops &c. leaving only to the Chief what is connected with the Country Correspondence solely carried on by them / to explain to the Officer the Nature of the Service in which he is to be employed.

Qy. 55. States, that such Military Commissions shall be granted to the Governors of Fort St George and the other Presidencies, as those in Bengal, who are to execute Military Authority accordingly, and not otherwise.

There is no mention made of Military Authority being vested in any other Civil Servant within the Settlement

After having thus stated the Cases, together with Observations on the Articles of the Instructions to which they may

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may be reserved, I beg leave, now in addition to the Minutes &c already delivered by the Board in Consultation, July 15th to offer to the Members of Council, the following Considerations upon a Business of such importance, and so connected to compleat with the interior Peace & regular Government of the Settlement

I beg leave to premise, that my object is not to give more power to the Military, than is clearly meant by your wise sense to be deduced from the Words and sense of the Companys Orders or Instructions Postscript March 1776. to which I have added, for the information of the Board. General & Covenanted Servants will give on the practice uniformly adopted in Bengal authority, which I doubt not will have due weight with the Board, both on account of the Rank & Station that officer holds, and that it is the Supreme Authority

I am, moreover, humbly of opinion that we are bound to conform strictly to the Letter & meaning of the Company said Instructions, in the present Case, without any deviation, and that, it is not with us to alter, amend, or correct, what in our opinion, is exceptionable, either, by our it may add to the power of the Military or in cases of emergency we see a profitable

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inconvenience or, because a wrong headed
Man may abuse the Powers with which
he is positively intrusted. there are very few
cases indeed in these such difficulties can
occur as may not be specially connected
by a legal power, superior to that of any one
Individual in the Settlement - meanwhile
one general line of conduct must necessarily
be adopted. It was with this view that so much
time & pains were taken to frame the
Instructions or Regulations of 1773, to which
I shall always refer, because, I am firmly
of Opinion that we are bound by them
strictly, and, that we make ourselves parties
and become answerable to our Superiors
for any bad consequence that may result
from any Variation made by our own
authority.

I say further, that if it shall
be found, that Disputes and doubts have,
almost without interruption, subsisted,
ever since the explanatory Resolutions of
the Board in 1774 were published, it is
our Duty to recur to the original Instructions,
to see whether the Orders or explanations, then
made, were agreable to the Instructions,
without being fettered by such Resolutions,
& without waiting until the Company
shall signify whether such Alteration or
supposed Amendment is agreable to them,
or the Contrary. — for, by this mode of
reasoning our Superiors never can depend
upon

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upon our conforming to their orders — If inconveniences, in our idea, may result from any positive order of the East India Company these ought to be represented home, but, obedience to their orders is our first Duty.

In reasoning upon the Subject I cannot admit, that it is sound Argument to say, that, because the Compliment of giving the Parole, or that (by the Permission of the Board) the Keys are left with the Chief of a Factory, though neither of these complimentary powers are particularly his right by any Order or Instruction of the Company, — therefore, the Governor and Council may also of their own authority grant a Chief of a Subordinate, Military Power, or even a Military Commission, to execute the like Authority over the army within the Subordinate Residence, as is exercised by the Governor of Fort St George, in virtue of the Military Commission from the Company.

As to the summoning of General Courts Martial, the Practice now, being to grant the Warrants to the superior Military Officer within the District, which is also the Practice in Bengal, I dare say the Board will not [illegible] of altering that Practice, especially as they [illegible] a respectable Opinion that, if they are held [illegible] the Authority, even of the Chief & Council, [illegible] would be illegal, and if so, the Consequences are evident

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In regard to Garrison Courts Martial where the Corporal punishment is discretional (Death excepted) the Law reasoning will hold Viz: that, if the Civil Magistrate has no Military Authority, it remains with the Superior Military Officer to summon such Garrison Courts Martial, and to approve or disapprove of their Sentence.

Upon the whole, I think it my Duty to acquaint the Board, that after the most mature Consideration of the Subject, I am of Opinion that if they exercise a discretionary Power to suspend or alter the Orders or Instructions of the Honble Company already mentioned, numberless new difficulties and doubts will arise so as to make it impossible for me in my Station to regulate the Military duty & detail, or to exercise those Powers with which I am clearly intrusted, under the controul of the Board only - and as a Member of the Board, I know of no authority superior to that of the Honble Company, by whose Orders and Instructions I shall be guided invariably on the present Occasion

If the Board are therefore of Opinion that the inferences already submitted to their consideration are clearly deduced from the Orders or Instructions of the Honble Company I imagine that they will meet every real, material objection, doubt or difficulty, that has hitherto occured in carrying on the Service within

this

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this Presidency or Subordinates wd so far, at least, as they have hitherto come to my knowledge.

Wednesday 16th July 1777 3 o'clock P.M.

A true Copy

Henry Malcolm Secretary

As the Subject of the foregoing Papers is very important, Resolved that they be sent round with the Military Instructions for the Perusal of the several Members of the Board when it is agreed to appoint a Day for taking them under Consideration

A Minute of General Stuart proposing to incorporate the European Battalions the Men of Capt. Forbes Troop

The Commander in Chief recommends to the Board that the disbanded Troopers lately Captain Forbes's be inlisted among the European Battalions or Sepoy Corps according as the good of the Service may require it, as also that the Subalterns Officers of that Troop be appointed to the Infantry Corps and do duty according to their Rank.

Captain Forbes to be removed to proceed to the Presidency

The Board unanimously agree in this Opinion with the Commander in Chief and do direct a G. O. be given out in consequence.

President's Report of the Nabob's Reply to the Intelligence us-ing Bal. thereof

The President acquaints the Board that agreable to the Resolution of the last Consult he had applied to the Nabob with respect to the intelligence from the Deccan sent

To

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sent to him on the on which the
Nabob made this Remark to the President.
"It has ever been my Custom to send Copys of
"all the News Papers I receive to the Governor,
"but I cannot tell whether these News Papers
"are true or false. the News Writers themselves
"are only answerable."

The General requests to know the Name of the News Writer

General Stuart requires of the President will obtain from the Nabob the Name of the News Writer who sent the intelli-gence regarding him and endeavour to inform himself by what means of the Grounds upon which the said Intelligence was founded.

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15th Wrote the following Letter to Major William Cooke

To Major William Cooke
Sir

To Majr Cooke
Pennsylvania

I am ordered by the President and Council to acquaint you that you have their Permission to resign the Service & proceed to England agreeably to your Request. At the same time they direct me to do Justice to your Merit to testify their entire approbation of your Conduct as an Officer and to indemnify to you their Intention of expressing a due Sense of your Services to the Court of Directors.

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15th July 1777

I am Sir
your most obedient Servt
Charles Oakeley

17th Dispatches of the following Letters

To Mr Charles Desvoeux
& Council at Mazulipatam

Gentlemen

To Mazulipatam
dismissing 2 Guns
on the Sur 2
Artillery: Not to
be sent to Vizag.
Pondam by the
Falconbrie

On Receipt of this you will direct that six Companys of the 3d Circar Battalion including the two Grenadier Companys do hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest Notice.

On the arrival of the Falconbrie you are to put on board of her two 24 Pr. with their Carriages & 6 Hundred Weight of Shot & Ammunition & 6 Barrels of Powder

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Service, & require a Subaltern Officer one non
Commissioned Officer & 12 Artillery Men
from Ellore, whom you will direct to proceed
with the above Guns &c. to Vizagapatam and
dispatch the Valentine thither as soon as
possible

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We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
George Stratton
& Council

To Samuel Johnson Esq.
Chief & Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

The Valentine being ordered to
call at Mazulipatam in her way to Bengal, we
now write to the Gentlemen there to order on
board of her for your Settlement two 24 Pdrs
with a proper proportion of Shott, Ammuni-
tion & every thing appertaining for field
or Battering Service and to direct a Subaltern
Officer with a non commissioned Officer &
12 Artillery Men to proceed with the Guns
&c. you will on no account whatever detain
the Valentine from proceeding to Bengal
so soon as the Men and Guns are landed.

To Vizagapatam on the same Subject

We have directed the Gentlemen
at Mazulipatam to order 6 Companies of the
3d Circar Battalion including the 2 Companies

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of Grenadiers to hold themselves in readyness
to march on the shortest Notice.

The Flora shou'd will be ordered
to call at your Settlement to take the Rice
you have ordered for

We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
& Council
George Stratton

Fort St George
17th July 1777

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. Gov. Pres.t
James Stuart & Charles Floyer
Archdale Palmer. Francis Fowke
George Mackay

Monday
the 21st July

Mr. Brooke indisposed

Minutes last Consultation
read

Read the following Letter
from Tegagpatam.

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

The intelligence we have
received from Lieut. Gothard at Bonjy. on 2 rebel
Channels since our last is, that the Rajah has
assembled about 12000 Troops on his Front of
Tegnagpatam, has destroyed all the Houses near it.
& mounted the Guns on the Ramparts. Hope &

Tanjore

From Tegagpatam
Rajah sends
Tegnagpatam on a
State of Defence

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Large Quantity of Provisions, and boasts that he only waits an answer to his own Letter from Masoolipatam before he determines on Action. It is said the Rajah Thummeans to attack the Party at Bonjy, in order to carry off the Family and Effects of Juggernaut Rauze; but as Captain Murphy must have reached that Place yesterday with almost the whole of his and Captain Rowlis Battalions, we can agree he will not attempt it, or if he should, that he will have reason to repent his rashness, the Post at Bonjy being a strong one, and now rendered very respectable by the Artillery that have lately joined them.

We have sometime since intended for sundry Military Stores, which we hope will be fully complied with by the first opportunity, and that should you think proper to support our Measures, which we earnestly request you will do, you will be pleased to give the necessary Orders for our having the requisite Reinforcement from Masulipatam, and Gooty, we are of Opinion two Battalions from the former and one from the latter District will be fully sufficient to bring the Rajah to a due sense of his extraordinary Conduct

We have written to the Chiefs & Councils of Masulipatam & Gooty desiring them to hold in readiness to March either two Battalions from the Districts

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of the former, and one from the latter Settlements - as we flatter ourselves you will see the Necessity of our having taken Orders to this Effect

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient & most
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
H. Brandfoot
Nath'l Benson

Fitzgerald
21st July 1777

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

Since closing our Letter we have got such undoubted intelligence that the Rajah is receiving constant reinforcements & of his Resolution to attack Captain Murphy, as soon as he is joined by another body he has sent for from the Passes at Poodicotta and Coimpettore. That we have judged it expedient to write immediately to Captain Collins at Samul Cotah, desiring him not to wait the orders of the Chief & Council of Masulipatam, but to march hither with his Battalion as soon as possible. We are sensible that should the Rajah's Preparations be only meant for defence, which we think very doubtful: and for reasons we

From Dispatches of the Rajahs Intentions to attack Bony

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can have no knowledge of, you should think
proper to give up the Fortress committed the
honor of the Company cannot kindly run risk to
assert, that, in such case, this Step may
not only create an unnecessary expence, but
tend also to encrease the Rajahs apprehensions
when we reflect however upon the present
Situation of affairs, we are clearly of opinion
it is fully justifiable on the principles of
Honor, as well as safety, and therefore flatter
ourselves our Conduct will meet your entire
approbation. The whole force under Captain
Macpherson at Bonny cannot amount to more
than 1,000 Seapoys, with about 20 Artillery
and four field Pieces, nor have we at present
more on Tegnapatam, than 30 Seapoys and
a few Europeans to make a stand, should there
be occasion, but we have ordered a Company
to be sent, either immediately with half a
dozen of the Artillery

We are respectfully
Honble Sirs
your most obed.t most
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Tegnapatam
21st July 1777
D.S.A.Jr.

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

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From Vizagapatam complaining of the conduct of Capt.n Murphy and transmitting Copy of their correspondence with him

Fort St George 25th July 1795

Honble Sir & Sirs,

At time our whole attention is engrossed in affairs of great importance we are concerned to be under the Necessity of troubling you with a Complaint against Captain Murphy. The many instances he has given us of an indisposition to controversy and dispute added to the very disrespectful style he has adopted might have well justified our earlier application to you for an effectual remedy to a step, which might affect this Govt's future Welfare, and hoping he would soon be convinced of his Errors, we rather chose to submit to so painfull a Tribulation than draw upon him that resentment, which we believed an impartial representation of circumstances, could not fail to effect. But however disagreable it is, we cannot forbear refrain from laying before you a recital of his disrespectfull and indecent Conduct.- On the 7th Instant, we had a letter from Captain Murphy, as P Copy (N°1) We wrote him the same day, (N°2) and received another letter from him (N°3) which, tho it was in consequence of ours, you will please to observe, is by no means an answer thereto - we are at a loss to conceive, whether wilfull neglect, but whichever was the real effect of inattention, or a general tenor of many of his former, as well

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as late Letters, particularly the one now
transmitted, we have no reason to doubt of
it's true intent and meaning without
dwelling on the very striking change of
Sentiments, which these addresses of Capt.
Murphy's exhibit, we beg leave to remark
that, if he had received any intelligence,
which induced him to think that "the
Rajah does not, nor ever did intend to
oppose the Company's forces on this occasion"
he ought surely to have communicated such
intelligence to us, whereas he has, without
mentioning a word of this pretended infor-
mation, taken upon him to pass an opinion
diametrically opposite to that we have always
offered and which we flatter ourselves is
established upon such uncontroverted
facts, as render it superfluous to enter
into any new detail of them: nevertheless
we beg leave to remark that, if any thing
further is wanting to convince the Rajahs
hostile intentions, his refusing to pay any
part of this great Ballance of 3 Lacks of
Rupees to the Company, not even deigning
to make the Chief any answer to his Letters,
either on that, or the subject of his assembling
such an alarming force, we hope are alone
sufficient to justify the declarations we have
made; but, if any further proof is required,
the fresh and circumstantial assurances
which have just been repeated to us of the

Rajahs

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By this being in treaty with the Marattas for introducing a large body of them into this Carnatic will surely place this matter beyond a doubt.

In the Letter we now write to Captain Murphy, Copy of which is also enclosed (N° 4) we thought it incumbent on us to point out the impropriety of his Conduct, in receiving and conferring with a Dubash of Tejiram Cauzy at any time, we are of Opinion such interviews are improper but when the Rajah is acting in so extraordinary a manner, and treating the Council with such manifest disrespect & Contempt, Captain Murphy's being with him is particularly striking, and as we have to do with him, totally contradictory to the express Orders of the Board in 1769. We will not trouble you with further animadversions on these matters, but as we have no hopes of ever being able to conduct the affairs of the Company, while he continues a similarly of Conduct with that unanimity so necessary for the Welfare of their Concerns we beg leave to submit the whole to your determination. We are, respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs, your most obedient & most humble Servants

Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
H.J. Crawford
Nath Burton

Fort St George
21st July 1777

We

1273. Fort St George 21 July 1773

P.S. We beg leave to trouble you with a Return of the Troops in this Garrison on the 7th Instant to prove how much Captain Murphy was mistaken in his Letter of the 8th Instant

1. To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen.

The draught Bullocks are so
From D. complies
-ning of the Jemadar of Topasses Murphy and transmitting to you of their Commission=
ance with him:
necessary to be, that we are obliged to have the Guns and Tumbrils dragged by the People, over all the Sloughs and bad ground we meet; which retards our March so much, that we can never exceed four Cos, in five or six hours.

I have agreable to your desire wrote to Lieut. Roberts, but this Gentlemans Health being much impaired, obliged him to quit his Station in Golconda, with which he must have already acquainted you when last at Vizagapatam; otherwise I doubt not but he might prevent those three Companies from joining the Rajah, as I took the same Precaution, when the last dispute happened between your Board and him, and was glad to find, they were well affected towards the Company, and willing to aid us if necessary.

I am informed that the
Rajah has collected together several Thousand Irregulars, which I imagine, will make but a feeble resistance, if attacked by the Company's
Troops

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Troops.

I shall march to Bonny
to morrow Morning, and there encamp
on the best situation I can pitch upon in
that Neighbourhood.

Your Letter of the 3d Inst
I received this Morning on my March hither:
that of the 6th since I began mine. you do not
mention the number of Guns you demand for
by the Elizabeth, but I am of opinion, that
six 18 Prs. is absolutely necessary, to breach the
Walls of Tejenagoram: altho the Rampart
is narrow; yet, the Wall being faced at the
outside with Large hard stone it, will require
a considerable deal of battering, four Eighteens
may breach it, but not in one day, as I could
wish. The above Brass and as many 8, and 10
Inch Mortars, with the assistance of two
more Battalion of Seapoys from the other
Districts will very shortly reduce the Fort
and all the Rajahs Troops. I know not of
any place of Strength
except Tejenagoram.

Although you have not thought
proper to furnish me with Hurcarahs, nor
yet to order the Bill of Charges I sent you
in March last to be paid: never the less have,
and shall procure Intelligence at my
own Expence. I am, Gentlemen

Camp at Rivieram
7th July 1777

Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) L. Munro

The

1275. Fort St George 21st July 1790

P. S. The more Mortars we have the better as he will crowd great Numbers in to this little Fort a severe Bombardment will annoy them most dreadfully.

2. To Captain Lawrence Kingsley
Fort

We have received your Letter of the 8th & 12 P.M. as Lieut. Goddard thought proper to send a whole Company of Sepoys to meet an Escort of some Ammunition, we sent them from hence yesterday morning, and which we learn by a letter just received from them, was not arrived this Morning at 11 A. M. we are under some uneasiness least any accident should have happened particularly as he has also acquainted us that the Rajah had advice of his having weaken'd his party for the before mentioned purpose, & proposes to attack them. We imagine by your last, you must have been near enough to Bonny to support Lieut. Goddard, should the Rajah have carried his threat into execution: We are of opinion you should either take Post at Bonny, or some good Situation a little to the Southward of it, where you may have easy intelligence of the Rajah's motions, but we never the less leave it to you. It is reported that he has declared he will attack the Post at Bonny, in order to carry off the Wife and family of Jaggernaut Rauze, for we hope, whenever the attempts

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attempts this you will be able to prevent his succeeding, and give him such a reception, as may impress him with a due Sense of that Superiority the Company's Troops have, and we doubt not ever will maintain.

As we have not Seapoys enough to do the common Duty of the Garrison, and imagine there can be no occasion for any at Chicacole, We desire you will immediately please to order those Companys here, or at least one of them.

We have not Hircarahs sufficient for our necessary occasions, so that you will please to entertain such a number as you may judge proper in the present exigency of affairs we shall send you as many of our Lascars as can be spared from hence

Vizagapatam
7th July 1777

We are, Sir
your most obedient Servants
(signed) Samuel Johnson
&c Council

7th P.S. We could not send you this Letter till this morning for want of Hircarahs.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I received your Letter of the 7th Inst. this Evening. I arrived here this Morning with the Troops under my Command

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Commanders whom I found every thing in perfect
quietness and Security. my Encampment is
so situated, that I am not apprehensive of
Surprize things in the utmost safety, and giving
the Rayahs people a warm reception, should
they make any attempt. but, from the
intelligence I received since I came here,
I have reason to think, that he does not, or
ever did entertain, to oppose the Companys
Forces on this occasion.

I cannot suppose Gentlemen,
that you want Seapoys for the common
duty of the Garrison of Tegapatam, when
you can afford to make such detachments
from it. you have still two Companys from
my Battalion, a hundred & seventy Seapoy
Peons with the European Invalids, who do, are
in my Opinion fully sufficient. I think
that an Officer and two Companies should
remain at Cuddalore. but, if you can spare
it absolutely necessary, I will with drawn
one of them.

Since my arrival here, I
find there is a Brahmin and several Hurcarahs
Stationed at this place, by a Dubash of Mr.
Tolen Douglas, Free Merchant at Tegapa-
-patam, to transmit intelligence. as I have
had no publick information of those People
being sent here, request to know, if they
are employed on the Service, otherwise,
I shall treat them as Spies.

I shall endeavour to procure
Hurcarahs

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Head Quarters for the Present Expedition & Affairs
and wherein as many as will be necessary on
all occasions for the Service.

Camp at Bonny
20th July 1777
9 o'Clock P.M.

Sam. Gentleman
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
(Signed) L. Maupin

To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops in the
Tiracole District at
Bonny

Sir

We have received your
Letter of the 8th and must first observe that
altho you have acknowledged the receipt
of ours of the 7th yet you have not thought proper
to give us the information we therein desired.
which we must deem to be either a proof of
great inattention or to argue from the want
of your Letter, a wilful neglect

We are not less surprized at
the very extraordinary declaration you make
"That from the intelligence you have received
"since your arrival at Bonny you have reason
"to think that the Rajah does not, nor ever
"did intend to oppose the Europeans Forces
"on this occasion" after the many strong
reasons we have lately had, and which has
been communicated to the Governor and
Council, to be of a very different purport to

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the confidence with which you assert your
idea of this Matter, calls loudly on us to enter,
if possible, more minutely on the Subject, in
our next publick dispatch: and, in order
that the opposite Sentiments of each may be
clearly explained, We think you should
acquaint us with the reasons you may have,
upon which this your opinion is founded
as you seem to have considered an explanation
of them necessary.

From information just
received, we are assured that a Dubash of
the Rajah's, called Swamy, had a long Con-
-ference with you, either on the 7th or 8th Instant,
which we not only consider as highly incon-
-sistent with your station and the present
Circumstance of affairs, but also as a direct
breach of the positive Orders of the Governor
and Council in 1766, and of which you cannot
plead Ignorance as the Chief assures us he
very lately had occasion to remind you
thereof.

We are sorry to observe that
you seem so little acquainted with the real state
of the Troops in this district, as to suppose there
are at present two Companies of your Battalion
in Tegapatam, when it is evident had you
adverted to the number then under your im-
-mediate Command and those at Chicacole,
that there were in fact no more than 65
fit for duty - the

Gun

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Your Lions, you well know, are frequently employed as we judge proper for the advantage of the Company's business, nor is it possible you should not have lately seen above fifty of them with the Gentlemen of the Committee at Chicacole. We have indeed a few Invalids, & more Pensioners, but they are all so cripled that, with the number usually in the Hospital, there are but very few capable of doing the least Duty.

The little dependance we ought to place on any information we may receive from you, is very strongly exemplified from what you tell us, of a Brasseur and Staircase's being placed at Bovey by a Dubash of Mr Douglas's, to transmit intelligence: the true state of this matter, is that the Brasseur &c you speak of, were People placed there by the orders of the Chief, whose Dubash was indeed formerly on Mr Douglas's employ, and which we are concerned to observe, there is good reason to believe you were well aware of, altho you have thought proper on this occasion to affect a suspicion of their being Spies. We approve however of your caution in desiring to be informed whether they are employed on the Service, and hope you will convince us that you can shew an equal degree of circumspection in every other part of your Conduct.

As we are convinced the Rajah is extremely anxious to have the Wife and Son

Sagar sent

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Sergeant Range under his power, and
imagine that he will hardly attempt taking
them from such a force as you now Command.
We desire you will take such measures as
may effectually baffle whatever Artifices
he may employ to effect this purpose nor
consider that the honor of the Company is
engaged to protect those People, and declare
we shall hold you answerable for the
consequences should they by any means
fall into the Rajah's hands.

The frequent occasions you
have given us to be dissatisfied with your
added to this fresh example of your inclination
to pursue the same spirit of Dispute, obliges us
to refer this matter to the Governor and
Council, to whom we shall send Copys of
our Letter to you of the 7th Instant, together
with the answer you have been pleased to
return us.

