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To Lieutenant Colonel Cosby

Sir

We have received your several Letters, and think proper to direct that you proceed on the [illegible] which you are employed agreeably to the [illegible] given you by the Gentlemen of the Commission.

We hope you have collected a sufficient Quantity of Provisions and prepared every thing necessary to enable you to execute the orders you have received.

We are, Sir,
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
J.C Council

Fort St George
6th Dec.r 1777

came in the following Letters

To the Honble George Stratton Esq.r
President and Governor J.C Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the honor to write you the 26th Instant, and shall now agreeably to the intimation therein given, transmit you such Publick Papers as may serve to elucidate the subject of this address.

On the 21st Instant we deemed it necessary to make a requisition of a Company

company of Sepoys to reinforce this garrison.
Copy of our Letter to Colonel Braithwaite on
that Occasion, we send herewith N.º 1. the
same, we wrote them N.º 2. relative to bringing
Letters [illegible] this Dubash, and communicant
into [illegible] we foresaw, if they were permit-
=ted [illegible] to the Rajah, they would receive
those [illegible] Councils: they had lately given him,
which had been productive of so many bad
Consequences: but our intention was frustrated,
by their having joined the Rajah at the Hope
where he was encamped. from whence they
proceeded to the Colonel's Quarters, who as he
declares, was of opinion, it might create
some disturbance, if he insisted that from
returning to the Rajah. Copy of the Colonels
Letter, comes herewith N.º 3. the enclosed
Ascendency, which Sattoo an Rauze has over
the Rajah, was soon exemplified by the latter
pretending the former had satisfied him for
all Demands he had made on them. This
extraordinary and sudden Change of Sentiments,
rendered it necessary for the Chief Commissioner
in the strongest manner, on his insisting of
inconsistent Conduct, in a letter N.º 4. though
he had little hopes of a Change, whilst
Sattoo an Rauze remained near him. To this,
the Rajah made no reply, as was his duty,
but shewed his disregard to it by keeping
Sattoo an

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Sethuran Cauze and his People near them - on the
24th Instant Colonel Braithwaite answered
our Letters to him of the 21st and 22d Copy of
which is N.o 5. and acquainted us with his
Reasons for not complaying with our Orders
which he thinks were rendered abortive by
the arrival of your Commands P Coventry -
The Rajah wrote the Chief on the same day
N.o 6. that he discharged the Sepoys which
made with him, and delivered their Arms
to Colonel Braithwaite. this was confirmed
to us by the Colonel as P Copy of his Letter
N.o 7. on the 25th in the Morning. Colonel
Braithwaite advised us N.o 8. that the Rajah
had applied to him for a Guard of the Companys
Sepoys, and had advised him of his intention
to proceed directly to Tiagonagroom, to execute
your Orders. as the Rajah had particularly
since the arrival of the Coventry) conducted
himself with great haughtiness & disrespect
towards the Chief, and presumed to infringe
the established custom of paying the first
Visit to the Chief. when he came into the
Fort, by going to Colonel Braithwaite, who
we think ought to have remonstrated with
him on such a glaring impropriety. to
prevent a continuance of this innovation,
the Chief was under the necessity of desiring
Lieut. Fonke Brigade Major. to carry to
Colonel

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that he had given Sumpanah Pandalangen an acquittal of all Demands previous to his having confined them, and in same writing, made to them a Grant of those Villages, as particularly mentioned in Sumpanah's Translation of which comes herewith N° 9. We represented to the Rajah that to regain the Companys Favour, and Protection, it was necessary, not only to make restitution to those he had unjustly dispossessed of their Lands -ty. but also to disband his Forces, and admit a Garrison of the Companys Troops into Vizianagram, without any Stipulation, about being shewn us in all parts of it: we further remonstrated that he should speedily discharge the large Ballance of 3 Lacks and 11 thousand Rupees, he owes to the Company, and pay the amount of all Charges incurred by the Company, for the Preparations made by them to enforce obedience to their Commands. To all these Remonstrances he consented, and had not other Prospects opened, we are convinced, have speedily fulfilled. But no sooner did he receive the President's Letter by the Coventry, than he began to adopt new Measures, and to undo the Performance of all he had before promised us: he no longer consented us, as capable of rendering him any Services, but paid all possible attention to Colonel Braithwaite then Hearing after the Coventrys arrival,

the

the Chief sent for the Rajah, and endeavoured
to perswade him to fulfill his engagements,
which were founded on equity, consistent with
the Company's Honor, and Dignity & greatly
to their Interest: but to all these Demands, he
gave evasive answers, without concluding on
any thing: altho' the Chief urged him to give
an explicit reply. the next Morning, he thought
proper to wait on the Colonel, before he visited
the Chief, and when he came, it was so late, there
was a necessity for seeing him again in the Evening,
to speak to him, relative to the Impediments which
had been just given to the Commander of Durgut
as recited in a Letter from Mr. Fleming &
Holland, to the Chief, Copy of which comes
herewith N°20. We were also desirous of
receiving from him, some information relative
to the Plan he must have laid for the Manage-
-ment of his Country, during his absence, who
were to be his Managers and Deputies: how
he proposed to prevent the Hill People from
availing themselves of his Absence, by making
incursions, and laying waste the Country:
which, and how the Company's large Balance
was to be raised, and whether he had provided
on the Spot any to make the necessary advances
for Cultivation, and other Contingent expences
during his absence, but on his return to the
Chief, at 6 o'Clock the same Evening, he again

waded

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in three Months from hence, and [illegible] port
made by the Commander, which no [illegible] certain
his Tribute in future by which it is [illegible] probable
the Company will gain above two [illegible]
two first Visits: and in this they must [illegible]
those for next Visit, if the enquiry is [illegible]
or suspended.— We should too far [illegible]
your time, were we to write more [illegible]
this Subject, and we flatter ourselves,
sufficient to convince you, there is [illegible]
Fitty for your giving immediate [illegible]
Rajah shall remain in this Dis [illegible]
if he be set out, before your Com [illegible]
reach him, that he be positively [illegible]
speedily return.— as to Setteram Lauz [illegible]
absence will be highly pleasing to [illegible]
of People, and we cannot help [illegible]
our opinion, that, he may never [illegible]
=ted to return, as we are fully persuaded, this is
the only means of keeping this Country in perfect
Tranquillity

We should not omit [illegible]
=selves fully justified [illegible] if we did not [illegible]
=plicitly represent what may, & probably
will result, from the Rajahs being [illegible]
to go so very far from his Dominions, at the
same time, we beg leave to assure you, nothing
shall be wanting on our parts, to avert the
bonsequences we apprehend, and that we
shall

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shall keep you constantly advised of every occurrence which happens.

The Chief requests we will express his Concern at a Paragraph in your Letter, of the 16th Instant, which seems to sugg that a private Antipathy subsists between the Rajah and him: he asserts that, he never ha any difference with the Rajah, except when he saw that he was deficient in respect for his publick Character, and then he thought it incumbent on him, to assert the Dignity & Honor of his Employers, whose representative he is, by reminding the Rajah of his duty, & the Relation in which he stands to the Company, to whom he is Tributary; this was a Doctrine, he believes, the Rajah was little accustomed to, & therefore perhaps, sometimes, listened to it with Disgust; but he declares, there never was any difference of a private nature, & appeals to the Publick Records for the favorable manner, in which the Rajah is mentioned, even on occa=sion, where an opening was given for cen=sure, had he been so inclined - He is sorry to observe, the Rajah's late Behaviour towards him, does not shew he is thoroughly deserving of the favorable Opinion he entertained of him, tho' he still will do him the justice to declare, he thinks he has a good heart, and might manage his Zemindary with

reputation

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reputation, were he freed from the pernicious
Counsels of Sittoramlauze. who acts on his
Fears, and renders him entirely subservient
to his insidious Schemes.

We earnestly request your
immediate answer to this Letter & determina-
tion relative to the Rajahs departure for
Hydrabad as we flatter ourselves you will
see the consequences in the light we have
represented, and order him to remain in
this District.

Pŭlicat
30th August 1777

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt & very
most humble Servts
Jam Johnstone
Wm Medows
H. Cranfo Pechell
Nath Barlow

P.S. As we think it our indispensable Duty to bring
some strictures on Colonel Brathwaites Conduct
we shall make it the Subject of a separate Letter.

J J
W M
H C P
N B

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District
&c

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of Vizagapatam

Sir

It has till lately been usual to have two Companys of Seapoys on the Establishment doing duty in this place, exclusive of the Gun Peons: but as many of the latter are with the Committee of Circuit at Chicacole, and the 3 incomplete Companys now here, are insufficient for the Duties of this Garrison, we request you will order another Company here as soon as convenient.

We are with Esteem,
Sir
your most obed. humble Servants
(Signed) Samuel Johnson
J. Council

A true Copy
Hy Cranford Jr

To
Vizagapatam
1st August 1777
Dr.

Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District
of Vizagapatam

Sir

We have received your letter of the 29th Instant, accompanying a Letter from Lieut Forbes and also one from Lieut Cotton - we shall give orders for a House in the Fort being prepared for the reception of Sitteram Rauze, and Apartments shall also be provided for his Attendants.

Being

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Being desirous that [illegible]
Rauze, his Dubash Moorakishen, and the
Commandant that came with them [illegible]
Ankapelle, be brought into the Fort [illegible]
hope you will effect this in the manner
most consistant with the Promises you
made to them, which as you see the appr[illegible]
of the Chief, we now confirm, and engage that
they shall quietly and safely come
Fort at large, until the Tenor of the Gover[illegible]
Councils orders relative to them shall be [illegible]
will act so, as that the Parole you have [illegible]
for their safety, shall be fully complied [illegible]
entire satisfaction

We are glad to find that [illegible]
Rauze has been forwarded upon to come quietly from
Ankapelle, and hope he will make no [illegible]
coming into the Fort. We desire you will [illegible]
him that the Parole you gave him for the [illegible]
rest of his Family safety, was authorized by us
and that as an inducement in order for him [illegible]
that he might talk with him in the Fort, we
shall insist upon his obeying our orders
We are, Sir, your most humble Servants

Vizagapatam
2d August 1777

Signed Samuel Johnson
Jno Council

A true Copy
H. Crawford Jun.

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr

Chief & Council

Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

Whereas I am informed you were to avoid the shedding of blood if possible in the securing Sitteram Rauze, and as I was informed that he was retired into the Fort of Jankapelle which was invested by Lieut Nelson it occurred to me that if Sitteram Rauze could be drawn down further by fair means it would be preferable to the taking him in the Fort by assault, I proposed to the Chief that I should write to him that it was the Companys order that he should deliver the Gate of the Fort to the Companys Troops and repair further Himself with such persons as should be named to him. that if he did not do this voluntarily he would occasion blood to be spilt and the fault would be his, that I therefore advised him to obey this order, in which case I would be surety that no harm should befall him or to him or such others as paid due obedience to the Companys order. The Chief approved of this, and I dispatched a letter accordingly the consequence is, that Sitteram Rauze did yesterday deliver up the Gate of Jankapelle Fort to Lieut Nelson, and committed himself to Lieut Cotton & Fourteen escorted him further in the middle of the night after telling him at my own House whether he came, that there were Charges against him

which

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which he was to answer for, I suppose I am at
liss and the Rajahs request to return to the Pope
where the Rajah is encamped, there he is now is
upon his own faith and that of the Rajah to
appear when called for. The Fort of Adam Tapelle
still remains invested by Lieut Nelsons detach-
ment

August
21st 1777

I leave the Honor to be with Respect
Sir Yr &c &c

your obedient Servant.
Signed John Braithwaite

A true Copy
H Cranford Jr

Translation of a Letter from the Chief of
Rajah Fitzeram Sawze under the 13th August 1777

Upon receipt of your letter of the
17th Instant and on perusal of the Contents thereof I
was induced to believe you free from dissimulation
you confessed that what Surgee of your natural
Disposition
being Jesse and of your having been
misled by Sittaram Sawzes evil Counsels was true.
In your above letter to me, you gave information
of Sittaram Sawzes having sundry upon some of your
Effects, and part of the Money entrusted for
Jaggernaut Sawze & Paramanab Sawze, that he had
abandoned your Cast of Fitzeangrum, and professed
to Anthyallen Cast, that when I came last to
Fitzeangrum to communicate the Governor

and

our Council agrees to you for releasing Jaggernaut
Rauze, that Sittoram Rauze counsled you, not to
hearken to any Terms, that he would safely conduct
you thro' the Hills to Hyderabad, who would entra-
-ace you to the Nizam - However, that you had not
listened thereto, but on the contrary, followed the
Dictates of your own Judgement, and released Jag-
-gernaut Rauze, in pursuance to the Governor and
Council's Orders - that immediately after this, you
proceeded further to confer with me. I to beg my
intercession for procuring you Pardon for your
past Misconduct - and at the same time begged
me would afford you our assistance to recover
the Cash owing to you by Sittoram Rauze - about
two days after Sittoram Rauze's arrival at Anka
-pilla, I was acquainted by information of his making
preparations for proceeding to the Mahratta Hills
and of his having stationed Pallankeen Boys for
carrying him further - therefore as he has long
adopted a Conduct inconsistent with the Company's
Honor & Interest we thought proper to order our
Troops to summon him to surrender: and on his
Complian - to conduct him further - he with great
Reluctance obeyed and our Troops were bringing
him here; when you interfered & carried him to
your Encampment out of the Fort. this is a most
unwarrantable behaviour - and notwithstanding
I have repeatedly sent to explostulate with you
on the impropriety thereof, and to advise you

to

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you to give up Settoram Rauze, yet you have
so actively delayed complying therewith, and
at length wrote me a letter last night, the
Subject of which induces me to think you will
appear as highly culpable in the Eyes of the Gover-
-nor and Council, as you do to me by this your
inconsistant temper. as we are fully acquainted
with the artful and insinuating Disposition
of Settoram Rauze, we are not in the least surpriz'd
at your being thus prevailed upon to favour him
with the same warmth you just before acquainted
him: you positively informed us that in case you
did not go to fly to the Nizam, with Jaggernaut
Rauze in opposition to the Orders of the Gover-
-nor and Council - which alone is sufficient to condemn
him - We are convinced that your suffering him
to live with you and to inform us of your being
now fully satisfied with him are not the re-
-sult of your own free Will and Judgment -
about five days ago I desired you to send without
loss of time Jaggernaut Rauze his Books
of Accounts and his Broker whom you withh-
-drew from him. and also to make restitution
for the Money fraudulently taken from them, which
you promised to do in two days: but I find
you have taken no steps towards it, you
purpose things which your actions since you
never intended to perform Settoram Rauze has
lost the Company's favour and is become
desperate

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desperate- However he is resolved to involve you in his Ruin- consider he has nothing to lose but you are entrusted with a high Station and possess Countries of Value, which is not the case with him. wherefore I advise you not to hearken to his evil Counsels, but to follow the dictates of your own Judgment.

A true Copy

H.G. Crawford Sec.y

To Samuel Johnson Esq.r

Chief & Council

Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

I was not honored with your Letter of the 21.st ult.o till the twenty second in the Evening, indeed not till after the arrival of his Majesty's Ship Coventry- I shou'd have been happy had it been in my Power to have given you any assistance by advice or persuasive Measures towards bringing Sittarum Razu, Mustafa Reddy Dubash and the Commandants mentioned into the Fort. but they being with the Rajah upon whose Requisition and my information- I presume, I was directed to bring them here, and that by the consent of the Chief by the fairest possible means. I cannot form it is to be done but by application to the Rajah. and the positive orders from the Presidency

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Presidency under date 15th Instant peremptorily forbids
the Chief and Council and me, to whom they Trust the
Execution of their Orders, and the military dispositions
and preparations where the Service is once entered
upon, from making any other Demand than what
is specified. This Gentleman puts it absolutely out of
our power at least I cannot for myself, from making
any other application to, or Corresponding any other
point with the Rajah than the one specified namely the
getting Possession of Pyzenagaum in the manner pre-
-scribed and that by the quickest means which can
be used with a certainty of obtaining the end. It is
therefore entirely out of my power to give to you any
assistance with the Rajah, either by Influence, or the
use of Stratagem, or Force, towards accomplishing
any thing but the thing fixed by the Honble Presiden-
-cy. to obtain that, I have this day written a Letter
to the Rajah, the contents of which I have communi-
-cated to the Chief, and a Copy, which I shall transmit
Seal to be pursued and forwarded by you, by the Signal
of this night. The Chief and circumstances of this
Case will I am sure to your Gentlemen, whereand
Judge with Candour to suffer and Apology for my
concluding this Subject with saying that it is not
in my Power to take any Steps whatsoever in
Consequence of your Letter leaving out the 2 Forts
than the recommending it to Settlement Lange by
Message to go into the Fort which I have

repeated by

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repeatedly done, as a private Gentleman may recommend a thing to another, accompanied with the strongest assurances of his safety, which in the said Letter you have warranted me to assure him of.

I have also Gentlemen before me another Letter of yours bearing date the twenty second Instant, requiring another Company of Sepoys for the Garrison duty here, the three Companies of the Present Establishment now here, not being in your Opinions sufficient for that purpose as many are with the Committee of Circuit, as the letter was written before the arrival of the Coventry, I presume the additional Strength to the Garrison is a sufficient answer to it: however I must observe that I have been obliged to send two Companys of the Nabob Company's Sepoys to guard the Pagoda deserted by the Rajahs Sepoys, and have seven Companies employed in the Possession of the Gate, and in the investiture of Anthapillee and one Company at Chicacole in the whole making thirteen: I fear I cannot consistently with my duty comply with this request unless this place should be in any imminent danger which cannot be the case, if matters go on as they promise at present. should the face of affairs change I will if possible be before hand with you Gentlemen in providing for the safety of this place.

I have the Honor to be Sir & Sirs with Respect your most obedient Servant

Signed John Brathwaite

Vizagapatam
24th August 1777

A true Copy
H. Crawford Secy

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Translation of a Genoa Letter from Hegi-
-zamlauze to Samuel Johnson Esqr of
Vizagapatam dated 24th August 1777

Agreeable to the orders of the Govr. & Council I have discharged those Sepoys who were present here with me, and delivered their Arms to the Sheriff of the Colonel. I will set out for Vizianagaram & deliver up the Guns &c in my Fort, and request you will send whom you think proper to take Charge of them. I have likewise written to the Colonel on this Subject. by delays I am liable to incur blame from the Company; therefore I request you will now explicitly send whoever you think proper to take charge of them. you will please to show this to the Council.

A true Copy from the Translation

H Cranfordjay

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council
Vizagapatam

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Rajah has just now sent and delivered unto me one hundred & forty four stand of Arms having as he says discharged the Sepoys who carried them.

I have the Honor to be Sir & Sirs
Your obedient Servant
Signed John Brathwaite

24th August 1777

A true Copy
H Cranfordjay

To

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To Samuel Johnson Esqr

Chief & Council

Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

The Bearer Vizeramlauze as I
had the Honor to inform you in my letter last night
dismissed the Sepoys who were with him and
delivered up to me their Arms - this morning he
has given a still greater proof of his sincerity
by putting himself entirely under the Protection
of the Company in applying for the Companys
Sepoys to form his Escort. and tells me he means
immediately to proceed to Vizianagrum to execute
the Governments intentions fully by delivering up
his Fort, warlike Stores, and Arms to me, in the
manner prescribed in the Honble Presidents Letter
to him, and the Boards instructions to me - I have no
doubt Gentlemen but that you will have received
this information with as much satisfaction as
I have done the Expectation with which this
important point will be obtained will prove
highly pleasing to our Superiors and will enable
them to remand back the Europeans immediately
which is a thing they seem to have much at heart.

I have the Honor to be with Respect,
Sir & Sirs
your obedient Servant
John Brathwaite

Vizagapatam
25th August 1773 pm

a true Copy (Signed)
Hy Cranford Jr

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Substance of a verbal order delivered by the Chief to Lieutenant Fowke Brigade Major, to be carried to Colonel Brathwaite on the Morning of the 25th August 1777

Whenever the Rajah Vizieram Rauze, or Sitteram Rauze shall come into the Fort, or any other Zemindar, the officer at the Pettah Gauard, is not to permit more than 100 of his or their attendants (Pikemen included) to attend them - The Officer of the above Guard, is also to require of the Rajah, or Rajahs, to let him know, where he, or they are going: and if he or they shall acquaint him, of his or their intention to go to the Chief, he is to send a Guard of a Naig and six Sepoys, to accompany him or them, to the Fort House; but if the Rajah or Sitteram Rauze shall acquaint him that they propose to go first, to any other Place within the Fort, or Town, the Officer of the Guard is to tell him, or them, that his orders are to prevent him or them from proceeding and to acquaint the Rajah, that neither he nor his Brother, are at any time to enter the Fort, unless they waited first on the Chief

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Sir Chief of Vizagapatam

As I wish to be upon the best terms

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terms with you, and as I wish a perfect Harmony
to subsist between the Honble Company's Civil and
Military Servants - to prevent Mistakes I offer it to you
as my opinion, that a Civil Chief residing on one
of the Honble Company's Forts cannot with propri-
-ty issue any Military Orders or Exercise any
Military authority whatsoever - such Military Orders
as the Chief may think ought to be issued he, in
my Opinion ought to require of the senior Military
Officer, who must then issue them, if not repugnant
to any Orders received from the Honble the President
and Council and the Commander in Chief: and
that the senior Military Officer has at all times
an undoubted right to lay his objections in writing
to any such Orders, before the Chief, and then refer
the matter to the Honble Presidency through the
Commander in Chief - In this Opinion, Sir, I have
also taken a point in issuing to, and causing to be
effected at your Order, to the Petty Gate Guard
namely, that the Guard should stop any Rajah
or Petty Rajah coming in, to know if they are
going direct to the Chief, if yes to send them to
him under an escort of a Naigue and six Sepoys
if no, - to turn them back, to this Order I object,
that at this critical time, it tends to obstruct the
views of the Honble the Presidency in their present
expectation from the Rajah, by alarming him
as they have been pleased to give me so great a share
in this transaction with the Rajah & to recommend

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all manner of Gentlemys and Civilys due as the Rajah has by letter expressed to all their demands and has began publickly to obey their orders by delivering up the Arms of his Subjects to me and discharging the Men. I think it a duty incumbent upon me to object to the said order, and I hereby do object to it, and if it is not immediately complied with, will state my Objections fully in a Public Letter to the Commander in Chief - and am under a necessity of acting that I must do the same to every Conference or Negotiation whatsoever, that may tend to delay the Rajah one moment from going to Teganagoon to pay due Obedience to the Company by complying with every Article contained in the Nabob the President's Letter. Publick matters must be defended on Publick Grounds. I have the honor to be with true respect & regard Sir

your obedient Servant
Signed John Brathwaite

Sir

As this is a publick Letter it is necessary you should keep it.

A true Copy
H. Crawford Secy

I. B.

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the Districts
of

Tegapatam
23d August 1777

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of Vizagapatam

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday relative to my issuing an order for preventing the Rajah or Zemindars from entering the Fort with an unnecessary Retenue as I delivered it to your Brigade Major, my intention was that it should be issued through you: although I am not quite clear in this mode of proceeding, yet all I wished for the present, was that the Orders should be put into execution and never intended to dispute about your issuing them. their propriety I must be responsible for to our Superiors, who, I flatter myself, will approve of them, when they are informed the Rajah, after he was acquainted it was highly improper, went to your House before he came to pay his Respects to me, which was an innovation I could not think of passing over unnoticed, & without taking such means as I judged best calculated, for the prevention of the like indecorum in future

I am, with Esteem
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Samuel Johnson

Vizagapatam
26th August 1777

A true Copy (Signed) H. Crawford Secy

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the Districts
of

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To the Governor & Council of Vizagapatam

Gent

We have received your two Letters of yesterdays date one also that you wrote us this Morning.

We are of opinion that had the Governor and Council been acquainted with the Europe Forces which induced us to invade you on the 25th Instant, previous to their arrival Country, they would have highly approved of our Measures as being calculated for the good of the Service; and would have been productive of the best of Consequences. but in the present situation of affairs, we can only think that they must be suspended, & therefore shall say no more on the Subject.

The Arrival of the Country Vessels our Requisition for a Company of Sepoys unnecessary for the present, but when all those Troops which came on hire shall be withdrawn, we are still of opinion, four Companies of Sepoys are absolutely necessary to do the Duties of this Garrison for the Reasons made in our Letter of the 25th Instant

We are glad to hear the Rajah has delivered up to you 1500 Sheep & Bullocks and assured the Sepoys which were with him we hope he will speedily comply with whatever else may be required of him and thereby

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thereby enable the Governor and Council to
remand back the Europeans as they judge
it absolutely necessary.

We are with Esteem
Sirs

Vizagapatam
25th August 1777

your most obedient Servants
Samuel Johnson
& Council

(Signed)

A true Copy
Hyde Parker Jr

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council at
Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

As the Rajah has since the
Receipt of the Honble the Presidents letter confirmed
to me in writing what he before said to me
verbally namely that he would comply with every
requisition of the Honble Companys, and he in
particular said that he is ready to deliver up
to me the Fort of Vizianagram, if the Chief will
permit him to go thither, and has begun exe-
-cute the orders of the Company by discharging
his Sepoys and sending in their Arms to me
of which I advised you last night; since which
he has sent in twenty one more Stand of Arms,
-which convinces me that he is in a serious
and sincere disposition to comply with the
Requisition to which the Presidency has

confined

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confess'd all opposition and Negotiation in
this district. I am of opinion that not a
moment should be lost, In consequence for such
I know there are) may through the Coats, and
punctilios may be swelled into Resentment till
the happy moment is lost, and this important
Rajah may be forced into a Connect, which
I will take upon me to say, is furthest from
his heart, and me, contrary to the positive Orders
of our Superiors. he has with a sickly Army
at an inclement Season to encounter that alone
by Military Operations, which has been
already happily accomplished by amicable
Negotiation, so far that, nothing but some
Strange Machinations, can now frustrate
the intentions of our Superiors from being
immediately carried into Execution - you
Gentlemen know the Commands of the
Government as well as I do, and I have believe you
are all equally desirous of carrying them into
Execution - but as there is some Step somewhat
which I cannot account for, I think it my
duty to call upon you thus publickly to assert
yourselves, that implicit Obedience may be
paid to the Orders of the Presidency - I am ready
and have been so, some time the Troops such
as are necessary shall be immediately put
into Motion we will be at Tyjenagrum
as soon as the Rajah, as he travels - I am

convinced

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convinced the Rajah would have done this part. if you had but signified to him, that you had no cause to detain him - and he must know as well as I, that no cause ought to detain him from paying immediate and implicit Obedience to the Company's Orders. he has seen his error - & does not wish to provoke their resentment again - You have allowed me to be his Minister and I now speak for him as much as myself.

