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20.7.42

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Tanjore

We observe a Charge of 450 Pagodas for 300 lbs the price of a Battalion Mortar is only 25 Pags

To be explained.

Cuddalore

In July The Military Paymaster has paid Batta to Lieut. Hesse from Tanjore 5. 14 &

1 Private man from Pillaur 15. 40

5. 27. 40

To be explained.

In December Batta to Lieut. Cabridge from Tanjore 3. - -

Batta to private Men - - - 2. 1. 40

16. 1. 40

To be explained.

which has been charged to the Nabob instead of Tanjore

Ganjam

The Pacquets to the Battalions were observed to be dismissed of those corps employed in their Com. and yet the former are continued in the 3.d & 4th Battalions under Ganjam We are of opinion the Pacquets should be dismist, unless some reasons exist against this Establishmt in the Ganjam District

To be sent to Ganjam to be explained.

Approved accordingly

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Commissarys at the several out
Garrisons have at different
times not adhered to the rules
of the Board in drawing their
allowances. The respective Pay
masters should be directed to
call upon such as have over
drawn, to refund the overplus.

We are
Honble Sirs
your most obed
humble Servts
Andrew Ma[illegible]
Geo. Mosley
G. Huggins
A. Brodie

Fort St George
11th September 1793

The following Gentlemen are
Cadets appointed & presented Cards

Mr Norton Gibbings
Mr John Lang
Mr George Salmon

Capt Lieut Fick &
Ensign Sulivan appointed
Aid de Camps to the
Governor

The President informs the Board
that the Duties of his Station as Governor
& Commander in Chief of this Fort and Garrison make it
proper and necessary in his Opinion that a Staff
consisting of two Aids de Camps should be appointed
to act immediately

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Appointment has never yet been proposed as the
Governor has generally employed the Town Major
to assist him in his Military Duties - he understands
that the Governor General of Bengal & the Governor
of Bombay have Aids de Camps.

The Board agree in opinion
with the President, and at his recommendation Capt.
Thomas Wells and Ensign Henry Boyle Sullivan are
appointed Aids de Camps to the Governor the latter
to have the nominal Rank of Captain whilst he
officiates in that Character.

L Barwell

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Dispatched the following Letters

2d

To Mr Morgan Williams

Secretary Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

In consequence of your Letter to the President & Council of the 12th Sept. I am order to acquaint you that the Troops sent from Vizagapatam are to be allowed Batta from the time they move first under orders to embark until the Service was compleated & that is to say until the return of that part of the Detachment which was sent to Vizianagrum

The Detachment from Vizag to have Batta and the Lascars to return over Land

The President & Council assure that the Lascars remaining at Vizagapatam may immediately be ordered up overland and that they may be allowed 20 days Batta and no more for the Journey

I am Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
Charles Oakeley

Fort St George
27th Octr 1775

To Captain Robert Kelly
at Camp at Neddamur
Sir

Advising him of a reinforcement.

The President & Council have received your several Letters. They have thought it necessary to reinforce your Detachment with 4 Grenadier Companies from Fort St George which

dirs

may

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ordered to proceed to Tripasore where you will
please to lodge Instructions to enable them
to proceed by the shortest road to your Camp.
an officer and 20 Artillery Men are likewise ordered
to proceed from the Mount. for whom you are also
to lodge the same kind of Instructions at Tripasore.

As the Season is late. the President
and Council wish that the Service on which you
are employed may be furnished as soon as possible
they observe by your Letters that there are only
four Pollams to be reduced. when this is effected
you are immediately to return the Detachments
to Pellicat and the Mount, and proceed with
your own Battalion to Coromandel.

I am Sir
your most obedient Servant
Charles Oakely
Secy

Fort St George
27th Octr 1779

To Lieut Colonel James
Commanding the Artillery at the Mount

Sir

The President and Council are
pleased to direct that a Subaltern officer and
20 artillery Men be immediately detached from
the Mount to join Captain Kelly. they are
to march to Tripasore where they will find
Instructions from Captain Kelly for joining
him by the shortest route

I am.
Sir

A Detachment of Artillery ordered to join Capt Kelly

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27th Octr 1779

Sir

your most obedient Servant
Charles Oakely
Dpty

To Lieut. Colonel Harper
Commanding at

Pallicat

Sir

Four Grenadier Companies
ordered to join Captain
Kelly

I am ordered by the President &
Council to direct that you immediately detach
four Grenadier Companies from the Sepoy Battn
at Pellicat to join Captain Kelly in the Field
they are to march to Tripassoor where they will
find Instructions from Captain Kelly for
joining him by the shortest route

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant
Charles Oakely
Dpty

Fort St. George
27th Octr 1779

To Lieut. Colonel James
Commanding the Troops at the

Mount

Sir

The Artillery Commanded.