We are, Sir
your most obedient Servants
(Signed) The Chief & Council

Bazaapatam
10th July 1779

P.S. We are at a loss for words to express our
astonishment at the information just
received of your having made Prisoners the
Chiefs Hurcarahs, at, and about Bony. It is
reported also that you mean to oppress these
people of these Days - We hope you will be
able to give us sufficient reasons for this
Conduct, which we are utterly unable
to account for.

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

Honble Sirs &c &c

From Do on the same Subject

Since our last we have received another Letter from Captain Murphy of the 9th Instant Copy of which we enclose, and think it will appear as extraordinary to you, as it does to us He begins with reprimanding us, respecting the length of time our Letters are in reaching them, the reflection of which has nothing uncommon from this Gentleman, we flatter ourselves you will disapprove.

As Captain Murphy still seems anxious to shew that, we have suffered ourselves to be too easily alarmed at the Rajahs Preparations, and for this purpose refers to two Letters we had from Lieut. Halliburton Copys of them (1282) are herewith transmitted. We are of opinion the last of those letters will sufficiently evince the impropriety of his remarks, but when we consider the intelligence he himself now gives us, of the Rajahs having already assembled about 25,000 Troops, the absurdity and contradiction contained in his Letter, we think renders it unnecessary for us to invalidate that, which of itself appears so very ridiculous.

The Fort of Tegypatam

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1283. Fort St George 2d July 1773

(if it deserves the name) is an so open and defenceless a Situation that except it against Horse, it is by no means equal to an open Plain, where Troops, by not confining on the idea of a Fortification, would naturally be more on their guard, and if attacked, avoid the disadvantage of an Enemy's sheltering themselves, as they might here, under adjacent Houses and other Places of Cover. Prudence ought surely to dictate the necessity of providing against even very improbable events, but when you advert to the Plan of this place, and the handfull of Seapoys, with a few Cripples that were on it, at the time we wrote to Captain Murphy, when you review also the many concurring circumstances we have before acquainted you with, and find by Captain Murphys own account that the Rajahs force is so very numerous we flatter ourselves you will approve the Precaution we took in making the requisition of another Company of Seapoys, and that it will confirm the opinion we have already given of his hostile intentions The advice Captain Murphy is pleased to give us for providing a quantity of Grain & other Garrison Provisions, have long since been attended to.

The Conference Capt. Murphy had on the 1st with the Rajahs Dubash, we make

no

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no doubt you will highly disapprove,
especially as he has never informed us a
Word of the matter, when we compare this,
with the Circumstance of his compressing
the Chiefs Fire arms, under the shallow
pretence of their being Spies, and inform
you that, it was from the Conjurers
acting Interpreter we learnt that this
Dubash had been with them, we persuade
ourselves you will be at a loss to conceive
his Motives for, first writing us so
extraordinary a manner, and then threat-
-ning those People with the loss of their
Ears

We are respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Fuzugaputam
25th July 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council of
Fuzugaputam

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter
of the 21st Inst. this Morning at 9 o Clock I
cannot help taking notice of the length of time
your Letters to me were on the road, and have
been ever since my March from Chicacole

I am desired by Lieut Goddard
to

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to inform you, that he did not have taken his Party here by sending a whole Company of Seapoys, but a Jemedars Guard only for the Security of the Stores, and refers you to his Letter a Copy of which he has shewn me.

Ensign Halliburton has informed me that he wrote you two Letters which in a great measure contradicted the intelligence contained in his first, of being any ways apprehensive, for the safety of the Family & Effects of Tagjanaut Cauze, or, of any probability of this Fort being attacked Copies of which I have also seen.

I cannot help expressing my surprize that you should have only 30 Seapoys for the Duty of Vizagapatam, where you had three Companys and fifty Seapoys from my Battalion a Company of which you sent here, and a Jemedars Guard to Mr Holland at Chicacole is all I know of being detached from the above Party.

From the intelligence I have received, I think your apprehensions for the great danger that Vizagapatam is, or may be exposed to void of real foundation, however as you express a particular desire that nothing may be left undone for your safety, I think it necessary that you give immediate orders, to provide a quantity of Grain &c. should things come to the Worst, as I may be obliged to make Detachments, for that purpose, which may be attended with bad consequences.

This

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This will be delivered to you by Brogan Halliburton, who I have ordered to return with the Company of the 1st Battn which you sent here, and also the 6 Artificers Men.

If I apprehend any real danger, shall take care to provide a conveyance for Jaggernaut Rauze's Wife & family and such valuable Effects as are portable.

I am informed the Rajah has 16,000 or 17,000 Irregular Troops with flinted Firelocks including those Cattle Commanded by Lieut. Roberts 3000. Match Locks and Bowmen, and about 3,000 Peons collected from the Paddy fields. I am told the Polligar of Allan has sent him about 700 Boys he should therefore be threatened with the Company's Resentment. I would also advise you to write to Morgabey, the Company's Vakeel to influence the Rajah, to continue Jaggernaut in his Attachment to the Company.

I am, Gentlemen
your most obedient &
Humble Servant
Lewis Murphy

Camp at Bonny
25th July 1777

(Signed)

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen.

The Nizam of the Rajahs being on his way here to take Jaggernaut Rauze's Family

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family by force, must have been without
foundation as there is none of his Troops
arrived yet. nor do I believe he intends
sending any. but will know for certain
to night as I expect some people to return
from Tejonagreen that I sent there yester-
day, on purpose to learn whether he was
making any preparations or not.

If he continues quiet, I will
be glad of your permission to return, that
I may set out to join the Regiment which
my coming here has put off for some
days.

The Serjeant is a good sober
Man and I dare say will act prudently

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient
& most humble Servant
John Halliburton

Bonly
30th June 77
11 A.M.

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council of
Tejonagreen

Gentlemen.

I received your letter of
yesterdays date this Morning. By accounts
that I received from Tejonagreen last
night and this morning both confirm
the Report of the Rajahs having ordered a
strong Detachment here to carry off the
family of Jaggernaut Raze.

but

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But what I most to grieve to it
I do not well know, as I think if he had
intended doing anything by force, he would
not have delayed it so long. at any rate
I shall be now able to hold out, till the
reinforcement arrives from Chicacole

Salter is not yet come
with the Guns, but I expect him hourly.

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient & most
humble Servant
Signed John Hallibuton

Bony
1st July 77
at 8 P.M.

The Commander in Chief
acquaints the Board that he has received two
official Letters from Captain Murphy
which he thinks it necessary to lay before
the Board - they are now read as follows

To General Stuart Commanding
the Troops on the Coast
Sir

From Captain Murphy to General Stuart on the Subject of the Disturbances in the Jeypore District.

In consequence of a Message
Letters which I received from the Brave of
Vizagapatam, to support a Company of Sepoys
sent out from that place to Bonny to
secure the family and Effects of Jaggernaut
Rauze, who was a few days before confined
by the Rajah. I sent an Officer, with three
Companies to support the former: but the Chief
and Council having in other Letters expressed
the utmost apprehensions for the safety of this
Party, which they supposed the Rajah would
attack

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attack with all Troops and having desired me to support it, with such a force as I thought necessary. I accordingly ordered the 8 Grenadier Battalion from Letchempet as soon as possible and Captain Rowles having joyned me with great expectation on the 3 Instant this morning with his Corps, my own two Grenadier Companies, and two three Pounders and am now about fifteen Miles from Chucavelum on my way to Bony.

I am well informed that the Rajah is assembling his People at Tyzeinagroum. but whether he intends to insult the Company's Troops, will shortly appear. I am determined to support their authority to the utmost of my power. altho I can never imagine, whatever the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam may, that he will be the Aggressor, but should he be so daring it will furnish the Company with a just opportunity to deprive him of his Fort and all his Possessions

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Lun.r Stuart

Camp at Coulepollum
4th July 1779

To Brigadier General Stuart
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

I arrived here the 5th and found

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Found every thing in perfect Security as I expected. The Rajah is much alarmed at his danger and has upembled near 2,000 irregular Seapoys, about 3000 Matchlock and Bow Men, and about 5000 Pike Men, but his operations will I imagine, be confined to his own safety: and I have reason to think, that he will readily submit to the Authority of the Governor and Council, & act Juggernaut Rauze at Liberty if they demand it. which I sincerely wish.

I am astonished at the apprehensions of the Board of Vizagapatam for the safety of that place. which they have expressed in their last letter to me, more surprising the Rajah had any such intentions, my present situation, between it and Vizianagrum, would prevent his making any such attempt.

I now inclose you Copies of three Letters from Lassen Hall Courton. which he desired me to transmit to you. That of the 29th Ult. was sent me by the Board of Vizagapatam but I have not heard of the two following, which were wrote shortly after) until my arrival here. when I questioned this Gentleman for alarming the Chief & Council.

I also inclose you a Certificate for the Promotion of three Subadars which I request you will lay before the Honble Board.

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Camp at Boney
11th July 1770

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Lunr.e Murphy

The Commander in Chief

Captain Murphy requests to be tried by a Court Martial

also informed the Board that he has received another letter from Captain Murphy expressing his wish that the Board before they pass any judgement on his Conduct in consequence of the Representations made to them by the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam they will as soon as the present Service in which he is employed is at an End cause a General Court Martial to be held for the purpose of enquiring into the Complaints brought against him.

The Board are of opinion

Captain Murphy to be furnished with Copy of the Complaints against him.

are of opinion that there is nothing alledged against Captain Murphy by the Chief and Council of sufficient Importance to render a Court Martial necessary for the Trial of his Conduct but they think it very necessary & accordingly resolve that Captain Murphy should be furnished with a Copy of such parts of the Letters from the Chief & Council to the Board as relate to him in order that he may reply to or explain the particular Facts therein mentioned.

Resolved also that Captain Murphy be told that the Style of his Letters

to

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To be told of the disrespectful Style of this Letters

to the Chief and Council in general very disrespectful and improper - that it was unbecoming an humane and unconsistent with our positive Orders to negotiate in the manner he did with the Chief and Council upon the Requisition made by them for Troops to march to Tegagapatnam - that it is his Duty to comply with all such Requisitions, desired he and suggested fully offering this opinion as humane he thought they may be attended with danger or Inconvenience to the Service that if any Conference or Correspondence were held between him & Tegagapatnam's Dubash as is asserted by the Chief & Council he ought to have communicated the subject of it immediately to them

And Sworn the Impropriety of corresponding with the Rajah without the Knowledge of the Chief & Council

The Board having already determined to wait for Tegagapatnam's answer to the Letter written him by the President in consequence of the Minutes of last Council and being of opinion that very little if any delay will be caused by this Resolution since the Preparations necessary for commencing Hostilities on the Rajah may go on at the same time. it is agreed notwithstanding the Letters received from Tegagapatnam that nothing hostile be attempted untill Tegagapatnam's answer is received. upon which the following Minute

The Board determine to delay Hostilities against the Rajah untill they receive an Answer from him to their Letter

The Letters from Tegagapatnam leave no doubt of the Seizure of the German Rings and

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Minute of Council proposing that the Chief and Council be empowered to enforce their Requisition

and provided that although the Chief & Council had in the Month of June demanded the release of Jaggernaut on the 12th of July he was still in Confinement. It is evident then to me that the Rajah had continued that authority by which Jaggernaut Rauze had been demanded of him and I know not of his having conducted to express any reason to the Council of Vizagapatam for his Conduct on application to the subsequent Government. a Letter has been written in consequence by the President requiring the immediate Release of Jaggernaut Rauze and arrangement with the same Exception as that of Vizagapatam & therefore as in such case the speediest Measures should be exerted I am of opinion that the Chief and Council should be empowered in case of this not immediately delivering up Jaggernaut Rauze to require the aid of the Military to reduce the Rajah to obedience to the Company's Government.

The Commander in Chief

Minute of General Stuart proposing Col. Braithwaite to Command in the Circars.

recommends to the Board that an Officer of Rank be appointed to the Circars - his Head Quarters to be at Masulipatam - to have under his Command the Troops in that District, and occasionally to review those in the other districts in the Circars when so ordered by the President & Council or by the Commander in Chief by their authority

The

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The General recommends at the same time, that Thos Hyde be particularly instructed to inform himself of every Circumstance or occurrence in the Carnatic, or any way connected with the Military store, so that, on any emergency he may be ready to take the Command in case the Service requires it.

If Colonel Braithwaite is appointed to this Station he will fully answer the Boards intentions, and as accounts have been received of disturbances to the Northward he recommends that the Colonel do proceed in the Houghton to Vizagapatam, to take the Command of the Troops assembled in that district until the Rajah Vizeramrauze shall have given proper satisfaction to the Board for his late Conduct, or until those disturbances are settled. The Colonel to be then directed to return to his particular Command in the Masulipatam District

Col Braithwaite appointed accordingly

Resolved, that Colonel Braithwaite be appointed to command the Troops under the District of Masulipatam agreeably to the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, and that he be instructed in consequence of the Disturbances which are likely to happen shortly in the Circaca & Carnac to proceed immediately to Vizagapatam and take upon the Command of the Troops assembled in that District.

Read

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From the Royal Read a Letter from the Royal
of Tanjore on the Tanjore as entered on Country Correspondence
Conduct of Colonel Pg 4 stating what Papers between them &
Flosse. Colonel Flosse as the Subject of the Requisition
for 4 Lacks of Pagodas on account of the
Nabob.

Read the following Letter
From Colonel Flosse also on that Subject.

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

Honble Sirs

From Col. Flosse on account of his Conference with the Royah on the Subject of the Nabobs Claims

On the 26th of June I received
at Tanjore and next day received the Command
of the Troops and charge of the Garrison from
Major Barrow. with the several Papers
and orders received by the Major from Lt.
Colonel Harper and General Stuart.

after examining the
I have the pleasure to inform your Honors &c.
Fortifications Military Stores &c. That
Major Stevens is making great progress
in the Buildings and Fortifications of the
small Forts. and Mr. Gowan in fulfilling
his Contract for building the Retaining Wall
of the great Fort and filling in the Ramparts.
The Military Stores at present I found much
devided. but on as your order & convenience as
could be expected: and in a little time will be
drawn mostly together and properly arranged
in the small Fort

I received your Honors &c
Letter

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Letter of June the 22. but the Royals being at that time much indisposed he could not attend publick Business. on his being somewhat better I had an Audience with him and Spoke the Business directed in that Letter. but first I gave the Royals the strongest assurances of my being truly desirous of removing from every Service in my power: and that I should on all occasions shew him every respect due to him: I then informed him I had received your Honor & Co.ns Orders to represent to him the great Concern you were under on finding he had hitherto paid so little attention to the Measures your Honble Board had recommended. that you could not help conceiving that such Conduct on his part must have proceeded from his having too implicitly followed the advice of some people who had on every occasion to their power endeavoured to frustrate every Measure of the Government. I then in the most earnest manner requested him to reflect and seriously consider the Consequences that must attend his continuing to be guided by such advice. and the smallest Reflection must convince him that his true Interest lay in being faithfully attached to the Company. only way to prove to be his friend and real support. That whatever those might suggest to him who wish to persuade him not to rely on the Gentlemen of the present Government. I must observe to him that they are the Companys Representatives, and the only

only Government on this Coast. acknowledged and confirmed by the supreme Council of Bengall. the highest Power in India as with them, and them only he ought to have that Reliance and Confidence which as the Company Representatives they alone are entitled to, and who only are authorized to interfere in any manner in publick Transactions. they as a Publick Body being responsible. but others were not so and therefore to answer any of their own present purposes would not scruple to urge him to persevere in such Measures as they recommend. though the future Consequences might be even so detrimental to the Rajah. they being in no respects responsible.

I then assured the Rajah that although your Honor &c: had great Reason to be much displeased at the Conduct he had hitherto observed. yet you were very desirous of pointing out to him his true Interest and I conjured him no longer to slight your advice and Representations. but on the contrary in future adopt such a Conduct as should convince you that he rely'd on the Company as his chief support. and would look on the Government here as their Representatives and rely on no others.

After hearing every thing I had urged the Rajah gave me assurances that he was very desirous on his part to cultivate a

Friendship

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Friendship and good understanding with the Nabob to the President and the other Gentlemen of the Board that he owed his being restored to the Government of this Country solely to the Company. and on them he rely'd for support. and desired to know if I had any particular Business to propose to them by the Board's Directions. I answered I had, and as I flattered myself from the assurances he had just given me of his Reliance on the Company) that he now on my part that deference that he ought to such Requisitions as the Nabob the President and Council should make on their behalf. I should offer what I was instructed to do with Confidence of his now complying.

I then informed him that your Honour &c after maturely weighing the Requisition made to him respecting the four Lacks of Pagodas as in part of the Government's share of the Crop for 1770 as well as what he had represented: had in consequence of the destruction the Nabob Labourers under for want of money which very materially effected the Company's which you were desirous of recovering by any means in your Power directed me again to renew that Subject. I therefore recommended his seriously considering this Requisition once more. which I was well perswaded was just and reasonable. and all circumstances considered. it would prove to be his true Interest to

comply

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comply with it together with such other
Arguments as I conceived most likely to
confute such Reasons as I understood the
Rajah had urged for evading to comply.

During this discourse
I thought the Rajah appeared much effected
He said this Business had been referd to the
Company in England and by whose
decisions he would abide. That he was very
desirous of being on good terms with the
Governor and Council but urged with
warmth that he thought it very hard
that he should be desired to pay four Lacks
on account of the Government Share of 1775
when he had only collected a little more than
one Lack on that account. Should the Company
even direct that in favor of the Nabob; but
being then much fatigued he said he would
consider of all that had been said and would
see me again on the Subject.

After several Messages through
Pancaty Pelly who was appointed by the
Rajah to do Business with me when he could
not appear himself On the 14th Instant
I had an Interview with the Rajah on the same
Subject and after recapitulating what I had before
said with such other arguments as occurred
in favor of the Requisition the Board had
made. I received from the Rajah for answer
that he was very desirous of being on good
terms with the Honble the President & Council

and

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and would always readily do all in his power to assist the Company, nor to convince them of the sincerity of this Profession he would out of the present years produce advance and pay into the Companys Treasury as much Money as he possibly can, as that produce comes in at the same time desired I would mention in my Letter to the Honble Board that he hoped they would consider the distress he and his Family had undergone, and that now he has the greatest difficulty to raise even very trifling Sums of money to advance the Inhabitants to enable them at this critical Season to cultivate and sow the Lands, and also that 4 Lacks out of this produce must be paid the Company with the other various disbursements he is under an absolute Necessity to make on account of carrying on his Government, and the necessary expences of his Family.

I would have then proposed the Rajah for a more favorable answer with respect to the amount of the Sums he would advance, and the terms of Payment, but he excused himself from then entering further on any Business at that time, being much fatigued, and indeed he appeared to be but very poorly and far from being recovered of his indisposition, and I in consequence was under the necessity of postponing that Point

I have since received a Message from

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from the Rajah to this purport. that he desires it to be understood that the money he had promised to pay into the Companys Treasury should be reckoned as a deposite, untill the Companys decision on this claim should arrive from England, and if then given in his favor that he should have credit for the Discount.

I shall expect your Honor & C.a further Commands on this Subject. at present I am of opinion that the Rajah is disposed to do what he conveniently can to gain the favor of the Honble Board. but he pleads very sincerely the distresses he has laboured under, and that his Country is far from being settled the Inhabitants being constantly alarmed by Reports that the Country is to be given taken from under his Management. and other Reports. I observed to them that his cultivating a good understanding with the Government would provide the only means of putting an end to these alarmes. that as soon as the Inhabitants understood he and the President and Council were on terms of Friendship and Confidence. Credit would revive in his Country. Trade & Men would launch out & enable the Farmers to cultivate the Country and the Inhabitants would chearfully join the Lascars in full Confidence of being sure to reap the Produce. the Revenues would in consequence

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the Rajah upon this Power to oppress, he has been forty years Secretary either to Pedtaud Jang or to Tulgajee; - whatever Right therefore any Power can have over this Subject that Right, most undoubtedly, the Rajah has over the Dubbeer used, it cannot be looked on as dismissed by his having been employed even on the highest Offices, by the Nabob during the time of his Government of Tanjore; consequently, the carrying him out of his Masters power without his/the Rajahs/ consent, is contrary to the Law of Nations whilst in peace with each other - If we are to judge the Complaints well founded which were made by the Nabob to Mr Stratton/then acting Governor/ dated 23 April 1776 and more particularly by his Letters to Lord Pigot/ dated 6th July/ as also to the Supreme Council at Bengal, concerning the escorting or rather the forcibly carrying this very Person from Madura, whom the Nabob then claimed as his Subject - will not the bringing the Dubbeer from the Rajahs Palace, without the consent of this Person, by influence or threats or by the Secretary under this Government, give to Enemies the same ground of Complaint against this Board?

2. If the Dubbeer is contrary to the Rajahs express consent brought from Tanjore to the Presidency, by the orders or influence of the Governor and Council, it is a direct interference with, and diminution of their Authority and Therefore

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Therefore, contrary to Article 7th of the Honble
Company's Instructions Dr Grenville

3d Acts contradictory to the
42d Articles of the Instructions of the Board
/ February 10th / to the then Commandant of
Tanjore, which were clearly explained to the
Rajah and understood by him.

4 Its contrary to the most
explicit declarations made by the President
in his Letters to the Rajah dated 7th September 1776
/and October 1776/ acknowledged by the Rajah
in his answer September 26th 1776

5 There is no immediate necessity
for such a strong Measure, because, the Rabob
in his Letter to the President / October 26th 1776 /
has already stated every Martial disbursement
on account of the Tanjore Country, excepting
the payment of the Military, the Expence of
Fortifications, and the paying off the Mortgages
to Foreigners. all which Articles must be
exactly known at the Durbar without the
Dubbers assistance. and, in reality we may
see in the Annexed State of Facts, published in
England by his Highness's agents, that they
have been furnished with every Article of
Disbursement on account of Tanjore - what
further information is it, then, possible for
the Dubber to give, especially in the very short
time which must intervene before the arrival
of Decisive orders from our Superiors, concer-
-ning every matter at present in doubt or

dispute

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dispute relative to Tanjore? must any candid Man believe the Dubbers state of Matters, or accounts, a thing under influence? Logically this reasoning whether he remains at Tanjore, or is brought to Madras with this difference only, that while he remains at Tanjore we have no thing to answer for; and, if this is granted, the Members of this Government by every means and Evidence offered to the Rajahs authority may be found to have disobeyed the orders of our Superiors without answering any one good purpose proposed by this Stratagem

6. It will not admit of a doubt that, so soon as it is known in the Tanjore Country that a man of the Dubbers consequence and Character who has managed the whole finances for so long a space, has been sent to Madras contrary to his Masters will. from that instant, I say, the Authority of the Rajah, over his Subjects, Amildars, Renters &c. will cease, and, his orders, scrupled through his Ministers, will no more be regarded. every one will look for new Masters and new Ministers. whilst the Country is in the mean while, plundered, and the important Revenues hitherto so punctually paid to the Rajah to this Government, must fail. and all this Confusion brought about in consequence of a measure adopted at the every eve of expecting a final and decisive resolution from the Honble Company in answer to a reference to them, made voluntarily by all parties upon

their

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these respective Wars to frustrations or doubts
regarding Tanjore

Upon the whole, therefore, as
the Board have thought proper to engage the
Security of the Honble Company, and thereby
have raised for his Highness's Service the Sum
of Four Lacks of Pagodas wanted for the discharge
of his Troops, and thus having removed the
immediate necessity of forcing the Rajah to
obtain this sum, so, by a parity of reasoning
there seems to be no urgent exigency to commit
the authority of this Board, by using it in
direct contradiction to the Honble Companys
Orders, merely to obtain very exceptionable
information.