Here now I am informed upon this third Visit to you and upwards of eight & forty hours have elapsed since he has publickly declared himself ready to obey the Company's Orders. I conjure you Gentlemen by the respect & esteem I have for you to think of this and I beg you to reflect that although I believe I have full as much business on my hands as you, and much less assistance - yet have you many of my publick letters unanswered, which must afford matter of Complaint to a Man not entirely disposed to be upon the best terms with you. which I declare as my wish.

I have the honor to be with respect
Sir & Sirs
your very obedient Servant
(Signed) John Brathwaite

25th August 1777
received at 7 P.M.

a true Copy
Hy Brunsdon Secy

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Sir & Sirs

As the Rajah Fizigonam Rauze informs me that he is proceeding this night towards Fizigapatnam and will deliver that Fort to me upon my arrival I propose to march tomorrow afternoon from hence at three O'clock with Captain Phillips two pieces of Grenadiers, and a Detachment of Artillery consisting of one Captain one Subaltern one Sergeant two Bombardiers, four Gunners one Drummer and sixteen Matrosses, & shall join the Troops on Canja should occasion any forces to Fizigapatnam from whence I shall inform you of all occurrences which it may be necessary to communicate to you with - I must beg of you to give such orders that the necessary Instruments for this Detachment may be, as far as possibly can be completed with very expeditiously, and that a proper proportion of Arrack, Mutton & Rice be forwarded for the Europeans, the Number of which must be specified by each Company to Captain Phillips on the enclosed return and corresponding to the Troops Number of Artillery

I have the honor to be with respect
Sirs &c &c

Fizagapatam
25th August 1777
8. P. M.

your obedient Servant
John Braithwaite

Esqrs
Council

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Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you a Return of the Detachment arrived from Masrajs. the return of Captain Phillip's Company not being yet arrived I think it better to send it by itself after than detain this letter any longer.

A true Copy

H. Cranfordaug

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir

We received your two Letters of yesterdays date at 7 o'clock some Evening. We are pleased to find that the Rajah Vizeram Lauze has complied with the requisition made him by you for the delivery of the Fort of Vizianagrum. We do not clearly understand your meaning, in where you say that the Rajah is ready to go to Vizianagrum, if the Chief will permit him to go thither) being perfectly convinced the Chief has heretofore on all occasions evinced the strictest attention to the Company's honor and interest, and therefore would not refuse his consent to the Rajah's taking the speediest method of obeying their orders, as the Rajah was delivering up to you his Arms, and our Troops had not marched, we cannot conceive any time was lost in the Conference, which the Chief held with the Rajah, and

We

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we are satisfied they were absolutely necessary to enable us to write to the Governor and Council on some very material points

The Chief informs us that he has taken care of the Rajah, previous to the receipt of your first Letter of any answer, any delay has been made, we know not the cause of it. The Detachment having been directed by the Governor and Council to be entirely under your Orders, that not marched for Vizagapatam, choose to be inspected either by the Chief or the Council - your late Language not being approved, and we being totally unprovided with such necessaries are unprepared to answer only say that, we shall use our utmost endeavours to furnish the Detachment you have required to March, as fully and expeditiously as the difficulties under which we labour, will permit.

As the first of your Letters to the Council seems to regard the Chief, he proposes to lay his observations upon it before us, as soon as the hurry of this business shall be a little subsided. we shall then resume the Subject.

Wrote you, what may appear to us proper on the occasion.

We have appointed Mr. Robert Rathbone for a Commissary to the Detachment, therefore all Orders for Lascars, Coolies &c. must be made to him

We wish you success in your Undertaking on which you are engaged.

We are SIR, with Esteem
your most obed. humble Servants
Samuel Johnson & Council

Vizagapatam
26 August 1777

A true Copy H Bransford Secy

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A Parwanah Sanad or Acquittal given by
Sree Vizieram Rauze unto Sumpana Jaggu-
-nauth Rauze in the year Dhoomejyssana the
Month of Carthega, on Sudha Thuthia Gnooreana.

As you have delivered me a faith-
-full account of all and every Charge intrusted
to you from Surrathary Suasen asunnah, Chuythra
Sud Tea Pouweranny to Parwamejyssana Sunnama-
-sunah Sudah Sudha Pouweranna, relative to the
Choultrys, Mullawadikcoos, Wholapa Parwellcoos
you to the utmost value of a Canny a year able to the
Cachery Books - as likewise given me an account
of the Charges incurred by you in your two
different Journeys to Madras and an account
of the Receipts and Issues of Cash, Disbursements
of the Forts &c during the time of your Circuit
through Hummoy. Lastly, Madam &c since-
-forwards I will never call on you for these Accounts.
This writing is given by my free Will.

A true Translation from the
Original Gentoo

John Dingley

Translation of an Engraved Copper Plate
(in the Gentoo Language) delivered by Sitteramlauze
and Vizieram Rauze unto Sumpana Vincatta Vizie-
-ram Son of Sumpana Jaggernaut Rauze.

In the Year 1696 of Shaliwa-
-hanum that is to say in the current year of Hanama

the

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The (Goodwill) Seal of Setteravankauze

The (Goodwill) Seal of Vizieravankauze

The Month of Margasseerah, in Sadha Powre and Sarnevarsam - This Sagheer Sasseen Gran=ted by Three Toospatty Setteravankauze & Three Tos=patty Vizieram Kauze, unto Sangranny Venkatta Vizieram.

Whereas we hereby from [illegible] and of our own accord, make over and [illegible] you the Village of Bonny situated in our Perganah of Poliamore likewise the aqua and [illegible] being part of the Pannayagy Village bor=on, and endowed by the Rajas of Bonny afo[illegible] and cultivated by Farmers Rent[illegible] which Premises with all the Appurtenan=Rivers, Gutters, Wells and Slaves thereun[illegible] belonging you and your Heirs are, for [illegible] to hold and enjoy. And forasmuch you the [illegible] =said Village and appertaining Lands from our favour for you, but in consid[illegible] of the many Services rendered us by your Father Sangaramakkauze - particularly having procured Three Cutcherys of great importance, assisted us in accom=ting Matters there to our advantage & =kin and thereby rendering our Service essential Service - which has convinced Integrity and from attachment to our [illegible] for having exerted the utmost of his ab[illegible] to acquit himself to our Favour by a diligent and unremitted Services, for which

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we often reaped vast advantages and benefits as
likewise for having reposed unbounded Trust &
confidence in us and paying out the of thirty
thousand Rupees the just fruits of his Labour
in erecting dwelling Houses and other conveniences
-ces at Bonay- wherefore we have made Free and Covered
the said Place and Lands your sole Property, not
through expectation of your future Services, but
entirely from a sense we have of your Fathers Merits
should you prove ever so dishonest or be guilty of any
Crime whatever, we engage, in consideration here-
-of, to forgive and pardon you- We being highly
sensible of the many essential Services rendered
by your Father to our Nation may we have there-
-fore been induced to do this act by your own free
will and given you this writing to perpetuate
it in consequence- We will certainly never swerve
from these our solemn Declarations, and enjoin
to deter our Heirs and Successors from violating
these our sacred Promises to you and your Heirs we
call on our Divinities. Here Samachelum Nauseena
Swamy, Here Purmanaba Swamy, Here Rama-
-swerta Thathy Gauthy, Here Coormaraja Swamy,
and the Goddess of our Religion or the Vedha
Mooreloo, to witness the Validity of this Engage-
-ment- and therefore We hope none will violate
the same.

Moreover lately several
of our Temples and places of devotion lay
neglected

neglected and in ruins: but by your Fathers Wise
Disposition and Arrangements he soon made it
to appear diverse, and amongst those, the Temple
Steeple &c. belonging to Shree Swamy Chela Mudeliar
Swamy, Shree Ramaderia Thuthey Mudeliar
Shree Coormanada Swamy. and otherwise to
cause the regular performance of the Feasts
Festivals and Ceremonies, whereby I have
forgiveness of my Sins: he also contributed
as was in his power towards the Pious
As Shree Pattinanatha Swamy is your
Tutelary Deity, and to express a wish to
promote to supply the Temple with
thing necessary: I have invested him
the sole Management thereof, and take
in consideration of his having caused
be known, for going up the Rock
this Temple is situated, and also of his
erected a Pagoda, Steeple and other
at the foot of the said Rock, and at
expence of his justly acquired Wealth,
having, through my favour procured
immunities & grants of Lands &c. for the use
of the said Pagoda, and at the same time
fully provided every thing needfull for it
has highly merited our good Will. these
as an instance of our favour, we do hereby
them the Privilege of having the Duty's
and the Pancha Mahabanjes

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be brought to meet him at the door, every time he
enters the Pagoda or Temple, and to be allowed
Retta Pudy / i.e. an equal share, with the venerable
Brames of the consecrated Possession / and also
to have the Thomalacay / Streamers of Flowers
from the Gate Neck / which Privileges we allow
your Father in all our four Principal Pagodas
or Temples: and we promise that the same shall
be observed towards you and your Heirs for ever.
The Authority we have given your Father, the
Head Manager of Pedamanaba Swamy Pagoda,
we likewise invest in you & your Heirs forever
in exclusion of all other Persons
/signed/ Pettorambauze. Pegiaram Cauze

A true Translation from the
original Portois D
John Dudley

A Sanad / given by me Pegiaram Cauze / unto
my Friend Jumpana Saggurnaut Rauze.

You have done me many services
with the Company relative to my Countries: for
which reason I am well pleased with you & shall
procure you a Grant from the Company, confir-
-ming you Zemindar of Chittapallee: which
place is mortgaged to me: there is no succession
thereto: I promise to receive from you the real
Debt due to me from that Country, after I settle
the Accounts: also, in case I cannot procure you

a

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a Cowl for said place and their ayears for on this
Take from the Company, then I promise to give
you the following Villages out of my District by
Nawa & Pegaya Country — Rs. 9.000
Canathu and Cavasee Do. — 10.000
Tava Surra — Do. — 5.000
Rs. 24.000

I have taken one year to get
the Cowl from the Company for which
Tenure duty: if I cannot procure it within that
time. then you shall hold from me the above
above mentioned, for twenty four Thousand
Pardaus and pay it into the Company
Account of my Tribute & procure me Cowl
=ning to the Heads for this Swar.

I have granted to you
Pulsa & Pandaram given out of the Villages
Polwar Country, as I gave in the same
as I have given Bony to your Son Vas
Vizianagaram. for your further Security
concerning the doubt you entertain that
may encroach or prejudice me against
for your being under the Company
I declare I will never undertake or
thing destructive to you as the Company
I am the same If I cannot procure you a
Cowl from the Company within one year
or, if I fail in performing the Contents of
this

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thes writing, then you are free to represent thes writing, then you are free to represent what is therein written to the Honble Company who will uphold the same to you & I shall not think you culpable for so doing.

(Signed) Pizieram Lauze

A true Translation from the Original Lontoos

John Dugley

A Sanad given under my hand to me Pizieram Lauze to Sampram a Paon ab Lauze

I Hot you to continue in your business as usual; you have been in doubt of me and offered Mr I Johnsons Allocation, and I complied with your bequest, and have also given such oaths as you chose to offer, in the presence of my Mother. Therefore I will undertake any thing pertaining to you.

I acknowledge you have paid me in full of all Demands as Accounts I could make against you, according to the Lists from the Lads you sent from me &c. Now I grant you this with my free Will, to empower you to hold forever Annum Lauze. Petta, Bon=dawporam & Ramanajulam on account of your good behaviour in my District, in the same manner I have bestowed Bony to your Pancata Pizieram Lauze - I bind myself, for further security, if I do fail in my grant,

then

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then you may represent this to Samuel Johnson Esqr. and the Company at Madrass: they shall maintain the same for you and I shall not think you culpable for so doing.

(Signed) Vizieram Rauzel

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A true Translation from the Original Gentoos

P John Quigley

To Samuel Johnson Esqr.
Dear Sir

We have received your favor of the 18 and are glad to find our letter of the 16th met with your concurrence, we are much obliged to you for the news you give us [illegible] are happy to find Vizieram Rauze so well [illegible] towards the Company.

It is said this way [illegible] Sitte=ram is gone to Ankapillee. We have not had any Conicoplies from the Rajahs Countries these six days about 30 or 40 who were on their way here received an order to repair to Vizina=gram: on their arrival the Rajah was gone to Vizac & the Conopolies are now waiting there for what we know to the contrary: we under=stand Vizieram Rauze has lately given out an Order that no Conicoplies shall go [illegible] the Committee without his permission [illegible] first [illegible]

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obtained, which if it is allowed to stand in force will delay us considerably - It would therefore be glad, if you'd procure from the Rajah of Tanjore to us four or five general orders to the Commandies of all his Districts to come to us immediately on our summons. unless this is done shortly we shall be under the necessity of making a third representation to the Board

Why wont you send us suggestions how we may hasten them.

We are Dear Sir
Your obedient Servants
Peter Perring
John Holland
Signed
Hy Crawford
Attorney

Honble George Stratton Esqr
President & Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

As I think it of importance to your to your affairs and to me, that you should be as early as possible informed of a Letter I this day wrote to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam. I herein subjoin a Copy of that Letter and forward this dispatch open to them for their perusal desiring them to forward it to your honors as expeditiously as possible and I request of you to order all the correspondence on this subject

to

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to be laid before you.

Head Quarters
near Vizianagrum
31st August 1772

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs & Sirs
your obedient humble Servant
John Braithwaite

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam
Sir & Sirs

I am honored with [illegible]
of the 30th Instant which was to not regu[illegible]
as my Conduct in regard to an Escort [illegible]
Rajah has been exactly conformable [illegible]
of our Superiors. as you will have [illegible]
my Letter of the 30th Instant, that since [illegible]
in your last letter, to consider your [illegible]
preventing the Rajah from going to [illegible]
=clusive. and have come to a definitive resolu[illegible]
not giving to the Rajah an escort, and also [illegible]
prohibit me from doing it at my peril. I am [illegible]
=sume the Subject. I have not hitherto by [illegible]
I ever exert the power vested in me, the power [illegible]
an Escort to the Rajah is vested in you. I am ready [illegible]
=ly acknowledge that power to be in you, & have [illegible]
strictly conformed to it by my Conduct on the [illegible]
occasion. I have done so because it was [illegible]
of the Presidency not because the arguments used [illegible]
by you led to it. these arguments are [illegible]
Opinion

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Opinion inconclusive, I will endeavour to prove it by the following Questions can the Honble Company have better Security for the Debt due to them by the Rajah, than the Possession of his Person, under an Escort which you may make as strong as you please, and the entire possession of his Forts, Arms and Country which they now have?

will not the Honble Presidency render as much Justice to the individuals to whom the Rajah may owe money, as the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam, and have they not greater powers?

may not the same be said in regard to the Money said to be due to Jaggernaut Lauze and Sadnab Lauze?

have not the Honble Presidency positively ordered that Messrs Perring & Holland shall take seats at the Council leave at Vizagapatam, and that the business of the Committee of Circuit shall be suspended till this matter of the Rajah's shall be finally settled?

have not the the Honble Presidency taken the final Settlement of this matter into their own hands, and have they not for this reason permitted the Rajah to go to Madrass and ordered you to provide him with an Escort, if he requires it? He has required it, and you have refused it, and from this refusal I apprehend the Rajah will be driven to some extremities as troublesome to the Company and as fatal to himself as those

which

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which were lately likely to have happened, and
which both parties have so strenuously
=ved to avoid. I therefore hereby publickly protest
against you the Chief and Council of Fort
for all the evil consequences which may follow
this ill timed resolution of yours, though at
time I acknowledge myself now no longer
with any independent powers, for the
power of securing the Arms, Forts &c. entrusted
to me, according to the best of my judgement
all matters else, I am ready and willing
all due attention to every requisition
and will also endeavour to appease the
whose mind I am informed is much
As Doctor Campbell
to Vizagapatam and has a relay of
Roads and sets out earlier than the
I prefer the sending this letter by
one for the Honble President and Council. I
send it open if desire you Gentlemen to
and forward it as expeditiously as possible.

I have the Honor to be. with
Sir & Sirs
your obedient humble
John Bradyll

Head Quarters
near Vizanagram
31st August 1774

11th
To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief & Council

Wrote & sent a duplicate of the following letter

at

1775 Fort St George 1st Sept. 1775

at Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received your several Letters, the last bearing date the 30th. August. Being much pressed for time to finish our Dispatches to England by the Swallow Hoop of War which will sail in a few days. we cannot at present give that Consideration to your last letter and the several Papers inclosed which the Subject seems to require but as the object of sending the Troops to Vizagapatam appears to have been accomplished, We shall leave acquainting you with what we would immediately have done in consequence.

We observe that all the Europeans except a Subaltern & 25 Artillery Men may be forthwith ordered to Vizagapatam and that Captain Collins with his Battalion and the Subaltern and 25 Artillery Men may remain at, and compose the Garrison of Bizzacapatam until further orders You are to give him such information as you may think necessary for his Guidance, desiring him particularly to be polite & attentive to the Rajah, but to be constantly on his Guard against surprises

This Letter will be conveyed to you by the Terrible Bomb Ketch belonging to the Company We desire you will embark on her the Grenadier Company and as many of the Europeans Infantry & Artillery & Lascars who went from hence as she can

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can conveniently receive and you will be pleased
to send the remainder of the Lascars to the Presidency
by such other safe conveyances as may offer and
we shall request the Governor General & Council
of Bengal to order one of the Europe Ships to call
at Vizagapatam to bring the rest of the Troops to
us.

The Instructions given to Colonel
Brathwaite with respect to this Expedition being
now no longer in force, We shall direct him
to repair to his Station at Masulipatam. Captain
Forder must remain at Vizagapatam to arrange
and take an account of the Stores and some of the
Engineers must be kept there till further orders.

If Mr. Johnson & Permain are
not yet set out for the Presidency, We desire
they will take the opportunity of coming
on the Terrible, unless they be of opinion that
they can come more expeditiously by land.

We are Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
for Council

Fort St George
11th Sept. 1777

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir

As the Chief and Council acquaint
us

1727 Fort St George 11th Sept. 1759

Sir Hab the Rajah Vizyanundrauze has delivered up
the Gates of Vizanagrum to our Troops and has made
considerable Progress in disarming his own Force
We shall look upon the Object of the Expedition as
accomplished and the Powers given to you by the
Gentlemen of the late Administration are to cease.
We have directed the Chief and Council to withdraw
the Europeans from the Field into Vizagapatam and
to embark them as soon as possible for the Presidency
except a Subaltern and 25 Artillery Men which
with Captain Collins's Battalion are to compose
the Garrison of Vizanagrum.

As your Services will be no long-
-er required in the Circars we desire
you will repair with all convenient expedition
to your Station at Masulipatam.

We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c Council

Fort St George
11th Sept. 1759

To Lieut William Robinson
in Command of the Terrible Bomb Ketch
Sir

You are hereby directed to repair
on board & make the best of your way to Vizagapatam
where you are to follow such orders as shall be given
you by the Chief & Council of that Settlement

Dated in Fort St George 11 Sept 1759

To

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of his Post would not be insisted on. that many of you Gentlemen know it was merely a defence round his House and not an object for the Hon.ble Presidency to insist upon - as to the main point of paying due obedience to the Hon.ble Company's orders, the Rajah has been constant in thought & deed, ever since I have had the honor to know him - as to his Letter of Complaint against Sittaram Kauze which you so repeatedly remind me of - I declare solemnly that I know no more of it than the hint you gave me of it in your Letter of the eighteenth Instant nor that the Chief has in general terms spoke of this Letter and promised me a sight of it. though a account and a hurry of business I never got a sight of it: that such a Letter exists I am fully convinced and admit that it is a proof of the flexibility of the Rajahs mind and of the power which Jaggernaut Kauze has over him that information in regard to Sittaram Kauze to my knowledge originated in Jaggernaut Kauze - through Pamah Kauze I received the information I communicated to you in my Letter of the 18th Instant & Jaggernaut Kauze was many hours according to his own declaration preaching on the Rajah to give the information contained in this Letter and required of me the additional weight of a Message from me by Lieut Fowke to the Rajah on the Subject, which requisition I complied with, fully believing the report to be true, & that

that the good of the Service required you should
be informed of it by the Rajah himself however
I have since been informed by the Officers posted
at Ankapillee that Sittaram Rauze when he
entered that Fort from Vizin a gram had only
four or five Coolies with him, and those carried
merely utensils for cooking Provisions &c notwith-
=standing this I allow that the general Character
of Sittaram Rauze is very bad and my own
Observation of him leads me to think him a
man of too intriguing a disposition to be
employed with safety. If ever he has any share
in business again he will from all accounts have
of him require good looking after - but it is
plain that he either wanted inclination or power
to move the Rajahs steady resolution in regard
to his obedience to the Honble Companys orders
these resolutions the Rajah engaged in at his
first hearing from me while Sittaram Rauze
was in full power over him, these resolutions he
repeated in the first interview he had with me
at Bony from whence he returned to Sittaram
and came back to me after a day's conference
with him still in the same mind, these resolu-
=tions the Rajah repeated to you Gentlemen at
Vizagapatam before the arrival of Sittaram
Rauze - after the arrival of Sittaram Rauze
he still persisted in them, as also in his promise
of paying all ballances and making restitution

to

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to Jaggernaut Rauze and his Brother, in Company with Sittaram Rauze he ultimately set off to fulfill his engagements even in Conjunction with Sittaram Rauze and he most punctually did it that he did not make good his promise in regard to Ballances and the Restitution to Jaggernaut Rauze and Purnas Rauze was not the fault of the Rajah. it was owing to the Honble Presidency having confined his dealing in this instance positively to the disbanding his Military and the delivering up of his Forts, warlike Stores Artillance and Muskets

You do me but justice Gentlemen when you say that I have the interest of my Employers at heart. I have indeed, and it is owing to that solely that before ever I saw him I undertook the office of Mediator for the unfortunate Rajah. it is owing to that that I have treated him with every mark of respect attendance, it is owing to that that last night I allowed him to begin his Journey for Madras, as it was according to his own idea a lucky hour, under an Escort of a Company of Grenadiers Sepoys commanded by Ensign Sampson. he was told however that must either go to Vizagapatam or receive your Journey soon to go out of the District, and Ensign Sampson has my written Orders to that Effect. I am happy I must own that His departure puts it

1733 Fort St George 10th Septr 1733

it out of my power to communicate the Contents of your Letter to him, as he knew it would be my duty to do it, and I would do my duty; but If as the knowledge of what your Letter contains if he comes to it will drive him to some extremity as favorable to his Enemies and full as fatal to him and his Family, as a war would have proved. I am happy in having pointed out that no evil conse-quence has resulted from Sitteram Lauze going to his Brother upon his arrival from Anhapillee as that was a measure suggested to me by the Chief in the Alarm occasioned by Sitteram Lauzes Arrival in the middle of the night when the Chief said it was by no improper a time for him to receive them, & recommending his talking with his Brother why and how he remained there has been discussed in former Letters. I have to add to this long Letter my assure Gentlemen that you as fast as they arrive, send up to this place all the Tascars, the Carpenter and Smith's Tools Nails and Iron sent for the use of this Detachment, as also the working Utensils of all kinds and the three Marhees and one Mortar sent for the use of the Engineers, and that you will be pleased to order up the six Gent Engineer and Mess.rs Smart, Strange and Durans Assistant Engineers as also Mr. Gedney the Draughts Man and the Pioneers Serjeant as all these will be necessary to enable me to comply with the Order of the Honble

Presidency

1774 Fort St George 10th Sept 1774

Presidency and to convey to them any ideas of
what I would recommend to be done.

I have the honor to be with respect

Head Quarters
near Vizianagrum
30th August 1774

Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Signed John Braithwaite
Fly Crawford Secy

To Colonel John Braithwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir

We have received your letter of the
30th Ult. containing Directions for us to you of
the 29th calculated to reconcile the Rajahs incroach-
-ments but we are sorry to say they have not had
the desired effect with us, though you venture to
affirm the Rajah has been constant in thought
and deed ever since you had the honor to know him,
and impute to fluctuability what appears to us reality
We are willing to suppose you
would not have undertaken such an elaborate
Vindication of Vizeram Lauze, had you known that
our Superiors in England entertain suspicions of his
ambitious designs, and that he stands on Record
accused of absconding with Peishcush of Rajamundry
when declared Enemies to the Company but we
think you must have heard that the Rajah
usurpes

1935 Fort St George 10th Septr 1772

imputes to him the Murder of Chundramah who acted
the Rajah, and Sitteram Rauze does not scruple to
speak without remorse, of the assassination of two
Commandants, whose Crime was his owing to them
a considerable Sum of Money; indeed, we think your
defence of him much weakened by being prefaced with
a declaration that the general Character of him is very
bad, and that you think him a Man of too intriguing
a Disposition to be employed with Safety, even allowing
only this partial Character of him, it fully justifies our
measures for endeavouring to keep him separated from
the Rajah and it would certainly have been for the good
of the Service had you cordially cooperated with us
on that Occasion

As the President and Council have
been pleased to direct us to grant an Escort to the
Rajah, Sitteram Rauze, or the Rajahs Dewan, we have
stated to them the Consequences which may probably
attend the Rajahs leaving this District, and expect
their Determination thereon; we therefore disapprove
of your having detached any Troops on this Service
without having, previously acquainted us therewith;
nevertheless, we have come to a Resolution of not urging
the Rajah further on this Subject & therefore herewith
send you a letter for him, which be pleased to forward
& of after receipt of it, he makes an application to
you for an Escort, we desire you will immediately
grant him one adequate to the Service.

Our Superiors, we are of opinion,

will

1736 Fort St George 10th Sept.r 1736

will think it was your Duty to have communicated to the Rajah the Contents of our Letter to you of the 29th Ult.o as we desired even though he has removed a few Cos from your Camp before you received it: we believe the Rajah is not obstinate & hasty, but we cannot think you serious, when you declare your fears that should he come to a knowledge of our desire to be informed of some very material Particulars & striking the forcible Consequences of his leaving his Encampment; it will drive him to some extremity as favorable to his Enemies and full as fatal to him and his Family as a War would have proved. we hope your fears will be soon over, although we have recommunicated to him these Particulars: but at any rate, had you obeyed our Orders, you would not have been responsible for the Consequences

We have given Orders for Mssrs Gent, Stuart, Strange, Durand & Gelagay to proceed to Trimp and also the Workmen & Lascars. the implements sent for the use of the Detachment shall be directly forwarded.