The President and Council enclosed
to acquaint you the Letter
of Yesterday for sending the Officer and 20 Artillery Men to join Captain Kelly if they are marched
Therefore you will be pleased to direct them to
return

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return expresses immediately to the Mount

Sam Sir

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your most obed. Servant
Charles Oakley
Lieu.

Dispatches the following letters

2d
Mr Robert Maunsell
& Council at
Gingam

Gentlemen

We have received your letter
came Gingam with
and to Captain of the 29th Ult.
arrival night

The Points in dispute between
you and the Commanding Officer of your District
are now under our Consideration, and we shall
very soon pass such orders in consequence as
will We hope prevent further Inconveniences
of the like kind. in the mean time We have
directed Captain Lysaght in the enclosed Letter
to send the sick at Aska and other places, to
the Hospital at Ganjam.

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
& Council

Fort St George
29th Octr 1777

To Captain Arthur Lysaght
or the Officer Commanding at
Aska

Sir

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Sir

So send the Sick
to Tanjore

By a Letter from the Deputy
Covenant at Tanjore we are informed that
have declined compliance with their Request
for receiving the Sick from Cuda to Tanjore

We are much concerned to
the Sickness that has lately arisen
and Encreased now in your Neighbourhood the Mili
Troops to be cantoned in your District. The
reasons which have of may arise from the
Insurance of these Disputes have induced us to
The Subject was now seriously taken into Consideration
We shall only shortly say such orders as may
as appears most likely to stop the Disease. In the
time We desire that the sick may be sent to
Tanjore agreeably to the Letter from the Deputy
and Council to you of the 2 Inst Instant

We are Sir
your most humble Servants
John Hollond
Jr Council

Fort St George
20th Octr 1794

To Mr James Hodges
Jr Council at Nagapatam
Gentlemen

S. Log up Grain
unexpired

We have received your Letter
of the 20th September 1794 Instant
the Hon'ble Board have not approved
Contract made Proposed by you for Carrying on the

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Garrisons of Ellore Tamul coast and Masulipatam
We desire it may for the present be deferred.
Colonel Brathwaite having
been appointed by the late Government to com-
-mand the Troops in your district and to reside at
Masulipatam We have directed him to proceed
thither in conformity with that appointment
and on his arrival he is to take the Command
of the Troops in the Fort.

We are Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
for Council

Fort St George
29th Oct. 1775

To Colonel John Brathwaite
Sir

By a Letter from the Council at
Masulipatam dated the 12th Instant. We observe
you were not then arrived at that Settlement
We have notified to those Gentlemen your Ap-
-pointment as it was made by the late Administra-
-tion; and have directed that on your Arrival
at Masulipatam, you shall take the Command
of the Troops in that Garrison where you are
to reside

We are Sir
your most humble Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

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29th Oct. 1775

To

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To Colonel Flint

Commanding at

Tuticorin

Sir

We have received your letter

of the 22d Inst. - 13th & 16th Instant.

Where the Secretary wrote his

Letter to Lieut. Colonel Fitzgerald of the 23d August

directing him to assist the Paboly Manager in

collecting the Pushcash due from the Poli-

-gurum Pollygars. We believe the late disturb-

-ances entertained an Idea that we

imagine that so large a force as 3 Comp.

would be required for this Service, much less

We suppose that they would have proceeded

so far as to attack & dispossess the principal Fort

of this Fort without first obtaining our express

authority for that purpose. The measure might

might have been very proper but we must

have instructed the Officer commanding the

Detachment not to commence Hostilities unless

the Necessity had been fully set forth and

Orders given in consequence.

We suppose that the Paboly Poli-

-gurum will now be able to collect the Pushcash

without further difficulty. We desire that

Captain Murray may be ordered back to

Tuticorin by leaving two or at most three

Companies

Lt. Colonel Flint

answering him for

Detaching so considerable

a Party without

Permission of the

Board.

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Companies with the Manager of it should
desire them: but they are not to be employed
for any hostile purposes whatever without
our Sanction nor are you in future to send
any Troops from your Garrison without our
express orders unless in case of an actual Ins-
=urrection which may make it necessary.

The first Intelligence we received
of the attack of Ramgary was in a Letter
from you to Colonel Long and we did not
receive your Letter to us on the Subject till
some days after. — We desire in future that
upon all occasions necessary for our informa-
=tion you address your Letters immediately
to us and before you write to any other Person

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

Fort St George
29th Octr 1774

2 Ft
Nov 3d

came in the following Letter from Captain
Kelly.

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President J.C. Council of
Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Kelly —

I was yesterday honored with
your orders of the 27th Instant, on my return to Camp
after taking Possession of the last of the Hill Pollams.

but

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but on representing to Rajah Boorhan the impossibility of breaking up the Detachment on account of the approaching Monsoon &c. He replyed that our business could not be said to be [illegible] thoroughly accomplished whilst there were four rebellions Polygars on the Neighbourhood of Satteveara who give Sanctuary to the fugitives from these Polygars and who would undoubtedly assist them upon hearing them as soon as our backs were turned. That this business would not take up ten days more he supposed, after which he would release to Cantonments.