I therefore hope the Board
will suspend all Measures tending to affect
that Authority of the Rajah over his Subjects,
which by the voluntary capitulation if ours
Superiors is secured to him until their
positive orders shall arrive, to which orders
he has repeatedly assured the Board, that he
will most strictly conform.

In all events I hope I shall be
excused in stating my reasons at large for
declining my Assent to use the Orders, Authority,
or influence of the Board, directly or indirectly,
to remove the Dubber from Tanjore without
the previous consent of the Rajah.

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Agreed that a Copy of the Rajahs Letter be sent to Lieut-Colonel Florne that he may have an Opportunity of explaining to the Board the Charges contained therein against himself.

Agreed that the President do answer the Letter to the Rajah in answer to the foregoing from him and that he endeavour to remove the apprehensions which the Rajah seems to be under respecting the Intentions of the Board.

Mr. Charles Lucas and Mr. Thomas Bedford appointed Lieutenant Fireworkers of Artillery the former to rank from the 27th and the latter from the 22d Instant.

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21st Wrote the following Letter
to Colonel Braithwaite.

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Sir

To Col Braithwaite advising him of his appointment to the Command of the Troops in the Circars

The Honble the President and Council have been pleased to appoint you to the Command of the Troops under the district of Masulipatam, your head Quarters to be at that Settlement they mean that you should occasionally review the Troops in the other districts of the Circars when so ordered by them the Commander in Chief by their authority and they particularly desire you to inform yourself of every Circumstance or occurrence in the Circars in any way connected with the Military Line, so that on any Emergency you may be ready to take the Command in case the Service requires it.

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Sam. Sir
your most obd. Servant
Charles Oakely

23d Dispatched the following Letters.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received your several

To Vizagapatam on the Subject of their Disputes with Captain Murphy

Letters, the last bearing date the 12 July. It affords us much concern to observe that any Variance should subsist between you

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you and the Commanding Officer of the Troops on your District at a time when the Service requires so much unanimity and Concord We should not have thought ourselves at liberty to examine the Points upon which these differences have arisen but that the Service may not be any longer retarded by further Correspondence between you and the Commanding Officer upon Subjects of little Importance in Themselves when once properly explained and understood. We enclose you a Letter We have written to Captain Murphy under a Flying Seal which will shew you our sense of some parts of his Conduct and particularly of the Style of his Letters to you which We much disapprove, nevertheless We have thought it best just to furnish him with a Copy of such Passages in your Letters to Us as contain Matter of Accusation against him that he may have an Opportunity of replying to them

We have thought it proper to Colonel Braithwaite to command the Troops now assembled on your District and accordingly takes Passage on the Haughton for Vizagapatam. We hope you will endeavour to cultivate the utmost Harmony with that Officer that the Service may be carried on without Interruption

We are Gentlemen
your Affectionate Friends
George Stratton

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To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Sir

To Capt Murphy on the same Subject

We are sorry to observe the Misunderstandings which have arisen between you and the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam, at a time when Harmony & Unanimity become so necessary. As we are prepared to judge of the principal points in dispute by a Communication which has been made to us of the Correspondence and of your Letters to the Commander in Chief, We shall here declare our Sense of such parts of your Conduct as seem to require our immediate Attention, and We hope it may have the desired Effect of removing all Subject of future Differences

We are of opinion that the Style of your Letters to the Chief and Council very improper and disrespectful. as a public Board in which the Company repose so great a degree of trust and Confidence they are entitled to every mark of attention & respect from you, & We shall not fail to require and exact it if necessary upon every occasion.

The manner in which you expostulated with the Chief & Council in their Requisition for Troops to march to Vizagapatam was very becoming and improper your duty and our positive orders, pointed out an instant Compliance. In all future Cases We expect such a Compliance, leaving you at liberty whenever you may think the Requisition

likely

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likely to be attended with danger or Inconvenience to offer your reasons against it in a decent and respectful manner.

The Chief has been informed that you received a visit from a Dubash or Servant of Tezaravanee Augr. without communicating the Intention of it or the purport of your Conversation with him. We think it necessary to observe that if such a visit were made it should have been mentioned to the Chief and Council who have a right to be informed as soon as possible of all Correspondence carried on during the Course of the Service on which you are employed.

Having thus given you our Opinion upon those Points on which We are enabled to judge from the Information before us. We direct it just to transmit you a Copy of such parts of the Letters from the Chief of Tanjore to us as appear to contain matter of accusation against you, on which We shall pass our Opinion when We shall have received what you | to urge in your Vindication.

We have appointed Col. Braithwaite to take the Command of the Troops which are ordered to assemble on the District of Tezaravanee, and accordingly propose that he set out from Trichinopoly.

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We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
George Stratton
H Cornwallis
Fra

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24th The following Letter being received was sent round to the Gentlemen of Council & Mr. Pennecuicks request granted.

Brig. General Stuart
Sir,

from Ensign Pennicuick desiring leave of absence

I have already had the honour to inform you of the particular reasons which induce me to solicit leave to proceed to China, and of the Necessity there is for my Presence there in order to settle some private affairs.

I am now to beg the favour of you to lay my request before the Honble the Governor & Council, & to solicit, through You, their Permission to proceed on any of the Ships of this Season

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Esteem.

Sir,
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
J. Pennecuick

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26th Wrote the following Letter to the Supra Cargoes at Canton.

To Matthew Raper Esqr.
Chief &c. Supra Cargoes of Council
at Canton

Gentlemen

Several of the Company's Soldiers
on

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To the Supra cargoes at Canton requesting that private Men Charter party Passengers may be permitted to return

on this Establishment having served their contracted Time and requested their Discharges in order that they might return to Europe We have complied with their desire in this Instance, and have ordered them on board of the China Ships as Charter party Passengers being much in want of Seamen at this time We wish to reenlist as many of these Men as possible, and have desired Major Cooke who takes Passage on the Worcester for China to use his best endeavours for that Purpose

In case he should succeed in prevailing on any of them to return, We request you will assist them with Conveyances. and assure them on our name that on their arrival here they shall immediately receive the usual Bounty for reinlisting

As Major Cooke who goes to Bengal with the intention of proceeding from thence to England, is an Officer of great Merit. We shall be obliged if you will shew your Civilities to him during his stay at Canton.

We are Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servants
George Stratton

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Becomes the following
Letter from Brigadier General Stuart
To

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

Sir

From General Stuart proposing that a Party may be sent to prove the Guns at Pennacoil, Chinglepatt & Cuddalore

Several of the Guns in the Forts of Chinglepatt, Pennacoil and Cuddalore having been reported, to me, to require being proved, and likewise to be repaired, I propose that, an Officer, with ten or twelve Men of the Artillery from the Mount, be directed to proceed to these Forts, for this Service, before the the Gun-Carriages are ordered to be made - if you approve of this proposal I beg the favour of you to communicate it to the Gentlemen of Council for their approbation as early as possible, that the necessary orders may be given, and the party proceed from hence on Monday next.

I am Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
James Stuart

Fort St George
Saturday
26th July 1772

At a Consultation Present.
The Honble George Stratton Esq. President
Henry Brooke x James Stuart
Charles Floyer x Archdale Palmer
Francis Fourdan x George Mackay

Tuesday the 29.

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from Captain Nettleville. &c

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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr
President and Governor of Fort St George
& & & and the rest of Council.
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Nethersolle desiring Permission to remain sometime longer on the Coast

My ill state of health for some time past, and a complaint with which I am at present heavily afflicted renders it impossible I can with safety to myself undertake the Voyage to Bengal with the other Gentlemen of that Presidency who are likely very shortly to embark

I now address to you these Reasons to the Board, more especially as I am persuaded the Gentlemen who have honored me with their appointment cannot wish an Individual should fall a Sacrifice where the good of the Service can in no way be effected. Besides to you Gentlemen I am personally, and collectively obliged, who seeing my Situation very singular have already been pleased to give me your countenance and Protection I can not therefore but be highly desirous to preserve your favor, and I humbly hope on this Occasion it will not be withdrawn.

I am likewise to request you will order a Copy of this Letter may be sent to the Presidency of Fort Marborough, that no advantage may be had of my necessary stay on this Coast to corroborate what I have set forth.

I subjoin the Certificate of Mr Pusley

I have the honor to be with

the

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the greatest Respect Gentlemen

your very humble &
very obedient Servant
F. S. Setterville
Capt Bencoolen Establishm.

Madras
July 1797

These are to certify that Captain
Nicolas Simon Setterville suffered much during
the Voyage from Europe to this place from a
long & painfull illness - since his arrival on
this Coast he has been in so irregular a state
of health that he is obliged to postpone proc=
=eeding on another Voyage to Bencoolen until
he trys the Effect of Climate and other assis=
=tance here.

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Gilbert Pusley
Surgeon

A Copy of this Letter to be sent to Fort Marlbro.

Agreed. That Captain Setterville's Situation be mentioned to the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro. and a Copy of this Letter sent thither by the first Conveyance.

The Secretary to acquaint Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick that no conveyance may be had to Fort Marlbro.

The President acquainting the Board that the Snow Speedwell will sail in a few days from hence to Fort Marlbro. ordered that the Secretary do inform Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick of that Establishment who is now here that he may be accommodated with a Passage. The 2d Para. of the Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 24th Dec.r last has been already sent to Lieut. Col Kirkpatrick.

The President acquaints the
Board

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Major Burghall through the President requests Permission to do duty in Garrison

Board that Major Burghall has desired them to intimate to them his Request that he may be permitted to do duty as an Engineer in this Garrison instead of going to Trichinopoly where he was some time ago appointed.

The Board are of opinion

Sergeant to proceed to Trichinopoly in the course of next Month

that Major Burghall's Request cannot be complied with, and the Secretary is desired to inform him that they expect he will proceed to Trichinopoly, where his Services are required in the course of the next Month.

The Commander in Chief

delivers in the following Recommendation

Agreeably to the Instructions of the Honble Company I Ashburnham (1774) beg leave to recommend to the Honble Board Ensign Joseph Porter Eyton of the 1st Battalion of Sepoys to the Quarter Master to the 1st B.n 2d Reg.t in the room of Lieut. John Patterson promoted.

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Ensign Eyton appointed a D.A.M. of the 1st Batt.n 2d Reg.t

Ordered accordingly.

The Commander in Chief lays

before the Board the following Certificate

regarding the Honble Ensign Frances Corbould,

who requests thro' him the Permission of the Board

Ensign Frances Corbould to proceed to the Cape for his health

to proceed to the Cape for his health Granted.

Thos

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The are to certify that the
Honble Francis Constructer Ensign in the Honble
Companys Service having long been in a bad
State of health is advised to procure for Madrass
Chinarar the Cape for change of air &c.

James Peters
Surgeon

Ellore
7th July 1777

The Commander in Chief also
lays before the Board a Petition from Mess
Sally Commandant of the 4th Battalion of
Sepoys requesting a consideration of his long
Services to the Company that he may be
indulged with an allowance for a Palanqueen
The Commander in Chief at the same time
recommends Mess Sally as a Man of Merit
but observes that the allowance for a Palanqueen
was originally intended only for the eldest
Commandant of Sepoys in the Service tho'
at the particular Instance of General Smith
it was afterwards extended to two of three
The Commander in Chief recommends on
account of the late Increase in the Establishmt
that the Indulgence be in future continued
to three Commandants, and that Mess Sallys
Petition for it be complied with upon the
first Vacancy which the Board approve.

The three eldest Commandants of Sepoys to be allowed Palanquins. Mess Sally to succeed upon the first Vacancy.

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board a Letter written by Captain
Johnstone of the 3d Battalion at Ellore, to the
adjutant

1320. Fort St George 29th July 1747

Captain Johnson represents that two Companies of Peons whom he had Stations at Tamulcotah were recalled from the Service by the Council at Masulipatam.

Adjutant General acquainting the Addresses from that he had agreeably to the Orders of the Board sent two Companies of the Battalion to Tamulcotah, but that the Council at Masulipatam had thought it necessary to order those two Companies on Service against the Tetapilly Zemindar.

Captain Johnson to send two of his Companies to Tamulcotah

The Board having taken the same into Consideration are of opinion that two Companies should remain at Tamulcotah, and therefore direct that the Council at Masulipatam be required to send two other Companies to Tamulcotah in the room of those who are employed against the Tetapilly Zemindar.

Read the following Letters from Masulipatam

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

Hond Sir & Sirs

From Masulipatam advising of the Steps taking by the French in the Guntoor Circar

We think it necessary to transmit to your Honor &c a copy of a Letter we have received from the Officer commanding at Tanjapollier as the French in the Guntoor Circar seem to appear to be taking such active Measures for strengthening the Party under the command of Mr Lally, as you may probably think worthy

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worthy of your attention

We are very respectfully

Masulipatam
8th July 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs.

your most obedient

humble Servants

Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

Charles Desvoeux Esqr.
Chief & Cla Council
Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

Mr Arnow Agent to Mr. Lelley arrived at Rouone the 3d Inst. and has since proceeded on his way to Pondicherry this. Man annually visits that place, with no other intent than procuring Europeans for Mr. Lalleys party. I have this day taken Prisoner one of his French Troopers, he was going for Pondicherry with a number of Letters the whole of which shall enclose you, if you judge it necessary. I dont doubt but many particulars may be procured from them, of Mr. Lalleys party.

Forty French men with arms, were landed nigh Mutopellee the 4th Inst. they divided into three parties, seized two of my Hircarahs Seapoys, and made their way into the Jungle, on procuring the earliest Intelligence. I endeavoured to meet

with

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with them, but to no effect. one Jean by profession
through Raccane the Patan gave them every
necessary, and immediate assistance they
had occasion for, two, two Mast Pepulles
are now at Anchor near Masulipatam, and
I am informed have on board a number of
Frenchmen. which I my self intend to carry
the first favorable opportunity. I have judged
it necessary to order the Guard aboard at
Covalong to join me. for the present having
four Prisoners. and only twelve Seapoys
for duty. I am with the greatest Respect

Gentlemen

your very obedient Servant

(Signed) Thomas Bowsr

Vansittart Esqr
6th July 77

a true Copy
Alex Frenyle
Secy

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this day received two
letters from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
copies of which We have the honor to enclose

From Masulipatam communicating Dysentery &c. from Vizagapatam.

Having taken these Letters into our serious consideration, and judging that
the only possible detriment to the Company by
complying with the request contained in the
Letter would be a small expence of batta and
that

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that on the other hand a refusal might be attended with consequences very alarming. We have thought it our duty to require of Captain Collins to march forthwith into the Circar with such a force as he may think can be prudently spared from the Garrison of Samulcotah having a regard to the favourable exigencies of the Totapilly district

We have not thought it necessary to take any steps in regard to the dissecting two Battalions to hold themselves in readiness as these will be time sufficient for our being favored with your commands before your orders regarding Vizeramrauze's conduct can reach Vizagapatam. We esteem it however our duty humbly to offer to your Honor &c as our opinion on that the Detachment which Captain Collins will take with him is as great a force as ought to be absent from these Circars, considering the common exigencies of the Service and the consederable party under M.r Lally on Bazalet Jung's Country which we are well informed does not consist of less than seven hundred Europeans. We are Respectfully,

Honble Sir & Sirs.

your most obed.t humble Servants

Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges.
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
13th July 1777

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To Charles Floyer Esq.
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We think it necessary to acquaint you that we lately ordered 3 Companys of Sepoys to Bonny for the Protection of the Family and Effects of Juanpraca Jaggernaut Rauze the Companys Renter and Manager whom the Rajah Vizeram Rauze presumes to keep in Confinement notwithstanding both the Committee of Circuit and we have demanded his Release and protested against the Measure as derogatory to the Companys Honor Dignity and Authority.

In consequence of this the Rajah has assembled about 12,000 Men at Vizianagrum and is putting that Fort in a State of Defence, we have fully explained this Affair to the Rajah and hope to receive his Answer for bringing him to a proper Sense of his duty but in the interim we think it expedient to inform you that the Rajah having withdrawn his Troops from their proper Stations we have been under the necessity of ordering Captain Murphy to march the two Battalions stationed at Chicacole and Ichapoor=pet to support in case of need the Detachment at Bonny.

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As We think it probable from the Representation we have made to Majr Davis that you will have orders to supply us with two Battalions of Seapoys we request you will please to take care that those destined for this Service may be in readiness to march on the shortest Notice.

We are, Gentlemen
your obedient humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
M.n Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath.l Brown

Vizagapatam
4th July 1777

A true Copy
Alex.r Bingle
Secy

To Charles Floyer Esq.r
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We wrote you last night, request-
-ing you would order two Battalions of Seapoys
to be held in readiness to march hither on the
shortest notice. Intelligence received since of
the Rajahs preparations has shown us the
absolute necessity there is of immediate assistance,
and therefore have wrote to Captain Collins
at Samulcotah, desiring he would march hither
directly with such part of his Battalion, as
he can with prudence take from their
present

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present Station, without waiting for your orders, we have informed them of our having given you previous advice of our intention to make a requisition of two Battalions, and we now request you will send Captain to Cross the necessary orders, with the utmost Dispatch lest he may have hesitated to comply with our desire. We are

Gentlemen

your most obed. humb. Servants

Pycapatam
8th July 1777

Sam.l Johnson
M. Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Sign'd

a true Copy
Alex.r Pringle
Secy

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

From Pycapatam with an Account of the Forces under Bazalet Jung &c. Letter from them. Pennikon

The Officer commanding the Detachment at Tantapa Cum having sent hither four French Prisoners conformable to your orders of the 19 October 1775. after previous examination, and a strict enquiry into it not to go to Bazalet Jung or into our Forces, they were set at Liberty, but in the interim, a Letter was sent to Mr. Desvaux by Mr. Pennikon the French Chief here, which we now have the honor to transmit

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Transmit you having thus had occasion to address your Honor &c. on the Subject of the French Party in the Guntoor Circar. We beg leave farther to transmit you a particular account lately received of the present Strength of the Party now under command of Mons.r Lally in the Service of Bazalet Jung.

We are respectfully

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

your most obed.t humble Servants

Charles Desvoeux

James Hodges

Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
15th July 1777

An Account of the Party reported to be under the Command of Monsieur Laly at Adhoni which Bazalet Jung pays by Tunkas given upon the Guntoor Circar. Masulipatam the 14th July 1777.

3,000 Topasses in European Dress

5000 Seapoys with Europeins Officers and Serjeants.

2 Companies of Europeans one of which is Grenadiers each Company consisting of about one hundred Men.

1 Company of Mestus 100 Men

100 European Cavalry.

Translation

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Translation

To Mr Desvoeux

Chief at Masulipatam

Sir

Several Frenchmen on their way to Pondicherry have been stopped at Narsipetty and conducted by ten Sepoys to this Place. They claimed the Protection of their Flag & I hope you will please to order that they be set at Liberty

I cannot help Sir expressing my Surprise on this occasion. I always thought that in a state of Peace such as We have for a long time maintained the Subjects of either nation were at Liberty to travel without apprehending any Insult. nevertheless several Complaints have been made against your Officers commanding at Narsipelle and this is now a fresh Proof of the Ill treatment which the Subjects of the King of France experience on their Way to his Garrison.

It is only six leagues of Trouble that Travellers have to fear being stopped. ill treated, and conducted with Ignominy by insolent Sepoys who always abuse their Power over unarmed men. to have their Papers seized, to be conducted four days Journey on a Road directly contrary to that which they

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were inclined to take, and at at time when even the the Natives of the Country can scarcely march.

Such Sir are the Motives which compel me to complain to you in the Name of the Nation against this Officer and acquaint you that I cannot dispense with lodging a Complaint of this Affair with Mons.r Bellecombe, who will certainly complain to the Council at Madras.

I have the Honor to be with Respect, Sir

your most humble & most obedient Servant

Ed.d Pigot

Masulipatam
16 July 1777

Resolved that the Records of 1775 be referred to that the Board may inform themselves of all that passed in that year relative to the French force in Bazalet Jungs Service after which they will be prepared to take such measures as may appear necessary to defend the Influence of the French in the Guntoor Circar.

The Records to be consulted

Resolved that the Council at Masulipatam be desired to send hither all Europeans without Passports who may be taken up by the Detachment stationed at Vintapollum

Europeans without Passports only to be stopped

To.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We read the honor yesterday to acquaint you of the Steps We had taken in consequence of the application made to us by the Chief & Council of Tegapatam

We have this day received a letter from Captain Collins Commanding at Samulcotah advising us that on compliance with the request made to him by that Board he proposed marching on the 12th Instant with four compleat companies, hoping we should approve of the Step as he fear'd the Settlement of Tegapatam was in danger

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Desvoeux
James Hodges
Alex.r Tytler

Masulipatam
14 July 1777

From Masulipatam
advising of the March
of Capt Collins'
Battalion for
Tegapatam

Read the following Letter
from Cuddalore

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We

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We have the Honour to send
you Copy of a Correspondence between Mr
Saunders our Commandant relative
to the Conduct of one Baula Kistna a Servant
belonging to the Latter together with two
Papers setting forth the particulars of the
ill Treatment which several of the Inhabi-
-tants of the Village of Tillenatum lately
received from the said Baula Kistna & his
Accomplices.

From Cuddalore complaining of Bala Krishna Capt Tonyns Dubash

In the present Instance
We cannot but consider the behaviour of
Capt. Tonyn extremely oppressive - as Mr
Saunders has informed us that several Complaints
have at different times been brought against
him & that he has very seldom been able to
obtain from him that Satisfaction he
could desire. We find ourselves reduced to the
Necessity of representing the foregoing
Circumstances to your Honor & C. as without
your Interposition We are under Apprehen-
-sions it may not be in our power to
afford the Inhabitants of the Bounds that
Security & Protection which they ever
look for from the Chief & Council.

In consequence of a Represen-
-tation from our Storekeeper that an Invent
had been sent here for Tents &C. for the use
of the Detachment of Sepoys belonging
to

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to the nineteenth Battalion under marching
Orders for Pennacook We directed him to comply
with the Requisition & hope your Honor &c
will approve thereof

He likewise informed us that
he had received a Letter from the Deputy Military
Storekeeper advising him of the embarkation of
some Stores which were to be delivered to him
agreeably to an Invoice accompanying them.
but that he was prevented from receiving the
said Stores by Captain Bellcliff who would not
suffer them to be conveyed to the Store Rooms but
ordered the Stores to be delivered immediately
on their being Landed to the Troops of his Battalion

We think it incumbent on Us
to acquaint your Honor &c that We received no
Intelligence relative to the marching of this
Detachment. but what was to be found on the
Orderly Book that both Officers & Men have
appeared in and quartered as without any
regular information being given to the Chief of
to the Troops Circumstances of this kind may
lead to many inconveniences We hope your
Honor &c will be pleased to prescribe to us
the time of Convent We are to observe in
future with respect to the Military.