It is necessary that you inform us particularly of your Sees of what you would recommend to be done at Pojinagroon that we may be enabled to form our opinion on them to be transmitted to the President and Council

Our present occasions does not permit our writing to you diffusely and therefore

1737 Fort St. George 10th Sept. 1777

in future we shall be incapable to communicate our sentiments in as concise a manner as the nature of the subject will admit

We are Sir
your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Samuel Johnson
Jas Council

Vizagapatam
1st Septr 1777

a true Copy
H. Crawford Secy

Copy of a Letter from the Chief to Vizieramlauze

By advice of the Council I have remonstrated to you and fully explained the difficulties and Consequences of your going to Madras, leaving your concerns of Jemindary without having formed a proper plan for their Management during your Absence. I hope what I have written to you will have a proper effect & that you will lay aside all thoughts of proceeding - but should you continue resolute to undertake this tedious Journey - the Council have given orders to Colonel Braithwaite for immediately his furnishing you with a proper Escort on your demanding it and they join me in wishing you a pleasant Journey

What can I say more?

Vizagapatam
1 Septr 1777

Received the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To

1758 Fort St George 11th Septr 1759

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Although it has ever been our study to preserve a good understanding with the Military Commander in this District, yet we have been necessitated, on some occasions, to differ with Captain Murphy, which gave us much concern, even after, on reference to you, we found our Conduct was approved, and he, judged deserving of reprehension. when Colonel Braithwaite came here, we flattered ourselves, the assurances we gave him, of being desirous to avoid the least misunderstanding and the resolution we had formed, of complying with every thing he might require, as far as the safety of our Stations would permit, had fully satisfied him that, we had no intention of infringing on his Command: and that on his part, he would be equally careful, not to assume any of the Powers vested in us: but in this reasonable expectation, we have found ourselves disappointed; and as we apprehend the Service is thereby injured, it is absolutely necessary, we should briefly recite what has happened since Colonel Braithwaite's arrival here, candidly & dispassionately, but any point, which may have been given up, through difference may hereafter be quoted as a Precedent, and we incur censure, for not having asserted the rights of the Civil

1739 Fort St George 11th Septr 1775

Sirs. this is what we would never willingly be guilty of. being conscious. they are already sufficiently circumscribed

Colonel Braithwaite arrived here on the 26th July, and on the 29th he issued General Orders in which he confirmed Lieut George Davies in the Command of this Garrison. between that period and the 6th August (when he took upon himself the Command of the Garrison) he received from Camp about a Company of Sepoys, to mount Guard at his own house, without giving any intimation thereof to us, or to Lieut. Davies, who was then Commandant. this we are of Opinion, was improper, and acting in a very independant manner. In a letter from Sec.y Secretary Petrie, to our Board, dated 16th March 1775, it is expressly mentioned that, first Garrisons can neither be relieved, reinforced, or withdrawn by the Superior Military Officer.

In Colonel Braithwaites last letter to us (dated 29th Ult.o of which he sent you a Copy) he propounds to us a number of Questions, as though he was our Superior, and deems us responsible to him for our Conduct. this perfectly coincides with the rest of his Behaviour towards us. ever since he received those unconstitutional Powers, on which he lays such Stress. and we cannot see, without the deepest concern, the Consequence of a Chief & Council, so materially lessened, as it has lately been in this District. We have judged it highly expedient, to calmly

1742 Fort St George 11th Septr 1777

me untill Captain Phillips with the Grenadiers had Possession of the Gates and Ramparts and had Centinels over the Ordnance and small Arms. after which the Rajah, and I who followed close behind, entered the Fort, where I caused the Rajah to be saluted

I have the honor to be with Respect
Sir & Sirs
your obedient Servant
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Camp near Vizinagrum
28th August 1777

A true Copy
Hy Crawford Secy

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
Chief &ca Council at
Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

The Rajah Viziram Lauze is very pressing to go to Madrass and desirous of an Escort to accompany him, and will begin his Journey as this night as he says it is very lucky to him. He says he has written to you upon the Subject, before he came from Vizagapatam and since, but has as yet received no answer to that point he therefore presses me to write, and desires I will send my People with my letter, now with his People and his Letter, to you again on the same Subject. I shall furnish him with an Escort to begin his Journey for, on that I think his Superstition depends, but have

insisted

1743 Fort St. George 11th Sept. 1743

insists that he does not proceed till some answer arrives from you, which he has promised - he rather complains, and says he has complied with every order of the Company, that the Presidency have authorized him to go to Madras immediately in the Letter to him from the President, which he has strictly complied with, in every thing which relates to them, and he hopes what relates to him will be as punctually complied with, I beg your immediate answer on this Subject, as what that is, may be of consequence to the Service - the People here in general seem much dissatisfied with his yielding disposition, and tell him, that now he has given up his Fort, he will never be allowed to go to Madras.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Sir & Sirs
your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Brathwaite

Head Quarters
near Vizinagrum
29th August 1743

A true Copy
H. Crawford Secy

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the District of
Vizagapatam

Sir

After we had closed our Letter to you of yesterday's date we received yours of the 31st Ult. accompanying one for the President & Council, which we forward agreable

agreable to your Request.

We cannot see with what propriety you state to us a number of Causes, as though we were responsible to you for our Conduct. they could be easily answered, in a manner which would evince they do not, in the smallest degree, weaken the solid objections we made to the Rajahs rash scheme, of going to Madura, but this would be seemingly granting you a Privilege you are not entitled to and therefore we declare remarking further thereon than to say, you have mistaken the purport of our Letter to you of the 29th Ulto as we do not offer these arguments to you for the prevention of your granting to the Rajah as Escort, but to be made use of by you, to induce him to lay aside the rash, inconsiderate step of proceeding to the Presidency.

We are of Opinion you have stepped out of the line of your duty, when you proceeded against us, for refusing to grant an Escort to the Rajah, Tejeram Rauze; as, even your unconfined Powers of the 15th Ulto confine you to military Operations and we are positive you have no right to interfere in political Matters, except when required for the good of the Service. We believe there will be no occasion for your endeavours to appease the Rajah, nor do we think there is any foundation for your apprehensions of his being driven to extremities: no compulsory Measures, that we know of having been used towards him, and we still think,

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1745 Fort St George 14th Septr 1745

he is not so totally void of Reflection, but he will consi=
=der our Representations in the sense we have intended
them.

In our letter of the 25th Ult. we men=
=tioned our intention of making further strictures, on
your Letter to us, complaining of the Rajah being
impeded from proceeding to Vizianagram: but, as we
have fully recited all that passed on that occasion
to the President and Council, we now think it unne=
=cessary to write you further on the Subject.

We are, Sr.

your most obedient
humble Servants
Signed Samuel Johnson
&c Council

Vizagapatam
2d Septr 1745

a true Copy
Hy Branfordyce

14th

came in the following Letter

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

Honble Sr & Sirs

I am happy to inform you that
since I had the honor of writing to you last, the
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, have changed
their opinion so far as not to persist in urging
the Rajah to stay in the district.

They have in consequence written
to

1746 Fort St. George 14th Sept. 1746

to me, enclosing a Letter to the Rajah, which they desired me to forward to him, telling me at the same time that if the Rajah after reading that Letter, demanded an escort for his Journey I might furnish one adequate to the Service - the Rajah expressed great satisfaction at this change of Sentiment in in the Chief and Council, and demanded an Escort which I have granted, the nature & Strength of which Escort will appear by the enclosed paper, a Copy of which I have transmitted to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam. and another Copy I have transmitted to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam. Captain Collins is now with the Rajah and I hourly expect to hear of their marching.

It is not in my power yet Honble Sir and Sirs to give you a detail of the surrenders made to me by the Rajah we have been upwards of an hundred pieces of Ordnance great & small such as they are, and about sixteen hundred good Firelocks some of the latter are daily coming in.

Besides the Forts of Vizanagaram, Anagudda Compam Byagudda, and Gunnapuram where the Honble Companys Troops are now stationed and which were formerly occupied by the Rajahs. the Rajah has given in an account of three and twenty small Forts in which he is obliged to keep Troops as a Check upon the hill People, these he wishes me to take possession of with the Honble Companys Troops as fast as I can, but this I shall not

1747 Fort St George 14th Sept 1747

not be able to do as it will not be safe after sending this large escort to make a detachment equal to the Service - the Rajah proposes a reserve to have no thing more to do with military matters, but to submit himself and his Dominions entirely to the Honble Company's Protection, in which happy disposition he will be doubtless confirmed by going to the Presidency.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Camp near Vizinagrum
3 Sept. 1747

Honble Sir & Sirs,
your very obedient Servant
John Braithwaite

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this day received a letter from Colonel Braithwaite enclosing a copy of the Instructions given by them to the officer commanding an Escort with the Rajah Vizieram rauze Copies of which We think it incumbent upon us to transmit to your Honr &c and to request to be favored with your orders in consequence as we have received no letter on the Subject from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam and are entirely unacquainted with the powers Colonel Braithwaite is vested with

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your

1778 Fort St George 14th Septr 1778

Masulipatam
9th Septr 1778

your most obedt
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Alexr Pringle

To Charles Floyer Esqr
Chief & Council at
Masulipatam

Sir & Sirs.

The service requiring that I should send a pretty large Escort with the Rajah Vizeram Iauze to the Presidency I have pitched upon that part of Captain Collins Battalion now in this district for that Service as this Battalion not only belongs to but is to march through the district under your Government. I think it my duty to inform you of this and to transmit to you a copy of the Instructions I have given to them which I herewith send enclosed

I have the honor to be with respect
Sir & Sirs
your obedt Servant
John Braithwaite

Camp near Vizianagrum
5 Septr 1778

Absent by
Lt Crawford's Dy

To Captain Collins
Sir

As soon as possible after the
Receipt

1749 Fort St George 14th Sept 1749

Receipt herof you are to proceed with the four Compa-
-nys of your Battalion now under your Command
in Cossy from thence to Bansing where you are to join
the Rajah Vizeramkauze and taking Ensign Sampson
with the Company of Grenadeir Sipoys now there under
his Command with you must with the whole form
an Escort for the Rajah and his attendants on the
Journey to the Presidency. The Rajah is the Friend
and the Pensioner of the Honble Company & must be
treated with every mark of Respect and attention
due to his Character and thus I would have you
as early as possible fully explain to him & assure
him that this large Escort is intended not through
any doubt of him but to prevent any ill reports
in regard to him from circulating to his prejudice
as also to prevent the Hill People & all others who
may know of this intended Journey from attempting
any thing on his March which might be misconstrued
and prejudice his affairs when you come near to
Bemisang I wish you Sir to go forward yourself
and endeavour to explain this to the Rajah previous
to the arrival of the Troops.

You are Sir to march at such hours
and to perform such distance daily as shall be most
agreable to the Rajah and I wish the Company of
Grenadiers of Captain Murphys Battalion as belon-
-ging to this district to be the guard particularly
attached to the Rajah notwithstanding the Reasons
I have to believe the Rajah sincere it is necessary

for

1750 Fort St George 14th Septr 1749

for you to use every precaution to prevent the Rajah from escaping out of your hands & you must not on any Account grant of the request he shall give orders to Lieut Nelson now commanding two companies of your Battalion at Anjengo to join you upon receipt of your order so to do with this Escort you are to conduct the Rajah Vizeeram Lauze & his attendants as far as Cotgole and upon your Arrival there are to deliver the enclosed Letter to Captain Barclay or Officer commanding that Garrison who will furnish the Escort which is to accompany the Rajah from thence you must remain in your encampt Cotgole till the Rajah shall have been gone from from thence five whole days and inform the Officer who commands the Escort from thence that you intend to do so that he may advise you of any extraordinary occurrences you will on your March inform the Chief and Council of Anjengo of the Service you are upon and desire their orders for your further Conduct after the discharge of this duty.

If the Rajah asks you how far you are to go with him say to Tamul cotah when at Tamul cotah just before he goes from thence say you have received orders to go with him to the Fastness and when he is almost to gaps the Fastness say you have received orders to go with him to Cotgole and I deem it necessary that you should advise Basilo Jungs People of your March

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1751 Fort St George 14th Sept. 1771

As I have the permission of the Chief and Council of this district for furnishing this escort in Consequence of an order from the Honble Presidency - this order cannot be superceded but by an order from the Honble Presidency or the Commander in Chief who is supposed to issue their Resolutions. wishing you a pleasant Journey.

I remain Sir

your obedient Servant

I Braithwaite

Head Quarters
near Vizianagrum
2 Sept. 1771

To Captain Barclay
or Officer Commanding at
Ongole

Sir

This will be delivered to you by Captain William Collins or Officer Commanding the Escort I have furnished to the Rajah Vizeram Rauze He will shew you his Instructions. it is my Duty to require of you to add one Company of Grenadiers to the one appropriated to the Rajah and give the senior Officer of the two your orders to escort the Rajah within ten Mile of Madras from thence the Company you furnish may return if you think proper and Ensign Sampson should have orders to send to the President and Council. if previously he receives no order from them in consequence of your advising the Presidency by Tapal of the time of the Rajahs departure

from

1752 Fort St George 14th Sept.r 1777

from Ingrde.

District of
Vizagapatam
2. Sept.r 1777.

I am Sir
your obedient Servant
John Brathwaite

In consequence of the Information
received by the forgoing Letters the following are
written and dispatched.

To Samuel Johnson Esq.r
Chief & Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

We have received a Letter this
morning from Masulipatam by which We learn
that Captain Cullens's Battalion has been attacked
to escort Pigeon and Lange part of the way to the
Presidency as you are already informed of our
Intentions respecting this Battalion We think
it necessary for your information to enclose a
Letter we have written to Colonel Brathwaite unseal
a flying Seal for your Perusal

We are Gentlemen,
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
& Council

Fort St George
14th Sept.r 1777

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Sir

You will perceive by our Letter
to

1753 Fort St George 14th Sept 1753

to you of the 11th Instant that you are directed to repair to your Station at Masulipatam, and that we have ordered Captain Collins to remain at Vizianagrum with his Battalion to garrison that Fort. by a letter just received from Masulipatam We find that Captain Collins has been detached with his Battalion to escort Vizierambauze part of the way to Madrass. but we have no letter from the Chief and Council of Vizianagrum on this Subject.

As it is our Intention still that Captain Collins's Battalion should be stationed at Vizianagrum. We have sent Dispatches to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam in order to the Commanding Officer at Ongole to relieve the Escort under Captain Collins. should the Rajah continue in his desire to come to the Presidency, and we have ordered Captain Collins on being so relieved, to proceed immediately to Vizianagrum.

We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c Council

Fort St George
14th Sept 1753

To Mr James Hodges
&c Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

In consequence of the Letter
received

1754 Fort St George 14th Sept 1754

received from you respecting the Escort sent with Vizianarnauze, we have written a letter to Colonel Braithwaite on this Subject of which We enclose you a Copy and we desire you will as far as respects you comply with the Intentions therein expressed.

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends.
John Whitehill
&c Council

Fort St George
14th Sept 1754

To Captain William Collins
Sir

Having sent orders to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam to appoint your Battalion to garrison Vizianagaum & Having by Letters just received from Colonel Braithwaite that you had previously been detached with your Battalion to escort Vizianarnauze part of the way to Madras. We have thought it proper to direct the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam & the Commanding Officer at Ongole to relieve you in such manner that you may return to your Station at Vizianagaum without loss of time

We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c Council
To

1755 Fort St George 14th Septr 1755

To Captain Patrick Barclay

commanding at

Ongole

Sir

Having received Letters from
Masulipatam informing us that Capt.n Collins's
Battalion was appointed to escort Vizianadrug
part of the way to Madras. We enclose a Copy
of the Letter we have written to Colonel Braith-
=waite on this Occasion. and We desire as far as
depends on you that you will comply with the
Intentions therein expressed.

We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
&c.a Council

Fort St George
14th Septr 1755

Received the following Letter
from Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Herewith we send you a
Letter just received from Colonel Braithwaite,
also Copies of a Letter received from him and
our answer.

We are. Respectfully
Honble

1756 Fort St. George 14th Sept. 1756

Vizagapatam
5th Sept. 1756

Hon.ble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedt and
most humble Servants
Samuel Johnson
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath. Barlow

To Samuel Johnson Esqr
&c &c &c Council of
Vizagapatam

Sir & Sirs

I have been honored with
your Letters of the 1.st & 2.d Instant. I forwarded
your letter to the Rajah who seemed highly satisfied
with it, as I am informed, and that glorious victory
has been the consequence of your deputation
immediately more of it instantly appears to me for
an Escort which I have granted, the nature & strength
of which the enclosed Paper will inform you of. Capt.
Collins is with the Rajah and I shortly expect to hear
News of their marching - as I wish that perfect
Harmony should subsist between the Honble Companys
Civil and Military Servants here, I think it not
necessary to enter into the obvious refutation of some
parts of the Letter above mentioned, and shall conclude
with saying that it gives me great pleasure to
find that we are at last all of one mind in regard
to paying due obedience to the orders of our Superiors

for

1757 Fort St George 14th Septr 1757

for furnishing an Escort to the Rajah for his
Journey to the Presidency.

Head Quarters
near Vizinagrum
3 Septr 1757

I have the honor to be with great respect
Sir & Sir
your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) John Brathwaite

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I shall be obliged to you Sir & Sirs to forward the
accompanying Letter to the Honble the President
& Council after perusal

A true Copy
H Crawford Sec.

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Commanding the Troops in the Districts of
Vizagapatam

Sir

We have received your letter of
yesterday's date, perusing us of having complied with
our Orders for granting an Escort to the Rajah Vizi-
-anulauze: we are sorry you made it so strong as we
are in great want of another Company of Seapoys
here not having sufficient to perform the common
duty of the Garrison.

From information we have
received we are enabled to ascribe the Rajahs gloom
to a more serious cause than our delaying to give
orders for his Escort: it proceeded from reflections
on the Contents of the several Letters wrote to him
by the Chief and he was heard to say he had it
in

1758 Fort St George 14th Septr 1758

on his thoughts to return to his Family and lay
aside the design of proceeding to Kaarija: but unluckily
by Letters from Bengal sent to Vizagapatam where he
learnt we had permitted you to proceed the Escort
and returned hastily to Bengal in hopes he found
means to prevail on the governing Board to persue-
vere in the Project of proceeding to the Presidency.

As you might imagine we kept
silent, on your opinion of its being unnecessary to
enter into the obvious refutations of some parts of
our late Letters, to an acknowledgement that we
think it just: we deem it proper to acquaint you
we believe you will not find it so easy a task
as you imagine, and, though we are thoroughly
well disposed to preserve Harmony between the
Civil & Military Servants, yet we must not so
far forget our Stations as to suffer any Military
Commander under us, to write unmeaning insinua-
tions, which he supposes will serve to evince
his Superiority in Argumentation or great
desire to prevent Altercation

We shall forward the Letters you
sent us for the President & Council This night.

We are Sir
your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) Samuel Johnston
& Council

Vizagapatam
14th Septr 1758

A true Copy
H. Crawford Sec.y

1759 Fort St George 15th Sept. 1759

Dispatched the following Letter

to Colonel Braithwaite

To Colonel John Braithwaite

Sir

We are commanded to observe by a Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam that these Gentlemen have found it necessary to make a publick Representation to us on certain parts of your Conduct. We now transmit you a Copy of their said Letter, and shall defer taking the Subject into finial Consideration untill such time as We are furnished with your reply and also untill such time as there may be a fuller Board at the Presidency. but we find ourselves indispensibly obliged to make such observations as may prevent those dependents from increasing which seem already to have been productive of much Disorder & Inconvenience to the publick Service

From the Instructions given you by the Gentlemen who lately held the Management of the Companys affairs. We find you invested with Powers for conducting the expedition against Vizianagaum at your own discretion and in that Instance subject to no authority but that of the President & Council. but you must have been sensible that such Powers related merely to that Expedition and were confined solely to military Operations.

Your

1760 Fort St George 15th Septr 1759

Your interference in the Town
of Vizigapatam as yet appears to us unwarrantable
It does not seem that the place was in any
danger from an Enemy and if it had, the charge
of its defence ought to have been delivered over to
you by the Chief civil Servant in a regular &
proper Manner.

The entire Government and
Management of the Country in the Circars being
immediately placed in the Chiefs & Councils at
the respective Settlements. We think it necessary
now to inform you, of what has already been on
former occasions expressed, that no Troops
whatever are to be sent into, or in any manner
employed in the Country except by the requisition
or with the approbation of the Chief & Council
under whose charge & management that part
of the Country may be. that no Officer is to stand
in the Country or commanding in any Garrison,
interfere in any Disputes amongst the Natives-
That no Officer is to be permitted
to leave the Garrison or place he may be stationed
at without the same being first communicated
to the Chief & Council, for as they from being
possessed of the Management & Government
of the Country, can alone judge of the requisitions
that may be necessary for them to make it
would be highly improper that any Officer
and more particularly the commanding Officer
should

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should leave their garrisons unless with their particular knowledge and for this purpose We shall direct the Commander in Chief should he have occasion to give leave of absence to any Officer in the Circars that the Permission so granted go under a flying Seal to the Chief of the Subordinate under which the Officer may be employed

We now enclose an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 21st Oct. 1777

We are Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
J. Call Council

Fort St George
15 Sept. 1777

The Proceedings of a General Court Martial held in this Garrison on two Sepoys for desertion having been sent round to the Members of Council the Sentences thereof are approved but the Punishment remitted from 1,000 to 500 Lashes each

Received the following Letter

from Capn Aubrey

Honble Sir

X The Surgeon thinking it requisite I should go to Bengall for the re-establishment of my health & having given me a Certificate signifying the same I have taken the Liberty to

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to enclose it and to request your permission to proceed
there in the Kingston

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I am Sir
with great respect
your obedient & humble Servant
George Aubrey

This is to certify that Lieut. Aubrey
has long been on a languishing unsettled State of health
and as he is relaxed and weakened in his constitution:
he is advised to avoid the ensuing Monsoon here
and take the benefit of the cold Months in Bengal

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Gilb. Pasley
Surgeon

Which being assented unto the
Permission to Lieut Aubrey requested is granted.

19th Dispatches the following
Letter to the Governor General and Council.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General & Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Upon taking Charge of this
Government We found a considerable Detachment
of Europeans & Sepoys employed in the French Guard
to enforce Obedience & Submission from Tipoo Saeb
the present Rajah or Zemindar of that Country.
Tho the Objects of this Expedition have since

hopefully

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happily been attained without drawing the sword. We think it incumbent on us to acquaint you with the Motives for proceeding against this Zemindar as far as We have yet been able to trace them on the Records.

Vizieramrauze it seems had closely confined Jaggernaut Rauze his Duan who was also Renter of one of the Company's principal Farms, without the approbation or consent of the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam. frequent demands were made by them for his release but to no purpose. the Rajah collected his Troops as if in defiance of the Company's authority. and the Chief and Council complained that he had in repeated acts been guilty of great disrespect and inattention to their Orders.

The Gentlemen of the Late Administration at this Presidency thinking this a favorable opportunity for ~~rendering~~ reducing the encreased Power of Vizieramrauze which has long been an Object of Jealousy to the Company and referring to the Orders of the Court of Directors of the 12th April 1775 respecting that Rajah - they resolved first that Vizieramrauze should be formally required to give a Proof of his Obedience by the immediate release of Jaggernaut Rauze - a letter was accordingly written him but the Rajah declining to shew that instant Compliance which was expected, and having besides treated the Chief

of

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except the Pagoda and a small Swamy house, the former is all in ruins, and the latter occupied as a Powder Magazine, the very use it for that Purpose - the Sepoys live at present in the ruins of the Pagoda and the Commanding Officer & Guards in the Tope Huts.

Mr Johnstone has marked on the Plan the the letter C. where he thought Batteries and Breastworks were wanted, and he was of opinion, that the Parapets, which are very high, should be cut down and made seven or eight feet thick, which may be done at an inconsiderable Expence as there will be nearly sufficient for that Purpose from the Pagoda & Cavaliers.

The Ground in the lower Fort is very uneven, consisting of large Holes & Humps of Rocks, great part of the upper Fort is occupied by the Pagoda, in so much, that there is scarce room in any part of it to draw up an Incamped Men. He recommended to the Commanding Officer to pull down some of the Cavaliers & fill the Holes with the rubbish from them, which might be done with little trouble, and by that means there will be a very good Parade.

From what he could learn Chunam and other Materials that may be wanted can be had at a reasonable rate, tho' he could not fix the exact price, as no particular more can be established for the procuration of these

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these Articles until the Nabob shall direct his Amil=
=dar to provide Coolies for that Service, which he
refuses doing without an Order.

I have the pleasure to inclose to
Lay before you a Plan of the River Sunet Cooodore
in its present Form. together with one which may
be executed without a great Expence & will render
that face fully as secure as any other part of the
Fort. Mr Johnstone being ordered upon the Expedi=
=tion proposed the preparing a regular Plan
Section & Estimate of the Wall he proposed. which
I understood from him was meant to be merely a
Parapet of Brick as shown by the accompanying
Sections. and sufficient to resist Musquetry.
which at the rates of materials he has furnished
me with will cost about 9000 Pagodas. I have
made in Section N°1 a Banquet of Brick but
if it is not required to be very much above the
terreplain of the Body of the Place. one of Earth
as in N°2 may do. N°3 is a Section with
Bastions for the Rooms supposing it necessary
to fill them in and raise their Ramparts above
the terreplain of the Fort.

Poonamallee

I was at Poonamallee Yesterday and
the State of the Buildings there. and found.

The Range of Officers Quarters
within the Fort is in good repair. the well accom=
=odate three Captains and ten Subalterns. there
are two Rows of Barracks appropriated for the
use

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use of the Soldiers wives are those Lodged and
sixty feet long each, in good repair, except the
Brick flooring, the upper rooms of which is much
worn - they at present contain an European
Battalion. of the Hospital within the Fort was
given in addition to them. they might receive
half a Battalion more; it is under the Ramparts
and for want of a free circulation of air is ill
calculated for the Reception of sick Men.

There are good Quarters for the
Commandant and one Field officer without the Fort
the rest of the Officers are in Bungalows raised with
Palmiras near the Fort. the Sides and Roofs covered
with Mats & Thatch which do not effectually exclude
either Dust, or Rain. and require constant Repair. to
remedy these Inconveniences two others have been made
with Tiled sides of unburnt Bricks, which have
hitherto resisted the Weather, and made them comfor-
table Quarters.