This being a circumstance which your Honble Sir & Council not have foreseen when my Cashcovers were dedated. I shall therefore do myself the Liberty of continuing the Detachment on the Service until this Service shall be accomplished unless I receive your further orders to the contrary.

I am with the utmost respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithfull & most
obedient humble Servt
Robt Hol[illegible]

Camp
near Tagalapuram
31st Octr 1778

At a Consultation Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr [illegible]
Charles Smith Peter Perr[illegible]
Mr Johnson absent
Minutes of last consultation [illegible]

Monday
the 16th Novr

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Read the following Report of the
Committee appointed to examine the rejected
Sepoy Clothing.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeably to your Commands
We have examined the Sepoy Clothing returned
from the different Battalions, as being unfit
for use, and now enclose our Report in
consequence.

We are with Respect.
Honble Sir. & Sirs
your most obedient, and
most humble Servants
John Fleming
James Call
Sam.l Hoare
Wm Sydenham

Fort St George
10th Nov.r 1774

Report of a Committee

&c &c

Report of a Committee ordered for the examination of the Sepoy Cloathing returned from the undermentioned Battalions, as being unfit for use.

No. of the Battalions	Cloathing returned	Commanders	Subedars	Jemedars	Havildars	Naiques	Drummers	Sepoys	Total	Remarks.
1st	Capt. Hopkins	-	-	-	12	9	-	4	25	Captain Hopkins has reported all this cloathing to be in the same condition, & therefore has sent only one Coat of each Rank, which appear to correspond with the Musters approved by the Board in 1776. both in size and making but the Havildars & Naiques Coats are damaged by water and the Sepoys eat by Rats which render them unfit for use.
2d	Colgraves	1	1	12	10	-	1	06	30	The Subedar & Jemedars Coats are equal to the Musters in every respect, the Havildars Naiques and Sepoys much damaged by Water and unfit for the use
5th	Heatings	1	1	3	-	-	-	6	11	The Subedar and Jemedars Coats answer Musters. the Havildars & Sepoys rather ill-worn but fit for use.
6th	McKenzie's	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	These Coats appear to have been a little wet. but are fit for use.
8th	Gibbings's	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	10	These Coats much damaged by water, and unserviceable.
12th	Godfreys	1	1	-	-	-	-	6	8	The Subedar and Jemedars Coats, equal to the Muster the Sepoys Coats damaged by Water, & unfit for use.
14th	Campbell's	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	The Subedar's Coats damaged. but the Cloth of which the Drummer's is made is not of the same Colour of Green - the Shirts, being a bright, and the Sleeves & back a dark Green.
15th	Davis's	1	9	10	-	-	1	7	28	Very much damaged by Water, & unfit for use. The Committee imagine that these Coats as well as those of the other Battalions that have the same appearance were damaged by Water in the Carriage of them to the different Garrisons.
	Total	1	19	19	27	19	2	130	217	

John Turing
[illegible] Call
[illegible] Hoare
[illegible] Cudenham

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Order thereon.

Ordered that the clothing be
delivered to the Agent and such as is reported fit, or
can be made fit for use, returned to the Battalions.
That all the Sepoy Cloathing in future be examined by
the Clerk to the Committee of Stores and the Town Major
as soon as it is made up, and such as passes their
Examination must be received by the Sepoys.

A Committee established.

Read the following Letter

from Captain Clifton.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

Being Senior Captain of Artillery
and next Officer in Corps to Lieut. Colonel Horne, and as
the Senior Captain of Infantry is a Major by Commission
with the allowance of Captain, and as both Majors of
Infantry have the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel with
Majors Pay. I therefore beg leave to request Honble
Sir and Sirs, that the same Indulgence may be extended
to me in the Rank of Major of Artillery with
Captains Pay only.

From 2d Captain Clifton requesting to be stated Major but retains Pay

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
with great respect
your most obedient Servant
Charles Clifton

Fort St George
10th Nov. 1777

As the Board do not see the least
Necessity

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Necessity for making the appointment as under
by Captain Clifton. his Request cannot be complied
with.

Read the following Letter from
Colonel Lang.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel Lang
making favorable
report of Lieut Lloyd

By a Letter from your
Honrs dated the 27th Instant I am desired to report
the Character & Conduct of Lieut Lloyd during his Suspension

As I had not an opportunity
of knowing the Gentleman any part of my
time. I have enquired of Lieut Colonel Fraser
from the authority of his information
take the liberty to assure you that during the
time Lieut Lloyd has conducted himself
utmost circumspection & propriety. and
manner that justly recommends him
and indulgence.