We are

very respectfully

Honble Sirs &c

Stores shewing
how delivered to
Capt. Bellcliff
without reporting
them to the Store
keeper

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Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient

humble Servants

Ed. Saunders

Wm. Maitland

Thomas Cooper

E.H. Tallofield

Cuddalore
7th July 1777

To Captain Tonyn

&c &c &c

I have just this Moment had a Complaint made me by a great number of People from the Village of Tillanaduar against your Servant Bacahesdra, of his forcing into a mans house and beating him & several other People in an unreasonable manner. I hope you will give him such caution as may prevent his being guilty of the like again

I am Sir

your very obt Servant

Signed E. Saunders

New Town
5th July 1777

NB This Note sent the Evening of the 5th July 1777

P.S. I send you the Sticks he has made use of on the occasion.

To Captain Tonyn

&c &c &c

When I address you last Night complaining of the ill Conduct of your Servant Bacahesdra to the Inhabitants of Tillanaduar Village

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Village I did not expect that would be the occasion of misfortune to these poor People. I understand your said Servant has been this morning to the said Village with a great Number of Savage People whose they have created much disturbance and beat many People besides having carried off a great many of the said Village People with an intention I understand to bring them to you in this case Sir I have to enquire & do hereby positively order you to send these People to me without the least delay & also positively to direct your servant to be guilty of no more disturbance as I will not fail to represent yours as well as their conduct to the Board.

I am Sir

your very obed. Servant

Signed E Saunders

Fen Town
6th July 1777

A true Copy

W Fullofield Secy

B This note was sent by 7 o'clock in the morning of the 6th July 1777

Sir

When I receive your Note this Morning the People therein alluded to had not been with me. They are now here and I shall enquire particularly into the Complaints on both sides, after which I will send them to you. a clear understanding of

the

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The matter will be necessary

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I am Sir ...

your most humble Servant

J. Col Donyn

A true Copy

E W Fallofield.

Sir

I have enquired into the

Complaints of the Inhabitants of Tillanchum

and of my Servant Balakishna Mookerjee

The Facts appear to me as follows - my Dubash

passing through Tillanchum in a Palanquin

observed a man who had formerly been in

my Service, but on committing a fault run

away from his place, and had not since been

heard of, he immediately called to the Man &

sent one of the People with him to conduct him

to me whereupon the fellow took shelter in

one of the houses of the Village, and when

the Man who pursued him attempted to

follow, he was pushed back & struck by one

of the Inhabitants upon seeing which

the Dubash quitted his Palanquin to protect

this Man, and a scuffle ensued a Mobus

Mob immediately assembling seized my

Dubash, tore his Cloaths & took from him

by force a stick with which he defended himself

and which after being split asunder by

themselves, was produced in testimony of this

being

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being the aggressor they alleging with the most audacious effrontery that he had broken it upon the Attack notwithstanding a number of my People as this account could not but differ greatly from what must have been represented to you last night I forgot better information sent persons to bring to me the People concerned in the Act, endeavouring and Dubash to point them out to the Persons on examination they have not in my presence contradicted a single Circumstance of the foregoing facts, which evidently shows my Dubash to be the Party aggrieved, consequently that I have been insulted in the person of my Servant, for which I do not doubt that these People will meet with the Punishment they deserve

July 6th 1777

I am Sir
your very obedt humble Servant
T. Tol. Tonyn

A true Copy
C. H. Fallofield Secy

A Translation of the Information of the undermentioned Ten Persons

The 6th Instant at 5 o Clock in the morning Captain Tonyns Dubash Bilakishna came to Pallanakum on Horseback with a Hackery, 30 Parcas, Horse Shroffs Servant of his own Peons, two Horsemen with some

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other people belonging to him in an hostile manner; one Pakeer Mahomed black Doctor of Trepapalore accompanied him which alarmed the Family of Trevengadapilla Rangapilla Mannadapilla &c. to shut the Doors of their Houses. whereupon the above pariars &c. climbed over the aforesaid Persons Houses by force & Violence, opened the Doors entered into the Houses, committed many disorders, & beat whatever Person they met, took some brass Lamps Cloths which were in the said Houses, seized Trevengadapilla &c. Ten Persons with several other Inhabitants of the said Village, carried them all to the other side of the Gadelum River, and after given them all some blows, quitted the aforesaid Inhabitants, & carried Trevengadapilla &c. ten Persons under the Guard of the above=mentioned Pariars &c. to Trepapalore, using them very ill, all along in their way, gave them many knocks & Kicks & shoved them from one place to another till they arrived by the House of Balakishna, where all of them were ordered to stand at which time Balakishna's own Servants beat them again to their great disgrace, & at 8 o'Clock in the morning Balakishna carried Trevengadapilla alone to Captain Tonyn, & ordered him to stand at the distance of 20 yards from that Gentlemans House he said Balakishna after discoursing

with

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with his Master brought Tovengadapulla again with them to the Choultery, where he delivered them & the rest of Persons to the Charge of the Seapoys Guard after which he beat them again & abused them very grossly committed them to a close confinement, so that they were prevented even to go to ease themselves till 3 o'Clock in the afternoon. & in the evening Baladitha carried the said Ten Persons under a Guard of Seapoys before Captain Young, who after looking at them released six of them. & ordered the rest 4 who were Trevengadapulla, Alagapulla, Conandapermal & Ganga Sawmy to remain till he wrote a Letter, & afterwards sent them under Seapoys Guard to Towar Sawmy Esq.r the Chief.

The aforesaid Baladitha detained 6 of the above Persons, who were first released by Captain Young, demanding them to give 6 double fanams Batta to the Seapoys that watches at them. directed one of his Peons to give several knocks to one of them, named Pareshavarama. & after taking from them 4 double fanams, quitted them. Trevungadapilla

(Tongue) Nanadapilla
Shathyadhy
Alagapilla
Arundapermal

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Gungadarean
Davenaikum
Shingaperumal
Perisharanna
Arnagary

A Translation of the Informations
of the undermentioned Persons

The 5th Instant at 5 o 6 Clock
in the afternoon Captain Tonyn's Dubash
Balakistna came to Villanetum in a Hackery
& eight in the street of Rongapilla & beat
one Coopa formerly Gardner to Captain
Tonyn upon which the said Coopa ran to
Trevengapapilla's Street entered into the
house of the said Trevengapilla, who is one
of the Land Custom Conicoplies of the
Bounds of St David and also proved with
Indigo to the Company, climbed over his
Garden wall & run away from thence they
cannot tell to what place. The said Bala-
-kistna went in pursuit of the said Coopa,
entered into the house of the aforesaid
Trevengadapilla, & went into the inner
Apartment where his women were & in the
meantime Palaidapilla brother of the said
Trevengadapilla meeting him there, desired
him to let him know the reason of it, upon
which Balakistna gave several Lashes to the
said

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said Talaiyapilla with a whip & also struck them with a cane, he the said Balakistna beat & ill used several other People who stood in the Street whereupon the said Talaiyapilla & others carried Balakistna before Edward Saunders Esqr. the Chief, who after discoursing with Balakistna ordered him to go to his Master at Trepapelore.

about 5 o'clock this morning the aforesaid Balakistna came to Tillyapilliar on a Horse back with about 30 Parriars, who are Housekeepers & also several of his own people in a tumultuous manner with Clubs & Sticks in their hands, and went up to the house of Trevengadapilla & finding the door was shut Balakistna ordered his aforesaid Parriars to climb over the House of Trevengadapilla which they did accordingly and opened the door, and then he and all his People entered the house, seized and beat Trevengadapilla & his Children & used them very ill, and carried them with several of his relations to Trepapelore by force & violence & confined them at the Sepoys Guard in the Choultry near the house of Captain Forgon while they now remain, and besides there was lost and stolen from the said Trevengadapillais house the following things Viz.

Brass Pot 1

Do. Lamp 1

and further the said Balakistna

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ment to the house of the Cousin of Trevengaapilla
named Rangapilla & sending the Door was
shut, he ordered his Peons to close up the
house, which they did accordingly & opened the
door, whereupon all his People entered into
the house, alarmed the Family, broke open a
Scrutore belonging to the said Rangapilla,
and took out of it the following Effects and
Jewels Viz.

In ready Money — — —	Star Pag. 13
Silver Rings — — — — —	13
Pendant — — — — —	1
Bras Lamp — — — — —	1

The said Peons entered into
the House of a Brahmin named Ginga Deva
in Villanelloor & robbed of 1 Bras Pot, 1 Dooty
or cloath & 1 Mamoty.

Two of the attendants of Bala
-krishna, one of them is a Horse Shoe Maker,
& the other a Brahmin Leap over a House where
Chinnasawmy Serjoy & his Family reside th.
ill used his father in Law Balaswamy, gave
them several knocks & open'd a small Scrutore
which he had by them by force & took out of it
the following things Viz:

Silver Rings — —	Pag. 13
Silver Rings — — — — —	5
Small Pearls — — — — —	6
D. Gold Ear Rings — — —	1 Pr
Jacket — — — — —	1

Cause

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Case ---------- /

Afterwards they conducted
the said Balasaudy across over to the other
side of the Cooleroon River & then quitted him
One of the said Parcars entered
into the house of Tambrachellum Comparaya
Peon neighbour to Tsevenga Rapilla & stole
of them 1 Brass Pot. from
was stolen from the House of Pallicotahan
in Pillanetum.

Canapathy
Ranga Pilla
Vallidapilla
Fondeveroyan
Pallicottan
Nella Tomby
Comeraran
Tammapiddachy
Chinnaraul
Ramaraul
Balaraul

As Captain Tonyon is arrived
to the Presidency Agreed that Copies of the Letter
from Cuddalore with the Papers enclosed be
given to him on his arrival that he may
reply to the Complaints there in mentioned
& it is resolved to inform the Council at
Cuddalore that as all the Inhabitants within
the Bounds of that Place are immediately
under

however

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under their Protection, they ought as they have the Power in their hands to afford them assistant hearing in all cases of grievance or complaint without referring them to the Presidency.

The Stores sent to Cuddalore for the use of Capt. Billcliffs Battalion should have been deposited in the Storehouse & afterwards intended for by Captain Billcliffe – his taking them on the manner represented by the Chief & Council was improper & irregular. The' they are willing to attribute it to misapprehension proceeding from the circumstance of the Stores having been sent expressly for the use of his Battalion.

Ordered in future whenever any Detachment is to march to or from any of the Subordinacies that the Chief & Council be advised of it, by the Secretary.

Read the following Letter:

From Lieut. Colonel James.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

The inclosed having been

From Col. James inclosing a Letter from Mr. Clark a Survey of the Station on the Nabobs new Regt.

forwarded by Mr. Clarck Paymaster to the 2d Regiment of Cavalry I am for my Perusal: I think the Contents of such a nature that has made me

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me take the Liberty of sending you a copy from it I am

Hon.ble Sir Y Sirs

Your very obedient and

most humble Servant

C Jones

Torcheryphy

18 July 1777

My dear Sir

By yesterdays Tappy I scribbled you what little accounts I had pick'd up regarding the rise & consequence of this Mutiny. I take the earliest opportunity of giving you what further particulars I have learnt since, as you must be anxious to hear. Happy were I to find myself cou'd I inform you of the restablishment of Peace & Tranquility in the Regiment. and from what has passed this day. you will judge how likely- on the 5th of July the Adjts order for reducing the Corps was attempted to be put in Execution as by it half the Flankers and Pikes were to be discharged without their Pay. they immediately became clamorous for their arrears which being entirely out of Lord Pigotts to give or even to promise as he did not then receive any intimation of the arrears being settled. had he for immediately known this and properly conducted the matter, no Mutiny wou'd have happen'd. for they immediately beat to Arms and on his shewing himself

hasty

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half hour the place was an entire scene of Confusion. the Subidars & Jemadars being at this time in Mr Rogby's house, a Gun loaded with Grape was put to the door till they had taken away their Arms. and took to the Standard Guard. on the 3d Hyder Cawn Jemadar just released from arrest rose to the Command. he was for plundering the Village & Officers houses & taking them Prisoners to Hyder. having sounded to boot & saddle not a Seapoy would stir to obey his orders. being not so desperate as himself. who is more than his pay appears. from vexation he immediately took to drinking & something being & has gone out of his reason tho unluckily left us in much worse hands. Sayed Usoff an Infantry Havildar who is now acting the Desperado and has only allowed one 1/4 days for your answer. if then positive assurances does not come of the money being on the road they will. as they threaten. put us to the torture. this morning the money arrived, and the Packets was immediately ordered to attend me to pay it for the Months due. a few days before my arrival Sayed Jemaul had come from Tinnivelly with near 6000 Chuckrams which had paid them two Months Pay. that they carried to the Account of February and March 1777. January being paid before

by

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by Lieut Ripley - on the Money being brought into my Tent, besides the usual Centry - a Trooper was ordered to each door with drawn Swords - the Packets received the money and was obliged to clear off 77. that is up to the 5 of July, and I paid them also for January 76. so that there is only eleven Months pay in the Hands. have had an Estimate made out of the pay due, which comes to near 16000 Pagodas to the Marines alone this moment they have burst into my Tent in a most disrespectful manner. I have ordered the Centry not to allow a single Man to come into me - if any of my Servants offer to bring Victuals of any kind, nay even Water, they are to take it and throw it away and should they persist, immediately to confine them. I shall by no means doubt but this will be the case. if so your efforts in your favour will be of no manner of Service. however I am resolved, to make one desperate push if I lose my life in the attempt - as God is my witness I never speak my Thoughts - I never expected to leave this place alive - and must now study resignation to my hard fate - Hunt and Griffeths were with me this day doubtful whether they are included in the Proclamation tomorrow morning will decide it to your

to

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to argue or reason with them is a mere farce
or any promises whatever the Nabob offer
of Pardon is laught at: as they / the ring leaders
will immediately, on receiving their pay leave
the Country - so if you & the other Gentlemen
have any intention of sparing our lives the
instant you receive this dispatch the Money
the Nabob if he pleases may send up the
Money as quick as the Tappal if a European
life be thought worth the trouble as they
are agreable to settle your money with the
other. I think it advisable as likewise the
other Gentlemen that you shou'd come up tho'
for Gods sake dont think of moving a step
without Money, for We are enough to be lost
and nothing but the arrears will save us.
pay if we are to be starved even that will
not do. but I trust in Heaven something or
other will prolong our lives 'till the return
of this Tappy. as in letters from Capt Rupell
or Major Gillis, we might receive a little
Assistance enclosed. but the bold push I
mentioned in this the Lascars, Comedis, Horse
keepers & Grass cutters have offered, if I will
only give the word they will immediately
attack the Seapoys and either kill or drive
every one off. this I have well considered and
I canvass over with the other Officers - they are
a body large enough / and as resolute / to compleat

the

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the Schuane. Griffeths Hunt and myself would never have hesetated. every young air reachue We can easily make a dart down to the Hous ostore & Cash the D.r Master Serjeant shall have them all drawn up ready armed with Swords and Sticks. Thus was the feast thought, but the Horsekeepers have struck upon another much more likely to succeed. for two or three of the apprentices might be dispose themselves and set fire to the Serjeants houses. the rest to be drawn up on each flank on readiness to cut off nothing out and beating them. to kill every man - as I observed before. rather than be at this constant by threatened Death. we would not have hesitated a moment. but for the sake of Mr Rigby poor wretch! who is incapable at present of walking 20 yards. being debelitated not only by grief at confinement but has been intoxicated most part for these many days past. being willing to try to lost the power of thinking on his danger. the moment more we to escape. for life would pay the forfeit. it is unnecessary to add more. but cant refrain flattering myself every time will prove more permissive than the last. I dont know what I've wrote yet our subaltern must excuse - while I am wondering they have stopping the Tent excreating & threatening our instant Death I should understand the Language

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Language for this might to rest shall never
every day. at least if permitted - not having
time to enlarge upon our Situation to every
one we could wish, our reliance is chiefly in
your endeavours to extricate us. As soone
may doubt or think that I represent the
case worse that it realy is Mess.rs Hunt &
Griffiths after perusing the above, to whom
the truth have signed their names -
need I say more -

I remain Dear Sir
your most affectionately
Geo.B. Clarke
John Hunt
Charles Griffiths

Mellore
12 o'clock Wednesday night
16th July 1777

The President acquaints the Board that he learns from the Pilot that the Officers of the 2d Regiment are released and that the Men have returned to their Duty

The President acquaints the Board that the Men have returned to their Duty

Read the following Letter from Captain Hopkins Commanding at Pulamcotah.

To Charles Oakely Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

your Letter of the 25th Ulto
desired to me by order of the President & Council
I have received, and in obedience to such orders
I have used every utmost endeavours to procure any
Bullocks for the conveyance of the Guns with their
appurtenances

From Captain Hopkins refusing the assistance of the Pilots Manager

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Fort St George 29th July 1777

Sir, That the Inspector has the immediate Inspection of all the Military Stores, and the "fitting up Vessels for shipping, and arranging "them, and is to certify the Examination & state "of them, I should be glad to be informed if it is not meant that to enable the Inspector to do as above directed. The Depth & Closure by the Compass for stowing the Stores on board should immediately under his Directions. for tho' the responsibility rests on him, are not on the Store keeper, yet I presume he cannot be made answerable for any neglect unless he has the sole Management & Direction of the Business but as this has been always a contested point between the Store keeper & Inspector & must always remain so until it is determined by the Board, I take the Liberty to request that you will be pleased to submit it to their Consideration, & hope to be favoured with their orders, and Instructions. for my future Guide as Inspector of Stores to the Southern Garrisons. you were pleased to signify to me the approbation of the Honorable the President, I should be sorry on making a Trial to cost some more Masters out of the considerable sum Sagoes. If I am to undertake this work I request that I may have the entire Management of the Foundary - as otherwise I cannot be answerable for the delays, and discouragements that may happen.

your

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You were also pleased to
direct me to say whether remaking the old
and damaged Powder at Tanjore would
answer or not. In consequence I have made
several Musters the Proofs of which I have
the honor to enclose as well as a Proof of the
Madras Powder in Tanjore The Expence of
remaking this Powder. I cannot exactly
ascertain untill my return to Tanjore, when
I mean to give the Musters a second Proof
before Lieut. Col. Flower, and to request that
he will certify the Quality of each to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
D. Mackay

Fort St George
16 July 1777

Report of Proofs of Powder on
the undermentioned Days at Tanjore 26th 1777

Month & Day	Musters	Powder	Weight of Shell	Weight of Powder	Distance of Shells Falls	Real Distance	Returns	Distance
				Drams				
May 26	1	Black	48 lb	1 lb	45 1/2	724		
	2	D. D. D.		1	44 1/4	690	700	
	3	D. D. D. D.		1	44 1/2	686		
June 9th	1	D. D. K.		1	43 1/2	790	788	
	2	D. D. D.		1	44	820		
	3	D. D. D.		1	42 1/4	755		
	4	D. D. D.		1	42	750		

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		5	D	D	D	1	13	1059	760
		6	D	D	D	1	12	727	
		7	D	D	D	1	12½	742	785
		8	D	D	D	1	13	752	
		9	D	D	D	1	13¼	806	
		10	D	D	D	1	12½	840	
June	23d	1	D	D	D	1	12½	840	823
		2	D	D	D	1	12½	830	
		3	D	D	D	1	12	821	
		4	D	D	D	1	12	840	
July		1	D	D	D	1	13	790	812
		2	D	D	D	1	13	816	
		3	D	D	D	1	13¼	804	
		4	D	D	D	1	13	826	
May	26	1	D	D	D	1	12	785	776
		2	D	D	D	1	12	765	
		3	D	D	D	1	12	780	

D. Mackay
Captain of Ditto

Whatever Artificers Lascars or other Workmen may be required by Captain Mackay for the business of the Foundary or for making Powder. should be rendered for by him & kept under his particular orders until the Service for which they are required be completed. with regard to Lascars or others wanted for ordinary duties the Regulations are sufficiently explicit.

Read

Orderthereon

1355 Fort St George 29th July 1777

Read the following Letters.

To Charles Oakely Esq.

Military Secretary

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 16th Inst. you will be so obliging as to acquaint the President & Council that I undertook the laborious & expensive task of learning the Country Languages, without the smallest idea of a pecuniary recompence, but in hopes of the reward offered by the Court of Directors in their orders (Issued I believe in May-69) which directs that persons so qualified shall have the preference to all others in Depot Corps. I am therefore totally unprepared for the Account required- can only say that, since the publishing of the said orders, I have dedicated a principal part of my time to this Study. that I have exhibited frequent & publick proofs of my knowledge of the Moors & Persians. & that I am ready to undergo any examination the Gentlemen shall require.

From Captain Lucas & Lieut. Mackay on the Subject of their Expences for learning the Country Languages

As I have little or no hopes of the reward promised in the orderly book. Gentlemen will I hope indulge me for the present with the same pension lately granted to other Candidates. I hear they have received each five hundred

Pagodas

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Pagodas. I were unpardonable presumption
to say I was entitled to more & equal wages
to accept of less.

Tellicor
22d July 1777

I am Sir
your very obedient Servant
C. Lucas

To Charles Oakely Esq.
Secretary

Sir

Agreable to the desire of
the Honble Board I now send you in an
account of my Expences in acquiring a
knowledge of the Country Languages. I remain

Fort St George
24th July 1777

Sir
your very obed. Servant
Geo. Mackay
Lt.

To Masters Books &c. for learning the
Moorish Language ---- Pags 200
To D. for the Persian Language ---- 350
To D. for the Arabic Language ---- 300
Ps 850

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24th July 1777

Geo. Mackay
Lieut.

Ordered that Captain Lucas
and Lieut. Mackay be allowed 500 Pags
each for the Expences they have incurred
from

allowed Pags each

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but no pecuniary allowance to be made in future

from this time however it is resolved that no pecuniary allowance whatever be given in these Cases, but as an Encouragement that Masters only be provided at the Company's Expence to instruct such as are desirous of learning the Country Languages.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Works.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

From the Committee of Works relating Proposals for executing Repairs by Contract

In consequence of our Advertisement for the repairs of the Companys Buildings &c: by Contract. We have received two Proposals, one from Mr. Balfour & the other from Mr. Garron: upon comparing them together We find that the Terms offered by Mr. Garron are the most advantageous for the Company. The two Proposals wait on you enclosed for your Approbation. We remain

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

Fort St George
22d July 1771

To

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To George Mackay Esqr.

&c. Members of the Committee of Works

Gentlemen

In consequence of an advertisement by Mr Fortune your Clerk purporting that you would on the 26 Instant receive proposals for repairing the Honorable Company's Works & Buildings, by contract to commence the 1st August next & to continue till 15 October 1780. I beg leave to lay before you the following proposals, & rates at which I am willing to contract for the performance of the different heads of work specified in the advertisement, for the above mentioned period.