It was formerly ordered that such
of the sick only as had slight Disorders should
remain at Poodamallee and the others be transpor-
-ted to the Hospital of Madras; in consequence of which
a Bungalow without the Fort to contain thirty or
forty Men was judged sufficient in addition to the
Hospital within the Fort. but as the whole of the
sick of the Battalion are now kept at Quarters
the present Hospitals cannot contain them conveniently
- two of the Officers Bungalows have therefore

been

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been appropriated for that purpose if half a Battalion more is to be stationed there: and the whole of the sick to remain at Quarters, it will be necessary to build a proper Hospital without the Fort for their reception: for which I present you with two designs. I would recommend that the whole should be surrounded with a high Wall to prevent the Men getting out, within which there should be ground sufficient for the Men to walk about and air themselves the Expence will be between 8 and 9000 Pagodas.

The ground to the Westward of the present Bungalows and that on which they stand, is high, well adapted for Barracks, and can contain in a Square, or in one, or two lines as many as are wanted to compleat the Battalion, which according to the present Establishment will be six for Captains and Ten for Subalterns exclusive of these there must be two Setts allowed for the Surgeon & his Assistants, and it will be necessary to make a provision of Quarters for the Officers with three or four hundred Sepoys, as that Number will be requisite where so many Europeans are kept together, which will make in all twenty Setts - these I should imagine would be sufficient to accommodate the officers present with a Battalion and a half of Europeans as they are seldom all at Quarters at the same time & will cost about 1000 Pagodas a Sett.

Ds

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To the Provision of any consider-
-able quantity of Materials at Ponamalle will
interfere with the supplys for Madras / the Chunam
and Firewood coming from the same places and as
there are at present several of the Bungalows unpro-
=vyded. I beg leave to submit to your Consideration
the propriety of deferring what is not immediate-
=ly necessary until next year, when I hope the
great demand at the Presidency will be pretty
well over.

Cuddalore

The River here at Cuddalore
being of considerable extent will require thirty or
forty Lacks of Bricks and two or three thousand
Parrahs of Chunam - these being already of Stone
and old Materials at Pennacoil. few Bricks will
be wanted - their first attention should therefore
be directed towards procuring a Stock of Chunam.
the expediency of ordering these articles to be
immediately provided I leave to your better
Judgement.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble & Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Col & chief Engineer

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31st August 1770

Ordered that the above Letter
do lie on the Table to be consider'd at a future
time

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Time as the Works therein recommended do not
appear to be immediately necessary, and the present
state of the Company's Finances will not admit
of such an undertaking

Read also Letter from the
Chief Engineer enclosing Copy of a Letter from
Major Stevens & Surgeons Certificate respecting
Ensign Banks.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.
President & Governor &c Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I enclose you herewith, a Copy
of a letter from Major Stevens, acquainting me
that a severe and alarming attack of illness has
obliged Ensign Banks, by the advice of the Surgeons
to resolve on trying a Change of Air for the recovery
of his health. as he is a very deserving Officer,
whose health has suffered from his Attention to
his duty, I hope, you will be pleased to grant
him an Allowance of six months pay, & leave to
go to the Cape, and should he not find himself
likely to be reestablished in his health there,
that you will extend the Permission to proceed
to Europe, and in case that he should be under
the necessity of so doing, that you will recommend
him to the Honble Court of Directors in such
a manner as will ensure to him his Standing

in

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in the Service when he be comes able to return
to his Duty.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sirs Gentlemen
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross

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19th Septr 1772

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer
Sir

I am sorry to acquaint you
that Mr Banks has been a long time much dis=
=posed though he has continued doing Duty, and
lately has had some very sudden & alarming
Attacks of Sickness which has obliged him to
resolve on returning to England for the recovery
of his Health, should he not find himself better
at the Cape - He set out last Night for the Dutch
Settlement and desires you will be pleased to apply
for Leave for his returning to Europe on account
of his Health.

I have to hope the Commander
in Chief will represent this Case in such a
Manner to the Board that they will chear=
=fully give him the Allowance of six Months
Pay and Leave to go to the Cape and should he
not find himself likely to be re-established on

His

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his Health there, thay they would intend his
Permission to proceed to England and in case
that he should be under the Necessity of so doing
thay they would recommend him to the Court
of Directers in such a Manner as would ensue to
him his standing when he became able to return to
his Duty — From my Knowledge of Mr Banks I
can venture to say that he is a diligent & capable
Servant, such as the Company will not every
day meet with, and I therefore think him well
deserving of the Recommendation I have above
wished the Honble Board would be pleased to
give him

Sam Sp.

Fort St George
11 Septr 1773

your most obedient humble Servant
Signed Wm Stevens
D. Engineer

A true Copy
Patrick Ross

This is to certify that Ensign Banks
for some years has had a very corrupt ear & state of
health, and as his Constitution is at present
much weakned and relaxed by a Fistula in
Ano and severe illnesses arising from Visceral
Obstructions he is advised to proceed to Europe
by the first conveyance

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Gilb. Paisley
Surgeon

Agreed, that Ensign Banks
have

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have Permission to go home, if that he be mentioned
in proper Terms to the Hond.le the Court of Directors.

Read Letter from Lt Colonel
Ross inclosing Copy of a Letter from Major Stevens.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.re
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I herewith enclose you Major
Stevens Plans Sections & Estimates for Barracks
at Trichinopoly

and remain most respectfully
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedient
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.o & Chief Engineer

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31.st August 1774

To Lieut.t Col.o Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer
Sir

Agreable to the Commands
of the general I have made designs & Estimates
for the Officers Quarters at Trichinopoly and
now do myself the Honor to enclose them for his
information.

The General desires you
with

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with a particular list of such Officers as it should provide for. I have therefore been guided by the following

	Field Offs.	Capt.	Subs.
1 Company of Artillery		2	6
1 Battalion of European Infantry	2	9	20
3 Do. Sepoys Do.		3	21
Fort Adjutant			1
	2	15	47

Deduct for Fort Adjutant supposed to be one of the Subalterns of the above Establishment 1

Total 2 — 15 — 46

No 1 is a Settlement for — 8

No 2 Do Do — — 2 — 22

No 3 Do Do — — 2 — 22

The following Quarters are represented to me as heavily good

Captain Lanes present Quarters — 1 —

Mr. Jacksons Do — 1

Captain Calverts Do — 1

Captain Nelsons Do 1

Mr. Knox Do 1

Mr. Close Do 1

Total — 16 — 46

By the above I have provided one Captains Quarters more than is necessary which however may come to use in assisting to provide for Cadets &c. I have made no provision for the Field Officers as the House over the new Gate is generally occupied by the Commanding Officer and the

Quarters

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Quarters at present inhabited by Officers would the small will by adding a Room at the Expence of £60 or 500 Pagodas do very well. and if there should be a greater number of Field Officers at Pondicherry to Suppose the Nabob would not refuse one or two of his Houses to accommodate them, nor have I taken any Notice of the Surgeons &c for at Madras there is Sufficient Lodgings for 1 Surgeon and 1 Mate and the House in the Fort occupied by Mr. Wilson accommodates another Surgeon

You will observe by the general Plan that the situation I have chose for these Buildings is Dubash Street where the Officers now live, and though it is a dirty part of the Town and confined by confined by the Rock to the Southward I make no doubt if cleared away that it will be a healthy Situation - the Nabob has Sanctioned formerly consented to this Spot being allotted for the purpose of the Garrison and I see not any other Situation that would interfere less with the Town or where the Troops can be kept better to themselves for if a Palisade or Barrack Wall was to be run across from the North Rampart near Pondicherry Gate to the Pagoda Wall along that East End of the Officers Barracks now proposed leaving that Gate open for the use of the Inhabitants of that part of the Town, causing them to go along the Pondicherry Gate, they would not interfere with the Barracks and if the Lake

was

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was done at the West End of the Barracks from
Gentoomini Gate to the N.t West Angle of the Pagoda
Wall, the greatest part of the Garrison would be
inclosed by themselves, however whether this be
done, or not or not there will be no communica-
tion between the Barracks an the Town, but such
as would be left in the Palisade or Wall at the East
End near Prestons Gate that, by the North East
Angle of the Naboby Garden Wall, and that by
the Street running along the Foot of the West
Rampart from the new Gate - I will just beg leave
to mention that in the general Plan a Building
expressed in Red and attached to one in yellow, is
part of the Plan I formerly ago formed for Barracks
for a Battalion of Europeans and has been built
by Colonel James at his own Expence, the remain-
-der which is in yellow is what is wanting to
compleat it when I found this Plan I supposed
the Pagoda where the Europeans are now lodged
to be a Barrack for a Battalion or even two of
Sepoys. that the Ground on the other side of the
Street from Gentoomini Gate to the West Rampart
& from the North Rampart to the north side
of the large Tank, would by turning out the
Inhabitants accommodate the Sepoys Families
and further I purposed that the Barracks for
the Artillery Company should be constructed
at the East End of those for the European Battalion
and such vacant Ground as will then be left

between

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between the Artillery and Eastern Bounds may serve for the officers to build Stables upon — by this Plan the Garrison would be entirely by themselves

Colonel James thought that some officers Quarters might be put on the West side of the large Tank between it and the West Rampart, but as that piece of Ground from the foot of the Rampt / leaving a Passage to it / to the old Parade Gate is but 327 feet long and about 54 feet broad from the Tank to the foot of the Rampart, and as a Passage must be left between any Buildings / to be constructed there / and the Tank, I have not thought proper to make use of it.

In the following Estimates I have not made any Charge for a Compensation to the Inhabitants for their Houses / which must be pulled down / nor for levelling the Ground as neither of these could be ascertained to any degree of accuracy without a particular Survey, nor have I made any Estimate of a large Drain which I think should be carried thro' the Rampart into the Ditch, from the Street before the Centre of the Building N° 2 which may hereafter be conducted into the Square of the Barracks of the European Battalion should they ever be finished - and should these Quarters be carried into Execution I would at the same time have the North Rampart reduced to the back of the

Out Houses

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Barracks for Officers Quarters N°2 and 3 which may be done somewhat on the Plan adopted for Fayzore at little more than the Expence of levelling the Ground for building and will be essentially necessary in order to dispose of the Surplus Earth from the old Houses and Walls and what has been collecting in that part of the Town for many years.

Estimate of one of the Captains Quarters at the Extremity of Range N°2 or 3.

Lodging Rooms

Brick Work		191½ y.ds @ 1.21	287.11.40	
Paving		93⅓ feet 6 — ⅓	56	
Rock Work / Roof		1350 ft. 6.14 ⅓	85.21	
Outside plaistering		3668 do 4 — ⅓	146.30.20	
Inside do	&.	3331 ft. 6 ⅓	100.36.10	
Pannel Doors with Frames	2	8.33.12	17.26.24	
D° with half Rattans &c	6	9.33.12	58.30.72	
Window Shutters pan.° and Frames	2 / 4	6.26.60	26.23	
half Rattan Blinds for Windows	2 / 4	26	2.20	
Door Locks		6	2	12
Gunnery locks and fastenings for Window Shutters		78 pcs	2.60	6.5.26
Painting Doors & Windows		13	1.21 ~	19.21
Laying 11400 Bricks in Clay for the compound Wall and and Workmen a		29 Perch		25.10.16

Gates

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Gates ——— 2 — 2.4.40 — 4.9.— 946-32½

Out houses

Brick Work including

Floor 96¾ at 21 — 144-13-60

Arch D. Roof 554 at 6.14 — 34.19.3

Plastering Arches only 554 P. 4 — 21.31/4

Doors ——— 3 — 2.27.60 — 7.41.20

Locks ——— 2 — 1 — — 2. — —

Shelves — Setts 2 — 4.16. — 8.32. — 219-13/4

Current Pags. 1166-4-45

Estimate of one of the Captains Quarters in the Centre of the Range of Do.

Lodging Rooms

Brick Work — 139½ P 1.21 — 209-11.60

Paving ——— 93½ at 36. P. — 56. — —

Brick Work Roof 1350 P. 6.14 P. 83.21 —

Outside Plastering — 2845 P. 4 P. 113.28.11

Inside D. — 3331 P. 6. P. 199.36.10

Pannel Doors with Q

Frames 2 — 6.33.12 — 17.24.24

D. D. with ½ Rabbets 6 — 9.33.12 — 58.30.72

D. Window Shutters

with Frames 2 — 6.2620 — 13.11.40

Half Lattan Shutters for

Windows — 2 P — 26. — 1.10. —

Locks ——— 6 — 2. — — 12. — —

Tunney hooks fastenings

for Window Shutters 50/10 — 2.60 — 3.12.48

Painting Doors & Windows 13 — 1.21. — 16.21. —

Lagoing

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Laying 8888 Bricks in
& lay for the Compasses
Wall Workmanship & Materials ——— 2. 9 Feet 19.20.16
Gate ——— 1 — 24.40 2. 4.40 808.30.11

Out houses
Brick work in the floor 8 4/4 P. 1.21 127.5.20
Arch Work / Roof / 532 ft at 6 1/4 P. 33.30.36
Plastering Arches 532 ft P 4 P. 21.12.48
Doors with Frames 3 — 2.27.60 7.41.40
Locks ——— 2 — 1 — 2. — —
Shelves ——— 2 Setts 4.16 — 8.32 — 200.3.44
Current Pags 1009.25.55

Estimate of one of the Subalterns Quarters in the
Centre of the Ranges N°2 or 3.
Lodging Rooms
Brick Work ——— 81 yards P 1.21 — 121.21 —
Arch Work / Roof / 675 feet — 6 1/4 P. 42.31.40
Paving ——— 4530 P. 6 P. 27.8.32
Outside plastering 1422 feet P 4 — P. 56.36.72
Inside D. ——— 1838 D. — 6 — D. 110.11.64
Panel Doors with
Frames and half Cattans
Blinds P. — 3 — 9.33.12 — 29.15.36
D. Window Shutters & Frames — 2 — 6.26.60 — 13.11.60
½ Cattan Blinds for
Windows 2 Pair ——— 26 — 1.10. —
Locks ——— 3 ——— 2. — — 6. — —
Gunney hooks & Cs Iron
Work - 25 ½ lbs — 2.60 — 1.2.64
Painting

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Painting Doors Windows &c — 121 — 7-21-

Laying 6602 Bricks in Clay
for the Compound Wall at the
Workmanp — 2-0 Pdie 14-26-

Gate — — — — 1 — 2-4-0 — 2-4-0 — 434-1570

Out houses the same as half a one of
the middle Captains Quarters in No 1 — — 100-1-62

Current Pags 534-3-52

General Estimate

Range N°1 — 4 Setts of Captains Quarters @ 1166-4-45 is 4664-1820
4 D. D. — 1009-25-55 is 4038-1160 — 9703-37

Range N°2 — 2 Setts of Captains Quarters @ 1166-4-45 is 2332-910
22 D. Subalterns @ 536-24-52 is 11776-624 — 14109-1534

Range N°3 — 2 Setts of Captains Quarters
22 D. Subalterns } same as Range N°2 — 14109-1534

Total new Quarters Curr. Pags 136910-25-68

To build a new Room at the Quarters now
inhabited by Colonel Fitzgerald about — 500-—

Current Pags 137410-25-68

In the above Estimates the Charges
for the Brick and Rock Work are founded on
Experience in similar Buildings here and the prices
of Materials at Fort St George they are much the same
the Charges of Plastering and Whitewashing are
nearly those that are reckoned at Madras —
the Door and Window Frames of the Long way
Rooms I have calculated to be of Country wood.
but the Shutters to be of Teak and framed —

The

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the Frames Doors and Shelves of the outhouses to be
of Bamboy Wood - the painting is but roughly
guessed at - If you chuse to have the particulars of
the Estimates I will do myself the pleasure of
forwarding them to you.

I am Sir,
your most obedient
humble Servant
Wm Stevens
Dr Engineer

Tanjore
2 of August 1783

A true Copy
Patrick Ross

Agreed that the Consideration
of the above Letter be for the present deferred
Read the following Letters from
Lieutenant Colonel Cosby.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the honor to inform you
yesterday of my having forced the first Barrier:
I this morning put the Detachment again in motion
and have been equally successful in forcing two others,
with the loss of only one Sepoy killed one Serjeant &
one Sepoy wounded, these last Barriers are stronger
than those we past yesterday and I believe should
have met with a greater resistance had not
detached

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attacked by Hyder Ally with his Battalion mixed
a Field with orders to turn their right Flank and
in which he succeeded to my entire satisfaction.
I purpose marching to Pollypit tomorrow and am
with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. A. M. Cosby

Camp
at Addamanchery
5th Sept. 1784

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c^a Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I informed you by yesterdays
Packet of my intention of marching to Pollypit
where I arrived this forenoon without meeting
with any opposition from the Enemy the Heat
& season is expected at the Capital for being
a very strong one, but I found it entirely abandoned.
I am now only about 9 Miles from Converipo
where the Rajah is himself and am taking
Measures to attack it should he not think
proper to make his Submission I have established
a Chain of Posts as I came on and which have
hitherto kept my Communication with Sholinga
perfect open. - I have the Honor to remain
with perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

your

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Camp at Tellycet
6th Sept. 1785

your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. A. N. Cosby

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre
President and Governor &c. Council &c
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I informed you yesterday of my arrival here and now find this place is not much more than six Miles from Cauvretty, some Hills between this and that, which I thought we should be obliged to march round as covered me in the distance

Yesterday afternoon the Son of Cafsaverrauze, a Youth of sixteen Years old is consider-ed as the Person the first in point of consequence and to whom the People of this Country seem most attached came to our Camp attended by five hundred Men and waited on the Nabob Maria-ppa Rajah Beer Beer from whom I received a Message that the young Rajah would remain in Camp all night - having previous to this prepared every thing for attacking Cauvretty early this Morning, my Instructions from the late Govern-ment being to lose no time in my operations. I was apprehensive that a delay might be construed into a Neglect of those Orders, and fearfull also that his coming out was only

with

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with a view of gaining time to strengthen their Barriers. I insisted that in case he remained in Camp all night they should at least one Company of my Grenadiers to be posted in different places up the road leading to Carnetty in order to prevent their carrying on any works, and this point I at last with difficulty carried, in consequence of Lieut. Rogers march'g there at ten last night with the above Company I sent Lieut. Pringle the Captain of the Guides to make observations on their Works. and from him I learn that the road for near four Miles up to the Pollam is very well defended by strong Battalions on which are mounted several pieces of Cannon.

The Young Rajah has this Morning been with me, and I am also told the principal Officers of their Government have consented to let me take Possession of the Pollams the Consent of Macawraugee the Dalvoy is however necessary to carry this into Execution. and it is for that I am now waiting, but as this Macawraugee has been the Chief cause of bringing matters to this extremity by his repeated unsoldierlike behaviour, I am in some doubt of his assent to the Measure. In our last attack the Father in Law of the above named was mortally wounded.

I am with the greatest respect

Honble

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Camp at Pollipet
7th Sept.r 1787

Honble Sir & Sirs

your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. A. M. Cosby

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honor to acquaint you
that I have this Evening taken Possession of
Carroetty with Captain Kellys Battalion of
Grenadiers Sepoys & two pieces of Cannon, the
road to it was so difficult & thro' such a variety
of strong Barriers on the Tops of Hills, that from
my first Entrance of the wood it was five
hours before I reached the Pettah, which lies
in a Bason surrounded by Rocks & Woods, had
it been disputed it must have been attended
with great Lss of Lives on our side, as I do not
remember to have seen a stronger situation,
but we may thank their own intestine dissensions
for our success Macanaruze with about two
Thousand Men went off before our entering
the Place, and forced Burhadge away with
him but the latter has Just to day since separa-
-ted himself from him, and means to take the
Nabobs Cowl, the Person who conducted me in
commands the greatest part of their Forces.

and

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and by his Influence the Barrears were ginned
for our reception, the armed Party of this
Country amount to at least five thousand Men.
so that the Rabob must either conciliate them
by mild measures to his Government, or keep
here a great many Sepoys which will take at
least five Companys besides the Garrison of
the Place which to keep a communication open
between the Bottom and the open Country should
the Inhabitants at any time be disposed to throw
off the Yoke - as it will take some days to settle
matters here, I shall not be able immediately
to proceed against the Cyber Polegars who
I am in hopes may induce to submit from
reflecting on our repeated success against
their Neighbours

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. A. M. Cosby

Caurette
22 Septr 1788

As I am much hurry'd get during close late I
must beg you'll excuse the Interlineations &
other faults in the above.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

My letter of yesterday apprised you

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you of my being in Possession of Cauvelly Pallam
but that Bomkawje had withdrawn himself
before my Entrance. I have now the pleasure
to inform you that He came in this afternoon
which I hope will be a means of settling this
Country much sooner than it otherwise would
have been, for notwithstanding the Bomkayah
himself by their rules does not interfere in Busings.
yet as they pay a particular attention to him,
his absence might have drawn off many as
his followers.

I have received your letter of
the 6th and flatter myself you will think that
I have hitherto lost no time - I am with the
greatest respect -

Honble Sir & Sirs
your very devoted and
obedient humble Servant
H. A. N. Cosby

Cauvelly
9th Septr 1779

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Had there been any thing
material to mention I should not have remained
silent so long. but lest you may be at a loss
for the reason of our present inactivity I think
it necessary to inform you that it is owing
to

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to the Cabob. Managers not having yet finally
settled with Bundy the Ministers the Sum
they are to pay, but which I am told will soon
soon be adjusted, after which I shall have no
fear in marching against the other Poligars

The Poligars leaving with this
Country from the Southward are laid open so
as to render them powerless to the Attack of
Troops in future.

I am with the greatest respect
Honble Sir &c &c
your very devoted &
obedient humble Servant
H. H. M. Cosby

Camp
at Pollipet
19th Sept 1790

That the Board might be enabled
to give the necessary Orders for the Military Pro-
-ceedings against Bundy the Cabob should
have informed them of the progress of the Nego-
-tiations between his Manager & that Poligar
but as he has omitted to give them that information
-tion, and it appears by the last Letters from Colonel
Cosby that the Operations are at a stand owing
to these Negotiations - Agreed - that the President
be requested to mention these circumstances to
the Cabob and to desire that he will acquaint
them with what has been done, and what
he further proposes, and to recommend it to
him to conclude the Business as soon as possible

Read

1791 Fort St George 22d Sept 1794

Read Memorial from Lieut
Leybourne Lloyd.

To the Honble the President
and Council of Fort St George

Honble Sirs &c

I beg leave with all respect to
lay before you the following Memorial.

That in December last the
Memorialist actuated by no other views but a
sincere and hearty desire of rectifying evils in
which he conceived himself bound by conscience
and duty to represent, such representations being
first made to the Commanding Officer of that
Garrison where such causes had arisen, was not
only unnoticed but evaded by a litigious charge
-ge of Insubordination and preferd against the Memo-
-rialist, tending much to the hurt of his reputation,
being charged with a violation of his Oath admi-
-nistred to him when a Member of a Court Martial,
which the accuser could not know, as appears by the
accusers acknowledging he did not by any means
know the secret he had peremptorally charged the
Memorialist with disclosing.

The Memorialist did in a respectful
manner by Letters lay before the Honble Board the
complaints he had made to the Commanding Officer
avoiding as far as possible all personalities striving

to

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to the best of his abilities to remove, and not to create
evils. The Honble Board ordered Copys of his
Letters to the Commanding Officer, and did not
enquire into the cause and merits of the Memo-
-rialists representations as appears by an opinion
of the then Commander in Chiefs letter to the Com-
-manding Officer of that Garrison
the Memorialist was then tried
by a Court Martial held in that Garrison for com-
-plaining, and his Complaints were not permitted
to appear, nor his reasons shown why he did not
make such - the Crime by which he was tried
was latterly usually altered and changed from the
vague and meaning by the Commanding
Officer - on the 8th of January 1792 by the sentence
of this Court. the Memorialist was suspended the
Service for twelve Months. the Memorialist not
being permitted to leave the Garrison after proper
application to the Commanding Officer, and his complaints
by such means evaded, he did agreable to the
discipline of the Army complained in form to the
then Commander in Chief, who was then at the
Presidency - the Honble Board was pleased to
write the Memorialist by their Secretary desiring
-ing what he had to allege to be inclosed for the
Boards perusal. at the same time they were
pleased perior to any enquiry to give a written
order to the Pay Master of the Garrison the
Memorialist was stationed in not to issue him any
subsistence

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subsistance or allowance for twelve Months.

The Memorialist did enclose to

the Secretary a summary of the whole, referring

the Honble Board for the Authenticity to the

Courts Martial &c and having leave to quit the

Garrison, the Memorialist made all possible hast

to the Presidency, and on his arrival waited on the

Right Honble their Governor, who assured the Memorial-

-ist the whole should be enquired into: when the

Memorialist waited on the then Commander in

Chief he was told by him, that if he was injured

he might get redress where he could

By a Letter from the Secretary

to the Memorialist some time after he found to

his surprise that no further enquiry was to be

made into the Merits of his Complaints & having

apply'd to the Officer who commanded the Company

he served in for subsistance; a Copy of the order

wherein he was excluded from such was transmitted to him.

The Memorialist conceives

himself much injured and oppressed by a according

to Order of the Court of Directors in their

general Letter of 1772 humbly represent his

case to them, thro' the Board of the Right

Honble Prince of Wales.

The whole and every part of

which this Memorial alludes to, your Memorialist

humbly conceives will appear on the Consultations

from

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From and about the 12th 13th 14th of December
1776 to the 6th of March in this present year
1794 on the Dispatches of the Prince of Wales.

The Memorialist now begs leave
with all respect to submit to the present Hostile
Presidency and Council this case of distress.
The Company he belongs to was in a Help Both
Garrison, that he came down to this Presidency
on his own Expences, having nothing of his own
to subsist on, he has been obliged to Borrow Money
for support — far from his native Country &
having no means to obtain a Livelyhood, and
unjustly Deprived of a genteel one — the Memorialist
labouring under such Hardships & oppressions,
hopes to find from the justice of the Present
Honble Board such reliefs as
consistent with his Character of Loyalty and
permitted to return to his Duty.

And with the fairest Reliance
and greatest Respect the Memorialist subscribes
themself

Honble Sirs & Sirs

Mount
5 September 1794

your most obedient humble Servant
H Seyborne Sloper
Lieutenant of Artillery

It is agreed that the above be
referred to the Commanding Officer of the Troops
in order that he may report to the Board
the

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The Character & Conduct of Lieut Sleyd during
his Suspension

Read the following Letter from
the Chief and Council at Guzam

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

Honble Sirs &c &c

We have been favored with
your Letter of the 3d Ult.

The Mode of application to the
Commanding Officer for Troops was clearly
ascertained by your Letter of the 17th April, and
We have since invariably adhered to it. but We did
not imagine it was your meaning that the
same should be used to all Officers indiscrimi=
=nately who might be invested with seperate
Commands, and to whom it might occasionally
be necessary to send instructions. We are now
acquainted with your Sentiments on this
head, and shall in future implicitly conform
to them.