Fort St George
29th Septr 1732

I am
Honble Sirs
your respectful Servant
Robt Lang

As Lieutenant Lloyd is not approved

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Vide Memorial from Lieut Sloyd in Con: in itatation 22 Sepr

his pay by the Sentence of the Court Martial which suspended him from the Service. and as the Board understand it to be agreable to usage on these Cases to continue the Subsistence Resolved on these Accounts and in consideration of the favorable Mention made of Lieut Sloyd in the above letter from Colonel Long. that he be permitted to draw his pay and Subsistance during his Suspension on but his Request to be ordered back to his duty cannot be granted until the Term of the suspension is expired.

Lieut Sloyd be permitted to draw his pay whilst his Suspension not Inforced

Colonel Long having in his Letter of the 13th Oct. ordered on the Minutes of the recommended Lieut. Irwin to be Adjutant to the 6th Carnatick Battalion in the room of Lieut. North resigned - Ordered accordingly.

Lieut. Irwin appointed Adjutant to the Battalion in room of Lieut. North resigned

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster at Chingleput.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I take the Liberty to acquaint You. to acquaint you that the Fort & Buildings on the Rock at Permacoil stand in great need of immediate Repair. some part of the Batteries are fallen down. and the rest. together with some part of the curtain mouldering into Ruins. there is also

a

From Mr. Dent Representing the ruinous State of Permacoil.

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a Gate way in the lower Fort. As there is no Gate. Lieutenant Fleuret the Fort & the two other Officers of the Battalion Thus can have no proper Quarters in the Fort are therefore obliged to live in a House taken in the Pettah. It is necessary your Honor you of the dangerous situation Magazines especially at this Season two men have already been killed by there, and as the Lock attends the thus are in continual apprehension of about two years ago the Magazine of being struck with Lightning several feet length and about a foot in breadth ascended, on which condition it still though at that time until July last the consisted only of a Serjeant and a few not many Stores. what little repairs be made with a small expence for that a few days might be mounted as has done but as the repairing the whole manner and building 3 Officers Quarters in the Fort will be considerable I therefore think it my duty to acquaint herewith and submit the same to your Hon for Consideration.

I have the honor to
myself with great respect

Fleuret

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Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient
humble Servant
C.B. Dent

Chingleput
20th Oct. 1779

Entered to lye on the Table
Read the following Letter from
Colonel Lang

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Lt Lang
Inclosures from

Herewith you will receive three
several letters the Contents of which I beg leave to
submit to your consideration

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedient Servant
Ross Lang

St Georges
Nov. 1779

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commander in Chief of the Forces

Sir

From Col Braith.
Baillie

I think it my duty to inform you
that in obedience to the orders of the Presidency I have
quitted the district of Vizagapatam and am come
to my Station at Masulipatam. Lieut. Fowke and
Cotton who were with me as Staff Officers by
Permission

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Fort St George
25th Oct.r 1773

Sir

your most obedient Servant
I. Col Fonyn

To Colonel Ross Lang
Commander in Chief.

Sir

Captain Shortt applying for the Command of Chingleput.

Having wished the Dispatch of the Egmont, I now take the Liberty to lay before you my Desires.

It is now going on two years since my last arrival in which time I have often had the Honor to be under your Commands and during that Space I have the Mortification to see my Juniors appointed to every Vacancy of Command from Seniority or length of Service. I think I have a Right and often accepted the Board on Neglect, yet I sit here without employ.

I now request you will grant me your Interest to be appointed to the Command of Chingleput, which though under the Denomination of an Invalid Garrison. I look to be my Right from Seniority, which any effective Servant holds that Command.

I also request you will be pleased to lay this my Request before the Honble Board and I hope through your friendly Attention to reap the Fruits of my long and faithful Services

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by their favorable consideration.
I have the Honor to be with
much Respect.
Sir
your faithful and
obedient Servant
John Short

Pr Chesapeake
24th Oct. 1775

A Letter was read from Messrs Jeje-
-ram the Instant. directing the Chief of Council
to put Colonel Brattwaite in orders to command
that Fort and Garrison.
As the Board have not come
to any Resolution on the Subject mentioned by
Captain Imyan. no remark is necessary at this
time. to be made on his letter.
The President informs the Board
that Captain Alcock yesterday represented to him
that he had ordered Ensign Boswell in Arrest.
Ordered. that a Court Martial
be held in Garrison the 15th Instant - Lieutenant
Colonel James President.
Read the following Petition.
Translation
To the Honble the President & Governor John Whitehill Esqr
& Council
The Rogue of the Eight Polygars of the
Mountains jointly representing
this Petition. with all Respect
That

Court Martial
on Ensign
ordered
Boswell.