Brick Work

Plain Brick Work in Chunam in Repairs &c.	—	Rs. per Cubic foot 3½
D. in Clay	—	2½
Arched Work in Chunam	—	6
Brick paving with 6 Inch paving Bricks & 2 Courses of Wall Bricks in Chunam	—	6½ per Square
D. with 8. 10. or 12 Inch paving Bricks & two Courses of Wall Bricks in Chunam	—	8½
Brick Work to Terraces of 3 Courses	—	13
D. of 4 D°	—	14
Plain Brick Work in Chunam with Brick paving Bricks & 1 Course of Wall Bricks in Chunam	—	5
D. with 8. 10 & 12 Inch paving Bricks & 1 Course of Wall Bricks in Chunam	—	7

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Do — with 6 Inch paving Bricks & 1 Corse of Wall Bricks in Mud	4½	Square
Do with 8. 10 or 12 Inch paving Bricks & 1 Corse of Wall Bricks in Mud	6¼	Do
Flat Paving with 2 Corses of Wall Bricks in Chunam & Sin Mud	5	Do
Paving with 1 Corse of Wall Bricks on edge in Chunam & 1 Corse of Do flat in Mud	5¼	Do
Paving with 6 Inch paving Bricks in Chunam	3¼	Do
Do with 8. 10. or 12 Inch Do	5	Do
Pointing to Paving	1/4	Do
Filing with flat Tiles underneath and Chunam Borders	2¾	Do
Filing without flat Tiles but with Chunam Borders	2¼	Do
Repairing with Pan Tiles	7	Do

Chunam Work

Taking off & to Chunam & fine Chunam	3¾	Square
Plain Work with 3 Coats	6	Do
Panne Work with 3 Coats	7¼	Do
Mouldings with Do	7	foot
Plain Work with 2 Coats	4¼	Square
Chunamming with 1 Coat	2¼	Do
Whitewashing	4	Do

Stone Work

Paving with blue Stone on 2 Corses of Bricks in Chunam	1½	foot
Blue Stone wrought & laid	28	Cub foot

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Sup. for to

Key Stones & Stones for Hooks ---- 20 feet

Paving with Iron Stones on 2 Coats of Bricks on Chunam } ~ 9 Sq.

Timber

Beams wrought & put up ---- 1 ~ 6 feet

Do. rough ---- ~ 30 Do.

of Sizes wrought ---- 1 ~ Do.

Do. rough ---- ~ 30 Do.

Sheathing Boards worked for Terraces and laid } ~ ~ 3½ square feet

Teak Door Frames with Hooks ~ ~ 6½ feet

Teak Pannel Doors of 2 & 2½ Inches thick with Bolts Hinges & Locks } ~ 17 Do.

Teak ditto Doors of 2 & 2½ Inches with Do. ~ 14 Do.

Do. ~ Do. of 3 Inches with Do. ~ 24 Do.

Window Frames with Hooks ---- ~ 7½ Do.

Plain window Shutters with Hinges & Fastenings } ~ 9 Do.

Pannel Window Shutters with B. D. ~ 11 Do.

Venetian Windows with D. D. ~ 14 Do.

Rattan Windows with D. D. ~ 7½ Do.

Repairing old Rattan Work ---- ~ 3 Do.

Single Doors with hinges & locks as Pallister shown me } 8½ Sq. feet each

Double Do. with D. D. D. 15 ~ Do.

Tables as p. Master 8 ~ Do.

Chairs D. 12 ~ Pair.

Couches Teak wood 4 ~ each

Cupboard Locks ~ 12 Do.

Good

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		Pr. for Fee
Good Black Palmeiras of 12 feet long		16 -
Good Black Palmeira Rupas of 10 ft long		3 -
Country Timber for Tiles for Chunam Beaters		2½ -
Roofing, including Palmeiras Rupas, Nails, flat & Joan Tiles, Thatch & 96 workmanship	12 -	Square
Small Sticks for Shelves		1¾ -
Battening Windows		3 foot
Iron & Brass Work		
Large Iron Work hammered	1	- for 15 lbs
Small D. - as hooks Hinges, fastenings, Nails &c under 6d	1	- for 12 lbs
File Work	1	- 8 lb.
Wood Screws small		- 30 p thousand
D. Large	1	- D.
Large Brass Work cast only		- 13½ lb
D. wrought		- 15 D.
Small Cast & wrought, including Hooks, screws, Nails &c.		- 18 D.
Colours		
Yellow, Blue, White, Brown or Red with 1 Coat of Europe Oil		--- 5 p yard
D. with D. Country oil		-- 3 D.
D. with 2 Coats Europe Oil		-- 8 D.
D. D. Country Oil		-- 5 D.
D. with 3 Coats Europe Oil		- 11 D.
D. D. Country Oil		- 7 D.
Green for outer Coat with Europe Oil		- 9 D.
D. with Country Oil		7 D.

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Key Stones & Stones for Flocks		20 feet
Paving with Stone Stones on 2 Coats of Bricks in Chunam		9 Do
Timber		
Beams wrought & put up	1	but feet
Do rough	30	Do
of Sizes wrought	1	Do
Do rough	30	Do
Sheathing Boards worked for Terraces and laid		3½ square
Teak Door Frames with Hooks		6½ feet
Teak Pannel Doors of 2 & 2½ Inches thick with Bolts Hinges & Locks	9	Do
Teak Pannel Doors of 2 & 2½ Inches with Do	14	Do
Do Do of 3 Inches with Do	24	Do
Window Frames with Hooks	7	Do
Plain window Shutters with Hinges & Fastenings	9	Do
Pannel Window Shutters with Do Do	11	Do
Venetian Windows with Do Do	14	Do
Rattan Windows with Do Do	7½	Do
Repairing old Rattan Work	3	Do
Single Desks with hinges & locks as Pikester shown me	8½	Feet each
Double Do with Do Do Do	15	Do
Tables as p. Master	8	Do
Chairs Do	12	Do
Couches Teak wood	4	each
Cupboard Locks	12	Do

Good

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Good Black Palmeiras of 12 feet long			Pr. for 16
Good Black Palmeira Rafters of 10 feet long			3 -
Country Timber for Piles for Chunam Beaters			2½ -
Roofing, including Palmeiras Rafters, Nails, flat & Jouan Tiles, Chunam & Workmanship			12 - Square
Small Sticks for Helves			1¾ -
Battening Windows			3 Foot

Iron & Brass Work

Large Iron Work hammered			1 - for 15 lbs
Small Do. - in hooks Hinges, fastenings, Nails &c. under 6d.			1 - for 12 lbs
File Work			1 - 8 lb.
Wood screws small			30 Thousand
Do. Large			1 - Do.
Large Brass Work cast only			— 13½ lb
Do. wrought			— 15 Do.
Small Cast & wrought, including Hooks, wires, Nails &c.			— 18 Do.

Colours

Yellow, Blue, White, Brown or Red with 1 Coat of Europe Oil			5 Pr. yard
Do. with Do. Country oil			3 Do.
Do. with 2 Coats Europe Oil			8 Do.
Do. Do. Country Oil			5 Do.
Do. with 3 Coats Europe Oil			11 Do.
Do. Do. Country Oil			7 Do.
Green for outer Coat with Europe Oil			9 Do.
Do. with Country Oil			7 Do.

I

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I agree that any one piece of Work, of which the cost exceeds Pag.500, shall be done at 2 Pr Ct. less than the Rates above specified: that the Brick Work in Buildings, which I may repair, shall be taken down for the old materials. That the rubbish arising from repairs done by me shall be removed at any Charge, and that such wood, iron or Brazers work, as will serve again, shall be wrought up by me. In receiving a reasonable price for the labour I should be working it, upon Condition that my Bills for work done on the stipulated terms, be paid monthly. If that I have no Labourer number of the Company's Lascars I may find it convenient to employ, upon paying them their ordinary wages.

It is certain that in a contract for Work of this nature many repairs & Jobs will occur, the prices of which it is impossible to ascertain beforehand. When therefore I do any work, of which the rate is not fixt, I agree to accept what the Chief Engineer shall judge a reasonable price for such work, provided it be left optional on my part, if dissatisfied with the appreciation of the Chief Engineer, to refer the Determination of the value of such Work to the Committee of Works, whose Opinion

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opinion thereon shall be conclusive.

I propose that the Pagoda is
to be calculated at 42 for a Pagoda, and request
that the Committee of Works may assist
me in procuring workmen, also Brecks
& Chunam at the Company's Forces.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most devoted &
most obedt humble Servant
J. Balfour

Fort St George
19th July 1777

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

Gentlemen

In consequence of an advertisemt
of the 15th Instt I beg leave to offer you the
following.

Proposals for repairing
&c. the Honble Companys Works & Buildings
to begin the 1st next August and continue
till the 15th Octr 1780

I offer to perform

	Pags Fanams
Plain Brick Work in Chunam in repairs &c. of Buildings &c.	- 3 Cub. Foot
Do Do Do in Clay	- 2 Do.
Arched Work in Chunam	- 6 Do.
Brick Paving with 6, 8, or 10 or 12 Inch Paving Bricks & two Courses of Wall Bricks in Chunam	7 - Do. Square

Brick

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Brick Paving as above, with one Course of Wall Bricks on Chunam underneath	6	-	Square
Brick Paving, with one Course of Paving Bricks on Chunam	4	-	Do
Wall Brick Paving on Edge, with one Course of Bricks under ditto on Chunam	5	-	Do
Wall Bricks Paving Flat of two Courses one on Chunam & one on Clay	4	-	Do
Do - Do on Chunam one Course	3	-	Do
Do - Do on Clay one Course	2	-	Do
Brick Work to Terraces of three and four Courses & one Chunam	13	-	Do
Do Do of two Courses and Fine Chunam	12	-	Do
Do Do of one Course and fine Chunam	11	-	Do
Fronting to Paving & Brick Work	½	-	Do
Tiling with flat Tiles underneath & Chunam Borders	2½	-	Do
Do without flat Tyles underneath Chunam Borders	2	-	Do
Do without flat Tyles on Chunam Borders	1½	-	Do
Shifting & repairing Flat & Pan Tyles	½	-	Do
Making Fagings in Chunam	-	8	each
Do Do in Clay	-	4	Do

Roofing

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Pags Fans D

Roofing including Palmeiras Rafters
Nails Flat & Pan Tyles Chunam } 1½ ~ Square
Borders &c. ——

Roofing as above but without Flat Tyles - 1¼ ~ Do

Repairing Cracks &c. on Terraces with
gella and fine Chunam } 6½ ~ Do

Chunam Work

Taking off old Chunam & fine Chunam
Plain Work with three Coats - } 6 ~ Do

Pannel Work with three Coats — 7 ~ Do

Mouldings with three Coats ..... ~ 6½ foot

Plain Work with two Coats ..... 3½ ~ Square

Do ..... with one Coat ..... 2 ~ Do

Making Ballustrades including
Basement & Frame Rails & fine } 1 ~ each
Chunamming them with three Coats

Making Brick Work Mouldings ..... ~ 6 foot

White Washing — ..... ~ 4 Square

Stone Work

Paving with blue Stone on two Courses
of Brick in Chunam } ~ 12 foot

Do with Iron Stone on Do ..... ~ 8 foot

Blue Stone wrought & Laid ..... ~ 28 Cub. foot

Beams work'd & put up ..... ~ 41 Do

Do rough ..... ~ 33 Do

Joists of 5 Inches Square & upwards
worked and wrought - } 1 ~ Do

Do rough ..... ~ 33 Do

Joists under 5 Inches Square of 15 foot
work'd and wrought } 2¼ ~ Joist

Joists

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Fast foot Sq.

Joists rough Do. — 1¾ Joist

Sheathing Boards worked & laid whether on Terraces or otherwise } ~ 3 Sqr foot

Teak Door Frames with Hooks ~ 8 Do

Teak Window Frames with Hooks — ~ 7½ Do

Teak Panelled Doors of 2 ½ Inch thick with Bolts Hinges & Locks } ~ 16 Do

Teak Plain Doors of 2½ Inch thick with the above ye " — } ~ 11 Do

Teak Doors three Inches thick with Bolts Hinges & Locks } — 16 Do

Teak Venetian Doors with Hinges Bolts and Locks — } ~ 13 Do

Teak Venetian Windows with Hinges and Fastenings — } ~ 1½ Do

Panel Window Shutters with Hinges and Fastenings — } ~ 10 Do

Plain Window Shutters with Hinges and Fastenings — } ~ 8 Do

Rattan Windows with Hinges and Fastenings — } ~ 7 Do

Repairing Rattan Work ~ 3 Do

Circular Cuspendors work to be double Price, or the Measurement to be taken Square from the highest Point

Single Desks with Hinges. Locks &c as Pattern } 9 - each

Double Desks with Do as p Do — — 13 Do

Tables

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		Sup.t Fund. D
Tables as p.t Muster		9 - each
Chairs as p.d D.o		12 - Dozen
Couches as p.d D.o		4 - each
Cupboard Locks		17 D.o
Good black Palmeiras 12 feet long		14¾ - F.t
Good black Reapers 10 feet long		2¼ -
Country Timber for Piles		1¾
Small Sticks for Stakes		14
Battening Windows		3 Superfeet
Railings for new Bridges including Braces, Posts, Iron Cramps, Screw Nails, Pins &c.a		35 Feet running
Planking for Bridges of 2½ Inches thick including Teakwood Pins, Iron Nails &c.a		10½ Superfeet
Gates for new works of 4½ to 5 Inches thick, Rabbeted, dovelled & clenched with Diamondhead Nails, Bolts, Hinges, Padlocks &c.a		2 - Superfeet
Bomb Proof Doors, for new Works of 2½ Inches thick, Rabbeted, dovelled & clenched with Hinges, Bolts & Bolts, work'd & put up		- 22 D.o
D.o of three Inches thick as above		- 23 D.o
Red Wood Cogs, for Powder Mills		- - 27 each
Red Wood Spindles for D.o		- - 1¼ - D.o
Teak Stampers for D.o shod with Brass, and put up		6 - D.o
Teak Stampers for D.o without Brass		- 4 - D.o

Large

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	Per Foot
Large Iron Work. Examples only ⅌	1 - 14½
5 ½ Superficies in a Piece	
Smaller Do. in Hooks Hinges Fastenings	
Nails ⅌ Ton ⅌ C.	1 - 12½
Fine Work	1 - 8
Wood Screws Small	30
Do. Large	- 40

Brass Work

Large of 5th Superficies. in a Piece cast only	- 12
Do. Wrought	- 13½ Do.
Small Cast and Wrought including Hooks Wires Nails of Sorts ⅌ C.	- 16 Do.

Colors

Yellow. Blue. White. Brown. & Red with One Coat of Europe Oil	- 3 Square Yard
The above Colors. one Coat of Country Oil	- 2½ Do.
The above Colors. two Coats Europe Oil	- 4½ Do.
Do. - two Coats Country Oil	- 4 Do.
Do. - three Coats Europe Oil	- 6½ Do.
Do. three Coats Country Oil	- 6 Do.
Green for outer Coat with Europe Oil	6 Do.
Do. for Do. with Country Oil	- 5½ Do.

Whatever Bricklayers and Carpenters Works may be performed with old Materials I offer to supply at half the above Prices.

I offer to take down the old Brick

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Brick Work &c.a in Buildings for the Benefit of them, allowing the Company for what-ever Iron Work may be in them seven & a half Pagodas P Canay, and for the Brass work five Fanams P.d

I have endeavoured in the Course of the forgoing, to propose for every thing that can happen in repairs &c.a shou'd any thing occur not specified in the above offers. I propose to leave the Prices of such to the Judgement of the Chief Engineer & if I should at any time be dissatisfied with his Valuation. I wou'd beg leave to refer it to your-selves for determination. whatever Iron I may want for the Service of the Company I desire to be supplied with from their Store at P.s 15 P.d C.t with Bricks & Chunam, at the Prices the Company at present pay to the Contractors. & I hope the Committee will assist me in procuring Artificers for the Works that may be in hand. and will allow me the same Place for my Business that was allowed to the late Contractor.

In the Course of Repairs I understand much is wanted at the Companys Garden. the Power Mills. their Hospital &c.a instead of any allowance for Cooley Hire to these Places I beg to have a constant supply of four of the Company's Lascars.

The

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Fort St George 5th August 1777

To Charles Smith Esqr

Chief & Council of

Ganjam

Gentlemen

We think it necessary to acquaint you, that We lately received 3 Companies of Sepoys to Bonjy, for the Protection of the Families & Effects of Jumpraw a Jaygeer and Renter. The Company's Renter and Manager, whom the Rajah Regis- zed arrange pretensions to keep in Confinement, notwithstanding both the Commandee of Escort and We have demanded his Release & protested against the Measure, as derogatory to the Company's Honor Dignity, and Authority

In consequence of this the Rajah has assembled about 2000 Men at Tegaragaum, and is pushing that Fort in a state of Defence. We have fully explained his Conduct to the Presidency, & hope to receive orders for bringing him to reason, or asserting his Duty, but in the interim we think it expedient to inform you that the Rajah having withdrawn his Troops from their proper Stations. We have been under the Necessity of ordering Captain Murphy to march the two Battalions stationed at Chicacole and Tekelcoyet, to support, in case of need the Detachment at Bonjy.

As We think it probable from the

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the Representations we have made to Madras
that You will have Orders to supply Us with
a Battalion of Sepoys We request you will
please to take care that the one destined for
this Service may be in readiness to march
at the shortest Notice

We are Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Morgan Williams
Henry Crawford
Nath Balfour

Vizagapatam
7th July 1777

A true Copy
J Huddleston Jr

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief on Council at Ganjam

Gentlemen

We wrote you on the 4th
Instant requesting you would order a
Battalion of Sepoys to be held in readiness to
march hither on the shortest Notice. The
intelligence We have since received of the
Rajahs Preparations evinces to Us that no
time should be lost in procuring further
Assistance. We therefore request that you
will immediately order Captain Clays Force
to march hither his Battalion of Sepoys

with the

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with all possible expedition, as a delay therein
may be attended with bad consequences

We are Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servants.

Fitzgerald Watson
5th July 1777

Samuel Johnston
Morgan Williams
Henry Crawford
Nath. Barton
& Committee
Thos Huddleston
Secy

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

Hon'ble Sirs & Sirs

Answer Governor
complimentary of
Capt Lysaghts
Refugees Conduct

In our last of the 15 Instant
We informed your Hons &c of the Steps we
had taken in consequence of a joint Letter
& Application from the Gentlemen at Tongapia-
tam for a Battalion of Sepoys to be sent with
all possible expedition to their assistance.

Our right to send orders
immediately to Captain Calvert we conceive
to be established by the Paragraph of your
Letter of the 24th May 1775 quoted in our 10th
of the 1st May last & answered by the following
paragraph of your letter of the 12th July
1775 Viz.

"In your Letter to us of the
24th

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"24th May we thought it necessary to point
out to you the Authority of the Chiefs and
Councils of the respective Subordinacies over
the Military stationed in the Districts
"dependent on them. but tho we are clearly
of opinion as is therein expressed that you
have a positive right to direct all Officers
detached to correspond with, and to obey all
orders immediately from your Board that
you shall think necessary to issue. yet we
do not mean by that to infer that you should
"give orders to Officers detached without
"signifying the same to the Commanding
Officer of the District under whom they
act on the contrary you should as is the
"general rule of the Service convey your
Orders of consequence through the commanding
Officer. or if from Situation or circumstances
that should cause delays detrimental to the
"Service required, that then you should as
"soon as possible communicate to them the
"reasons which induced you to issue such orders, as points of Duty
"necessary for them to be acquainted with."

In the present instance We
have deviated at all from the line of conduct
marked out to us by the foregoing Paragraph
it has been on the side of attention towards
the Commanding Officer. to whom We not
only communicated the orders which we

had

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had spoke to Captain Chrystyee, but also our reason for not conveying these orders through the usual Channel, as your Honor will perceive by the enclosed Copy of our Letter to Captain Lysaght of the 13th Instant. Copies of his answer and another Letter we received from him some Hours before, are also enclosed. not content with having assumed an Authority in himself in opposition of the civil Government, Captain Lysaght in the first of those Letters endeavours by Insinuations our Right to give orders to any Officer in the District, and from the second it would appear that Captain Chrystyee entertains the same Ideas. tho' he has not thought proper to express them to Us. as the Present Secession Captain Lysaght approves of Captain Chrystyee's executing our orders on account of the exigency of the Service. but he at the same time gives us plainly to understand that it rests with Captain Chrystyee to judge of that exigency. and to refuse complying with our orders if his Secession thereon had happened to differ from ours. apprehensive that such Sentiments in the Commanding Officer may sometime or other be productive of the worst of consequences to the public Service. We therefore request that your Honor &c will be pleased to furnish us

with

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with such orders as may ascertain those
points in future beyond the possibility of
doubt

We have the honor to be very
respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
R. Maunsell
Tho. Dyneley
Rob. Hughes
J Huddleston

Ganjam
20th July 1777

To Captain Arthur Sykes
Commanding the Troops in the
Ackapour District

Sir

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam
having requested of us to send a Battalion of
Sepoys immediately to their assistance upon
representation that a delay thereon may be
attended with bad consequences. We have
thought proper to send our orders immediately
to Captain Chisholme, directing him to march
with all possible expedition to Vizagapatam.

The two Companies of Captain
Chisholme's Battalion now on duty here, will
march this Evening to join him. You are
therefore

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therefore required to send hither one Company to do duty in their stead. We also require you to relieve the two Companies at Tellanto's and order Lieutenant Blacker to procure and join Captain Chyshyre with all possible expedition. or to send two Companies from Ashta for that purpose. whichever may be attended with the least delay. In either case you will be pleased to send the two three Pounders at Ashta with a Hundred Ammunition. We have directed Lieutenant Blacker to hold himself in readiness to march immediately on being relieved.

Should you be of opinion that a smaller force than two Companies may be sufficient to protect the Bagaporse Factorie in the Daracoote Country. We leave it to your discretion to recall whatever part of that Detachment you think may safely be withdrawn.

We are Sir
Your most obed.t Servants
Charles Smith Sec.d Council

Ganjam
13th July 1777

a true Copy
J Hudleston Secy

To Charles Smith Esq.r
Chief & Council
Ganjam

Gentlemen.

I have been favored with your

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your Letter of yesterday informing me that the Gentlemen at Tegapatam having requested of you to send a Battalion of Sepoys to their assistance, and represented that a Delay therein may be attended with bad Consequences you had thought proper to send your orders immediately to Captain Chaytayne, directing him to march with all possible expedition to Tegapatam.

As upon receipt of your letter it must have appeared to Captain Chaytayne that any delay in the present case may be attended with the greatest detriment to the publick Service, I have scarce a doubt but that he immediately complyed with the Contents of it. However, for fear he should not, I send him orders this morning at one o'Clock, to march with all possible Expedition

Lieut Bruce marched from hence this morning at Eight o'Clock to relieve Lieut. Blacker at Tallanderu, as did Ensign M.c Kelli with one Company to do duty at Gayapur: the two three Pounders & Tumbril were sent with Lieut. Bruce.

As the Brother of the late Daracoote Pauter, & Captain Tom's Dubash, who say they have got the Management of the Daracoote Pagoda, are of opinion that one Company is sufficient for the Protection

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Possession of that Country. I have with me
the other Gentlemen with all due Respect.

Gentlemen

your most obed Servant

Arthur Tysaght

Aska
14th July 1777

a true Copy
Thos Eyre Middleton Secy

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief of the Council
Cuttack

Gentlemen

I have this day a letter from
Captain Chisholme advising me of his having
yesterday received the one from your Board
desiring him to march his Battalion with
all expedition to Pitzagapatam, which as the
urgency of the Service seemed to require it
he should comply with, but that being in
want of Ammunition, & Battalion stores
which he had indented for some Months ago
it will not be in his power to leave Ishapoor
before tomorrow Morning.