As your Honor &c seem to think
that our differences with the Commanding
Officer have been rather on the Words, than the
Sense of the Honble Co's Instructions. We beg
leave to state to you a material point on
which our Opinions do not coincide. All the
your

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your decision upon it may We think be clearly deduced from your late Orders

Captain Tyssaght has stated that he does not act under our Authority, and is of opinion, as We have reason to believe, that it is not either the Company's Intention or yours, that the Chiefs and Councils at Subordinate Settlements should have any power over the Military, except when Military Assistance is necessary, or make any Requisitions that do not literally come under that description. We on the contrary, are of opinion that it is neither the sense of the late Military Regulations, nor agreeable to your Explanation of them that our Requisitions should be confined to Military Assistance, or that they should not extend to all cases, in which before the late Regulations took place We had power to ensure Orders. We apprehend We have a right to requisite the Commanding Officer to co-operate with us in every thing that We may judge for the good of the Service. If our Requisitions were limited, so would be the Operations of our Government, for it is inconceivable to reason that the measures necessary for conducting the Company's affairs should be left to us, without the power to carry those Measures into effect. had so important a change of System been intended. We think it

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it would have been pointed out, instead of which your Honor &c informed us that the late Military Regulations only removed the Authority from the Chief into the hands of the respective Chiefs and Councils.

If we have given into this Subject further than may be deemed consistent with strict propriety, We hope your Honor &c will impute it to an earnest desire to remove the Obstacles which at present impede the establishing a good understanding between this Board and the Commanding Officer.

We are sensible that the appointing Officers to particular Services is entirely within the province of the Commanding Officer with respect to our Order to Lieutenant Blacker, We beg leave to refer your Honor &c to our Letter of the 15th July to Captain Lysaght, Copy of which was transmitted with our Address of the 20th by which you will find that it was not an order to march, but to hold himself in readiness to march, and that We sent the Order merely to save time, expecting that Captain Lysaght would cause Lieutenant Blacker to be relieved, and Order him to proceed and join Captain Chefsteyres Battalion, to which he belonged. We at the same time left it to Captain Lysaght to relieve Lieutenant Blacker with his two Companies at Jellasdroog & order him to join Captain Chefsteyres

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to Keyshaves, or to send the two Companies from
Arcot for that purpose, whichever might be
attended with the least delay.

Agreeably to your Orders, We send
Copies of the Papers relative to the Complaint
made by the Widow of the late Major of Gillan-
-ders to Captain Lysaght, requiring him to
cause a Court of Enquiry to be held on the Conduct
of the Officers concerned, and to transmit the
Proceedings to Us that they might be forwarded
to the Honble Board. From the manner in which
your Order to us was expressed We supposed that
were by no means positive in the opinion yet
was your intention that We should make the
Latter Requisition - Captain Lysaght has aptly
informed Us that as soon as Captain Keyshaves
Battalion returned, a Court of Enquiry should
be assembled agreable to the Directions of the
Governor and Council. the Proceedings of
which should be disposed of according to the
Rules of the Service We do not upon that there
is any Impropriety in this answer, or make it as
Matter of Complaint, but merely to point out to
your Honor &c. the necessity of ascertaining the
precise time between the seperate Powers of this
Board, and the Commanding Officer, for it ap-
-pears to Us extremely doubtful whether Captain
Lysaght would have complied with the first of
the above Requisitions if We had not informed

him

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from that it was made by your Orders - whereas We conceive ourselves vested with Authority to require the Commanding Officer to order Courts of Enquiry, or Courts Martial whenever We may judge it expe-dient.

Mr John Marten arrived here some time since in consequence of orders from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry as your Honor &c have said nothing concerning Mr Marten in your answer to our Address of the 15th July We were to presume it was your Intention that He should be stationed at Asha agreeably to his former Appointment We accordingly sent him thither, and required Captain Lysaght to receive him as Surgeon of that Garrison, & to order Mr Ramsay to Ganjam - on this occasion We also judged it proper to inform Captain Lysaght that your Honor &c had ordered an Hospital to be erected at this Place, and that it was not our intention to have any fixed Hospital at Asha - that We therefore required him to cause all the Sick to be sent hither except those whose Ailments might be very trifling, and of such a nature as to be easily removed.

We have required the Command-ing Officer to withdraw one of the two Compa-nies stationed at Jellasoura.

We have the Honor to be very

Respectfully

Honorable Sir & Sirs

your most obedient

humble

800 Fort S. George 22 Sept. 1775

Ganjam
9th Sept. 1775

Humble Servants
Charles Smith
Rob. Maunsell
Tho. Dyneley
Rob. Hughes
J. Huddleston

Beings that have arisen between the Civil & Military
-ments that some Resolution be immed=
=diately taken on this Subject: and because being
had to the Minute of Consultation of 21 Sept. on the
the Sense of the then President & Council was first ex=
=pressed upon the Instructions from the Company respec=
=ting the Military Powers to be exercised at the Subor dina=
-cies - the Board are of opinion that a proper attention
to the Orders that were then given out might have on a
great degree prevented the Disputes which have lately
happened to the great Prejudice & inconvenience of the Com=
pany's Affairs - Resolved therefore that the said Orders
be again repeated with such additional Regulations
as appear necessary in Consequence of the late Diffe=
-rences between the Civil & Military Servants at
Vizagapatam & Ganjam

1801 Fort St George 29th Sept. 1797

At a Consultation Present

Monday 29th Sept. 1797

John Whitehill Esqr. Governor President
Anthony Sadlier Dunlop Crawford

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

Read Letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob to return thanks for the Reduction of Bumlauze

ordered in to Cons. N.º 115 returning thanks for the Reduction of Bumlauze & desiring that one out Battalion may be left in Lies Pollam & two others employed in subduing the other Polygears.

The President reports that he has seen the Nabob since the Date of the abovementioned Letter and having represented the Necessity of sending the Troops into Garrison on account of the approaching Rains the Nabob has assented desiring only that one Battalion might remain in Bumlauzes Pollam until his Business be finally settled with that Polygar and Roads opened through the Woods

Ordered, accordingly that Captain Kelly with his Battalion be appointed to remain at Bumlauzes Pollam with as many Artillery Men as Lt Colonel Cosby may think necessary, that Captain Campbells and Captain Heatons Battalions to proceed forthwith to Vellore & that Lt. Colonel Cosby be directed to come to Madras

Colonel Cosby ordered back to Madras & Captain Kelly left in the Command

Read

1802 Fort St George 25th Septr 1797

Inclosed the following Letter

To John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr Dallas 6 cast rupees

My private affairs rendering it inconvenient for me to remain in the Service of the Honorable Company, I beg leave to resign my Appointment of Cadet upon this Establishment

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt & most humble Servant
Thomas Dallas

Fort St George
25th Septr 1797

Agreed that the Resignation of Mr Dallas be accepted.

1803 Fort St George 30th Septr 1799

Arrived Majr Johnson and

Majr Johnson 29th
Perseus arrive

Perseus from Tegapatam

Dispatches The following

30th

Letter to Lieut Colonel Cosby

To Lieut Colonel Cosby
Sir

The principal Object of the Expedi-
To Colonel Cosby
moved back to
Chittoor

-tion against Bimlauze having been happily
attained by the Spirit and activity of our Troops
employed on this Service and it appearing to us
that there will be no further occasion for so large
a Force as three Battalions to execute what
remains to be done. We have recommended it to
the Nabob and obtained his concurrence for with-
-drawing the greater Part of the Troops under your
Command.

We desire accordingly that
you will order Captain Keatings & Captain
Campbells Battalions to proceed without loss
of time to Vellore. Captain Kelly's Battalion
is to remain with the Nabobs Manager for the
Purpose of opening Communications thro' the
Pollams, and giving them such further assistance
as may be requisite for subjecting the inferior
Polygars in that Neighbourhood to the Nabobs
Authority

If any Artillery Men are
necessary

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necessary for this Service, you are to continue with Captain Kelly such a Number as you may Judge proper the rest must be ordered immediately to join their Corps, and I do desire after making these Dispositions that you will yourself repair to the Presidency, leaving the Instructions you have received relative to the Expedition with Captain Kelly.

We desire that Mr Casamayor may return to his Station at Vellore

We are Sir,
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

Fort St George
30th Sept 1777

Oct 12th
Mr Charles Smith arrives.

Gazette

Arrives Mr Charles Smith from

At a Consultation Present
Monday
13th Oct 1777
John Whitehill Esq Governor President
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letters

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq
President and Governor for Council of
Fort St George
Honble

From Colonel Lang

1805 Fort St George 13th Octr 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am to acquaint you that Ensigns Oatridge & Steele have by letter desired that I may apply to you for Permission for them to resign the Service.

Lieut. North having also applied for leave to resign the Adjutancy of the 6th Carnatick Battalion, I beg leave to recommend Lieutenant Dunn of the 19th to be appointed Adjutant in his room

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedt Servant
Rob Lang

Fort St George
13th Octr 1777

Captain Billcliffe
Commanding
Cuddalore

Sir

The reason of my not attending the Parade this morning, was my being attacked with a severe head ack and Cold, if it does not wear off before evening I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of reporting myself sick again in the mean time. I must repeat my request that you would apply to the Board for their Permission for me to resign the Service. I am Sir

From Oatridge resigns arrives

Cuddalore 1777

your most obedient Servant
John Oatridge

1806 Fort St. George 13th Octr 1775

To Colonel Ross Lang

acting Commander in Chief

at Fort St. George

Sir

Assigns Sick reasons

As the Situation of my Affairs renders it absolutely necessary for me to depart for Europe by the earliest conveyance. I must beg leave to resign my Essigns Commission in the Honble Company's Service. I therefore request that you will present this my Application to the Honble the President and Council and obtain their leave for my Resignation

I am with Respect

Sir

Fort St. George
12th Octr 1775

your very humble Servant

R. C. Steele

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor &c Council of

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Assigns Disorder appears for leave of absence

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you a Certificate from Doctor Pixley setting forth the necessity of my proceeding to the Cape of Good Hope, or perhaps to Europe for the recovery of my Health. I therefore request that you will be pleased to grant me Permission to take my Passage on board the Egmont now under Dispatch, and you may be assured that

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that I shall return to my duty as soon as my Health
is re-established ...

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
most humble Servant
Gabriel Doveton

Fort St George
13th Oct.r 1777

This is to certify that Ensign Doveton
has for some Months been in an ill state of health
and as he continues to declare he is desirous to a
Voyage to the Cape of good hope by the speediest
conveyance whose if he should not recover soon
it is highly necessary he should proceed to Europe.

Gilb.t Pasley
Surgeon

Fort St George
13th Oct.r 1777

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President and Governor & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ensign Bak applies for leave of Absence

enclosed I have the Honor of
laying before you a Certificate from Mr.
Pasley of my bad state of health, and I have to
request that your Honors will be pleased to
grant me Permission to proceed to the Cape for the
re-establishment of my Constitution

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your

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your most obedient &
most humble Servant
R. S. Batt.

This is to certify that Mr Batt
has for a great length of time laboured under
severe Complaints arising from a diseased liver
which have impaired his health & weakened
his Constitution very much — He is therefore
advised to a Voyage to the Cape of good Hope
for the re-establishment of his Constitution

Gilbert Pasley
Surgeon

Fort St George
27th Octr 1797

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President & Governor &c.a Council
Gentlemen

Lieut.t Donald Campbell
applies for leave of
Absence

some family Business of importance
requiring my personal attendance in England
I beg leave to request that you will grant me
Permission to proceed thither by the first Oppor-
tunity and as I wish to return as soon as possible,
& as it will be essential to my
will be pleased to make such mention of me
in the general Letter to the Court of Directors
as to secure my Rank & Standing in the Service.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Gentlemen
your faithfull

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Madras
4th Octr 1809

Donald Campbell
Ens & Acct Servant

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieut Taylor applies for leave to go Home

some family affairs requiring my personal appearance in England. I am under the necessity of soliciting your Permission, to proceed to Europe by the first opportunity, and I shall be further obliged by your recommendation to the Court of Directors to allow me to return to India with my Rank so soon as my Business can be settled.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient &
humble Servant
John Taylor

Fort St George
29th Septr 1809

To Colonel Ross Lang
acting Commander in Chief of the Troops
on the Coast of Coromandel
Sir

Lieut Gowan applies for leave to go Home

Inclosed I send you Doctor Bayley's Certificate, setting forth the Necessity of my going to Europe for the Recovery of my health.

I hope my behaviour as an officer,

In

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in the course of recovering on ten years that I have
served the Honble Company will entitle me to
the Board of Admiralty's Recommendation to the
Court of Directors, that I may feel no difficul-
-ty on returning to India with my Cask in
the Service when my Health is re-established

I am Sir
with the greatest Respect
your most obedient humble Servant
F. J.s Gowdie

Madras
30th Sept.r 1777

This is to certify that Lieutenant
Gowdie from repeated attacks of bilious remittent
fevers has been much injured in his health and
Constitution & from the same cause has an obstinate
ulcer on him on these accounts he is
advised to a Voyage to Europe for his Recovery

Gilbert Ainslie

Fort St George
29th Sept.r 1777

Granted

Agreed, that the Resignations
of Ensign Coleridge & Steele be accepted. That Ensign
Doveton & Bate have the Commissions they request &
that Lieut.s Taylor & Campbell be permitted to return
to Europe on their passage Affairs & Lt Gowdie for
the Benefit of his Health.

At Fort St George 15th Octr 1777

At a Consultation Present

Wednesday 15th Octr 1777 — John Whitehill Esqr Governor President
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation

read

General Letter to the Honble the Court of Directors of this date p Ship Egmont

read and signed.

Ordered that the Packet be closed.

P. Perring

1812 Fort St. George 16th Octr 1774.

The Multiplicity of Business previous to the Dispatch of the Egmont having prevented the following Letters from being entered as they were received or sent, they are now entered in that order according to their respective Dates

September 19th Received the following Letter

To Charles Oakley Esqr
a Military Secretary
Sir

I have received intelligence that the Detachment of the Nabobs Troops in this Country under the Command of Lieut. Peter Bonnevaux, consisting of the first Regiment of Cavalry and the Topasses, marched on the night of the 7th Instant privately from Thiruvanpettai Pandaram/about 60 Miles from this/ & the same Evening arrived at Shattoor a Polygar Village about 8 Miles from thence Campd near ineffectual Messages passed between Mr Bonnevaux and the Head Man, which proved=ed the cause till eleven o'Clock in the forenoon when the Place was attacked and carried with very little loss on the part of the Detachment only 15 wounded, two of which are since dead. 4 Horses killed and 6 Wounded

the Head Man is dangerously wounded

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wounded and taken Prisoner, and great numbers
are killed in making their escape. You will
be pleased to communicate the above to the
Board

Palamcottah
11th Sept. 1799

I am Sir
your very obedient humble Servant
Charles Hopkins

September 21

Received the following Letter

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Last night I received a letter
from Captain Bonneraux Commanding the
Nabobs troops at Shevelpetoor wherein he informs
me that on the 7th Instant at night he marched
towards Shatoor a Polygar Village about
fifteen Miles to the Southwest of his Encamp-
-ment and about ninety five from Madura. He
arrived there the 8th in the morning & sent
an Officer to the Head Polygar to desire him
to come & speak with him the Head Man did not
come out himself, but sent his Duan with about
five hundred followers. Captain Bonneraux
expostulated with this Man a considerable time
on the Subject of his Masters not acknowledging
the Nabobs Authority, but all to no purpose

From Capt. Bonneraux
setting forth
the Polygars re-
fusion

Captain

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Captain Barclay then declared to the Polygars
to lay down Arms upon which some persuaded
Tiruds at hum. and others pursued their Pikes
He then received his Artillery before a Tower of
Grass upon which they made for the Village
and the Cabo.ds troops pursued & killed and
wounded about four hundred of them. The
Head Polygar is since dead of his Wounds.
Sixteen of the Cabo.ds Troops were killed & wounded
in this affair. This Village I am informed is
about a Mile in Circumference surrounded with
a low mud Wall & thorn Hedge

I am with the utmost Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
William Blyfield

Madura
14th Septr 1814

23d Received the following Letters

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor & Council
Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Capt. Barclay

I have received your Letter of
the 14th Instant. as likewise a Copy of yours of
the same date to Colonel John Braithwaite.
as far as depends on me I shall obey your
orders

I am with Respect
Honble

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Hond Sir & Sirs

your most obedt
very humble Servant
P Barclay
Captain 1st Batt Sepoys

Ongole
1st Septr 1777

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor &c Council at
Fort St George

Hond Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant Smith having arrived
here lately with a party of Artillery to take the
Guns and examine into the Condition of their
Carriages & Stores agreeably to Instructions from
the Commander in Chief to him. We have affor-
-ded him such assistance as appeared necessary
to enable him to carry his Design into Execution.

From Cuddalore
Lieut. Smith arrives

We are very respectfully
Hond Sir & Sirs
your most obedt
humble Servants
Edward Saunders
Wm Maitland
W. Fallofield

Cuddalore
20th Septr 1777

2d Received the following Letters
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor &c Council of
Fort St George
Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

As I find that Matters are drawing to a Conclusion between the Rebels & Savages & that it is probable I shall be able to move from hence in three or four days. I have this afternoon brought to Camp the four Pieces of Cannon that were mounted on the several Batteries leading up to the Pallisadoes & sent them off to Arcot to morrow morning

I have the Honor to remain

with the greatest Respect

Honble Sirs & Sirs

your very devoted and

most obedient humble Servant

H. A. M. Cosby

From Col. Cosby intending the Cannon to Arcot

Camp
at Pollipet
27th Sept. 1779

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I saw this day Powers with your

Commands of the 14th Instant. and shall agreeable thereto release, proceed to take on me the Command of the Fort of Pigeongoram the Regt I think at present appears inclined to return to this town Country. which Circumstance will determine in six a day or two. Lieut. Campbell his Brother left this yesterday to proceed to the

From Capt. Collins

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the Presidency

Camp
at Rayamundy
22 Septr 1799

I am
Honble Sirs &c
with the greatest respect
your most obedt Servant
Wilm Collins

Dispatches the following Letters

To Charles Smith Esqr
Chief Cl Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

To Ganjam Capt Lysaght ordered to the Presidency

Appearing by an Inquest
taken on the Body of the late Lieu Pigot that
Captain Lysaght with many other Persons
stand charged with a Crime of the most serious
Nature We have thought it proper on this
occasion to relieve Captain Lysaght from his
present Command at Aska - for this purpose
We transmit the enclosed Letter that you to
him. the Senior Officer next to Captain
Lysaght is to take Charge of the Battalion.

We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
Cl Council

Fort St George
29th Septr 1799

To

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To Lieut. David Marshall
Senior Subaltern Officer of the 4th
Battalion of Sepoys at Palamcotah

Sir,

Having directed Capt. Livingston to deliver over to you the Command of Palamcotah, We desire you will immediately receive it from him accordingly, and take Charge of the same until further Orders

We are
Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

Fort St George
29th Sept. 1777

To Lieut. Colonel Horne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

A few days ago We received a Letter from Mr George Vincent Ram enclosing the Copies of an Inquest held by him in the Capacity of Coroner on the Body of the late Sevo Pigot, as you stand charged in the said Inquest with a Crime of the most serious Nature. We have thought it necessary to relieve you from the Command of Tanjore and We direct accordingly that on receipt of this Letter you deliver it over to the senior Officer on the spot together with all such Instructions and Papers as you may have

To Lt. Col. Horne
desiring him to
proceed to the
Presidency

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have received relative to that Command, you will
yourself in the Necessity of proceeding to the Presidency without Loss of time

We are Sir
Fort St George
29th Septr 1799
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

Letter the same as the foregoing
were sent to Captain Livingston commanding
Tulamcottah & to Captain Lysaght commanding
at Aska

To Major Brown
or the Senior Officer under Lieut Col Horne
at Tanjore

Sir

Lieut. Colonel Horne having
been directed by Us to deliver over to you the Command
of Tanjore, you are immediately to receive it from
him accordingly together with such Letters and
Instructions as he may have in his Possessions
relative to that Command.

We are Sir
Fort St George
29th Septr 1799
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

30.

Received the following from Tirugapta-
-pan

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President

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President & Governor & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sirs &c &c

We have been honored with your Commands of the 11th Instant by the Honorable Bomt Ketch. - conformable to your Orders We have recalled from Tegenagapam all the Europeans except the number directed to be kept there. Upon their arrival, we shall embark the Grenadier Company with as many more, as the Vessels can conveniently accommodate, but we are apprehensive, from what Captain Robinson acquaints us, the Company of Grenadiers, will be as many as he will be able to receive on board as the Vessels (is however, his endeavours shall not be wanting to take as many more of the Troops on Board as possible.

Captain Collins with his Battalion being at Tegenagapam & Lieut Colonel the Rajah Tegenagapam Rouze to Allegiance as We have already advised you, we have acquainted him with the Appointment you have been pleased to confer on him, of the Command of the Garrison of Tegenagapam, and desired that of the Rajah, on being informed of his Appointment, should still persist in going, that he in that Case must accompany him to Allumpalliam or to some Situation near it, but on no account to proceed further, until he should hear from your

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your Honor &c. or from us - these Orders we have thought it necessary to give them, as we flatter ourselves you will see the expediency of observing the Rajah to return to the District on receipt of our several Letters to you on the Subject of this leaving it: in the mean while, we have directed Captain Murphy to receive the Charge of Vizianagrum from Colonel Braithwaite - should the Rajah be induced to return to Vizianagrum, we shall furnish the Officer Commanding there with such Instructions as we may judge necessary for his guidance, and that he keep a watchfull Eye over his Conduct.

The Lascars shall be returned to the Presidency agreable to your Orders by the first safe conveyance that may offer, and the remainder of the Europeans be held in readiness for embarking on the arrival of the Ship which you have ordered to call here from Bengall

Late yesterday in the Evening We received a Letter from Colonel Braithwaite dated the 13th Instant to the purport of those we now forward your Honor &c. from them, and which he sent open for our perusal - We hope the reinforcement he has sent to the detachment at Madagalle will quell the disturbances caused there by the Polygar People

We are very respectfully

Honble

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam
20th September 1777

your most obedient &
most humble Servants
Wm Williams
H. Crawford
Nath.l Barlow

Octr 2d Received the following Letter

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

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I am by command to report to you
that Captains Lysaght and Livingston are desir-
-ous of knowing their respective Commands. In con-
-sequence thereof I think it a duty owing to
myself, to take this early opportunity of
humbly applying to you, through the
-medium of this, to be appointed to succeed
Captain Livingston in the Command of the 1st
Battalion of Sepoys & the Fort & Garrison of
Palamcotah.

To this, or any other Battalion
or Captains Command that is or may become
vacant, I trust my Pretentions on my past
Service which stands on record and my
in the Army

As I am convinced it is
your

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your intentions to do justice to every Man. I therefore flatter myself, when my Pretensions are considered that with your usual Benignity and Justice, you will determine the matter in my favor. If you grant my request, and I will engage to exert my abilitys when Ever where the Honble Companys Interest may be concerned. The good of whose Service I have always at heart.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Fort St George
2d Octr 1774

Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
much obliged and most
faithfull Servant
Matthias Calvert

4th Reads the following Letter

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Nabob by a Letter to his Manager Rajah Boya Bux which arrived here the day before yesterday having assented to the treaty made with Boya Rajah, the latter in consequence thereof has gone through the usual Ceremony, and returns into his Pollam of Couvetta, this afternoon, and as there is

nothing

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nothing further now to be done here, I shall
march with the Detachment to morrow
Morning in order to act against the other
Pollegars who I am told are collecting together
a pretty considerable Force.

As a Report prevails here
just now that this Detachment is immediate
-ly to break up, and the Pettoor Battalions to
proceed to that Garrison, the Nabobs Manage-
-ment is much alarmed, as has sent to me to
know the truth of it, representing at the
same time, that should the above Battalions
be ordered away and only one left to go with
him against the other Pollams, and which it
seems is what he has heard, it would greatly
retard the settling that matter. he has therefore,
he tells me, sent off an Express to the Nabob
making known these his Sentiments & particulars
-ly requests of me that should I by this days
Dispatches receive Orders to the above effect, that
I will defer carrying them into execution till
answers can be received from thence.

I shall therefore gentlemen on
a Supposition that such orders may reach me
on my March, take a middle road between the
Pollams, so that it may be equally convenient
for the Pettoor Battalions either to proceed on
the Service, or march to Pettoor agreeable to
whatever may be your final determination,

and

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and which if you will be pleased Gentlemen to
send forward to me by the return of the Nabob Topal
that carries this. I shall get your answer so as
to loose no time —

I have the Honor to remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
your much obliged & very
devoted humble Servant
H. A. M. Bosby

Camp at Tolleput
1st Octr 1744

Received the following Letter
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Orders of
the 11th Instant We have embarked this day on
board the Terrible Bomb Ketch, the Grenadier
Company with their Baggage, and we before
observed to your Honor &c in our Letter of the
20th that it would be impossible from the
small size of this Vessell to put more on board.
We have therefore ordered for the Artillery
and remaining infantry to hold themselves in
readiness for Embarkation at the shortest Notice
in case one of the Honble Company's Ships from
Bengal should touch here for them in conse-
quence of the request made by you to the
Governor

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Governor General and Council for that
Purpose

We are with Respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedt
humble Servants
Wm Williams
Jno Crawford
Nath Barlow

PS since writing the above the Surgeons of the
Detachment on this Settlement have strongly
recommended that Captain Knowles whose
for some time past labouring under a severe
Indisposition, should immediately proceed
to the Presidency for his recovery, which we
have agreed to and hope your Honors &c will
approve of.

Recd the following Letter

Fort St George

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart
President &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sirs &c

After the dispatch of the
Detachment at the Longwood Tent to Cud-
dy left me yesterday Morning in
Command of the few Troops with Rajah
Bein Bur and the 9th Battalion which force
Joined to that of the Rajah marched
this Morning towards Tellicherry and halted
within

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within six miles of it. from whence I hope
to be able to inform you within a day or two,
of the Rajah's Plan of future operations
In the Interim. I have the
honor of remaining
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithfull
and most obedt
humble Servant
R. Kelly

Camp
at Seer-Maul-Rajah Pett
5th Octr 1777

Received the following Letter
From the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs
By the Ship Nancy Captain
Wilmot from Bengal we have taken the Opportu-
-nity of sending to you 2 Pyrangs, 6 Tindals &
150 Lascars whose Batta have been paid them
to this day - We should have embarked the remainder
by this Conveyance had we not urgent occa-
-sion for them a short time: however they shall
be sent by the next favorable Opportunity or
they shall soon proceed to the Presidency over
-land in case none should offer as we are entire
-ly unacquainted with the Terms they were
brought hither: we have been obliged to agree
with Captain Willmot that he should have
the same allowances as was granted to Captain
Wilkinson

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Wilkinson, and therefore hope your Honor
Gr will approve thereof by reserving Sums to
be paid at the Presidency.