Petition of eight
Polygars whom
the Nabob had
dispossessed

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That we are [illegible]

Tattegairs and we have not any [illegible]
but four Tattegas Viz the Family [illegible]
were both in the Compliance [illegible]
Satisfaction of Govt since the [illegible]
Punishd in consequence upon [illegible] 61
The Govt Satisfaction but the Govt [illegible]
favours by letting us enjoy our wid[illegible]
in their Jaggeer since Athenna Pa Vigiatch[illegible]
the Management of the Satisfaction [illegible]
whole intention has been to uncover [illegible]
Polygary Ways. There was a Vakeel [illegible]
Pattanapa Naick of Tannagy the [illegible]
of Conjeveram District and his Cousin [illegible]
regard to their Polligairships of which he [illegible]
his Complement to his Rights the Sabah[illegible]
obtained a Summons or Order from the Th[illegible]
to take Possession of his Polligairship [illegible]
Summons ordering us to assist him in [illegible]
we accordingly did. upon this the [illegible]
their Sabah's Summons, we sent eighteen men [illegible]
Families, these eighteen men together with
the said Pattanapa Naick on the 11th March
January, were seized by some Horse, sent by
Athenna Pundits, and carried into Tuckalore
Fort. before the Gate Keeper of that place with
all the Huzzie presence his Highness the Sabah's
Summons but all in vain. The Hellians cut off
the heads of the said nineteen Men, and also of

three

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Three Strangers in haveing in Company with
them a most unprecedented piece of injustice
and deemed so by every Person in this Country being
entirely innocent. - which we have represented
to his Highness the Nabob. but no notice was paid
to it. Lately in Lord Pigots Government, we have
wrote and informed his Lordship of this Piece formally
who requested of his Highness the Nabob by a Mes-
senger to send for Abkumara Pundaloo in order to
enquire in to the said Indisscretion in the mean while
his Lordship went to Tanjore. and the affair was
dropped. and Abkumara Pundaloo enraged against
us. told many Storys of us to his Highness the
Nabob. and brought an Army against us and
has taken Possession of our Pellagoshipes. and
Pollams. and plundered all our Jewells. Cloathes
&c.a in short our whole Estate with our Pollams
we and our Families are scattered about. We
were under the Companys Protection our Pollams
are illegally taken from us. whether the Gentlemen
did agree to this measure or not, we cannot say.
Therefore We take this opportunity to inform
you of our case. We. Men. Women. and Children
twenty thousand in number have hitherto sub-
-sisted ourselves on leaves of Trees. & live in these
Mountains. and Woods which we have now
lost and are now entirely destitute. We beg
this Honble Board will be so good as to look
on us with Compassion. and preserve us from

utter

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other Power, we have not any other Protection but you Gentlemen and We do not know any other Profession to carry our Lively hoods by We are desirous to wait upon you Gentlemen ourselves, and always ready to obey your Commands We beg you will favour us with a [illegible]

Before that we [illegible] those Petitions be sent to the Nabob, [illegible] he requested to give us such Information as may thereto necessary

Their Letters as under

Country Correspondence Vol

From the Nigam
His Commendation
& Lord Pigot

From the Majah
& Sawyer com-
plaining of the
Nabob & Mr
Stratton.

From the Nabob
&c

From D.o

From D.o com-
plaining of the
Dutch

N.o 126. From the Nigam to the Presidency
=lledging the Receipt of a Letter from the
expressing Concernment on Lord Pigot's pro
Expresses his Joy for the Company. N.o 125 f
the Majah of Sawyer complaining of
Encroachments and Cesses he sustained Lately
through the Nabob & Mr Stratton & threat
Hostilities for Rs 20,000

N.o 122. From the Nabob in consideration of
Colonel Lawly who lately commanded on Dutch
against the Pollygars

N.o 124. From the Nabob requesting that a
Battalion or even half a Battalion may
ordered to reinforce Captain Kelly.

N.o 123. From the Nabob requesting that both
may be supported against the Encroachments

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of the Dutch.

Ord Per Thetis

Ordered that a Letter be written
to the Governor & Council at Negapatnam on this
Subject.

Read the following Letters

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor &c &c &c & the rest of Council

Sir & Sirs.

I have the honor to inform you
that some Months ago I came with Captain
Osborne of the Fort at Madras Establishment
to this Presidency under peculiar Circumstances
laid before Mr Stratton then the Governor &
Council &c. That when Captain Osborne departed
in order to proceed to Bencoolen. I was in so bad
a state of health. Doctor Pasley who has attend-
=ed me ever since my coming, thought it abso-
=lutely necessary for me to remain on the Coast.
as my only chance for Recovery. & then gave me a
Certificate to accompany my request to remain
here some time longer under the Protection of
the Governor & Council; who were on this
Account pleased to concede. In consequence of my
Continuing state of health. I have been longer
delayed here, than I could possibly have foreseen.
subject to very heavy Expence. I am therefore
obliged

Letter from Capt. Nettleville

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obliged to lay my Sentiments before you the Honble Governor and Council that they may meet with your candid consent to my request from the Military Paymaster on account of Pay &c to enable me to procure such some convenience till an Opportunity may offer going to that Presidency for which I shall make my application to the Honble Governor and Council shall direct

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.