I remain with all due Respect
Gentlemen
your obedient Servant
Arthur Tysaght

Aska
15th July 1777

a true Copy
Thos Eyre Middleton Secy

To

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To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c Council &c

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Chief & Council at Tanjore representing that the Widow of the Rajah of Tellantora by the Company's Troops

The Chief having sometime since Laid before us a Petition from the Widow of the late Rajah of Tellantora on which she complained of having been forcibly deprived of Jewels &c to a considerable amount when the Company's Troops took Possession of the Pollam. We desired him to make particular Enquiry into the Truth of the Complaint & to assure the Woman that if the Facts alledged therein could be proved, she might depend on Justice done her. She has since delivered to the Chief a list of the several Articles plundered with their Valuation amounting to Pagodas 1358. also a list of those which were afterwards returned to her amounting to Rs 1331. Copies of which (Nos. 1, 2) accompany this a copy of

Upon Receipt of those Papers the Chief proposed that the Woman should be examined in our Presence. She was in consequence called before us & delivered a narrative of which the enclosed Paper No. 3 contains the exact Substance.

As the Pollam of Tellantora was taken Possession of without the least Opposition, the Conduct of the Officer who commanded

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... commander of the Detachment / if the Facts
set forth in the Complaint be true / appears
to have been wholly unjustifiable. I accordly
conformy to the orders he received from us. We
enclose (n° 24) a Copy of those orders, and beg
leave to submit the whole matter to your
Judgment.

We have the Honor to be very respectfull
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt
humble Servants
Charles Smith
R. Mainwell
Tho. Dynely
Rob. Hughes
Thudleston

Gingee
17th July 1777

List of Jewels &c. plundered by the
Company's Troops at Jellanda

Jewels belonging to the Rajah	Rubies	Pice	1 Pair Hand Rings	22	-
3 Pair Gold Bands set with			a String of Gold Beads	20	-
Pearls & Rubies	180	-	4 Pagodas	60	-
1 Crown Bawely	8	-	5 Rings	63	-
1 Bazue D° with Gold Beads	60	-	2 Ear Jewels with Pearls	15	-
3 Bracelets	360	-	a Spot for the Forehead D°	15	-
1 Chandrahar	135	-	a Set of Bugadoors D°	15	-
2 Gold Rings	110	-	a Crown Bawley	8	-
Worn Jewels	240	-	a Bulbul Jurah	12	-
Gold Chains for the Legs	75	-	2 Pair of Gold Beads	15	-

Pears

Cash

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	Rupees	Pice
Cash	1230	..
2 Silver Assahs belonging to Palaiyeen	10	..
2 Pouches for the Horses	60	..
a Battey of Gold	15	..
3 Silver Mountings of a Palaiyeen	30	..
30 Tonal Monel for Horses	20	..
3 Do Belt	15	..
a Plain Gold Caapra	50	..
4 Thoundas or Swords	300	..
2 Thieoubs	20	..
2 Baunks	20	..
a Burkandaz or Firelock	40	..
a Silver Rod	12	..
4 Silver Mounts of a Cot	6	..
4 Do Bugadas	6	..
3 Do Do	4	..
2 Handles of Chamaris	5	..
2 Do of Morrochans	12	..
2 Small Silver Cups	4	..
1 Silver spitting Pot	20	..
34 Bags Pots of Plates	50	..
Cloaths		
a Pair of Black Cloaths	8	..
3 Handkerchs of Silk	18	..
2 Silk Cloaths	22	..
2 Silk Cloaths	12	..
5 Shuts of Broad Cloth	60	..

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	Rupees	Pice
a Coat Gupper Coaties	50	..
a Piece of spotted Sattany	7	..
3 White Dusters	9	..
2 Chundoways	60	..
	3718	..
Jewels belonging to the Rajahs Wife		
1 Pair of Ear Rings set with Diamonds	500	..
a Button with Pearls	150	..
2 Pr of Jumeas	60	..
a set of Do	7	..
4 Coontoes	26	..
3 Sets of Bazeley mth Pearls	70	..
a Spit with Pearls	10	..
a Gashaprole	30	
a Chain or Massago Royaloo	25	..
2 Rings	5	..
4 Tankes of Gold	135	..
5 Anclets of Do	111	..
2 Pauzyal of Do	85	..
a Razeenaka	30	..
5 Nose Rings	40	..
1 Pauncha	15	..
a Kissna Cauvn Bawly	3	..
4 Small Ear Rings	43	..

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	Rds Ds Fin		Augt 5th 44
a Stony of Gold Bead	15 . .	a Coontany Bead	1 . .
2 Gold Chains —	45 . .	a Cup — — — —	7 . .
a Rangadory — —	15 . .	Beads Wast	
a Pair of Bandeloo	30 . .	Pots Plates &c —	18 . .
a Pair of Gold Rings	75 . .	Cloths &c — —	50 . .
a Pair of D Kankanal	45 . .	Jewels belonging to	
2 Cassa Bandey —	12 . .	the Rajahs Mother	
a Coopy of Chassury	8 . .	a Pair of Jewels set	
a Pair of Chay Chatter	20 . .	with Diamonds —	150 . .
a Stripe D Pearl Pearls	20 . .	a Buntolah — —	12 . .
a Pair of Bazybunds	10 . .	a Nose Ring —	2 . .
a Stripe D with Forms		a Toloo — —	15 . .
and Pearls — —	10 . .	3 Nose Rings —	19 . .
Sprays of Gold —	60 . .	a Batto with Pearls	20 . .
Pouches — — —	15 . .	2 Sets of Jamas with D	25 . .
Bannaries — —	15 . .	a Stripe with D	20 . .
2 Coopys of Chassury	30 . .	a Gold String —	30 . .
6 Diamonds — —	200 . .	a Putlos — —	30 . .
Silver Things —		Cassaboy & Chassumbal	15 . .
2 Hand Rings —	6 . .	1 Pr D plain Ear Jewels	10 . .
1 D large — —	16 . .	2 Plain Nose Rings	6 . .
Pinkues — — —	10 . .	2 Sets Ear Jewels	
Carriers — —	3 . .	with Pearls —	20 . .
a Set of Silver Stripes	3 . .	2 D Coontanies with D	20 . .
Sprays — — —	6 . .	2 Nose Rings with D	10 . .
a Cassa for the Leg	12 . .	a Tumboo — —	20 . .
a Small Hand Ring	1 . .	a Dammar Mauley	30 . .
a Pickle String	25 . .	Silver Things	
Chassury Chapty	2 . .	a Table — — —	24 . .

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	Rupees	A.	Pice
a Small Cupe	1	.	.
Sooras	12	.	.
Brass Vase			
Pots. Plates &c.	40	.	.
Cloths &c.	96	.	.
Jewels &c. belonging			
to the Rajah's Grand-			
-mother			
a Pair of Ear Rings			
with Pearl	60	.	.
5 Stripes of Gold Beads	50	.	.
7 Nose Rings	30	.	.
a Pair of Silver Hand			
Rings Pouches & Tankies	6	.	.
Brass Pots &c. &c.	15	.	.
Ragoonaud Swamy			
Images &c.			
3 Necklaces set with Stones	200	.	.
7 Large & small Breasts &c.	500	.	.
3 Chandrahaes	90	.	.
a Pair of Burtully			
Jewels	30	.	.
2 Hand Rings set with			
Diamonds	35	.	.
2 Stripes of Pearls &			
another of Champa flowers	45	.	.
3 Middle Jewels	60	.	.
a Stripe of Gold Beads	9	.	.
2 D. of D. plain	15	.	.
Middle			

	Rupees	A.	Pice
2 Middle Strings	15	.	.
2 Nose Rings	8	.	.
3 Ear Jewels	6	.	.
a Stripe of Pearl	6	.	.
3 Coopsauses	6	.	.
5 Gold Strings & a Tittaa	16	.	.
a Set of Chawtapooles	5	.	.
2 Middle Strings and			
a Set of Ear Jewels	30	.	.
a Set of Gold Tankies	8	.	.
2 Plain Gold Strings	8	.	.
Seriya ganaikloo			
Swamy Images			
a Gold Hiyapatee	8	.	.
10 Spits Large & small			
with Pearls	190	.	.
a Gold Akapatty	35	.	.
a Gold Chain	15	.	.
a Set of Gold Guineas	30	.	.
a Stripe of D. with			
Tyger Nails	8	.	.
a D. of Gold & Coral	17	.	.
a Chandrahar	5	.	.
2 Gold Middle Strings			
with Jingles	20	.	.
a Silver Mugootum	30	.	.
2 Handles of Chamaris	12	.	.
5 Small Cups	3	.	.
1 Small Plate	8		
Small			

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	Rupees	Fs.		Rupees	Fs.
1 Small Tumbler	24	"	Amount of the		
a Tankey	34	"	Rajahs	3718	"
	Rupees 1358	"	Rajahs Wife	2437	"
a Part of the above			Rajahs Mothers	636	"
Jewels restored as past	1331	"	Rajahs Gumastahs	161	"
To be received	827	"	Rajahs Servants	1092	"
			Rayapanaick's Servants	516	"
				Total 1358	"

A true Copy
Fitz Wm Barrington
Agent Gen.

List of Jewels &c returned from on certain occasions at Jellantra.

Jewels &c belonging to the Rajah	Rupees	Fs.	Jewels &c belonging to the Rajah	Rupees	Fs.
Cash	396	"	a pair of Chandrangs Gold	75	"
2 Pouches	60	"	a pair of Gold Hankams	45	"
a Set of Jewels	60	"	a pair of Gold Sorcas	60	"
5 Gold Chandrahues	15	"	a Set of Pouches	14	"
a Gold Bracelet	15	"	2 Pr of Sandues	76	"
a Ring	13	"	3 Chowdrys	85	"
2 Sheets of broad cloth	24	"	3 Coomdasses	6	"
a Piece of Silk	6	"	4 Sets of Five Rings	15	"
3 Cloths	12	"	1 Gown Banchings	12	"
a Turban	3	"	a Copy of Chanmay	8	"
Birds Nest			a Pauvoya	40	"
54 Pcs of Plates	50	"	a Gold Ring for the Leg	22	"
a Palangeen Silver Mount	4	"	2 Chay Cots	70	
Jewels	658	"		Car	

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		Rupees	Pice
1	Ear Jewel	35	
	a Stripe of Pearls	20	
	a Bomjoobundoo	10	
	a Stripe of Coral & Gold	10	
	a Gold Chain	30	
	Silverthings		
2	Vankees	5	
3	Carautoms	3	
	allodu of the Palanquin	40	
	a Set of Rings for the Hands	3	
	a Soodia	6	
	Vankuloo	5	
	Rings for the legs	12	
	a Small hand Ring	8	
	a Middle String	25	
	Chamary Coopy	3	
2	Goothums	1	
		699	
	Rajanaud Swamy Images		
5	Spots with Pearls	74	
	a Stripe of Coral & Gold Beads	8	
		82	
	Strujaganachloo Images		
	a Pair of Gold Hand Rings	15	
	a Pr of Silver Goothums	4	
4	Bracelets set with Stones	47	
	a Stripe of Pearls	8	
2	Ds of Corals & Gold	3	
	Gold Beads &c set with Tyger Nails	15	
		92	
	Total Rupees	1531	

A true copy

Fitz Wm Barrington

Asst Secretary

Narrative delivered to the Chief & Council by the Widow of the late Rajah of Jellantra

That the Company's Troops came and took Possession of Jellantra about day light in the Morning - That upon hearing of their approach she endeavoured to make her escape into the Jungles but was seized

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seized and carried back to the Rajah's House
where she found two Officers just being
questioned who said one of these was the
Commanding Officer, & the other an Officer
who was lately here / Lascar Rice / and some
Sepoys - That the Sepoys were breaking open
two Rooms, one of which contained things
belonging to him, & that two things belon-
-ging to the Rajah, according to the Lists
delivered - that there was a Jadoo present
by name Moodeen Cawn whom she desired
to enter port between her and the Commanding
Officer and to ask him, why the Company's
Troops came to take the Place & why they
broke open the Rooms & plundered, and
whether they had received the Chiefs orders
for that purpose - that the Commanding
Officer answered by means of the said Moodeen
Cawn / that he did not know why the Company
took the Place and that he had received no
orders for plundering - that she then asked
the Commanding Officer, copy of these
was no order for plundering he suffered
the Troops to plunder. that he in reply
assured her that she should have all the
plunder back again. that in the evening
of the same day some Sepoys brought and
offered her part of the things that had
been plundered in the morning. but she
declined

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declared she would take none unless the whole
was restored to her upon which the
Commanding Officer assured her that she
should have the whole - and desired her not
to make any Complaint - that she then
accused of the things that were offered to
her and for several succeeding days received
a further part by little & little all together
as first delivered - that upon her arrival
at Etchapoure on her way to Gayaom three
Gentlemen came to see her one of whom
returned her two of the Jewels that had been
plundered at Jellantra - that she asked
whether she was to receive no more than two
Jewels out of all that had been taken From
her, and was answered that she should have
more as soon as they could be collected.
that upon telling them she was going to
Gayaom the same Gentleman that had
spoke before said that he would write to the
Gentlemen at Gayaom in her favor. that
there were now three Men confined at
Jellantra two of whom were present at the
plundering, and at the Conversation which
passed the morning the Place was taken &
she wished to have them released.

A true Copy
Fitz Wm Barrington
Assistant Secretary

Gayaom
14 July 1777

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To the Officer Commanding the Detachment
appointed by Captain Arthur Lysaght
to take possession of the Fort or Pollam
of Jellantra

Sir

As soon as you shall have
received orders for marching you will proceed
without loss of time and take Possession of the
Fort or Pollam of Jellantra, having previous
thereto caused the Head Person in the Fort
to be apprised of your intention, and warned of
the consequences that will attend his making any
resistance against the Company's Forces. Should
you find your detachment too weak to execute
this Service, you will in that case apply to
Captain Lysaght for a Reinforcement.

We desire that you will
correspond immediately with this Board, and
not fail to transmit us information of every
thing material that passes.

As our intention in taking
Possession of Jellantra is to prevent the Enemy
entering Havelly Lands much will depend upon the
Prudence and circumspection of your Conduct.
It is therefore our earnest desire that you be
careful to prevent your People from wantonly
committing hostilities, & plundering, or
ill treating the Inhabitants, and that you cause
severe examples to be made of those who shall

be

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be found offending in any of these respects - by
thus securing the Inhabitants from Injustice,
and shewing a solicitude for their Welfare they
will be encouraged to rely on our Protection
and their minds improved with confidence
in the Companys Government. We are

Sir

your most obt Servants

Charles Smith
Robert Maunsell
Thomas Dyneley
Robert Hughes
John Hudleston

Gunjam
5th May 1777

Signed

A true Copy
Fitz Wm Barrington
Asst Secretary

The foregoing Letters from
Gunjam having been duly considered the
following Draft of a Letter in answer is
now read and approved.

To Charles Smith Esqr.
Chief & Council at
Gunjam

Gentlemen

To Gunjam determining the Disputed point in favor of Capt Speight a Court of Enquiry to examine into the Complaint of the Natives of Jellantra

We have received your Letters of the 13th & 20th ulty.

We are sorry that any Differences in opinion should subsist between
you

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you and the Commanding Officer particularly
when we perceive that they are not upon
Matters in any degree Essential to the Service
but merely upon the Construction of the Powers
Separately given to you, in which the difference
is in reality more upon the words than the
Sense of the Companys Instructions by which
these Powers be defined. You say Cabbaree
Powers for the March of any Troops under
his command, and you quote a Letter from
us shewing that you have such an Authority
It is certain in that Letter We make use of the
word Orders, where We ought rather to have
used Requisitions, for this is the particular
Form used by the Company, and tho there is
in fact no difference, since We have given
these Requisitions the Force of Orders by
express by directing all Officers implicitly
to comply with them, yet We think the
word Requisition which is used by the
Company is the more proper word and as
it is likely to prevent all Disputes. We desire
it may be used by you in all your future
Applications for Troops.

It is not agreable to the
Company's Instructions that the Chief &
Council should name or appoint any Officer
to any particular Service. We allude here

to

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to the order you sent for Lieut. Blacker to
march with his two Companies. The appointment
or nomination of Officers for all duties in
any part of the military Detail which
belongs to the Commanding Officer. your
Requisition should always be in general
terms for the Force or your opinion nec-
-essary for the Service to be performed.

We cannot judge of the
Complaint made by the Widow of the
Linguisty of Pellandra in its present State
you will be pleased therefore to send Copies
of the Papers to Captain Lysaght in order
that a Court of Inquiry may set on the
Conduct of the Officers commanding the
Proceedings of which must be transmitted
to us. We are

Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
George Stratton
J Council

Fort St George
5th August 1777

Read the following Letters
from Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you the 12 Instant
and.

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From Figgapatam with the Packs of Mr Cossyhouse with Capt Murphy

and should not now have troubled you with this accots were it not in compliance with Captain Murphys request for having the whole Correspondence with him since the 30th Ult. laid before you ever last to Captain Murphy. so fully answering on every thing he has thought proper to say. that we hope it unnecessary to make further Remarks. and therefore decline saying any thing more than that we submit the whole to your determination

We are respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
H. Crawford
Jas Barlow

Fizagapatam
16th July 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council of Fizagapatam

Gentlemen

I have received three Companys of Seapoys from hence yesterday under the Command of Lieut. Goddard. to relieve those three Companys of the Bengal Battalion now doing duty at Fizagapatam. but having heard

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Ensign Halliburtons Situation at Bonjy. have directed him to make a forc March to Bunbejeatam. & soon Halliburton immediately should he hear the Rajah move towards him. should Ensign Halliburton be attack'd, and defeated before the succours reach him. Jaggernaut Ranjis Effects will doubtless be removed immediately to Tyjenagerum. it will then be useless to occupy Bonjy. as it will only divide our small force. & the Dispute between the Rajah & the Company will then grow very serious: but if the party with the Field Pieces. joins to Goodavery. with Halliburton safe. I have not a doubt. of their sustaining so good a Post for several days. against the Rajahs force.

as the four Companies now here, may not be sufficient, to answer every purpose which the exigency of the Service may now require. I have ordered Captain Rowles with his whole Battalion immediately hither. on its arrival my motions will be guided by such information as I may receive from you. or Ensign Halliburton.

My reason for the 5th Battalion hither. adds to the other preparations I am making. will. I imagine. inform the Rajah. to set Jaggernaut Ranjee at Liberty. I am Gentlemen

your most obt & humble Servant

(Signed) Jam.s Murphy

Chicacole
1st July 1777

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To Samuel Sorenson Esqr

Chief and Council

Pegu

Gentlemen

Captain Davis with his Battalion arrived here this morning I received your Letter of the 1st Instant about the same time, and shall in consequence thereof march forthwith, at 4 o'clock to morrow morning, with two three Pounders, the two Grenadier Companies of the 1st Battalion, and one Companies of the 6. I shall likewise take three small Cohorns with me which is the only ordonance I have, that can annoy them as Pegu ordonance I have, I however the necessity of going there to invest it. I left Lt. Brown with two Companies, to take charge of those Cantonments.

Ponnah. I think as a good Situation to sustain Lt. Cox's force from, but as I am firmly of opinion, that he runs no risque of being attacked, encamping or shewing at Saintapilly or some where else on the Pegu ragoon road will contribute more to intimidate the Rajah to release Jaggernaut Rauze.

I must comment that we have no battering Cannon in the District, altho I have repeatedly urged the Necessity of

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of your sending for six eighteen Pounders.

It is attended with the utmost difficulty to procure Bullocks & Coolys here now. Otherwise would have marched this afternoon.

I request you will direct your Storekeeper, to make a great quantity of Musket Ammunition as soon as possible. likewise to get all the Tents, intrenching Tools, & other Stores, formerly indented for Captain Rowls and myself immediately ready: I must observe to you, that the former is very deficient of Camp Equipage & Stores.

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient and
humble Servant
Sign'd Lan.r Murphy

Checacole
3.d July 1779

To Samuel Johnson Esq.r
Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam
Gentlemen

The Artillery and Stores did not come up last night until eleven o'Clock. The Bullocks being very bad and much fatigued could not move this morning. but I shall in consequence of your letter of the 3.d Inst. for which I only received an hour ago, march this Evening to Santapelly

tomorrow

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tomorrow morning to Tonara, and from thence half way to Bonay. with all the Expedition I can, which I think will keep the Rajah in respect, and prevent his insulting Lieut. Goddard, & where I shall wait for further information: but, it argues a want of difference to take post with all the Troops at Bonay, and a Suspicion of the sort, will always have bad effects. no expence should be thought of when the Companys honor is authority is insulted.

I am wholly unprovided with Fascines and Fleiscaux for this or any other Service: the Necessity of which I have repeatedly represented to you.

I am Gentlemen

Camp at Coultyrollum your most obedient &
5th July 1777 most humble Servant
2 o'Clock P.M. Eyre Coote

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

The draught Bullocks are so miserably bad, that we are obliged to have the Guns and Tumbrils dragged by the People, over all the Sloughs and bad grounds we meet: which occasions

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retards our march so much that we can never
exceed four Cos in five or six hours.

I have agreable to your desire
wrote to Lieut. Roberts, but this Gentleman's
health being much impaired, obliges him
to quit his station in Golconda, with which
he must have already acquainted you when
last at Vizagapatam. Otherwise, I doubt not
but he might prevent those three Companies
from joining the Rajah, as I took the same
precaution when the last dispute happened
between your Board and him: and was glad
to find, they were well affected towards the
Company, and willing to assist if necessary.

I am informed that the
Rajah has collected together several thousand
Irregulars which I imagine will make but
a feeble resistance, if attacked by the Companys
Troops.

I shall march to Bonjy to-
morrow morning, and there encamp, in the
best Situation I can pitch upon in that
Neighbourhood.

Your Letter of the 3d Instant
I received this morning on my march hither.
that of the 6th since I began mine. you do not
mention the Number of Guns mounted for by
the Elizabeth: but I am of opinion, that six
18 Pds is absolutely necessary, to breach the Walls

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of Tizenagueon: altho the Ramparts in reasonable
yet the Wall being faced at the out side with
large Free stone, it will require a considerable
deal of battering: four 18 pdrs may breach
it: but not in one day, as I could wish: the
above Letter, and as many L and 10 Inch. Mortars
with the assistance of two more Battalions of
Seapoys from the Attus destroys, will very
shortly reduce the Fort and all the Rajahs
Troops. I know not of any place of Strength
he is possessed of except Tizeiagueon.

Altho you have not thought
proper to furnish me with Reasons why not
yet to order the Bill of Charges I sent you
on March last to be paid, never the less have,
and shall procure Intelligence at my own
expence.

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient and
Camp at Reavarum most humble Servant
7th July 1779 Signed Lawrie Murphy

P.S. The Mortars we have the letter, as he will
cause a great Number into his little Fort, a
severe Bombardment will convey them
most dreadfully.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council

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of Fizgapatam

Gentlemen

I have received yours
Letter of the 10th and cannot well understand
your reasons for not acknowledging my
Letter of the 9th which I am credibly informed
was delivered to your Chief the 10th in the
Morning at Breakfast had you suspended
your censure on my inattention & wilfull
neglect as you are pleased to call it a few
minutes, you would have been fully informed
of your security, but the Contempt with
which you have treated my information
compells me to observe, the intelligence you
received, and the great apprehensions you
have expressed for the safety of Fizagapatam,
are proofs how much better yours is to be
depended on than any I can possibly send
you.

You inform me of your
intention to send to the Hon'ble the President
and Council my letter to you of the 8th with
your answer. I desire that the whole
Correspondence from the 30th Ult. may be
transmitted to them for their inspection
when I shall not have a doubt of clearing
myself of the Inflections contained in your
last which are as unjust as illiberal, and
of proving to their satisfaction, that my

Actions

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Actions on this or any former occasion
have been as honest as your Chiefs or any
Number of your Braves

Your attack on my
want of a proper knowledge of a true state
of the Troops in this District as a reflection
on yourselves. I again assert, that you had
and shall have the number of Troops I
mentioned, with this difference that 20
I first belong to the 8th Corps Battalion.