Some of the Cadets who came
with the Detachment, embrace this opport=
=unity of proceeding to the Presidency

Fuzzapatam
29th September 1777

Honble Sirs
your most obedt humble Servts
Wm Williams
Hy Crawford
Nath Barlow

Incloses the following Letter
from Colonel Laing
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre
President & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sirs

As I have some military
business to lay before you, I beg leave to
to know what hour it be your pleasure that
I have a seat in Council

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8th Octr 1777

I am
Honble Sirs
your very obedt Servt
Ro Ls Laing

To which the following answer
was returned.

To

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To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast

Sir

I am directed by the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant and to inform you that if you have any military Business to lay before the Board, they desire you will be pleased to do it by Letter addressed to them

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

Charles Oakely

Fort St George
16th Octr 1774

Sir

Received the following Letter from Colonel Lang.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

By a Letter received yesterday from your Secretary I am directed to address you by Letter when any military business occurs but as I humbly conceive that the question in my Letter to you of the 9th Instant remains yet unanswered I beg leave once more to ask whether it be your pleasure that I have a seat in Council I am Honble Sir & Sirs

your very obedient Servant

Ross Lang

Fort St George
15th Octr 1774

And

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Has returned him the following

reply.

To Colonel Ross Sang

Commanding Officer of the Troops on the Coast

Sir

The President and Council have received your Letter of this date, and I am directed by them to acquaint in answer that they never entertained any Idea of giving you a Seat at the Board otherwise they should have called upon you at the Time of your Accession to the Command of the Army. They are at a loss to conceive upon what ground you put the question to them. Again as they do imagine that my Letter to You of Yesterday was sufficiently explanative of their Sentiments, but in order to make it still more clear to you, they now declare that you have no claim whatever to a Seat at the Board by virtue of your Station and that it would be totally inconsistent with the Company's Orders were they to give it you

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

Charles Oakely

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15 Received the following Letter from Captain Kelly

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre

President &c. Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir &c &c

I have the honor of acquain-
-ting you that we got Possession of Pellour
Pollam about eleven o'Clock this morning
the attack lasted about an hour: the Enemy
disputed every Gate so obstinately that it
is supposed their loss must have been consi-
-derable. ours is only a Jemidar & thirteen
killed and wounded. at least I have heard
of no more yet

I have the honor to remain
Honble Sir &c &c
your most faithfull &
most obedient Servant
R. Kelly

Pellour Pollam
11th Octr 1799

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Received the following Letters

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre

President. Council &c. of

Fort St George

Honourable

I have received your Letter
of 29th Ult. and in obedience to your Commands
have delivered over the Command of the Garreson
of Palamcottah to Lieut. Marishall. I am extreme-
-ly concerned. that the Board should judge it
necessary to relieve me from the Command, on
consequence

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consequence of a Charge given in against me by
Mr Rane in the Capacity of Coroner from
Crimes of every Denomination I have the
happyness to stand self acquitted and am known
to be so opposite to every action of my life that
no honest man can accuse me of even the
shadow of one. therefore as you are pleased to leave
it to myself. can see no necessity for an undertaking
the tedious and expensive Journey to the Fort-
-nery as my Conduct does not require my
personal attendance to justify it

I have the Honor to be
Honble
your respectful and
obedient Servant
James Ludyngton

Palamcottah
9th Octr 1775

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
Council &c
Honble Sir & Sirs

I was favoured with your Letter of
5th Instant this Morning. Captain Lewis[illegible] at the same
time delivered over to me the Command of the Garrison
of Palamcotah & the Charge of the 6th Battalion of Sepoys.

I am respectfully
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedient and
most humble Servant
David Marshall

Palam cotah
7th Octr 1775

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble John Whitehill Esq President
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Read a Letter from Fly over Allen
Cowan as entered in G. Con. 18 on answer to the
Presidents Letter advising him of his having taken
Charge of the Government

Read the following Letter from
Masulipatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to receive
your Commands from the Military Department
of the 14th Instant with your letter to Captain
Collins and a Copy of that to Colonel Braithwaite
enclosed.

Your Orders to Captain Collins
have been transmitted to him and he was informed
by us at the same time that we had required of
Captain Powell to detach two European Officers
with two Companies of Sepoys from Condapelle
to relieve him and form an escort for the Rajah as
far as Ongole, should he continue in his desire to
go

From Masulipatam
representing the
necessity of laying
in Grain in Store
at Ellore, Samulcotah
and Condapille

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go to the Presidency the present state of the several Garrisons in these Districts would not admit of our requiring a greater number of Troops for this Service.

Our Storekeeper at Ellore has addressed a Letter to us representing that there has been no grain in Store in the Garrison of Ellore. Samulcotah, and Cannapellee for some time past, owing to its scarcity in the Countrys but that from this last having been a plentyful Season he apprehends a sufficient quantity might now be put in Store in each Garrison at a cheap rate to answer the exigencies of the Troops agreable to General Orders.

We propose therefore should it meet with the approbation of your Honour &c.a to direct the Storekeeper to lay in in each Garrison about five hundred Candies the Quantity he represents to be necessary & which is nearly equal to what was formerly to be kept in them.

We are respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
20th Sept.r 1774

&c

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As there does not appear any immediate want of Grain for the Garrisons of Ellore Samulcotah and Conanpilla, Resolved that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be desired not to lay up any on Store for the present.

The measure not immediately necessary

Read the following Letter from Masulipatam.

From Masulipatam on the Subject of Col: Braithwaites Command there

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Upon the arrival of Colonel Braithwaite at Samulcotah he applies to us by Letter under date the 30th Ult.o to signify in that he enters his appointment to command the Troops in these Districts of which he made no doubt we had been informed by the Honble the President and Council, in reply we acquainted him that his appointment not having been made known to us by your Honor &c. we could not comply with his request.

From the Letter of your Honor &c. to Colonel Braithwaite of the 15th Ult.o which was sent to us under a flying Seal we observed you had directed him to repair to this Station at this place as it was intended on his arrival to have appointed him in orders to the Command of the Troops in Garrison but by a Letter we received

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received from them yesterday in consequence of
sent to them of the 4th Instant he considers his
Situation as only a provisional one with the Dustrict
and we conceive will decline taking the Command
of the Troops here on his arrival

We therefore intreat your
Honors &c will be pleased to acquaint us with
your intentions respecting the Station of
Boothwaite is to possess in these Districts

We are very respectfully
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most Obedient
humble Servants
James Hodges
John Pitt Bourke
Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
12th Octr 1744

On reference to the Minute of
the Board
Colonel Braithwaite's Appointment
observe that his Station was intended to be
fixt at Masulipatam. Agreed therefore
that he be directed to reside there and take
the Command of the Troops in that Garrison.

Read the following Letter
from Gingeram.

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

to reside at Masulipatam, and command the Troops there

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs.

From Ganjam
Complaining of Capt.n
Sywright for refusing
to send the Sick from the
Asha according to his
Orders.

In our Letter of the 9th Instant
to Ganjam, and to cause all the sick to be sent
further except those whose Ailments might
very trifling, and of such a nature as to be
easily removed.

We enclose Your Honor &ca
Copy of the Commanding Officers Answer by
which you will perceive that he complies with
our requisition for removing Mr Ramsay to
Ganjam, but refuses to comply with that for
the removal of the sick, because it does not
come within the description of Military Assis-
tance of the various Instances which We
have experienced of Captain Sywrights disposi-
tion to dispute our Authority, this appears
to us the most extraordinary. We submit the
matter to your Judgement and have the Honor
to be very respectfully

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Smith
B.t Mansell
Tho. Dyneley
Rob.t Hughes
J. Hudleston

Ganjam
29th Sept.r 1777

To

BB Fort St George 20th Octr 1797

To Charles Smith Esqr

Secy to Council

Ganjam

Gentlemen

In my letter of the 29th Ulto I advised you of my having published Mr Hawkins's Appointment as general Accomp.t but as Mr Ramsay was then visiting Mr Bruce who was dangerously ill at Jellamba. I thought it best to defer replying to that part of your Letter of the 21st wherein you require me to order Mr Ramsay and the sick to Ganjam until Mr Ramsays return. he is now come back and has received orders to leave this for Ganjam with all convenient expedition. but as removing the sick from Cuttack does not come in my Province without the discription of Military Assistance) to which by the regulations I conceive your Requisitions ought to be complied, and as a short delay cannot be attended with any detriment to the Service, you will I hope excuse my not complying on this Instance. until I can be informed whether, or not it is the pleasure of the Hond.ble Board that Requisitions in all cases are to be as implicitly complied with, as those for Military Assistance

I remain with Respect

Gentlemen

Your

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Aska
11th Sept. 1777

your most humble
obedt Servant
Signed Arthur Tysaght

A true Copy
J Hudleston
Secy

Minute thereon
the Sick Ordered
down

It is now under the Consideration
of the Board to frame such Regulations as may in
some degree if not totally prevent the disputes which
have lately arisen in the Circars respecting the
Exercise of Military Powers. the Board do not
mean therefore to take up in this place the Subject
of the foregoing Letters further than to resolve that
all the Sick at Aska and other Places be sent
to Ganjam and that Directions to that purpose
be forwarded accordingly

Read the following Letter from

Vizagapatam

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have herewith the Honor to
transmit you an Indent for Medicines from our
Surgeon Mr Pringle. which he requests may
be as fully and expeditiously complied with as
possible.

We are very respectfully
Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient & most
humble Servants
Sam.l Johnson
Wm Williams
Wm Crawford
Jah Barlow

Vizagapatam
30th August 1777

Ordered that the Secret be complied
with

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Vizagapatam recommending that the Troops Detachment there be allowed Batta.

Herewith we transmit you an Extract of a Letter received from Colonel Forbes Bandywaide, under date of the 9th Instant relative to Batta being allowed to the Commissioned Officers of the Detachment sent from Madras, now stationed in Vizagapatam: we think it also incumbent on us to mention that these Officers and Cadets embarked on board the Coventry, without being allowed to bring with them common Necessaries: therefore, were put to very great expence, on account of the many inconveniencies they suffered, in prosecuting their Voyage, as the Vessels, on which they were shipped, did not arrive here, for near a Month after the Coventry. such a number of Europeans has also enhanced the

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the Price of Provisions, and we believe the Officers
and Cadets are at equal expence as if in Camp.
for these cogent Reasons we beg leave to recom-
=mend their being allowed Batta.

We are Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
Sam Johnson
Wm Williams
H. Cranford
Jah Barlow

Vizagapatam
19th Sept. 1777

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Joshua
Brathwaite under 9th September 1777

I beg leave Sir & Sirs, to recom-
=mend to your attention, the great inconvenience
& Expence which the unemployed part of the
detachment sent from Madras, particularly
the Officers and Cadets, have been subjected to, and
whether it may reasonably be hoped that upon
a due representation thereof they will be allowed
to draw Batta. to you Gentlemen who are
so well acquainted with their situation, I
need not dwell upon it. it speaks for itself. &
I am sure it will be sufficient that I have
pointed it out to you as an Object for your
Consideration

A true Extract
H. Cranford

The

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The Board assenting to opinion and

Agreed. accordingly resolve that the Troops sent to
Tiagapadam be allowed Batta from the time
they were under Arms for the Expedition until
Dated the Service was completed

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Braithwaite

To the Hontble John Whitehill Esqr.
President & Council of
Fort St George

Hontble Sir & Sirs

From Col. Braithwaite with a List of the Forts and return the Ordnance and Stores delivered up by the Rajah.

By the Letter which I had the Honor to address to you on the 28th Ult. you will have been informed of the surrender of the Fort of Tiagapadam to the Hontble Companys Troops with the Ordnance Ammunition Stores & Grain therein contained, and in the Letter which I had the Honor to address to you on the 4th Instant you will have further information of the Escort granted to the Rajah as a Convoy to them on his way to the Presidency, and that that Escort was commanded by Captain William Collins and composed of that part of his Battalion of Sepoys which was in this District and one Company of Grenadiers of the 1st Circar Battn. as also that the Hontble Companys Troops were on Possession of Anakapallee Cummum Byagud= =y and Gunda Durum since which the Rajahs Manager

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Manager professed me very much to take immediate
Possession of the Fort of Madgul, as the report of
the Rajahs dismissing all his Troops, had caused
some insurrections in that Neighbourhood. I
accordingly detached Lieut Rogers thither with
two companies of the 2d Battalion of Sepoys of
which I advised the Chief and Council here.
Lieut. Rogers was admitted into the Fort, from
whence he informed me that Hoossa Bokell &
Gopaul Rajah the former Rajah of Golconda
had associated together and had got some
Villages in this Zemindary to revolt. and
were assembling some thousands of Peons, upon
this I thought it necessary to reinforce him
with another Company of the 2d Battalion
under the Command of Ensign De Castonett
Orders to give the Rajahs Country & People
all possible Protection. enclosed I have the
Honor to send you a List of the Forts as given
in by the Rajah's Head Man, with the returns of Ord-
-nance Ammunition. Stores &c &c as they have come to me
besides which about seventeen hundred Muskets have
been delivered in, and more are to be delivered in as fast
as the Rajah can with safety dismiss his detached
Sepoys - The Bastion at the South west angle of Vizia-
-gram has tumbled entirely down in consequence of the
heavy Rains.

this Honble Sir & Sirs is the state of
things in regard to the Military Operations up to

This

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This day at Seven I am honored with your Letter of the 11th Instant informing me that as the Object of this Expedition is now accomplished the Powers given to me by the late Administration are to cease and that you have directed the Chief and Council to withdraw the Europeans from the Field unto Tegnapatam, and to imbark them as soon as possible for the Presidency, except a Detachment and 25 Artillery Men which with 6 Captains following Battalion are to compose the Garrison of Tegnapatam, and that as my Services are no longer requisite on this Coast, I am to repair with all convenient expedition to my Station at Nasulipatam all which I shall pay the punctual Attention and Obedience to as far as in my power but in the absence of Captain Bellasis Battalion there is a difficulty in my way. I shall write to the Chief and Council, to whom I have the honor to send this enclosed. If you for their direction Instructions and waite their answer which shall be the rule of my Conduct.

I have the honor to be with Respect

Sir &c &c

your most obedient

humble Servant

John Braithwaite

Head Quarters
near Tegnapatam
18th Sept.r 1774

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A Return of Ordnance Ammunition & Stores Lodged in the Garrison of Tellicherry 5th Septr 1777

Brass Guns		4 Pounders	348
12 Pounders	4	3 D	28
4 D	2	Countershammed Shott	
2½ D	1	16 Pounders	498
1½ D	1	12 D	700
1 D	2	8 D	296
½ D	3	6 D	36
½ D	1	5 D	260
2 Ounces	1	4 D	385
Iron Guns		3 D	190
12 Pounders	3	2 D	226
9 D	1	from 2 Ounces to one	
6 D	10	Pound	2100
5 D	1	Hand grenades	140
4 D	13	Rockets	366
3 D	12	Carriages	
2½ D	1	Field	9
2 D	3	Truck	33
1½ D	2	Tumbrels	5
1 D	11	Limbers	3
8 Ounces	8	Sponges of Sorts	8
Wall Pieces from 2 Ounces		Field Cloth	
to one Pound	21	Cartridges	
Round Shott		16 Pounders	150
12 Pounders	420	12 D	216
6 D	50		
	4		6

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6 Pounders	—	140	Blue Lights Composition		
5 D°	—	70		Barrels	12
4 D°	—	112	Meal Powder	D°	1
2 D°	—	26	Salt Petre	Bags	8
1 D°	—	250	D° D° in Bulk		-
Empty Cloth Cartridges			Sulphur	Bags	17
4 Pounders	—	50	D°	Baskets	10
3 D°	—	20	Rosin	D°	1
1 D°	—	10	D°	Pots	1
½ D°	—	20	Turpentine	D°	1
Musquet Ammunition			Lead	Pigs	24
English	—	2200	Country Iron in bars		D° 7000
French	—	2700	Large Bell	—	1
Blank	—	2500	Gunny	—	1
Flints	—	300	Tongs & Mould for Musquet Ball	—	1
Loose Balls					
English	—	6500	Cordage		
French Hammered		43500	3 Inch Europe Coils	—	1
Iron Hammered		2300	3 D° Country D°	D°	1
Empty Tubes			Country Small Size Hawsers		35
6 Pounders		270	D°	Twine D°	3
Cartridge Paper	Quires	12	Small Coir	Buoys	160
Powder			Hand Jack	—	1
Europe	Barrels	9	Smiths Tools		
Country	D°	15	Hammers	—	4
In Puppies		66	Intrenching Tools		
In Large Baskets		6	Mamties	—	2
In small D°		4	Iron Crows	—	2
Blue Lights		40	Bill Hooks	—	4

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B The above accounts in a bad condition and

State

John Brathwaite

George Nodler
Captain of Artillery

List of Forts which the Rajah wishes the Honble Company to put Troops into with the Number of Men and flinte & Firelocks now in them

		Men	Guns	Flints & Firelocks
	Nassain Patnam – the Troops in this Fort have their own Firelocks	100	300	
	Macawa		150	
	Jaaa	90		90
	Devapelly	155		
	Madagull	370	350	320
	Condalam		150	
	Samboo Koopalapatnam	100		90
	Shingavarapucottah		100	
	Devarapelly	"	100	
	Cashiporam	"	100	
	Cheenpurpelly	"	25	
	Cuttah Cottah	"	50	
	Hiramundalum	"	100	
	Salore	"	500	
	Pachypunta	"	100	
	Porum	"	100	
	Seelam	"	50	
	Ramabadarapooram	"	100	

Belgum

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Bilgram		200
Sekeram Nagaram		10
Nassepatam		80
Madapaka		20
Covepam		
Cunnapuram		
Pongudda		853
Covlasacotah		
Conkapille		
Tholaveram	160	160

NB Among the Poms are many who have Matchlocks in Madrigall, and the six last places are Company's Troops stationed in Tholaveram only on Honorary Guard the Sepoys there are to be dismissed if the Poms brought down here

A Return of Ordnance Stores Ammunition, and Military Stores found in the Garrison of Madrigall 14th September 1777

Delivered over to Lieut: Samuel Rogers.

	Iron Guns 9 Pdrs Carriages	Iron Guns 6 Pdrs	Iron Guns 4 Pdrs	Iron Guns 3 Pdrs	Iron Guns 1 Pdr	Iron Howitzers	Iron Mortars	Iron Coehorns	Iron Grenades	Shot 1 Cwt	Shot 2 Cwt	Shot 3 Cwt	Shot 4 Cwt	Shot 6 Pdrs	Shot 3 Pdrs	Shot 1 Pdr	Musket Cartridges Ball	Musket and Musketoon Balls	Flints	Blank Guns Cartridges	Bundles of Grape Shot
	7	2	3	4	1	2	2	2	82	206	63	167	132	6	23	8	2002	36700	1600	229	2

NB Most of the Cannon are old and apparently good for little.

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A Return of Arms & Ammunition found
in the Fort and Magazine of Anakapille delivered
over to the Charge of Lieut. Wm Augustus
Le Grand - September 1744

Three small Iron Guns	In the Magazine one Christs
One Wall Peece	12 Rifle Muskets & Bayonets fitt[ing]
Forty Matchlocks all broke	Three Basketts of Ball
One hundred Firelocks	Four ~ Two Pattarooes
Twelve Bayonets	Muskett Shott
Twenty Cartouches	Cartridge paper
One Pair of Colours	Two Drums ~ One Drum
One Drum	Ball for Do. Wall
	Saltpetre
	Flints
	Fuzes

John Brathwaite

Read the following Letter from

Vizagapatam

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &ca Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of yesterdays Date
From Vizagapatam advising that some Duplicate of which comes enclosed We acquainted
Lascars still remain Your Honor &ca That we had embarked on the
there. Ship Nancy 150 Lascars, but Captain Wilmot
finding afterwards, they were too many to be
accommodated with Convenience, left 2 Topasses
and 27 Lascars behind. They shall however,
either

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either be sent to the Presidency by the next
Ia Conveyance if any should offer shortly
or shall accompany the others overland, as
soon as the Service is finished on which they
are at present employed.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Wm Williams
Wm Crawford
Nath Barlow

Fuzagapatam
30th Septr 1777

Recd at Vizagapatam 6th Novr
Come over Land and
arrive 20 Days Batta

Recd that the Gentlemen
are desired to send the Lascars
immediately overland and to allow them
20 days Batta only for the Journey

Read the following Letters

from Lieut Colonel Corby.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqre
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col. Corby complaining
of the hardship of the
being superseded by
Major Macallam.

It is with the greatest concern
I hear Captain Macallam a Captain on the
Bombay Establishment is now on his way
to Masaya with an Appointment from home
of Major on this Coast. I cannot but feel
thes the more sensibly as I am just returned
from

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from England myself with the warmest
assurances from my Friends that no appoint-
-ment so evidently to my prejudice would
take place, and it appears now the more
pointed and of course distressing to my feelings
as I learn that Captain Hopkins who is the
very next at present on this Coast above me,
and with whom I am of the very same days
standing as a Captain, is appointed a Major
before Captain Macclellan whilst I am totally
neglected, had there been many of that Captains
of the same standing with myself I should
not have felt it so much as the impropriety
of making so great a number of Majors
might have been argued, but as that is not
the case, and that I am now the only one on
the Coast of the same rate with Captain
Hopkins, and I hope in no shape less deser-
-ving of such a mark of favor, it appears
remarkably hard to have any one step in
between me and that Gentleman, let me
therefore Gentlemen beg of you to lay my case
before the Honble the Court of Directors
who I flatter myself when they come to consider
the above restore me to my former Standing
the above restore me to my former Standing

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sirs

Fort St George
14th Octr 1771

your very devoted & most humble Servant

H. A. M. Cosby

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A Copy of this Letter was sent
to the Court of Directors by the Egmont

Read the following Letters from
Lieutenant Colonel Flowne.

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

Honble Sirs &c &c

Lieut Colonel Flowne on the Subject of Guns Powder &c in the Garrison of Tanjore

accompanying you will receive
the monthly returns of the Troops under my Com-
mand for the Month of August

The Troops returned on Command
are distributed in different parts of the Country
under the Direction of the Rajahs Annaldars satisfy
except a small part doing duty in the different
Garrisons dependant on Tanjore where European
Officers are stationed

Major Stevens is employed here
carrying on the Works and alterations in the
Fortifications of this Garrison agreable to Plans
approved of by the Board. They are now in such
a Situation that the safety of the Garrison absolutely requires it necessary that no Stop should be
put to their being carryd forwards with all
expedition. I hope your Honrs &c will therefore
approve of the Majors carrying them on as expeditiously as possible.

There is quantity of Gun Powder
which was found in this Garrison, but the best
of

of it after being sifted, cleaned and dry is not
half the Strength of Mr Rays Powder, however
it answers by augmenting the quantity for
the blowing up of Pellivan. but not for the
defence of this Garrison. I therefore represented
to General Stuart the absolute necessity of sending
a supply of 500 Barrels of Europe Powder and
1000 Barrels of Mr Rays as the smallest quantity
that would be necessary even supposing it was
determined to remark the Tanjore Powder. I
understand the General represented this at a
late Committee of Stores where it was deter-
=mined to send up a Quantity of Powder immed-
=iately I hope your Honor &c will be pleased
to give orders on this head as soon as possible.
as the quantity of Powder than can be depended
on in this Garrison is not sufficient for three
days firing was the place attacked other Stores
are wanting also many of which have been
indented for but not supplyd. and as now the
Season will soon be favorable for sending
Stores down by Sea to Aroia patam. I shall direct
the Storekeeper with the assistance of the Inspector
of Stores to make out a fresh Indent which I
shall forward.

I have received a Letter from
the late President and Council of the 27th of
August. Inclosing a Copy of a Letter from the
Rajah of Tanjore just then received. and an

Extract

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Extract of another Letter from the Rajah of the 11th of August. these Letters being contradictory to the Letters I had wrote to the Board. they requested me to give them full information of what has passed on the Subject of the Rajahs Promise.

I shall only say at present that I gave the Board a faithful and true Account of what passed on that head between the Rajah and me in my Letter of the 5th of July which I am ready to attest, and can prove by the Testimony of Canoro. who stood Interpreter. Veerapulla who I also carried with me as a Check on Canoro's Interpretations. and one Tahsome a Person employed often on Messages between the Rajah or his Ministers and me. and respecting the Extract of the Rajah's Letter of the 11th August. my Letter of the 10th to the Board gives a true Account of what passed at a Visit I paid the Rajah the 2d of August at which the above named Persons were present. who with the others have seen my Letter and are ready to attest the truth of it. should your Honor &c. require any further information on the Subject of the late Board's Letter to me of the 27th of August. I shall forward Canoro's declaration in writing which he has left with me. Veerapulla and Tahsome's drawn up and signed by themselves and Mr Jones's declaration of the truth of what passed on

his

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his presence which I doubt not will satisfy your Honor &c of the truth of what I wrote to the Board and which being on Record as well as the Rajahs Letters which appear so contradictory require my clearing this Differ=ence up which can only be done by bringing creditable Witnesses to prove what I have advanced it concerns me much to be under an absolute Neces=sity of setting the Rajahs Conduct in a proper light of Him so dishonorable to his Rank and Station which my own Honour requires but I have many reasons to be convinced that the Rajah has been in these Letters too much swayed by one of his Ministers who has uniformly oppos'd every Measure of the late Government and on particular the Arabobs Claims.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
Matthew Horne

Copied to lye on the Table
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have this morning received your Commands of the 29th of September
informing

Tanjore
9th Septr 1777

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From Col Stevenson delivers over the Command of Tanjore to Major Brooome.

informing me you had thought it necessary to relieve me from the Command of this Garrison. and directing me to deliver over the Charge to the Senior Officer on the Spot.

In obedience to these Orders I have delivered over the Command to Major Brooome and shall proceed (as you direct) with all expedition to Fort St George where I will face any Charge Mr Andrew Ram or any other Person can legally bring against me.