Fort St George
3d Novr 1774

Sir Your &c

Your devoted and obedt
Servt to Command
A Sutherland

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President and Governor &c
Honble Sir

From Mr Monro

The last time I had the Honor of speaking to you relative to the arrears of Pay due, which I have hitherto done, during leave of absence from Bengal, you were pleased to tell me to mention it to you at the Military Consultation. As I understand there will be one to day, permit me to request you will do me the favor to mention it to the Board

I have the honor to remain with
Honble

1945 Fort St George 10th Nov.r 1777

Hond.d Sir

your very obliged and
obedient humble Servant
Geo. Sackville Brown

9th Nov.r 1777

Minute thereon

Captain Sackville having
already received arrears to the Amount of £350
and Mr Browne being ordered by the Company
to proceed to Bengal, ORDERED that they be inform-
ed by the Secretary That the Indulgence they
request being contrary to the usage of the Service
The Board are not at liberty to comply with
their desire.

By Perring

1946 Fort George 15th Sept 1779

Sir

Capt Kelly

To Captain Robert Kelly

Sir

I a Captain Kelly
the Detachment
withdrawn of the
Battalion ordered
back to Virginia

Head Quarters Orangeburgh
Sept 12th 1779

15

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor and Council at Augusta

To Reinier Van Vlissingen Esq.

Gentleman

Governor & Director Gen.l of the Province of Surinam

Sir

I the Governor
and Council

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and making Fences on the Ground belonging to the Circar. We have inclosed to you a Letter from one of the Nabob's Servants who was sent to enquire into this Matter, and We request you will immediately give such orders as may prevent all future Complaint by obliging your People at Tripetty to observe the ancient Custom with respect to ploughing and breaking down the Fences built on the Ground belonging to the Circar.— These Irregularities We doubt not have been committed without your knowledge, and We flatter ourselves therefore that you will lose no time in making proper enquiry and answering to the Nabob every Satisfaction in your Power on the Subject of his Complaint.

We are

Gentlemen

your most obedient and

most humble Servants

John Whitehill

J.n Council

Dispatched the following Letter

15.

to Captain Kelly

To Captain Robert Kelly

1946 Fort St George 13th Novr 1744

12th Dispatched the following Letter
to Captain Kelly

To Captain Robert Kelly

Sir

To Captain Kelly
the Detachment
withdrawn & his
Battalion ordered
back to Conjeveram

The Nabob having informed the
President and Council that he has no further Occa-
sion for the Detachment employed in securing the Revenues
I am directed to desire you will march the Detachment under your Command
Cantonment immediately, and procure an Order for your
Battalion to Conjeveram.

Fort St George
12th Novr 1744

I am Sir
your most obedient
Charles Ca[illegible]

13th Dispatched the following Letter to the
Governor and Council at Pegu patam

To Reuier Van Vlissingen Esqr
Governor & Director &c Council at
Negapatan

Gentlemen

To the Governor
and Council of
Negapatan on the
Subject of the
Nabob's Complaints

His Highness the Nabob of the Carna-
tick has informed us that he has received complaints
from his Aumil at Tonnivelly, purporting that the
Dutch Resident at Tranquebar is acting in the Nabob
to the Prejudice of the Customs by selling Grain
What place [illegible]

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Circar. We send inclosed to you a Letter from one
of the Nabob's Servants who was sent to enquire
into this Matter, and We request you will imme-
diately give such orders as may prevent all future
Complaint by obliging your People at Tripetty
to observe the ancient Custom with respect to cutting
and breaking down the Fences built on the Ground
belonging to the Circar. These Irregularities We
doubt not have been committed without your
knowledge, and We flatter ourselves therefore that
you will lose no time in making proper enquiry
and answering to the Nabob every Satisfaction in
your Power on the Subject of his Complaints.

We are.

Gentlemen,

your most obedient and
most humble Servants

John Whitehill
Jas Council

Fort St George
15th Novr 1774

Dispatched the following Letter

15.

to Captain Kelly.

To Captain Robert Kelly

Sir

The President and Council observing

So send the Ar-
tillery to the Mount by your Letter of the 13th Instant that you propose

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You will order them to the Mount, as it is their
Intention that the whole Detachment should
be returned.