The Orders of 69 I have received
but they do not come armed with those
threats you would willingly make me
engage.

The Hirecorrahs you inform
me are the Chiefs. I have ordered them to
be set at Liberty. the Report of my intention
to cut off their Ears is another piece of your
intelligence for I detest all proceedings, and
took its rise from a declaration of some
of the Gentlemen Troops that they deserved
to lose them when in Battle. I do not
entertain a thought of the kind: altho
Lieut. Governors information to me fully
justified my Suspicion, fearlessly, as I did
not know that Mr Dougitz's Dubash Commissaried
the Chiefs' business. I am Gentlemen

Camp at Bonry
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your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Signed/ Lan.d Murphy

1409. Fort St George 5th August 1777

To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops
at Boney

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 9th and two of the 12th Instant. one of which accompanied a Return of the Troops under your Command.

We are sorry to remark that the observations we made on the Style, in which you address us, has not been attended to: as you continue the same improper and disrespectfull manner of conveying your Sentiments.

you commence your Letter of the 9th with an observation, which has much the air of a rebuke to us, for the tardiness of the Hircarahs. however we are willing to suppose you could not so far forget yourself as to mean anything of the kind: & therefore conclude you only intended to request we would have these People punished, for not using more expedition on such occasions.

As you acknowledge to have seen Copies of the Letters which Ensign Halliburton wrote us. during the time he commanded at Boney. we are surprised you did not observe that, he only suggests his own private opinion of the Rajah's intentions,

whilst

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whilst he acquaints us that the People he has sent to procure intelligence, agree in confirming the Report of the Rajahs having ordered a strong Detachment to cutt off the Family of Jaggernaut Rauze both his first and last letter, convey those Words. and he only wrote us there whilst he commanded.

Your surprise at our having only 30 Battalion Sepoys fit for duty at Tegagaratame, we'd have vanished, had you considered the matter better: tis true, by not referring to the morning Report we said 30 instead of 40 - but the difference is not very material, and we have always addressed you of the mistake in our letter of the 10th Instant.

Your have Questions have not invalidated the Returns we had of the Troops on this Coast on the

You give it as your opinion that from the intelligence you have received, our apprehensions for the danger Tegagatam is or may be exposed to, are void of real foundation; yet we might almost venture to appeal to yourself what weight this opinion ought to have with us, when you tell us it is founded on the Rajahs having 16,000 - or 17,000 irregular Sepoys, with Horsed Footlocks, including those badly

1411. Fort St George 5th August 1777

lately commanded by Lieut. Roberts.

3000 Match-lock and Bow-men.

5000 Pike Men collected from the Paddy Fields and

700 sent by the Pollicondo Rajah

24,700 if on reflection, you still think this force, not sufficient to create any apprehensions, we can only lament that, we differ in opinion with you, who ought to be a much better judge than us of such Matters.

The precautions you advise, relative to the Pollicondah Rajah and Arzebeg, were taken before the receipt of your Letter.

Your Letter of the 6th was delivered the Chief on the 10th in the Morning, but as we did not see any thing in it, which required a speedy answer, we laid it aside, untill we had dispatched our letter to the Board of Madrass and from the Remarks we have made, you will find we do not think it conveys that full information of our Security, you so confidently assert, but actually the contrary, unless you give us other reasons, than those we are yet acquainted with, for your thinking 24,700 Troops of no consequence.

We shall comply with your

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whilst he acquaints us that the People he has sent to procure intelligence, agree in conformity to the Report of the Rajahs having received a strong Detachment to cut off the Family of Jaggernaut Rauze both his first and last letter, conveys these doubts and he only wrote us those whilst he commanded.

Your surprise at our having only 30 Battalion Sepoys fit for duty at Tegagatam, must have vanished, had you considered the matter better. Its true, by not reporting to the morning Report we said 30 instead of 40 - but the difference is not very material, and we have already advised you of the mistake in our letter of the 10th Instant.

Your have Questions have not invalidated the Return we had of the Troops in this Coast is on the 7th Instant

You gave it as your opinion that from the intelligence you have received, our apprehensions for the danger Tegaga-=patam is or may be exposed to, are void of real foundation, yet we might almost venture to appeal to yourself, what weight this opinion ought to have with us, when you tell us it is founded on the Rajahs having 16,000 - or 17,000 irregular Sepoys, with Hereditary Headlocks, including those Cadely

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your Letter.

Your Letter of the 6th was
delivered the Chief on the 16th in the Morning.
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requested a speedy answer, we laid it aside
untill we had dispatched our letter to the
Board of Revenue, and from the Remarks
we have made, you will find we do not
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us other reasons than those we are yet
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your

1812. Fort St George 5th August 1769

your desire of knowing the whole Circumstances from the 30th Ult. being sent to the Governor and Council, and we doubt not that, tho you may be acquainted of any dishonest intentions, yet they will censure your want of Respect towards us in your Dubash without giving us the least account thereof, and also of your making disparaging Comparisons, which shew that you use Declamation for want of Arguments or Facts.

We fear you have not well considered the purport of the 10th Article of 1769. or you would be more apprehensive of the consequences of Disobedience to them.

We have perspective of those a=
=tion that, notwithstanding the front we
before gave, you have since had
Conference with the Rajahs Dubash.

We are glad to find you do
not put your threats in execution of
cutting off the Chiefs Nose, ears and
and that you have released them from false
imprisonment: and thus inconsiderable
Acts might have been attended with disagree=
=ble Consequences. You will please to observe
that we did not mention this one slight
aspersion
report, but on information we had no reason to
doubt

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doubt, and We apprehend the Examination of the Brahmin and Peroarrahs would have removed your Suspicion. even though you did not think proper to set People to watch - whether they carried their intelligence: the example you have made, has deterred such People from going near Bonay. except with Letters to you, and it is probable we are deprived of material information thereby, as we had frequent Advices of what was passing at Tegagaum from Bonay, which could not be obtained through any other Channel - as to your particular observation that, "you did not "know, Mr Douglass Dubash transacted "the Chiefs business." the Chief remarks thereon that he had lately made use of this very Brahmin at Theacabe as Companys Interpreter, and we have sufficient reason to believe you were by no means ignorant of his being employed in that quality.

The Brahmin and Peroarrahs belonging to the Chief are returned here, and inform us that you ordered a Peahey to turn them out of Bonay: this carries with it an appearance that these People had been guilty of some Crime we consider it as highly disrespectfull to the Chief, and calculated to deter other Servants from going on this Service - we are surprised

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suppose you have not mentioned your reasons
for this extraordinary Conduct. If desire you
will give them in your Letter next to us. We have
requested of the Chief to send these People for others
in case they are so obstinate as that they refuse
to go back to Bonjy. If we receive your Letter
previous there arrives. I hope that, as it is
for the good of the Service, you will persist in
them.

Having now fully answered
your two last Letters, we think it proper to
acquaint you that in future we shall be very
Laconick in our Correspondence, except in
cases of absolute Necessity. or, at least, untill
you have adopted a Stile more becoming your
Station. We are, Sir

Your obedient Servants
Signed Chief & Council

Fitzgeraldstown
13th July 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was the 15th Instant
we have since had occasion to write Captain
Thursby three Letters. Copies of which are also
of two received from them are here with.

From Fitzgeraldstown
the Chief & Council
complaining of
Captain Thursby.

As We have thought proper
not only to refuse obeying our respective orders
but

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but also to omit giving his Reasons for this extraordinary Conduct, we must wait your determination before we can write him with any prospect of having our directions complied with, and therefore we hope you will be pleased to send us your Commands on this Subject speedily.

We are, respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Nath'l Barlow

Vizagapatam
20th July 1777

To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops
at Boney

Sir

As the Bullocks you carried with you to Boney are very much wanted at this Season of Cultivation we desire you will order them to be returned, and procure others at Boney when the Service requires them.

We are Sir
your most obt. Servants
Samuel Johnson
for Council

Vizagapatam
14th July 1777

To

1416. Fort St George 5th August 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
6th Jan Council

Fuzagapatam

Gentlemen

I have received your letter
of the 1st Instant I brought only 50 draught
Bullocks from 6 the Carnatic which can be
no great Check to Cultivation but as they
are, I must keep them until I get others.

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient &
humble Servant
Signed Lawr Murphy

Camp at Bonny
17th July 1777

To Captain Lawrence Murphy
Commanding the Troops at Bonny

Sir

I NB The Post was omitted in the original thro' the Error.

We have received your letter
of the 5th Instant and observe you disobey our
orders for returning the Bullocks belonging
to the Carnatic Havelly we shall transmit
to the Governor & Council of Fazagapatam a
Copy thereof and submit to their consider-
-tion the mode for transacting Business
in this Circar whilst you continue this
Conduct towards us, wherein we repeat
our orders to you for securing to the Carnatic

the

1417. Fort St George 5th August 1772

the Bullocks you took from thence being much wanted by their owners, at this Season of the year and desire you will forbear taking any for the Service at Bimly or in its neighbourhood.

We are, Sir,
your obedient Servants
Samuel Johnson
J. Call. Council

Vizagapatam
18 July 1772

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Chief and Council
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

The Mistake I might have made by adding an 0 too much in my account of the Rajahs fleeted five lack Men I am very ready to acknowledge of this inadvertency I have not a doubt but you must have been perfectly sensible of the magnified ridiculous paragraph in your letter of the 13th Inst. which I did not receive until the 15th at 5 P.M. This Error I beg may be rectified in your next publick address to the Board of Madras. the Same of opinion the Honble President is too well acquainted with the state of this Circar to be deceived by a mistake of this nature.

The Chiefs Fleet Arrahs may remain

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remain here in perfect Security, yet I believe, I may venture to assert, that he is the first Man that ever placed such People among his Friends to gain intelligence of the Enemy.

I think you are rather premature in supposing that the Honble Board will condemn my Conduct on this occasion before you know their opinion. I have no apprehensions of this kind myself. I doubt but their decision will be just and impartial when the Circumstances of both are fully known, which was not the case Lately when a private representation of your Chiefs only was laid before Council from the Board about the Topasses, which if properly explained could not have happened.

I now enclose you a Letter which will fully prove my former assertion of the true State of the Topasses at Tegapatam altho' you declare in your last Letter that you had only for to get for duty.

I am not to hold myself responsible to your Board in the present case. I am amenable to higher Powers to which I shall refer on the attack you have made on my Character and Conduct.

I am happy to find you express a desire that our Correspondence should be as concise

Weekly Return of a Detachment of the 1st Circar Battalion of Sepoys doing Duty at Tegagapatam under the Command of Lieutenant Halliburton 13 July 1777

Companys	Present for duty: Sergeants	Tuhbers	Tunnes	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Buttays	Sepoys	Sick: Tunnes	Havildars	Naigues	Sepoys	On Command: Commandt.	Tunnes	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers	Sepoys	Furlough	Total
Commandants	1	.	.	2	1	1	134	.	2	.	10	1	.	.	1	.	20		73	
Havildars	.	1	1	32	.	13	71	.	.	5	.	.	1	21	21				76	
Tunnes	.	1	2	1	1	.	13	7	.	1	.	3	.	.	21	.	24		74	
Chunnabunnes	.	.	.	11	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	3	.	11	.	.	6.		21	
Pursalls	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	1		3	
Munseraans	.	.	.	1	.	.	6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	6		14	
Total	1	2	3	6	5	1	322	1	3	12	3	1	1	44	178				261	

S.B. 1. 1 Sept. 20.
belonging to the 2d Battalion
was one still remain
at Tegagapatam
(Signed) L. Murphy

Signed
John Halliburton Lieut.

Absent on Command

Absent on Furlough

Absent sick at Hospital

Absent sick in Camp

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Absent sick at Hospital

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Remarks

Fort St George 13th July 1777

Return of the Battalion of Sepoys commanded by Lieut. John Halliburton

Officers present

Lieut. John Halliburton Commandant

Ensign Thomas Hardy

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To Captain Lawrence Murphy

Commanding the Troops at

Bonly

Fiji

Altho' in our last a Copy was sent to
you we should be remiss in our future Correspondence
with you, yet least you may conceive it to proceed
an opinion of your Letter of yesterday date we
shall make a few necessary Observations on it and
then declare ourselves Circumstances which
may be of further Service to you and Cause
us no Credit.

As you are dissatisfied with
placing the account you gave us of the Boyds
Forces to inadvertance, which is only a softer name
for Inadvertency or want of Care, we shall send
Copy of your letter to the Board of Admiralty for
your Justification, but as a wrong bit either
added or omitted is sometimes of the utmost
Consequence we desire, in future, you will write,
in plain Words & Figures any Accounts of this
nature, which will exclude all Possibility of you
taking advantage of your inadvertance, as you
have thought proper to insinuate

When you wrote the Ships
Your Comrades may remain in perfect Security
you forgot to mention this of you and ought
to have wrote us this order should be complied with
may is a vague expression and not sufficient

to

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to satisfy us after the Menaces you have thrown out against these poor people, who only acted under orders and were in no Shape culpable. by your illeberal insinuations you frequently betray us into Explanations which we do not owe you: the Chief observes on what you say of this matter, that these People were placed to have an intercourse with Juggernaut Rawjes family / who could give them intelligence. procured from Vizianagrum at a time when no Passes belonging to us, must remain there and not among his Friends, as you wish to have understood.

It was certainly the Chiefs duty to acquaint the Governor of your extraordinary Conduct relative to the Papers, and he represented it, in its proper light, with as much tenderness towards you as the Case would admit and, when the Board dismissed discovering a publick Censure on private representation, we think you ought to account it a fortunate circumstance that we did not make a Publick Complaint of such an innovation and we are sorry to observe you have so little sense of our Lenity on this occasion

We are at a loss to comprehend how a Return of the 15th can fully prove the State of the Seapoys at Vizagapatam the 7th, when it was first granted that they were both days exactly in the same State which is what our daily

Returns

1422. Fort St George 5th August 1799

Peterms Continued.

Though you do not in general wish with that fury we cry we cried we do, yet these causes are effected obscurely & therefore say you are not responsible to us. but are answerable to higher powers to whom you will refer on the attack made on your Character and Conduct if you mean by this relative to your holding Conferences with the Rajahs Dubash though we may be powerless on ours sufficiently to evade use of your word Phrase) yet we are confident enough to foretell this will be censured especially when the Board is informed this Dubash came to your Camp disguised at 2 o'Clock in the morning and that People have been so free as to say this Business was to speak with you and that he returned before day-break, in the same suspicious manner.

We have now made thro' your Letter we before with Surprize and your unsatisfactory answers reduced to Silence & Confusion the community we thought this much due to our Masters. Those whose Lodge our Letters might have been more usefully employed and comfort thereby to hear of your Letter which gave us satisfaction or no answer you promise to be on future. no Correspondence with us as the Service on which you are employed cannot be a secret.

Vizagapatam 7th July 1799

We are, Sir, your obedient Servants
Signed Sam.l Johnson & Council

1423 Fort St George 5th August 1775

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last we have

From Dr comptroller of Bapt Murphy received another Letter from Captain Murphy, the singularity of which, will we hope plead our excuse for troubling you with a Copy thereof, as his answer to ours of the 14th reached us before we had finished our Letter to him of the 17th and which was not dispatched 'till the 18th in the morning/ we immediately wrote him a few lines, repeating our orders for his dispatching the Bullocks, previous to our dispatching the former. This letter Captain Murphy has thought proper to return us: and one of the Reasons he gives for so doing/ if any Reason can warrant such a Conduct/ we think, with any other Man, would have a contrary effect: It seems strange, he should tell us that "he would not willingly suppose we meant to insult him" and at the same time, behave with so much indecency to us, as to return us our Letter to him - as to the Style of our Letter to this Gentleman/ which he adds, is another motive for his unprecedented behaviour/ when the Board have attentively perused this address to the Chief and Council, we flatter ourselves, they will not appear ill adapted

to

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to Captain Alexanders Letters are so obscure
& incorrect as we believe without a parallel.

We have respectfully
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient and
humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Nath Balston

Vizagapatam
21st July 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Last year I had occasion
to write Captain Alexander before you a Letter of mine
of the 16th Instant. I must inform you of my
having wrote me to your Board of that date
enclosing a return of a true State of the
Troops at Vizagapatam. I there acquainted
you that in the present situation of affairs.
I held my Conduct responsible to a superior
Power. and must again repeat it.

I received your Letter of
the 18th Inst. Last night. I must beg leave
to return it. as I cannot willingly
suppose you mean to insult me in my
Station. by the words & Orders you have
adopted. as well as the Style for transmitting
me

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no orders

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Jan.a Murphy

Camp at Bony
19 July 1777

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

In consequence of our applica-
tion to Masulipatam, Captain Collins left
Samul Cotah, and encamped within a few Cos
of Vizagapatam with four Companies of his
Battalion. during his March he received
intelligence that the Rajah Vizeram Raujy
upon advice of his moving towards this place
had recalled a thousand Men, which he had
detached to the aid of Rajah Dorah, who has again
commenced Hostilities and in a late action
with the Tim-Raujé's forces, gained an advantage
their Commander / Tipputty Raujy Rentey
Upparah / being killed. The Chief and Council
of Ganjam, have also in compliance with our
Request, ordered Captain Clapham with his
Battalion to our assistance, and we have directed
him to halt at Chicacole until further orders.
These operations have had the happiest effect,
and we flatter ourselves will bring the Rajah

to

From D.o the Rajah
becomes sensible of
his Misconduct &
apologizes for the
Seizure of Juggernaut
Rauze M.r Brompton
is sent to him.

1426. Fort St. George 5th Aug. 1777

to a sense of his duty, as in consequence, he has sent
us Tapes for Hughes 122 bbls. being a List of his
own Ammunition, Rockpickles, and Gabeons, and
has promised to discharge his Ballance quickly
he has also endeavoured to palliate his late Crime
in assisting Suggeenaut to escape, and assured
us that many of the Caffrees were Forces, and
only Scouts and Spies to discover the Countrys
Troops to attack them, but that now being
convinced of the contrary he will conduct
himself so as to convince us the Portuguese
hope we will be through mistake the greatest Loser
for having dissatisfied with his conduct yet as
those many recreations of his being unalterable
to comply with our demands to save them we
judged it proper to dismiss Mr Cornelius with
the Caffrees & desire Suggeenaut, to wait on
the Rajah, and request to us what he has to
offer on this Subject in a few days we hope
to be enabled to write you more fully.

Since writing the foregoing.

Suggeenaut Banjis Wife sent a Relation
secretly to the Chief, to inform him, she had
her Husbands orders, to send his Son and a
Corjeer Plate, on which is engraven the
Rajahs grant to this Chief of Bonny, to Negro=
=potam; she discover'd the Messenger to upbraid
that, she inferred from thence, her Husband
apprehended his life was in danger, and therefore
wished

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wished to hear before his death that the Child was under the Companys Protection. these Circumstances we hear has affected her to such a degree that she has refused all sustenance, and was determined not to survive so dreadfull an Event. we have therefore offered her and all the Family the Companys Protection on Negapatam where Juggernaut Rauze has a House, and assured her we have not a doubt but that you will immediately insist upon the enlargement of her Husband, and full satisfaction for the Injuries he has received. the deplorable Situation of this unhappy Woman and the most lively sense of the imminent danger her Husband is hourly exposed to from the Villainous and tyranical Conduct of Sithoram Rauze, has induced us to give them every assurance in our Power of seeing a speedy and happy end to her sufferings.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient and
most humble Servants

Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Nath Barlow

Negapatam
23 July 1777

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

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Fort St George 5th August 1777

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Forwd. the Chief goes to Tyagaporum with the Letter from the President to the Rajah

We have received your Commissions of the 4th Inst accompanying the letter for the Rajah of Tyagaporum Range.

As we apprehend much time may be lost on a Correspondence we judged it expedient to dispatch the Chief to proceed to Tyagaporum, and be witness to set out this Evening. The result of his Conference shall be transmitted to you on his return.

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedt and
most humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
Wm Williams
Edwd Wheelock

Tyagapatam
23d July 1777

Agreed that the Consideration of the Disputes between the Chief & Council and Captain Murphy be referred for the present, as by the Appointment of Colonel Braithwaite to command the Troops upon the Circars this Difference will cease.

With respect to the other parts of the several Letters from Tyagapatam the following

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following Letter on answer to those is now approved.

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief and Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received your several
Letters inclosing Copies of the Correspondence
between you and Captain Murphy, also two
Letters from you dated the 23d Instant, to these
only We mean now to reply as it is necessary
you should know our sentiments upon them
without loss of time

To Vizagapatam
approving the
Steps taken by the
Chief & Council
for tranquility in the
Dependancies of the
Chief of the Rajah

Altho' both the Letters are
dated the same day, there was a difference of
two days in the time of their arrival here
for which We are unable to account. The
first We received, advises us that the
Movement of the Battalions ordered into
the Vizagapatam District, had so far
worked upon the Rajahs Apprehensions
that he had made some overtures towards an
Accommodation, and that in order to save
time you had judged it proper to depute the
Dewan forth to Vizianagrum to know what he
had to offer

This Step we disapprove
because tho' it does not appear you had then
received

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Received your letter of the 14th July, which gave you no Sentiments on Tegnaconi Lauze's Contract, yet as he had not complied with your repeated demands for the Release of Joggernaut Lauze which was the only Condition upon which you could not have Property treated with them and as you had represented Joggernaut Lauze after the Business was Ended you had made no Terms which showed You to be clearly of that opinion yourselves We cannot see the smallest reason you could have had for commanding the Authority of the Country which has been insulted so far as to dispute any of your Council to Tegnaconi Lauze merely on his discovering an Inclination only to comply with your demand, and that too after he saw the Preparations we were making to compel him to a strict Sense of his Duty.

But if We have no reason to disapprove of this Deputation before you received our Letter of the 5th we intend Tegnaconi Lauze was still acting in contempt of your demand for the Release of Joggernaut Lauze what shall we say to the Resolution you came to after the receipt of that Letter wherein you saw We were determined and effectually prepared to enforce the Authority

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1431. Fort St George 3d August 1772

of the Company upon the Representations you had made to us. when we to ca. you that We had thro' the President sent a peremptory Demand to Fizzeanunnauge, and instructed to pursue such Measures as might appear necessary upon the Receipt of his answer. how could you in this situation follow the Deputation you had already made, by sending your Chief with the President's Letter to Fizzeanunnauge? The Reason you assign for this Step is not at all satisfactory. you say it was taken from the apprehension that much time might be lost in a Correspondence, but what room was there in this Case for any Correspondence. the Demand We made was such as required a simple answer which might have been received by a common Messenger in a few hours time. We had not the most distant Idea of entering into further Correspondence or conference. but supposing even there had been a Necessity for holding a Conference with him upon the Subject of our Letter, Mr Crawford whom you had before sent, and who was then at Fizzeanagroon was from his Station the proper Person to be employed.