I am respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
Matthew Horne

Tanjore
2 Octr 1775

Read the following Letters from
Colonel Flint
To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

From Col Flint advising of an application from the Naboh's Manager for Military Assistance

on my Arrival here Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald delivered me a Letter from your Selfs (Mr Oakely) in the name of the Board desiring him to give the Naboh's Manager every reasonable Assistance to oblige the Polygars of Marapperum to pay the Peiscash due the Naboh these two years past. the said Manager has

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has applied to me for ten Companies of Sepoys
for the above Service he also intends taking
with him two field Pieces belonging to the
Nabob, but wants some Artillery Men of me
to manage them, should I not receive an answer
to this ere he wants the Detachment to march.
I shall supply him with at least eight Europ.
and a few more from the Artillery.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt and
very humble Servant
Wm Flint

Trichinopoly
22 Sept 1799

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c Council
Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the pleasure of addressing
From the same on the same subject you the 7th Instant acquainting you with my
and representing having sent a Detachment to assist the Nabob
the want of Stores Managers in collecting the Peishcash due from
at Trichinopoly the different Polligars in the Monapparum
Country.

The Ramgarry Polligar did not
chuse to come to any terms, but stood upon
the defensive, that being the case Captain
Moorhead at the Managers desire took Pos-
-session of the Place but not without strong
Opposition by which he has some killed

and

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and wounded from two very strong Barrier
the accompanying is the return of the two
Polygar with most of his People fled to the
Woods, their Effects I have not yet learnd.
the Naboby Manager has since applied to
me for permission to leave four Companies
of that Detachment at Ramgary, which I
shall not consent to, till I have your further
Orders, but have advised him to station three
five or six Companies of the Naboby Sepoys
Joined with the Detachment to the other
Polygars.

Captain Mountgomerie in conse=
=quence of the Managers wanting to leave four
Companies at that place has applied to me
for the same number from this, which I
cannot comply with, neither do I approve
of the Sepoys being left about the Country in
small parties as it is unmade on to the Corps
they belong, besides the few remaining Sepoys
in this Garrison are chiefly Recruits & barely
a relief of effective Men - not only that should
any of the Polygars former depredatory en
feature, I shall be distressed to turn out a
Detachment - shall be much obliged to you
for an answer to this as soon as possible
for an answer

I addressed Colonel Lang
two days ago and requested he would make
the Board acquainted with the particulars I

for

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had wrote.

We are in the greatest distress for Stores of all kinds owing to the Indents not being complied with. was under the necessity of borrowing a Barrel of Tarr from the Nabobs Stores for the use of our Artillery Park. Captain Muirheads Detachment is sufficient in many Articles that were not to be had from the Stores.

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

Trichinopoly
16th Octr 1775

The Board cannot help expressing some surprise that Colo Flint did not before make Minute thereon than acquainted with the Proceedings of the Detachment ordered out under Capt. Muirhead-
Resolved that his Indents for Stores be complied with as soon as possible.

Mr Haslewood appointed a Cadet in the Companys Service.

Mr Haslewood appointed Cadet

F. Perring

Fort St. George 20th Oct 1777

20th Came in the following Letters

From Colonel Flint

To Colonel Ross Lang

Commander in Chief

Sir

From Colonel Flint
& a Detachment under
Capt. Muirhead rec.
called by the Rangy Poligar

I have just received a Letter from Captain Muirhead requesting me of the Renegade Pollygar Manager having informed him that the Bamgary Polygar had refused to come to any terms. That during the case requested that he might be put on Polygar of the Pollam. at the same time acquainted him that he had certain Intelligence that there was only one Barrier after taking which he might march on to the Village of Bamgary, he thought he might depend on this as there was one of the head Polygars who accompanied him and assured him likewise he did spot
lead him to the very Step, but found himself made deceived for after taking the first Barrier with little loss he marches on thro a very thick wood the road tolerable good for about a Mile, when he found to his Surprise on his front a strong Wall from which he received a very severe fire the three Pounders he had with him had not the least effect on it. as he was losing his People fast and no prospect of carrying the place thought it most prudent to retreat to the first Barrier which he keeps possession of and has requested

of

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of me to send them at least nine Pounders at it will be impossible to proceed any further without them. shall do my endeavours to supply him with such Guns as I can tho not of the same Calibre as they are not to be had. have sent him a fresh supply of Ammunition.

He has had killed one European Gunner one Serjeant and three Sepoys wounded two European Officers Lieut.ts Tolson & Patterson) the Latter it is imagined very dangerously. one Artillery Serjeant, two Subidars, one Drummer and ten Sepoys.

I am to request you will acquaint the Board with these particulars. and remain with Respect.

Sir

your obedient and most humble Servant

Wm Flint

Trichinopoly 31st Octr 1794

To Charles Oakely Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

This is to inform you that Lieut. Willm Patterson of the 20th Battn of Sepoys is dead he having died of a wound he recd some days ago in the Rangary country being on Service there — Ensign John Bamberry the 8 Battn of Sepoys also died this day of a lingering Illness. —

From D. Lieut. Patterson & Ensign Bamberdie

I am Sir, your very obed. humble Servant

Wm Flint

Trichinopoly 15 Octr 1794

At

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At a Consultation Present

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr Governor Presidt

Charles Smith Samuel Johnson

Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read

Read the following Letter from

Bengal

To the Honble George Stratton Esqr

President & Council

Fort St George

Gentlemen

We are very much concerned to inform you of the decease of Lieutenant General Sir John Clavering late Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in India on the 30th Instant. until a successor to this Office shall be appointed from Europe We think it proper that all the military Duties appertaining to it should be performed by the Governor General and Council as heretofore Military Department. We therefore request that you will be pleased to give orders to the Commanding Officer of the Troops under your Presidency for continuing to make his Returns to us in the same manner as he has heretofore done to the late Commander in Chief.

We are

Gentlemen

your most obedient

humble

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Fort William
the 1st Septr 1774

Humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Rich Barwell
P. Francis

As the Governor General & Council
of Bengal have thought it necessary to request
that Returns of the Troops on this Establishment
be made to them in the same manner as to the late
Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in India,
it is resolved that the Commandeing Officer of the Troops
here be directed to make such Returns for their
Information. The Board do not mean here to give
any opinion whether the Governor General & Council
of Bengal are authorized or empowered to perform
in their corporate Capacity the Duties of Commander
=in Chief in India or to require monthly
returns of the Forces on this Establishment, suffice
it to say that whilst the point appears doubtful
it would be improper in the Board to advise the
Right as far as it respects this Government.
Nevertheless being desirous on the one hand of
avoiding the most distant probability of a
dispute with the Governor General & Council
upon a matter of so little consequence in itself.
and wishing on the other hand to prevent
any encroachment upon the Powers left them
by the late regulating Act of Parliament. The
Board have upon this principle agreed to comply
with the request made by the Governor General

and

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and Council merely for their Information in which they flatter themselves they have conformed to the meaning of the Act without admitting a Right which might hereafter be drawn as precedent to circumscribe the Powers of this Government still more than appears to have been intended by the Legislature or the Company.

Read the following Letter from Bengal.

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

Gentlemen

Although We have no immediate Prospect of a Rupture between Great Britain and any of the States of Europe, yet as such are Event as by no means improbable We think it of the utmost Consequence to be prepared against it. We therefore request that you will be pleased to transmit Us a Return of the actual State of the Troops at your Presidency with your Sentiments upon the Means of completeing your Establishment of cooperateing in the most effectual manner with this Presidency in case of Invasion & the most eligible plan for making a Diversion in favor of Bombay upon any appear on that side of India.

We

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We shall likewise be glad
to receive an account of the Views and Connections
of the different Country Potentates their
Strength and Revenues together with your
Opinion of such Alliance as you recommend
to be formed in case of Emergency.

We are Gentlemen,
your most obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Rich.d Barwell
P. Francis

Fort William
17th Septr 1774

Altho' We think the late advices
from England (which the Governor Generals
Council of Bengal could not be acquainted with
at the time they wrote the above Letter) do not afford
any Ground to believe there is a probability of
a Rupture for some time with any of the
European Powers yet it is certainly very proper
to be as much as possible on our Guard by
concerting with Bengal the measures necessary
to be taken in case such an Event should happen.
Resolved therefore that the best account We
can obtain upon the Points mentioned in the
above Letter be sent to the Governor General &
Council of Bengal and that We communicate
our Sentiments to them as fast as We are yet
enabled from the short experience We have

Read

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Ltr. to form a Judgement of the Views and
Connections of the different Country Powers
their Strength & Resources and the Alliances
necessary to be formed in case of Emergency -

Read the following Letter
from Mr Garrow Paymaster at Onore.

To the Hond.le Sir John Whitehill Knt.
President and Governor for Council
Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor herewith
to transmit you the Monthly Returns of the
Stores belonging to this Garrison together
with two Invoices one for Stores the other
for Stationary. The latter of which is very
much wanted.

In a letter I lately received from
the Sub-Secretary I had your Honor's Per-
mission for 300 Pagodas for building a
House for the Paymaster - in answer to which
I take the Liberty to represent to you the
unsufficiency of the Sum, on account of the
great Dearth of Materials in this Country
owing principally to the present scarcity of all
kinds of Wood which runs so high the
Beams and other wooden Materials in the
building to come very high, but also the
increasing of Bricks Tiles &c. The Increase
being

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being brought from a very great Distance &
so covery dead.

some time ago I recd an
application from Mr. Ferguson the Surgeon
of this place, for an Allowance of Housrent,
to which I replied, That as an Allowance of
that kind had not hitherto appeared in
the Accounts of this Place, it was out of my
power at this time to entertain it without an Order
from the Board. in answer to which he sent me
the accompanying Letter, which I have enclosed
for your Honor y.r Inspection. the Truth of the
Circumstances therein mentioned I can corroborate
from my own knowledge of them. I therefore request
your Honor y.r Directions on that Head.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servant
R Gardner Paym.r

Bengale
27th Oct.r 1777

To Robert Gardner Esq.r
Paymaster

Sir

When I first arrived here I applied
to the commanding Officer for a Quarter who told
me that it was with difficulty he could accom-
modate the Officers & that it was therefore only
his power to give me one, but that he would
accommodate

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accommodate me with an apartment in this house
till I could provide myself. I have therefore been
under the necessity of building a House & Shop
for at a considerable Expence on account of the
difficulty of procuring Materials in this place.
As you are acquainted with these circumstances
I request that you will apply to the Board
for leave either to pay my expences of that kind
or to grant me an allowance for House rent &
Shop rent.

I am Sir
your most obed Servant
F. Ferguson

Bengal
30th Augt 1777

Ordered, That the Secretary do
acquaint Mr Governor, that no addition can be
made to the Sum already granted by the Board
on a with respect to Mr Fergusons Application
that the Surgeon at Bengal be allowed House
Rent at the rate of Five Pagodas a Month.

Read the following Letter

From Colonel Laing.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith you will receive a list
of Appointments and removals which I have
to recommend to your Approbation.

I

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I also enclose you two several
Letters from Lieutenant Young & Ensign Darby
of the late European Troops. Mr Young is
sufficiently explicit to preclude the necessity
of my enlarging on the case. It is necessary
however, to observe that Mr Young has since
the delivery of his letter, reported to me that
he has received all allowances as Adjutant to
the day the Troops was reduced.

As both these officers bear
extreme fair characters & the fall from Cavalry
to Infantry must be a very sensible degradation.
I could wish that the Gentlemen of the Board
would be pleased so far to favor them, with respect
to their duty & Pay, as to make the change in
their situation less affecting.

I beg leave to recommend Mr
Arthur Gibbings and Mr John Long to be
appointed Cadets. I

Request you will order a
Committee to sit upon the rejected Topas
cloathing.

And now Gentlemen permit me
to observe that my application for a seat in
Council arose from no other motive than a
conviction that it was for the good of the
Service, and a very recent precedent authorised
my Claim. since it is your pleasure that I
address you at a distance. I shall for the
present

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present my prays my feelings. my best endeavours
shall be exerted for the General good. but, should
any one persons or this take's recur on my part
I flatter myself you will be so candid as to
recollect that I labour under an impediment
unknown to my Predecessors

I am

Fort S. George
20th Octr 1772

Sir
your very obedient Servant
Ross Lang

To Colonel Ross Lang

Actg & Commander in Chief &c &c
Sir

I never be determin'd in the duty
I owe to myself nor to the recommendation of my
Friends if I failed to represent the hard ships
I am at present subjected to, I have no doubt but
these Instructions will be very agreeable to you
and I request that you will lay my Letter before
the Honble the President and Council for their
consideration

The Honble the Court of Direc
tors were pleased by a Commission dated the
6th March 1772 to appoint me the youngest
Lieutenant of Cavalry on this Establishment. &
to take rank as such on my arrival which
is appointed on the 5th April 1773. In consequence
of this Commission I was ordered to join
the

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The European Troop Commanded by Captain
Dugan which I accompanied did.

In the General Letter from the
Honble Court of Directors to the Governor
and Council dated 13th April 1774 Para 30th
That the honor of being mentioned in the
following Manner.

"The Character which Lieut.
"William Young belonging to your Military
"Establishment experienced Officer in His Majestys
"Cavalry makes us very desirous of his being
"employed and promoted in the same line in
"our Troops. We therefore take this occasion to
"recommend him to your particular notice
"upon the first Vacancy wherein which may
"be to that Gentlemans advantage."

On the beginning of February
1776 upon the Recommendation of Capt Dugan
and the Commander in Chief the Right Honble
the President and Council were pleased to grant
me a Commission as Aquitant to the Corps on
which I served in consequence of this Commission
I did duty and received pay as such until I received
the following extract of a Letter from Mr Secretary
Sullivan to the Chief and Council of Cuddalore
Dated the 13th March 1777.

"I am commanded to inform you
"that the Officers and Men of the Troop are to
"have the same subsistance that they drew
when

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when embodied as Cavalry but that no Allowance
or Pay be made an Adjutant Quarter Master
a Troop Major or Farrier as their Services
can be no longer required now that that the
Troop is discontinued

Signed R. J. Sullivan
Secretary

I still continued to act as
Adjutant until a reduction of the Cavalry
took place in consequence of an Order dated in
July 1777 it will be unnecessary to remind you
Sir, as you are so well acquainted with the Rules
of the Army, that the Staff to any Corps are the
first appointed and must continue as long as
that Corps remains embodied, that an Officer
while he holds a Commission must receive
the Allowances belonging to it and that the
Regulations expressly say that no Officer
whatever shall be deprived of his Commission
but by the Sentence of a Court Martial

After the Order was given for
reducing the Troop, I was ordered to march the
Men belonging to it up to Headquarts. I was
then informed by the Commander in Chief that
in Consequence of my Commission from the Horse
Company as Lieut'y of Cavalry, the Board would
continue me the Pay as such, but that I must
join the Infantry as the duty was severe from a
scarcity of Officers and I was accordingly appointed
to

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to the first Regiment 2 Battn in the Garrison

Orders of the 28th August 1777

I must beg leave to remark that
I was deprived of my Pay as Adjutant while my
Commission was in force, That an established
Corps in which I served was reduced and that I
was ordered to do duty in another Corps inferior
to my own, and differing from it in every respect
by an Arrangement which the Honble Com=
pany have been pleased to deem illegal. That
in his Majesty's Service in which I had the Honor
to bear a Commission with the approbation
of my Superiors, and by which I procure the Honble
Companys Service is regulated, it is an established
rule that whenever a Corps is reduced the
Officers of that Corps are reduced likewise &
are maintained on half Pay untill their Services
are again required and that it is unprecedented
for an Officer to be transferd from Cavalry
to Infantry excepting with his Approbation
or a superior Rank and I will submit it to
your Consideration if the consideration of
the Honble Board, whether a scarcity of
Officers can be assigned as a sufficient reason
for reducing me to the Infantry who have been
appointed a Cavalry Officer by the Honble
the Court of Directors, and am still acknow=
=ledged as such, which many of the Companys
Infantry Officers are now actually doing duty

as

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as officers of Cavalry in the Service of the Nabob
I can count Thirteen Infantry Officers in this
Situation who do not seem to have been
thought of, or if they were no Inclination or
has been shewn to favour them. while another
Officer and myself have under such circumst-
=ances been pushing pushed by an unjust a pun-
=ished and rigorous treatment.

I was informed by General Stuart
that Cavalry was to be raised for the Company
should this resolution continue I would by shall
avail myself of my Commission as the second
Officer of Cavalry on the Coast, in the mean
time I must request in the most earnest manner
that you will dispense with the Garrison
Order of the 21st August and I hope that the
Justice of my pretensions will induce the
Honble the President and Council to allow of
my remaining as a Supernumerary upon
such Cavalry are raised. or until the pleasure
of the Court of Directors be known, and not
add what I must consider as another pecu-
=liar hardship with those already experienced
by the reduction of the Corps in which I served

I am Sir
with much respect
your most obed. Humble Servant
Wm Young
L. 1st Cavalry
Fo

Fort St George
24 Sept. 1777

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To Colonel Ross Lang
Acting Commander in Chief
Sir

I beg leave to inform you that ever since my arrival in this Country (Octr 1772) I have served in the Cavalry only, and borne a Commission accordingly. That I am by the late reduction of that Corps not only deprived of the Rank annexed to the said Cavalry Commission but am ordered to do duty as Ensign of Infantry & receive Subsistance as such.

I therefore, Sir, take the Liberty of thus laying my case before you, I hope you will do me the justice to believe that, however hurt I may feel myself on this occasion, I am ever at the Honble Company's Service in any manner they may please to employ me. yet I flatter myself I may without presumption request that I may still be continued on the Establishment as an Officer of Cavalry, and as such receive Pay & such other Indulgences as your better Judgement shall direct, and that you will be pleased to exert your influence with the Honble the Board on my behalf.

I am

Sir,

your very humble &
obedient Servant

Henry Darley

To

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To Colonel Ross Lang

Acting Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

I hope you'll excuse the Liberty of this Letter when you see the unhappy Occasion of it. I have had the Honor of serving his Majesty, and the Honble Company for these twenty five years, and have always taken care to observe my duty, and it would be a great happiness to me, were I able to continue it as formerly, but alas. I have for these five years past been most grievously afflicted with Convulsions at the full and Change of the Moon; and to such a degree as to require two Men to hold me during the Fits, and they are scarcely sufficient, and notwithstanding I have had the best advice and assistance from Mr Pasley and others. The Disorder still continues the same, without the least abatement of its Violence. This melancholy occasion'd on my it's rise from a fracture I received on my Head on the West Coast by a piece of a Rock and to compleat my Affliction Mr Pasley has pronounced it out of the power of Medicine ever to relieve me. The nature of my disorder being laid before you, permit me Sir, to request you will take the matter into your serious Consideration

as

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as I would gladly be convalesced being endirely
unfit for doing any other duty. which to my
sorrow is daily by force.

Mr Pasley has pointed out
Enoculose as the best part of the Country
for me to reside and if you should approve
of my being removed. beg you will consider of
the Last mentioned place.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedt &
most humble Servant
George Moore
Lieutenant

Madras
10th Septr 1774

Agreed. That Lt Younge and
Cornet Darley do for the present receive
the Pay of Cavalry Officers but do duty with
the Infantry.

Ordered. that Mssrs Johnson
Young and James Call and Captains Reave and
Sydenham do sit as a Committee for the Examination
of the regulated Sepoy clothing & make their
Report to the Board.

Agreed. that the Request of
Lieut. Moore be complied with, & that he be convey-
-ded accordingly.

Read the following Letter
from Colonel Lang.

To

1776 Fort St George 29th Sept 1777

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith you will receive a true

Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Lieut Col. Nixon

which I think it my duty to submit to your

perusal

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

your very obedt Servt

Ross Lang

Fort St George

29 September 1777

To Colonel Ross Lang

Sir

I beg leave to represent to you

that the appointment of the Adjt General to the

Command of a detachment of Troops now in the

field is a very unusual one and implies as if the

Field Officers in the Service were thereby slighted.

I am of hope for near a year but

totally unemployd & have hopes you will think

my offering my Services on this occasion beyond

Request, Sir, you will be pleased to obtain this

matter to be considered by the Honble Board

wherein you will much oblige

your most obedient

humble Servant

Fredkinopoly

16 September 1777

(Copy)

Lockes Nixon

Lieut

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Read also the following Letter

from Lt Colonel Baillie

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & the rest of the Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

a reflection and I may venture

to say unmerited lately thrown not only on myself

but on the whole body of field officers on this

Establishment / by Lt Braithwaite alone excepted / has

me at this time much contrary to inclination

and reflecting on the multiplicity of business you

are engaged in to make application for redress.

a grievance of such nature as must ever be corroding

to the feelings of a Man, so tho' than the darkness

from me any character as a Soldier which I

have been most tenacious of now hitherto maintained

=tained for many years in this Service. I hope

with honor. to be short and take up as little

of your time as possible I mean the Commander

of Captain Crosby / for I can hold him in no other

light when detached from his employ of adjutant

General / to command a Detachment which

from Numbers the eldest officer in the Service

might be pursued of. - some surely of your

field officers are men of Ability and have given

proof. the Records of the Board will certify it.

what then can have given cause to such an

Attack upon every right that to an officer

ought

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ought to be done if an accusation be laid on
I am ready for myself and request a publick
hearing. if on the contrary from this short
representation that merits and justice which
every Servant of the Honble Company therefore
himself aggrieved, has a right to claim. it may
be said indeed, as I have heard in common Report
that it is considered only a Nabobs Expedition
let it be so, no concern of mine. what I know
and complain of is that between two and three
thousand Infantry with a proportionable
Train of Artillery of the Honble Companys
Troops have taken the field and under the
Command of a Captain who by the Court of
Directors is appointed Adjutant General an
to hold the nominal rank of Lt Colonel only
while he does that particular duty.

I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sirs &c &c

your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Wm Baillie

Poonamalee
7th September 1777

As the Service in which Lt Colo Wood
Corps commanded was undertaken in the Gen First
of the late Government, and as it is now over
the Board think it unnecessary at present to
make any observation on the aforegoing Letters
Sent the following Letters
from

1881 Fort St George 27th Octr 1799

From Captain Kelly.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Council of

Fort St George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor of acquainting you
the 11th Instant. by the Nabobs Topal, of the Desertion
of Pellar Pollam. since which, the Troops have
been employed in opening the Woods & in repairing
the Pollam Fort. for the temporary protection
of the Rice Cutters that must be left behind
to compleat the distruction of the place, & Company
of the Nabobs Sepoys & five hundred of Bom-
Rauzis Men are thrown into the Fort, untill
the business shall be executed.

We should have marched this
Morning against one of the other Pollams
but for the heavy Rains, which I fear will prevent
us to move also. but it is Rajahs Bun-Bust
intentions not to until the other eight
Pollegars are reduced to obedience or totally
rooted out. and as they seem determined to risk
the latter, rather than submit to the Terms
proposed to them. the Rajah has therefore resolv-
ed to proceed the first fair day, to some eligible
encampment within a few Miles of one of the
Southern Pollams. and thence to proceed to
Business as soon as circumstances will permit.

I

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I therefore think it my duty
Humble Sirs and Sirs humbly to represent to you
that my Battalion is daily decreasing in number
from various causes such as bad water the
continual dampness of their Cloaths & of the
ground they lay on and desertions of those Sepoys
who are unable or afraid to undergo this kind
of Service.

That, I have good reason to
think my sole dependance must in future be
placed on my Artillery and Sepoys, for the
taking of the other Pettahs the interest of
the confederate Polligars & that our faithful
friends being unoperable

That, on every attack we
may expect to be opposed by the united Force
of the nine Polligars, as long as one of their Pettahs
remains, and their situations are such that
the reduction of every one, only reduces their
whole Force to a more defensible compass.

From all these Considerations
I humbly request that my force may be aug-
mented, as soon as convenient and should my
Requisition be granted it may not be improper
to say what Augmentation I judge sufficient.
I have therefore taken the Liberty Humble Sirs &
of enclosing in the Postscript a Scrap
of Paper which I hope may not appear unreas-
-onable, and which if complied with will

I

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I hope be sufficient to finish our business pro-
-perly. let our Allies act as they will.

I have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithfull and
most obedient humble servant
R. Kelly

Camp
near Velloor Pollam
17th Octr 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honor of acquainting
you that we have this instant got entire Possession
of Kistnama Naigs Pollam after an attack of near
five hours

From what I have seen & the
Accounts brought in every minute I fear we
shall not be able to afford many such
Victories.

The Kalastry Rajah's Troops
were sent to Baal Naigs Barrier to make a
diversion during our attack he has just sent me
word that he has carried the second Barrier
but that the other three are too strong for him.
My Battalion is so harrass'd that I can send
him no reinforcement to night. but four
Companies of the Nabobs Sepoys. I wish we
may hear good accounts of them in the Morning.

if-

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if we do, Shall endeavour to give them some more effectual Succour. but, I have informed Hyder Bar Bar that we must have a considerable reinforcement before we can undertake any more such Jobs as this days

I am, with the utmost respect.

Hostenaw Naig's
Pollam
22 Oct. 1777
11 o'clock A.M.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most faithfull and
most obed. humble Servant
R. Kelly

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President &c. Council of
Fort St George
Honble Sir & Sirs

Having information from some Poisoners we took at the other Pollams of Rot-tella Cumpta Naig & his People being shown into great confusion, when the Fugitives from Hostenaw Naigs carried them the account of the slaughter that had just been made amongst their People. I immediately ordered the Camp to be struck and moved up to P.P. Cumpah Naigs Barrier, a design to attack it before they should recover from the Panick. but the rain soon alone has the desired effect and no more any considerable Opposition of their Pollam. Chinna Tella Cumpah Naig still holds out, and I am this instant getting the Line over Arrows to

to

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to attack them.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithfull and
obedt humble Servant
R. Kelly

Camp at Chena
Vella Cundapah
Naigs Barrier
25th Oct. 1771 10 A.M.

In consequence of the Intelligence
received in the foregoing Letters a Detachment
of 6 Grenadier Companys from Vellore and
twenty Artillery men from the Mount was
ordered to join Captain Kelly.

Read the following Letter

from Captain Kelly.

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x To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

I had the Honor of acquainting
you this Morning that we had got Possession
of Pera bella-Cundapah-Naigs Pollam-and
as soon as I despatched the Dispatches I got the Line
under Arms and moved up to Chena & Naigs
Barrier finding no Troops in it. we set to
work and cleared out the thorns, with which
it was choked all the way to the next Barrier
as the Road was cleared and so
on those six very strong Breast Works with
regular Banquets. and exceedingly well formed
for

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for defence but not a Pearoomo to be seen in any of them. we fur ceived them resting amongst the bushes on our right, by which we supposed that they were fearful of what we had been, but did not expect us to storm the six other Barrier Gates so strongly with the former, but they had not had time to stop up the road so that we forced without further interruption to the Pallam. In which we did not fire a human Creature.