Fort St George
15th Novr 1775

Pass Jur.
your most obedt humble Servt
Chas Oakeley
Secy

At a Consultation Present
Monday The Honble John Whitehill Esq President
17th November Charles Smith Peter Perrault

Mr Johnson in his Chair
Read the following Letter
from Colonel Flint commanding at Pensacola

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

On Receipt of your Letter of the
From Col. Flint 29th Ult. I immediately wrote to Captain Muirhead
communicating the following
his Orders to Captain
Muirhead ——

To Captain David Muirhead
Sir

"On Receipt of this you will be pleased
"to Acquaint the Nabob's Messengers Rahaman Beh-
"Cawn, that I have received directions from the

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"They supposing he is now able to collect the Peishwah
"without further difficulty. should he require of you
"to leave with him two or three Companies at most
"comply with his Request but with strict Injunc-
=tions to the Officer Commanding them not to
"act upon any hostile purposes whatever & to let
"me know from time to time what he is about. If
"your remaining with him two or three days
"more will be the means of settling every thing of
"Consequence with the Polygars stay but no longer
"on no account commit Hostilities, but return
"with your Detachment to this place. keep these
"Instructions a secret from your Detachment till
"you march and advise the Manager the same.

I am Sir
your most obedient humble Servant
Jno Flint.

Tellicherry
31st Nov 1749

My reason for reserving the above
to be kept a secret knowing that matters were not
finally settled & the Polygars might take the advan-
=tage of it.

I have received an answer from
Captain Maitland acquainting me of his having
explained my letter to the Manager. the Latter
made answer it was just entirely a stop to his
business. and further said that the leaving of two
or three Companies with him would not be of
the least Service. in short gave him to understand
that

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that were it not for the respectable Detachment the Polygars would not have been brought to so ready a Compliance as it is apparent some of them meant to oppose them. he has begd of them only to march down by Monegar or here he says he shall be able to settle the principal part of the business if they come straight to Trichinopoly. Capt Muirhead has in consequence complied with his request & will make but two or three days difference so that I expect him in about the 25th. The accompanying is a Copy of my Instructions to Captain Muirhead upon this first sc for my own part I did not think there was any occasion for Hostilities using in using the of Troops would be sufficient to awe them into a Compliance as such the Ap gave me to understand. in respect to the num Troops to be sent, was left to the Commander opposing them to be the best judge the nature Service to oblige the Polygars to pay the Pres due to the Nabob these two years past. and two years to me from the Secretary's Letter th had refused. and as I had no reply to my Letter of the 22d Sept. took it for granted was agreea of my writing to Colonel Lang acquainting him with the Attack at Ramgary was mistak View to give you Gentlemen a more explicit Account the day or two following, however shall take care in future to follow

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Injunctions respecting the sending away Troops from
This Garrison & Intelligence
The Returns of Men belonging
to the Artillery & Infantry that were employed
under the Engineer at Tellicherry are returned to
their Corps here, and I have the pleasure to send
you the usual Monthly Returns of the Troops &c.
belonging to this Garrison for October.

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

Tellicherry
4th Nov.r 1794

To Captain David Murhead
Commanding the Detachment at Cannanore March

Sir

In consequence of a Letter from
the Board to the Commanding Officer of the
Garrison, desiring him to give the Sabob's Manager
here, every reasonable assistance to oblige the
Polygar of Manapparam to pay the Pesheash
due to the Sabob these two Years past. The
aforementioned Manager Kathoo can Ali Canny
has accordingly applied to me for assistance, and I
have complied with his request by having ordered
out the Troops now under your Command for the
above Service, as he goes with you in behalf of

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Masulipatam
17th Novr 1777

Humble Servants
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Alex.r Pringle

Hond.le Sir & Sirs

I was honoured with y.r order
of the fifteenth of September while on my
to this place. I should have acknowledge
receipt of it sooner. but that from the manner
it was worded. I judged that you did not de
necessary that I should do so. unless you
Letter bore. and but which come safe
received by my being in a very unsettled
of health.

I am with the highest
and with great respect that I have
has hitherto been by unanimous consent
the Ship was Council of Trade. I could
accuse myself of any undutiful conduct
and I have constantly lived with them in the
knowing how to [illegible]
Commander in Chief objected that they brought
any Complaint against me, on the contrary
shewing the difference of opinion which subsist
between us in consulting for the Honour
interest our Service. knowing me I have
unreasonable from themselves and from
they have said it, that they do not blame me

Hon

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this I am sure they never publickly or privately objected to me that I arrogated to myself any Powers and as it was at all times in their power to correct any mistake or check any arrogance in me by a resolution of the Board and a consequent order. The last 6 Chapters I considered ourselves cognizant of the exact line of our several powers but with the most friendly intentions towards each other and a desire disposition to carry on the Service without disputes and I still flatter myself that the letter before your Honors from the Board of Vizagapatam may be taken up as a matter of reference rather than as a matter of complaint. the Civilities I received from the several Gentlemen who composed that Board demonstrated the sincerest intentions of attention from me towards them as individuals and a sense of my duty as the head as I was to respect them as a public body and my Superiors and as it relates to me there only enforced to the Honble Presidency and if I have been guilty of any inattention towards them it was without design and the conviction of it will give me great concern, and as to any wilful disobedience I am convinced they themselves will acquit me.