We feel the more uneasiness on this occasion, because the Measure you have

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have taken steps accordingly to vacate
the authority of the Company, and to the
more expeditious execution of the depen-
-dances made in your several letters
respecting the Conduct of Tippoo Saib
and his Brother and the dangers you
seem to apprehend from their Separation

Should these expectations not
Disappointed of your Consent We think
it necessary to inform you that We gave
you no Authority to enter into any Negotiation
or Explanation on the Letter from the
President which requires the Release of
Lallgerrant what further measures
may be pursued will be determined by us,
on the mean time the Bullocks & Stores
required for the Military Service must
be kept in readiness with the Troops at
Bonry

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
George Stratton
Council

Fort St George
5th Augt 1779

The Commander in Chief
Majesty General
The report in command
=dant Lieutenant
Prendergast

presents to the Board on the part of Lieut.
Prendergast a curious Book of Drawings
shewing his late Progress through the Carnatic
also an Actual Survey and plan of the
Mountains

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Annacutty Bank and plans agreeing with references to a Narrative concerning that Bank.

As the Gentlemen of Council have, already, had occasion to see and consider these useful Works of Lieut Pringle it is with them to judge of his Merit, the Commander in Chief thinks it a duty to inform the Board, that, after personal acquaintance and most minute investigation of Lieut Pringle's Character & abilities, he is of opinion that the important Office of Captain of Guides to the army, cannot be conferred upon any Officer who will perform the Duties with more advantage to the Service than Mr Pringle will do. and, therefore, begs leave to recommend him as such. - the Commander in Chief can assure the Board, that, with Mr Pringle's assistance, he will shortly put the Department of Guides and Hircarrahs on such a footing as to be ready for Service on the shortest Fort St George Notice.
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Lieutenant Pringle, has, hitherto at his own Charge measured, and made his Surveys upon, more than six hundred Miles of roads, besides the actual Survey for the Annacutty Bk. The Expence may be judged of, from Mr Pringle's being incapacitated.

Gr. D. to compensate certain allowances to Lieut Pringle as Captain of the Guides

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recommended to keep two days to convey his extra-
Baggage & Followers with two Horses, and
two Men to work the Pioneer Tools, besides
the Ordinance Instruments and a Thermometer
lately purchased. The General has also recommended
to see those articles of necessary expence
whilst Lt Pringle accompanies him.

The Board will be ready to grant
as reasonable to allow Mr Pringle, Captain
full Batta whilst he has been or may be
employed on the public Service
and ten Shillings a day for a Captain
of the Guides, but not that any Sum, on that
account, superior to what he is entitled to,
on the regular rise of the army

Fort St George
5th August 1777

Lieutenant Pringle
appointed Captain
of the Guides and
allowed Captains
Batta

Resolved in Consideration of the
Merit and Services of Lieut. Pringle, that he
be appointed Captain of Guides & the army
as recommended by General Stuart that
his allowance as such, be 10 Shillings a day
exclusive of his Pay as Lieutenant, and Captains
Batta when employed on Service.

Resolved also, that a Warrant be
issued for the Expences incurred by Lieut. Pringle
on his Survey of the Coast & Country & Measurement
of the Roads, that he be furnished to assist
Captain

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Captain Batta from the day he was first employed in surveying the Carnatic to the day of his Arrival at Madras.

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick to the Secretary.

Sir

From Colonel Kirkpatrick on the Subject of a Passage to Fort Marlboro'

I have been favored with your Letter of the 29th Instant. & requesting me, that I may be accommodated with a Passage to Fort Malborough on the Snow Speedwell which is to sail in a few days from hence. as soon as I was apprized that such a Vessel was under Freight for the above Place, that no delay might hereafter be imputed to me. I addressed Mr. Jourdelle on the Subject of a Passage on her. enclosed you have my application to him. and his reply to it. from this it will be easy to collect. whether the proposed accommodations are suitable to the Rank I have the Honor to hold in the Service, or in any degree adapted to my present Case or Convenience

I am Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
James Kirkpatrick

Madras
30th July 1777

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Sir

Having learnt that there is a small Vessel with the Company's Freight for Fort Marlborough, and being desirous of contriving the first occasion of sending for that Port, you will oblige me by informing me what accommodations she has for the Reception of Passengers, and how far she will be able to take on board the Quantity of Baggage, of which I send you a list.

Fort St George
24th July 1777

I am, Sir &c
James Kirkpatrick

Sir,

I have this Morning been favored with your Letters on the Pigot bound to Bencoolen and at the same time received your list of Baggage for that Place.

I am sorry to observe the Size of Baggage specified in your List, Chairs, Tables & Beds &c. &c. is such as cannot be commodiously received on board a Vessel of her small Accommodations which only consists of one very small Cabben in which if you go a swinging Cot is all the convenience it will admit of, neither after taking in the Freight I have already engaged will there be a proper Place left for that part of your Baggage which requires being kept from the Weather

as

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as the Corpse is certainly the first consideration
and will entirely fill up this room, which
otherwise should be at your service

I am Sir &c.

Fort St George
24th July 1777

Signed J. Fasnell

Minutes of the Board.

The Court of Directors in
their Letter to us of the 24th December last
direct that We "require Lieut. Col. Kirkpatrick
to proceed to Fort Malbo' by the first conveyance
that offers as their Military Service on that
Coast requires his immediate Care and
attention"

A Copy of this Para was
some time ago sent to Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick
and upon the offer of a conveyance as mentioned
in last Consultation. We intimated to him
thro' the Secretary that he might be provided
with a Passage to Fort Malbro' in a Vessel
which would sail from hence in a few
days.

In reply to the Secretary's
Letter Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick writes that
he had made application to Mr. Fasnell
relative to a Passage on the above mentioned
Vessel, encloses a Copy of the application and
of the Reply and observes that from these it
will be easy to collect whether the proposed
accommodation are suitable to the Rank

The

1438. Fort St. George 31st Aug. 1777

Extract

Sir Robert Boyd having now the honor of
presenting to you Lieut. Montague
of the 1st Battalion of Foot, I beg leave
to recommend him to your favourable
notice, as an Officer of Merit and
Character, and who has served
with Reputation in the Corps
he belongs to.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Aubrey
Lieut. Col. 1st Battn

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

Lieut. Montague
having Business
to require
his Presence

Fort St George
31 July 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs

Family affairs of some Importance
requiring my immediate Presence in England.
I take the Liberty of requesting you will
accept of my Resignation, and permit me
to take my Departure for Europe by the first
Conveyance

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
with great Respect
your most obedt. and humble Servant
J. Montague
Lieut. Infantry

Fort St George
31st July 1777

Resolved that Lieut. Montague's
Request be complied with at the same time he
Justice

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Justice to him the Board think proper to observe that his Conduct since his arrival in India has been to their entire Satisfaction.

The President lays before the Board the following Intelligence received by him from Pondicherry.

News from Pondicherry

On the 31 July the Agreadon arrived from Europe and brings several Passengers officers and others.

Intelligence from Pondicherry. Ships of War & Men to be sent from France to America

When the ships from Port L'orient (the 20th February) they were making great Preparations for War and fitting out many Ships great Numbers of Officers were going to Boston among which were 60 Colonels and Brigadiers - a Gentleman here has seen received the particulars of a body of Artillery that were already gone over all known to the Court tho not openly acknowledged.

By a Vessel that is expected in 10 or 15 days they are to receive 120 Recruits

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We.

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Report of the Engineers

We have now completed our

Old Works

Barracks ——— 170

Tenaglias ——— 619

Curtains ——— 1090

Saccars ——— 123

Well Sinkers ——— 10

Stone cutters ——— 28

Sundry Artificers ——— 10.

Amounting in all to 2050 People

I have the honor to be with Respect

Fort St George
3 August 1777

Honble Sirs & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
and most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Read the following Letter
from Pondicherry

To the Gentlemen of Council at
Madras

Gentlemen

By a Letter of the 16th Instant
from Mr. Pondevez Chief of the French
Settlement at Mazulipatam. We have learnt
with the utmost Astonishment that four
Frenchmen on their way to Pondicherry
were stopped at Nagpelly by the English
Officer who commands there, and that
he had sent them under a Guard of Sepoys
to

From Mr. Billamel
of Chandernagore containing
of Frenchmen being
stopped in the
Tanjore Circar

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to Masulipatnam. notwithstanding that
they claime'd the undoubted Right of all
free Persons to travel in a Country which
is open to all Nations: and what is more
extraordinary, notwithstanding that
one of them was furnish'd with a Pass port
from M. Law formerly Commandant
General of all the French Settlements in
India - When these men arrived at Masuli=
=patnam they claim'd the Protection of the
Flag and of the Jurisdiction who immediate=
=ly addressed the English Council demanding
in the Kings Name the enlargement of
four of his Subjects stopped in Despite of
the Laws of Nations & of the Treaties whereby
the good understanding that Subsists between
the Courts is established. The answer which
he received appears to us
In every Respect irregular
and improper. can we suppose Gentlemen
that your Agents are so ill informed as to be
ignorant of the respective Rights of Nations
in a State of Peace, and if they do know
them. what Inference ought we to draw
from the answer which has been made to
a French Chief when he claims his Subjects
of his King stopped by an act of Violence
which is never practised but in times of
open Hostility. they will transmit your say
they

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Fort St George 3 August 1777

Report of the Engineer

We have now completed our

the Works

Bricklayers ... 170

Taskmen ... 613

Coolies ... 1090

Lascars ... 123

Well Sinkers ... 10

Stonecutters ... 28

Smiths Carpenters ... 16.

Amounting in all to 2050 Peons.

I have the honor to be with Respect

Honble Sirs Gentlemen

Your most obedient

and most humble Servant

Patrick Ross

Lieut Col & Chief Engineer

Read the following Letter

from Pondicherry

To the Gentlemen of Council at

Madrass

Gentlemen

By a Letter of the 16th Instant

From Mr Bellecombe of Chandernagore informing of Frenchmen being stopped in the Dutch Service

from Mr Pondicherry Chief of the French Settlement at Masulipatam. We have learnt with the utmost astonishment that four Frenchmen on their way to Pondicherry were stopped at Ingelly by the English Officer who commands there, and that he had sent them under a Guard of Sepoys

to

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In every Respect irregular and improper. can we suppose Gentlemen that your Agents are so ill informed as to be ignorant of the respective Rights of Nations in a state of Peace. and if they do know them. what Inference ought We to draw from the answer which has been made to a French Chief when he claims the Subjects of his King stopped by an act of Violence which is never practised but in times of open Hostility. they will transmit you say

they

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they a Copy of his Letter. what Gentlemen!
shall a single Officer of the Commissionary
dare to engage in the most insolent
manner the most sacred Treaties, and to
violate publickly the Right of Nations
and your Agents to Treaties? they they must
know your orders to do Justice at the
Remonstrances from one of a Body of Nations on the
Range of this Sovereign for Insults offered
to Compatriots?

We cannot suppose that
such are the Principles of your Government.
It is an honor of the Council of Mussulpatam;
and we flatter ourselves Gentlemen that
upon the Requisition We now make you
in the name of the King you will cause
ample Satisfaction to be made for the
Conduct of your Officer at Mangalore that
you will compensate cause the poor
Frenchmen who are detained at Tellicherry
claim to be set at Liberty: and that you
will give the most positive Orders to your
Officers both civil & Military to be in future
more attentive in observing the Right of Nations
and to avoid disturbing by any means the present
Harmony of the two Courts.

We have the Honor to be Gentlemen
your most humble most obedt Servants

Pondicherry
24th July 1779

Bellecombe Chazelles

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The following answer to the above is now read & approved.

To the Honble Mr Bellecombe Major General of His most Christian Majesty's Forces Governor and Commandant General over all the French Settlements in the East Indies and To Mr Cheazeau Intendant General Commissioners &c. &c. at Pondicherry

Gentlemen

To Pondicherry in Reply

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 2d Ultimo

Many Inconveniences having arisen in the Country by allowing Europeans who are not possessed of regular and proper Passports to travel where they please. We have thought it necessary to direct our officers stationed at Tantapollum to take up all Europeans of whatever Nation who might be found and were unable to produce such Passports as We have above=mentioned. this We suppose has given cause to the Complaint which you have now made. We cannot see how the Law of Nations is violated by taking up such People, and tho' one of the Persons mentioned in your Letter is said to have had a Passport from

Mr

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Mr Law the late Governor of Pondicherry
yet as that Passport cannot now be deemed
regular or proper. We think the Officer
was justified in detaining the Bearer of it.

The enclosed and certified
State of Facts will the Letter ourselves be
sufficient to convince you that we are by
no means intended to the Rights of your Nation by
the orders we have given the Persons stopped
by the Officer at Tanjore were released
immediately on their arrival at Nagapatam
and We hope the treatment which has been
observed on this occasion, the Letter by you
as one act of Violence and Spoke of in a Style
of Interrogatory which in our opinion seems
but ill suited to the Subject, without after
this Explanation of these to you at all in con-
sistent with that Harmony & Friendship
which at present subsist between the two
Nations

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
George Stratton
J. Law Council

Fort St George
5th August 1777

The Letter from Pondicherry
was addressed on the Cover to the Honble
George

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George Stratton Esqr. of Council. This in the Inscloe it has been varied as appears by their Letter as entered above.

The following Gentlemen are appointed Cadets to rank in the order they are named.

Six Gentlemen appointed Cadets

Alexander Fordes
Charles Salmon
Peter Dope
William Collins
Charles Mc. Alister
Keith Mc. Alister

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Despatches to the following

Letter to the Council at Cuddalore.

To Mr. Edward Saunders

&c. Council at

Cuddalore

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore in reply to their Complaint against Captain Torrens Dubash

We have received your Letter of the 7th July.

As Captain Torrens is under Orders to proceed to the Presidency. We have resolved on his arrival to furnish him with a Copy of the Charge brought against him by you that he may have an opportunity of replying but or vindicating himself in any manner he may think proper. We cannot however on this occasion observe to you that as the Inhabitants within the Bounds of your Settlement are under the immediate Protection of the Chief Governor who have within themselves the Power of affording them Relief in all cases of Grievance or oppression it is proper that you should yourselves upon every Complaint of this kind use your own authority without referring the matter to us at this Distance, for We cannot always have Information sufficient to enable us to pass a decisive opinion nor can our Authority be so timely and effectually applied from hence as the Case may require.

The Hon.ble Court to Cuddalore

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were intended for the use of Captain Billcliffs
Battaleon, nevertheless they ought certainly
to have been deposited in the Storehouse first
and afterwards indented for by Captain
Billcliffe. his taking them in the manner
you represent was very irregular and
improper tho' We are inclined to attribute it
to Misapprehension arising from the
Circumstance of the Stores having been sent
speedily for the use of his Battaleon.

Whenever any Detachment
shall in future be ordered to march to or
from your Settlement, you will be advised
of it as regularly by the Secretary.

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
George Stratton
for Council

Fort St George
7th August 1770

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. President.
General Stuart Charles Floyer
Archdale Palmer Francis Fourdan
George Mackay

Friday
the 8th

Mr Brooke indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation
read

Read the following Letter
from Vizagapatam.

To

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Dispatches the following Letter to the Council at Cuddalore.

To Mr Edward Saunders

&c Council at

Cuddalore

Gentlemen

To Cuddalore in reply to their Complaint against Captain Forgues Dated the

We have received your Letter of the 7th July.

We by this Juncture is under Orders to proceed to the Presidency. We have resolved on his arrival to furnish him with a Copy of the Charge brought against him by you that he may have an opportunity of replying but on mature advising thereof in any manner he may think proper. We cannot however on this occasion observe to you that as the Inhabitants within the Bounds of your Settlement are under the immediate Protection of the Chief Governor & Council thereof the Power of affording them Relief in all cases of Grievance or Oppression. It is proper that you should yourselves upon every Complaint of this kind use your own Authority without referring the matter home at this Distance, for We cannot always have Information sufficient to enable us to give a decisive opinion nor can our Authority be so timely and effectually applied from hence as the Case may require.

The Ships sent to Coromandel

more

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Fort St George 8 August 1777

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Whenever any Detachment shall in future be directed to march to or from your Settlement, you will be advised of it regularly by the Secretary.

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
George Stratton
for Council

Fort St George
7th August 1777

At a Consultation Present
The Honble George Stratton Esq. President
General Stuart — Charles Floyer
Archdale Palmer — Francis Fowke
George Mackay

Friday the 8th

Mr Brooke indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam.

To

1448. Fort St George 6 August 1777

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

Gentlemen.

We wrote you the 23d Jan.
and herewith transmit you the Chiefs and
Hurrying Their Conference with the Rajah
Tejooswan Lauzo.

We hope it will now be
evident to you that we have omitted nothing
on our parts to bring the Rajah to a sense of
his Duty, and that our Representations
of his haughty and disrespectfull Behaviour,
are fully confirmed; we are sorry to find he
has peremptorily refus'd to comply with
the President's express Demand of the
immediate release of Jaggernaut Rauze,
& an accommodation, and renders the
enforcement of your Commands unnecessary:
it however affords the highest Satisfaction
to find that you concede with our Opinion
of this improper and disrespectfull Conduct
We beg leave to suggest to you upon
that, even if the matter now in dispute had
never happened, the Rajah has for a Consid-
=erable not to keep long on amicable Terms
with

from Tejooswan
ordering letter
from the Country
the Rajah refuses
to deliver up
Jaggernaut Rauze
the Necessity of
employing vigorous
Measures

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with the Company, the many interruptions and actual Insults which the Committee of Circuit have met with in his District (of which the Chief has thought it necessary to inform us) would We think have been fully represented to you before this period, had not he been obliged to remain here to assist at our Councils. the Rajah has surmises (if not positive information) of the Committee's Instructions for his disbanding his Forces, and encreasing his Tribute, which are points his Brother Sitteram Rauze has always recommen=ded never to be complied with, and he now seems entirely disposed to follow his advice. the hostile preparations, which he is daily making have served to encrease his arrogance, and there is great reason for our believing that, he is endeavouring to gain time untill his Negotiations with the Marathoes can produce the required aid, as at this Season, they cannot join him with any prospect of being able to subsist.

Sitteram Rauze has sent his Family to and reinforced the Garrison of Anhapillee with one thousand of the Rajahs bess Troops, & has laid up there a large quantity of Provisions; he is also very active in making Preparations for a vigorous defence at Vizenagrum; however as that Fort is in a very defenceless state and the

Troops

1450.

Fort St George Augt 1777

Forces thereon tho accustomed to Short Military Duty please, we have not the least doubt but it could be taken in a very few days, should the Reply be so [illegible] as to refuse submitting on the first summons. — We are of opinion that further delay will only serve to encrease this formidable Force & render the enterprize more difficult.

Having thus given our Sentiments unreservedly on this Subject, We submit them to your serious Consideration.

We are, very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs!
Your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Sam Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crafford
Jas Gillon

Fizagapatam
21 July 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr Chief
Fizagapatam

Sir

Agreeable to the Instructions I received from you on the Council I proceeded to Chicacole where I arrived on the morning of the 20th Instant. In the Evening I went to Vizeanagram Camp, & waited on the Rajah & all of Cooleys, and acquainted them with my Commission

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Commission, ~ representing to him in the strongest terms, his improper Conduct towards the Company in the imprisonment of Jaggernaut Rauze, and the disrespect & Contempt he had shewn, in not answering the several Letters written to him by the Chief on this Subject, by the desire of his Council. - I made use of every argument in my power, to convince him of the necessity of releasing Jaggernaut Rauze in compliance with our desire, & suggested to him the consequence that might attend his persisting in a refusal after a pause of some Minutes, he replied in a supercilous tone, that he must have time to consider of my demand. and that, the day after, he would acquaint me what resolution he should take in consequence. I could not see him, however, for two days after. altho' I desired in the most earnest manner to be admitted, to speak to him. at the second Interview, I was received by him with much haughtiness, and in a contemptuous manner he gave me to understand, that he considered the matter in dispute, in a very diffent light to what the Chief and Council seemed to do; and was of opinion he had a right to punish a servant of his own, without the Companys Interposition, notwithstanding his being a Venter of theirs, especially when he had offered to become responsible, for any loss they might

sustain

1450.

Fort St George August 1777

Troops thereon - to be accustomed to Street Military Discipline, we have not the least doubt but it could be taken in a very few days, should the Rajah be so rash as to refuse submitting on the first summons. - We are of opinion that further delay will only serve to encrease his forces & render the enterprize more difficult.

Having thus given our Sentiments unreservedly on this Subject, We submit them to your serious Consideration.

We are, very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs!
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Jam Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Watson Lord
Wm Hazlerigg

Vizagapatam
21 July 1777

To Samuel Johnson Esqr Chief
Vizagapatam

Sir

Agreable to the Instructions I received from you on the Council I proceeded to this place where I arrived on the morning of the 21st Instant - To the Evening I went to Vizeram Rauze, who received me with a great deal of courtesy, and acquainted him with my Commission

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Commission - representing to him in the strongest terms, his improper Conduct towards the Company in the imprisonment of Jaggernaut Rauze, and the disrespect & Contempt he had shewn, in not answering the several Letters written to him by the Chief on this Subject, by the desire of his Council. - I made use of every argument in my power, to convince him of the necessity of releasing Jaggernaut Rauze in compliance with our desire, & suggested to him the consequence that might attend his persisting in a refusal after a pause of some Minutes, he replied in a supercilious tone, that he must consider of my demand and that the day after he would acquaint me what resolution he should take in consequence. I could not see him however, for two days after. altho' I desired in the most earnest manner to be admitted, to speak to him. at the second Interview, I was received by him with much haughtiness, and in a contemptuous manner he gave me to understand, that he considered the matter in dispute, in a very different light to what the Chief and Council seemed to do; and was of opinion he had a right to punish a servant of his own, without the Company's Interposition, notwithstanding his being a Renter of theirs, especially when he had offered to become responsible, for any loss they might sustain

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Position by this Imprisonment. That he did not conceive, the Governor and Council, when they were made acquainted with these Circumstances, would be so unjust as to punish him for this Lawless Affair, nevertheless, should they think proper to send Troops against his Fort, he was resolved to possess his Honour, at the Expence of every other consideration; and that we should be much mistaken if we expected to find Jaggernaut Rauze alive after reducing this Fort, for any Terms reconcileable as to the Generosity of Jaggernaut Rauze. I perceived there was no trifling with the Temper of this Gentleman, so engaged him to listen to the other Articles thereon contained. To all which he readily agreed, excepting that of surrendering Jaggernaut Rauze, by which he would have the Power of his Person, which he absolutely refused, saying, if the Company should call upon Jaggernaut Rauze to answer any pecuniary Demands, He (the Rajah) would be ready to make good to them the same.

The above particulars I was about to communicate to you and the Council, when I heard of your intention of coming hither which prevented me.

I think it necessary to remark to you, that the whole of the Rajahs Country

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restrain by this imprisonment. that he did not conceive. the Governor and Council, when they are made acquainted with these circumstances, would be so unjust as to punish him for this terrifying affair. nevertheless. should they think proper to send troops against his Fort. he was resolved to possess his honour at the expence of every other consideration: and that we should be much mistaken if we expected to find Juggernaut Rauze alive after reducing this Fort, for they knew impossible as to the Juggernaut Rauze. I therefore thought proper to the Interest of any Instructions, to engage him to listen to the other Articles thereon contained. to all which he readily agreed, excepting that of surrendering Juggernaut Rauze, by which he understood the giving up his Person to Company should call upon Juggernaut Rauze to answer any Accusation any Demands. He (the Rajah) would be ready to make good to them the same.

The above Articles I was about to communicate to you and the Council, when I heard of your intention of coming further which prevented me.

I think it necessary to remark to you, that the whole of the Rajahs Government