I must first inform you of the Pallams we have taken are absolutely the last rock of these hills either to make opposition on the Trichinopore Country, or to make one grand Effort at the next Pallam with their united Force, they give out that they have forced by experience that their strong rocks & Gates are of no use in opposing the English that they are therefore determined to guard their flanks better by meeting us in the woods however as I rather suspect their design is to engage in Country. I purpose moving round as soon as my Troops shall arrive to enable me to relieve part of my Battalion with which I have been obliged to Garrison these two last Pallams.

The Musket Ammunition which I was afraid had met with some disaster arrived safe this afternoon. had I known but a couple of Boats they would have me much

Labour

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Labour for they would fall behind the little
Barriers and Rocks, which my poor little
Cannon have no manner of effect on.

The Weather has been exceeding-
ly favorable to us of late & I wish not to lose a
day of it, if possible. Therefore if a reinforcement
should be ordered, I request it may be sent by the
rout of Trippasore, at which place I will leave a
Letter for the Officer Commanding it, to direct
him the shortest road to camp.

I have the Honour to be
Honble Sirs & Mrs.
your faithfull and
obedt humble Servant
R. Kelly

Camp
at Neddamur
23d Octr 1777
7. A M.

The Artillery
Countermanded

It appears probable from
this Letter that Captain Kelly will be able to
accomplish the business without the assistance
of the Artillery Men - Ordered, that their
March be countermanded.

Read Letters from the Rajah
of Tanjore as entered in C. Corr. N° 119 P. 120 -
the former containing congratulations to the
President on his Accession to the Government.

From the Rajah
of Tanjore complain-
ing of the Interruption
his Tappals met with
from the Nabob

The latter complaining of the Nabob, that
he had caused his Tappals & interrupted the
Correspondence between Tanjore and this
Government.

The

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The Secretary was requested by the Board to speak to the Nabob on the Subject of the Topasses.

Read the following Letter from B. Gen.l Stuart which having been received previous to the Despatch of the Court of Directors on the Packet by the Ships and the Board were proceed to pass Resolutions on such parts as require to be immediately noticed.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Several matters connected with the station of Commander in Chief of the Army, or without the late Government were pleased to leave to my care, to be afterwards reported to them, are to seek for which I think it my duty to submit my opinion to the Board in the following Report.

From General Stuart on the Garrison of Permacoil recommending European Buffalonry Recruitments as the cheapest with Estimates thereon

Letter

Boxes of the Board

The late Board in my Instructions obtained the Consent of the Nabob to place a Garrison of the Company's Troops in Permacoil

Company's Battalion to be reduced to Buxwallore

the

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The Post of Pennacoil and
Lieut Hurst was appointed to
Command there. four Companies
of Bellcliffe's Battn of Sepoys
from Cuddalore were ordered
to form the Garrison
at the time this was fixed I
did not know that his Highness
meant to keep the Hundred
Sepoys there, as he now does
to assist his Ameldar in
the Country business. that
being the case I judge that
three Companies may be
sufficient and advise that
one Company of Bellcliffes
Battalion be ordered to
return to Cuddalore.

2. The State of the Military Stores in the Fort of Pennacoil at present is not at all sufficient for its security. I therefore deliver to the Board my opinion that the Complement of Stores as by statement to agree with the Committee be forthwith ordered for Pennacoil.

To be referred to the Committee of Stores and such Stores as can be spared, to be sent.

3. In Consequence of Powers given me by the late Board. I proceed on Office and a Survey of Artillery to examine the Stores and prove the Powder in the Forts of Chingleput Permacoil and Carnatic & have Instructions to the Commanding Officers to report so far as he has made any Progress. The late President in my Suggestion applies to the Nabob for the Guns at Carrangooly, which have also been proved & the Report is lodged with the Committee.

4. At Wallajanagur has been at my Desire employed for these six Weeks past, to take the Dimensions of the Guns which want Carriages at Chingleput, Carrangooly, Permacoil, Cuddalore Tanjore and Vellore, in order that the Carriages may be exactly made, one of the contract Description at Madras.

5. Mr Johnstone Engineer has

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has visited Pennacoil and
Cuddalore, and his Report,
through the Chief Engineer
lays before the Board. I offer
with submission my advice
to the Board, so soon as the
weather will permit, to give
orders for the Repairs at
Pennacoil & Cuddalore to be
set about according to that
Report. and, as there is no
place at present for the
Sepoys to lay during the rainy
Season now approaching,
that Lieut. Hearst be empow-
-ered to build a proper Quarter
from the Materials within
the Fort, having acquainted
me that with small additi-
-on of Materials or expence it may
be soon done. I have sent him
-structions to the Board the Copy of
the Instructions I gave to
Lieut. Hearst when he took
the Command of Pennacoil.

The Repairs to be depos'd but Lieut. Hearst to be desired to send an Estimate of the Expence necessary with the Materials now in the Fort to build a temporary Quarter for the Sepoys.

6. The Committee of Stores were pleased at my request many Months ago to order a State to be made out of the expence

Approved and ordered accordingly.

1892 Fort St George 27th Oct. 1892.

expence & quantity of leather
Accoutrements furnished to
the Army on this Establishment
for a certain Number of Years,
in order by comparison with
the expence and duration of
Englishmade Buff Leather
Accoutrements to form a
Judgment which would be
most for the Colonial use of
the Company's benefit, to go on
in future. The comparative
State is hereto annexed No 1.
by which it appears evident
that the Company will not
be at one third of the present
Expence by using the English
Buff Accoutrements. I can
assure the Board, that even
though these Buff Accoutre-
ments were to cost dearer,
yet it would be a benefit to
the Service in every possible
Point of View

7 The Committee of Stores many Months ago ordered with the approbation of the Board, that no more Foundry made Accoutrements

Approved and ordered accordingly.

1803 Fort St George 24th Octr 1803

Accoutrements should be
provided, whilst this
investigation was making,
and as I find that they are
now entirely expended, and
that only thirteen thousand
Foot Accoutrements are
now in Store, I guess, that
these, with proper Manage-
ment, and with what will
arrive in June, may suffice
to provide the present Esta-
blishment, while the Buff
Accoutrements can be sent
from England. I therefore with
submission offer my opinion,
that, in future, no other than
Buff Accoutrements should
be indented for from England.
and that the Indent at the
usual time, may be to the
following purport. "It having
been reported (by me if you
please) upon a comparative
View of the English & Country
made accoutrements, that
the former is in every Re-
spect preferable, the Board
recommend that six thousand
Stand

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Many of Buff Accoutrements
be wanted for next year
from England, so that in
four Years the whole Army
will be uniformly furnish'd
each Man or Belt to consist
of a Buff belt with a Pouch
box for 24 Cartridges, and a
Buff cross-belt with Sliddle
in form and quality equal to
those now in the Marching
Regiments in his Majesty's
Service. The Pouche box flap
to be of good well seasoned
leather well blacked and
waxed, and well secured in
the Corners so as the Water or
wet may not penetrate.
The Honble Court by Direction
to be made acquainted, that
as no more Foundry made
Accoutrements are to be
procured, therefore the
future Ordinance is entirely
on the supply from England.
I should beg leave to recommend
the Bearer Man who is em-
ployed by Lord George Lennox's
Regiment of Foot, because
I

1795 Fort St George 27th Octr 1795

I think they have the best
Accoutrements in the King's
Service.

8. I beg leave also to recommend to the Board
to mention again with general
Letter, what was commanded
for last year: in case it may
not have been attended to
viz. Twenty two Brass field
Pieces (three pounders) for
the use of the eleven additional
Sepoy Battalions on the present
reduced Establishment also
to recommend once more,
the sending the Garrison
Guns commanded last year,
to supply what may be needed
in consequence of the additional
Garrison of Trichy.

Approved.

9. The Hats sent from
England for the English
Battalions are so badly dis-
-fig and form. That it is with
the utmost difficulty they can
be cocked in any shape to do
justice to the Soldiers figure, &
they are not broad enough
in the brim to cut down
properly

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properly into Caps the
second Year. thought I
have encouraged to do so,
and they wear them as at
present with their old
Cocks cut down to Jackets. I
therefore beg leave to recom-
=mend. That the Soldiers beg
in future may be sent from
England plain, and in
quality and size equal
to those of his Majesty's
Marching Regiments even
though the expence should
be in some small degree
increased. The Heat of the
Sun at this Season very much
the Soldiers head & face
from the violent heat in
this Climate. not to men-
=tion how much it adds to
his Size. I should recom-
=mend the Taylorman who
furnishes hats for Lord
George Lennox's Regiment of
foot, for the reason above
mentioned, and as that Regi-
=ment is, in all respects, exactly
well appointed.

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1897 Fort St George 27th Octr 1772

No. The small Arms Approved

sent for the Army have been
so often complained of, that
it is, perhaps needless for
me here to mention the bad
quality and temper of the
Locks. however it is to be
hoped, that the Humble the
Court of Directors will not
defer to order that the
Troops be furnished with
good Arms, equal in quality
with those in his Majesty's
Service, even though at a
little additional Expence.
the Firelocks sent in 1771.
by General Lestie's Muster
are found to be good: but
the Arms received since have
fallen off. I am informed
that on the repeated Com-
=plaints from hence, two
Shillings has been as a
Punishment deducted from
the Share of pieces of each,
but the Reduction still
persevering, the Arms of
course, are still bad - it
would have been better for
the

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the Service to have noted
the two Shillings to the
original price, as propo-
sed better Arms this
I can say, from my own
experience, that, whether
from the difficulty and
expence of repairs, or
want of Method and pro-
per Order in the delivery
of Arms, the Army in this
Establishment have more fre-
quent Change of Arms, than
be one, for the same Number,
than in the Kings Service
if the quality were the same
this would scarcely happen
without the most great abuse.

11 I have already made A Committee has been
-ted to the Board upon the above as proposed to encourage
in the making of the Spry 3 the Agent to be assisted
Cloathing for commissioned & to give in a Calculation
Non Commissioned Privates, of the Expences of the
the last Board were pleased present years cloathing
to approve of the Patterns for according to the Model
next years cloathing; which which have been approved
I made and sent to the Agent and to acquaint the
he has since sent me the Board how far the
Patterns of Jackets for a Shoppages will go
towards
Commandant

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Commandant. Labour,
Jumidar and Flatboat which I have also asked, and, if the
requests furnished equal in
quality and size to what I
have thus praised upon, the Board
may be assured there will be
no reason to complain. I beg
I beg leave also to say with
certainty, from variety of
experiments and in consequence
of an offer now in my Possession,
from a Gentleman who is
willing to undertake the
Contract at the rate that
the usual Stoppages from
the Establishment of Sepoys,
is sufficient to defray the
whole expence of Cartage
and to afford the usual allow-
ance to every Captain Com-
=manding a Battalion.
without incurring, in common
years any additional expence
to the Company. I venture
even to assure the Board,
that on extraordinary cases
the additional Expence will
never exceed one Thousand Rupees
yearly

towards defraying the
Expence and paying the
Captains the usual al-
lowance of 500 Rs each.

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penalty, the Board will find that there are complaints from almost every Corps of Injuries concerning the last Year's clothing, and that a considerable quantity is sent to the Presidency which cannot be made use of. of course these Corps must be supplied with other Cloathing in the place of that is made unfit

¶2. I have already forwarded on record that the half or equal proportion of Cloathing wch. should have been delivered to the Legion Establishment in the beginning of the year when they received their Cloathing, has not as yet been given to the Battalions, except to the five marching companies; by report so that in many Corps, the poor fellows are obliged from their subsistance, to buy Cloth to cover their Nakedness.

The Request to be favoured with a Copy of this Part, and reasons assigned

¶3. I am also on Duty

to

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to report to the Board that
the Officers non commissioned
& Private of the Troop late
Captain Young's are now incor-
porated into the European
Battalions excepting the Lieut.
whose situation is peculiar
& therefore left to the
Board to determine upon.

I think it also my duty to report to the Board that the recruits sent from England this season were in general under size & not either over or under aged. several from unnatural or inveterate Causes unfit for Service in any respect so that on these Accounts, as well as from the deficiency of Numbers the European Battalions are compleated: this is the more to be regretted, as the Condition of the important Garrison of Seringapatam requires, in my humble Opinion, a proportionable addition to the European Battalions as well as to the Corps of Artillery,

I Shall take care that the Company to be made to accordingly

on

1902 Fort St George 27th Oct. 1744

in the meantime and to the
Numbers, as has been already
represented to the Honble
the Court of Directors. I
therefore beg Leave to
recommend, that as soon as
Peace is happily restored in
America, care be taken to
enlist for the Company's
Service, of the best Men
discharged from the Kings
Army, at least six hundred
for this Establishment as
that number will be neces-
sary to compleat & augment,
in due proportion, the
four European Battalions
and the Corps of Artillery,
after the many now really
unfit for field Duty are
discharged, and this seems
the more necessary considering
the great Numbers of Euro-
peans which accompany
are expected at Fondicherry
of 3. The Board will
I hope, excuse all this
detail on my part. I do
it on the principle of Duty,

and

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and Attention to the Honble Companys Service, and at the same time with respectful submission and deference to the Opinion of your Honors & their Representatives. such are my Sentiments which no change of Circumstances can hoo-
-fably alter.

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient and
very faithful Servant
James Stuart
Brig.r General

Fort St George
23d Sept.r 1777

Instructions for Lieut.t Henry Wyndham
Fleurst Commanding at Pennacoil.

1.st His Highness the Nabob having consented that the Fort of Pennacoil be garrisoned by the Company's Forces, you are to proceed thither with all Dispatch, acquainting the Killedar or Nabob's Superior Officer there, that it is my wish His Highness's Garrison remain, until they are relieved by that of the Company in about a week hence.

2.d The European Serjeant and such other non Commissioned Officers of the Garrison as he shall point out to you, of good Character, & who wish to remain, as part of the Garrison under

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under your Command, you will inform yourself particularly of this Serjeant concerning the State of the Ammunition of the following Artickles at the same time that you inspect them personally

1st The Artillery, Cartouches and Cannidges of all the pieces of Ordnance Mortars &c in the Garrison, as likewise of the Common Ball.

2d The Numbers and Condition of the Cannonages of all sorts.

3d The Number and Condition of the Small and Musket pieces, and the small Arms of all sorts.

4th The Quantity and Condition of the Gun Powder; distinguishing the particular Sorts.

5th The Inventory of small Stores of all Sorts.

6th The Quantity & Condition of Provisions Rice, Barry Meuffs & Provisions also the Price at which Rice is sold in the Bazaar.

5th As Disputes may Arise after wards concerning the Quantity and Quality of Military Stores & Deliverd over upon this Occasion, you are therefore desired to apply to the Paboty Pallivar and Comittee for Inventories or Returns of the Stores above mentioned, which you and they will sign.

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4th You are to visit, and narrowly, to inspect the Fortifications, whether of the Fort or Pettah of Permacoil, reporting your Opinion of the state there of, and what is immediately wanted for Repairs, at the same time you will report, what accommodation there is, now, for a Garrison of three hundred Sepoys, four European Officers and six non Commissioned European Officers within the Fort, and also what further Accommodation could be made within the Pettah. You will report, likewise, in what manner the Fort and the Pettah are supplied with Water, and, whether the Water is of a good Quality or not.

5th The Honble Board have appointed You to the Command of this important Post, from an Opinion of your intelligence and active Zeal for the Service. The principal object in view, is, to be a Check upon the first Movements, or Operations, of the French Garrison at Pondicherry; and in case of War, serving to interrupt their Convoys of Communication with the interior Parts of the Country. It is proposed, that the Places from whence the Garrison of Permacoil is to be furnished, are Cuddalore and Chinglepatt, it becomes necessary therefore, not only to explore minutely every part of the Ground and Road between Pondicherry and this Fort, but also between Permacoil, Chinglepatt and Cuddalore, and the adjacent Places of Wandewash, Gingee &c and this Service Expect from yourself

or

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or such as you can trust. you will at the same time endeavour to obtain the best possible Intelligence of every Circumstance concerning the Military, that occurs within Your Province; for this purpose, it is probable that the European Sergeant at Permacoil, will be able to assist you in the proper Channel.

If any thing occurs to me, for your information, I shall take care to communicate it to you. mean while as the Board expects from me a Return of the Stores before mentioned, I wish you to use all dispatch in the Business. The Orders for the March of the four Companies of Sepoys from Cuddalore will be sent this night or to morrow; and you will apply to the Naboby Hilledar to send an Officer or other proper Persons to Cuddalore, to conduct them to Permacoil

At Fort St George
27th June 1775

(Signed by Authority)
James Stuart
Brigt Genl & Commander in Chief

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Henry Malcolm Secr

Comparative view & Calculation of
Accoutrements. English-Buff & country-made

The Military Establishment of Europeans & Sepoys
for seven years from 1769 to 1776 suppos
Effec
in your Province to be 20,0
According

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According to the Statement given to me by the Commissary of Stores the following deliveries have been made to the Army in that time (Viz. seven Years) as by Paper N°2.

Europe Pouches	17875
Country do	25783
Bulgar do	9657
Small do	79
For the Artillery	570

Total Pouches in 1 Year in round numbers 7710 } 54000
in seven Years in round numbers }

Prices agreed by the Commissary of Stores as by Paper N°3.

N°1 Europe

Pouch with half Cartridge belt to hang it by	1.16.20
Shoulder Belt Buff	17.40
Buff Leathern Slings	6.0
	1.39.60

N°2 Europe

Pouch with Europe tanned Leathern belt to hang it by	1.14.40
Shoulder belt, Europe tanned Leather	17.40
Tanned Leathern Slings	4.30
	1.35.30

N°3 Mixed

Pouches covered with Bulgar hide, and tanned Leather Europe Belts	27.0
Shoulder belt Europe Tanned do	17.40
Tanned Leather Slings	4.30
	1.6.70

Pouches

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No 4
Foundry

Sundries for Foundry in use for general work
Foundry Leather & belts belonging to ditto
3 Foundry Leather Aprons 2.3.32
Foundry Leather shoulder Belts 4.7.16
Foundry Leather Slings 2.42
33.10

No 1 ——— D F 6
1.3.60
No 2 ——— 1.35.30
3 ——— 1.6.70
4 ——— 1.33.10
4 5.31.10
1.18.45

The Medium price of a set of Accoutrements
hitherto furnished, supposed equal
quantities of each sort is 1.18.45

Suppose then 7700 sets of Accoutrements
are every year delivered into the expence
by an Army consisting of 24,000 it follows
that one set does not last a Fortnight more
than 2 years and 7 Months an each
Set costs as above — 1.18.45
The Price of Europe Pouches with buff belts
slings, and cross belts as appears Before is 1.3.66
Increased expence for buff Accoutrements each set 0.21.60
But this increased expence will vanish if
I am believed, when I assert, from my own
experience, to have known the Accoutre-
ments of an English Regiment to last
with

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/with trifling additions or bypass/ the Space of seventeen Years - Suppose those now recommended should only last thirteen Years, It will be found that the Buff leathern Accoutrements, of the quality as in the Kings Service, will last five times longer than those hitherto delivered. The Comparative Account in that case will stand as follows.

To 7700 Setts of Accoutrements at the Medium rate of those hitherto furnished to the Army on this Establishment stated at 20,000 Men, each set at /Medium/ £0.45.

is yearly — 1,103.0.0

To 20,000 Setts of Accoutrements Europe made with buff belts &c Slings. as proposed to be hereafter furnished to the Army each set rated /at/ £1 /at/ 1.39.60 is 38.928. Divided by 13. the Expence yearly. supposing these Accoutrements to last thirteen Years will be, in round numbers. — — — — — — 3000.0.0

Yearly saving by providing buff Accoutrements £1103.0.0

which, allowing the utmost latitude even though the Buff Accoutrements were to last only 12 years, will turn out five times cheaper than the present mode, or /which may possibly be the case in this climate/ that the Buff belts should last out two Pouches. even then the Company will save above 200 per Cent. at the lowest Calculation

Here

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Here I must remark that this Calculation is founded upon the Supposition that a Set of good Buff Accoutrements can be had equal to any of those working Regiments in his Majestys Service at the rate of 1-3 9. 6d. or about fifteen Shillings Sterling. if they cannot be had at that rate, the Company will get on the cheapest considerable Measures by giving the same price that is given for the best Accoutrements and the Calculation, as before stated, will admit of every probable Addition. but, care must be particularly taken that no such Composition, as I see here in the Store, passing for Buff Leather <u>Throughout reality made of Sheep</u> be furnished. on the contrary, the Accoutrements I recommend or this occasion must be made of real Buff Leather well prepared and warranted as such.

In all the foregoing Calculation I have only brought to view the Price and saving in Money, but, when we consider the Look of the Soldier, the length of the wear and every other use and convenience attending it, there cannot be a doubt to which the preference is to be given. The tanned Leather Europe, is equally heavy

and never looks clean.

The Buff may always be kept clean either in yellow or white - The quality of the leather however, both black and buff must be of the best sort. the Buckles must not be made a job of. Always the whole Calculation will be found erroneous — no more Buckles to be made than are used in the marching Regiments particularly Lord George Lennox's [25th] which I repeat is a pattern troops for all these sort of things.

In order to shew how nearly exact the preceding Calculation has been made viz. that the Medium price of a compleat set of Accoutrements of all sorts furnished to the Army for these seven years is £ 1. 16. 4¾ we need only cast the eye to the paper N°2 where including the small mixed stores of that sort furnished for the same time/ though they are not here taken into account/ the whole Accoutrements amount to yet to

to the Sum of £8745. 0. 0

And it will be found that 7700 Sets of Accoutrements at £ 1. 16. 4½ each amounts to £1103. which in seven Years is equal to £7721. 0. 0

The difference £ 24. 7282

yearly is as near as such indiscriminate deliveries of different Stores with the Confusion of Accounts & Stores can be brought to.

During the period of

seven

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seven years have taken place, there was no
extraordinary occurrence of War &c
to effect the calculation
collected from the best information
in my power

Fort St George
23 Septr 1774

James Stuart
Brigt General

Account of Accoutrements issued in various years to the
Companys Troops from May 1769 to April 1776 Viz.

Cartridge Pouches Europe 17875			2495.23.60	
	Country 25783		1075.4.27	
	Bulgar 9657		772.6.27	
	Dr Small 79		30.22.4	
	Tarbadkerry 370		1583.12	
	Cotton Black Belts 432		69.23.5	
Cartridge Boxes Europe 3233			1594.160	
	Country 3116		1071.6.32	52713.7.1
Shoulder Belts Country 10255			2051	
Bayonet Belts Dr 6040.44			587.2.12	
Buff Shoulder Belts	1206		84.4.16	
Waist Belts Europe	7018		2436.29	
	Country 1545		359.32.32	
			107.6.40	
Cotton Shoulder Belts	466		102.12.16	14754.1068
Slings	2559		155.4.64	
Sword Belts Country	1074		407	562.4.64
Buff Sword Belts	314			
Musket Slings Country 26652			18652.3.5	
	Europe 5169		790.7.20	
	Bulgar 1892		132.15.7	
	Cotton 432		34.26.10	2222.3.22
				2932
Buff Bandeleers with Swivels 1286				
			Pagodas	68745.10.75

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The Price of Accoutrements

A Europe Pouch with Buff Belt	Ds	1. 16. 20
Do with Leather Do	"	1. 14. 40
Bulgar Pouches Do	"	27. —
Country Pouches Do	"	23. 32
Buff shoulder Belts	"	25. —
Europe Shoulder Belts	"	17. 40
Country Leather Shoulder Belts	"	7. 16
Cotton Shoulder Belts	"	8. 22
Buff Musket Slings	"	6. —
Europe Leather Slings	"	4. 30
Country Leather Slings	"	2. 42
Cotton — Do	"	2. 70

It appearing that the Commanders Officers of Tanjore have been employed at different times in Transactions relating to the Rajah's Government and have at different times improperly interfered in his Affairs. Resolved that the President do write to the Rajah to inform him that no Servant is allowed to address him that all Correspondence between the Rajah and this Government is to be carried on immediately with the Governor.

A Letter and Report from the Committee of Stores having been read in Consultation 4th September the Consideration thereof was referd upon which the Board now pass the following Resolutions

Resolutions of the Board on a Committee of Stores

Paste

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Para 1st Approved

2d Some Tents to be made up

not effected Orders

3d Approved

4 Approved

7 All the Northern Tents except

that from Gingee are to be sent before

May as recommended. From Gingee

the Tents should be sent in December

that they might be compleated within

February & March which are the

most favorable Months for shipping

on that part of the Coast.

Approved & the necessary Orders

to be made concerning the Roads.

8 Approved & Ordered accordingly

10 Approved

11 Approved

12 Approved

13 The Committee of Stores to

Report the Number of Gun Carriages

in Store and what are further wanting

for this & the out Garrisons.

Read the following Report

from the Committee of Accounts.

To the Honble John Wedderburn Esqr

President and Governor & Council of

Fort St George

Honble

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Honble Sirs & Sirs

We have examined the Ac-

Report from the
Committee of Accompts - counts of the following Garrisons.

Madras

Tellour

Trichinopoly

Tanjour

Madura

Pelamcotah

Angalo

Cuddalore

Gingee

Also the Superintendant

of the Nabob's Disbursements, his Cash Account

to the end of August, & have the following

Remarks

Madras

In the Military Paymasters

Generals account we observe a

Charge of 22 Pagodas p Day to

Major Horne during Lord Pigot's

Sequence at the Mount, the Reason it there.

Propriety of which We submit to

your consideration.

In the Month of March

1776. the Charge of Oil for the

European Invalids amounts to

so considerable a Sum as £72.15

The Oil for the Garrison

Orders of the Board.

This Charge has been

remarked on in the Civil

Department, and the

necessary Order with

Copy to be sent

to the Paymaster to be

explained

A Copy of this

and

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of Provisions amounts to so as to the following Para.
considerable a Sum as Pags 75 Pr Month.

to be sent to the Commandant of Pennamalee and

In our Report dated the 22nd Instant we remarked the to be replaced, and the Commandant further desired to ascertain the number of Lamps necessary for that of the Garrison which we have not that number of Men. been furnished with.

each Lamp serves.

In the Month of May 1777 to order the Heads of Charges and no more Guard extraordinary there is the following charge of Pags 3 4-2. for 62 Guard Beds sent to Pennamalee, and in the Month of May 62 others

To be explained

a Charge of Pagodas 1 63 for repairing the Benches in the Barracks at Mauritius

To be explained

For some Months past We observe a Charge of 50 Pags Pr Month. for those sent above to Colonel Lapper

to be Discontinued

Trichinopoly

To be transferred but

Sundry Charges among the particulars which having to Pagodas 12 4-2 5 are also have been specified by - ged to the Calculations of Europe the Committee