I shall endeavour humble Servt and Sirs to their narrative by remarks and as such I hope it will appear that although I have been mistaken, nothing wilfully arrogant can be imputed to me.

I arrived at Vizagapatam on the

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the 26th of July upon a general order of the Day
in my Landing I was Saluted with two Guns more
than my Compliment as Colonel, as Commander
Officer of the Troops in the district. I found the
the Chief and most of the Members of the Board
absent having gone to Tegnapatam. I delivered my
Packet to the Provisional Chief, to whom I
offered immediately to attend the Chief of the
the Service would be performed by it. I was
determined by this measure to remain in
station, where the Chief appointed a meeting
of the Board immediately for which my Letters
and not with standing that reception
of the Conference with him I found the
had before most disagreeably in the
intervening, and had forcibly
with the suggestions made to him, and
absolutely bent to oppose the Nabob
Government so that although no hostilities
yet to commenced as I found the Nabob
had suspended them until their further orders
it was agreed that no time ought to be lost
making every necessary preparation in the
for war for which purpose I was to remain
in Tegnapatam, where the Rajah allotted me
house in the Pettah for my use. Letters of
my arrival and appointment to the several
military officers. The whole of the 28th almost
spent in a correspondence between the Chief

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table I live of and myself relative to the state of affairs and the measures to be pursued. in the course of this Conversation I informed the Chief that as I had been two years absent from India and had left Madras so immediately after my arrival that I had not had time to look into orders to refresh my Memory, and as I never had served where there was a Chief and Council. I might conduct myself wrong in some things but that I never would do so intentionally that I did not know the exact line in which I was to proceed. but that it struck me that the controlling power was in the Chief & Council & the executive Military Power in me. to the best of my recollection the Chief replied that he did not believe the exact line was yet ascertained. that different Modes were pursued in the different districts. that for his part he was determined not to take from my Consequence, and he had no doubt but that I should always pay a due respect to his Station. I assured him I would and declare upon my honor that I always meant to do it and consulted it in all Matters where I thought myself at liberty to conduct myself by my own discretion. and we determined to carry on the Service to the best of our Judgment & without disputes. on the 29th I prepared such orders as appeared to me to be necessary for forwarding the Military Service in all parts of the district. but particularly mentioned that I did not

consider

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consider myself in Command at all in Pegu=
=putam that the Troops there were Allowed
the Commands of Lieut Davis, or that these or
more perfect are. I sent Lieut Fourke with them
on a ship of mine to the Chief for his perusal
he saw them approved them as Ours informd
and explained his satisfaction in having a
Officer of my experience and as he was
any Hostilities, and gave the Parole to the
Parole was Bradhorn the They then were
as orders and circulated to the Commanding
Officer in Camp, and those in Pegu after
Shiracole as they continued matter in the
more respectively concerned. It was from
of preventing any Mistake which might
from my being at Negapatam the
Lieut. Davis being in the Command
if it was an error, it had no bad
and was not objected to at the time

It is urged that between the
29th of July and the 6th of August, that
the Garrison with a Company of Topays
mounted Guard at my House, without
requesting Lt Davis the Commanding Officer
or the Chief and Council, and a Letter given
is quoted to shew that I did wrong, but
the Gentlemen of Negapatam for want of
enquiry at the time have misconceived
case, when it was determined that I should

shortly

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shortly go to Camp and make a Movement of
the Army towards Vizeragapatam for which I was
soon to receive an Order from the Board every
thing wore an hostile appearance. I was to go
through an enemy's Country twenty Miles and
through some defiles to the Army, in which I
might be cut off. the Garrison was to weak to
admit of any detachment going from it. I wrote
therefore to Captain Murphy to send an escort
from Camp to convoy me thither. and he sent
a Company of Sepoys, which Company never
entered the Fort, or ever came upon the detail
thereof, or made any part of the Garrison.
They came directly to my house in the Pettah
where they stood as a Guard till I received the order
of the Board to proceed to Camp, whither they
escorted me. If I did not acquaint the Chief that
I wrote to Captain Murphy it was an oversight.
I ought to have had the sense of the Council through
him on it. and I really always thought I had
mentioned it as it was my intention. at all events
as this Company was obliged to keep a Guard
of the Garrison fixed at the Pettah Gate, they
might to have been stopped there and reported
to the Commanding Officer and by him to the
Chief and Council. before admitted, and I verily
believed this had been done as they came to my
house, nor did I ever hear any objection to their
being there, or to the manner of their coming.

either

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either from the Chief or any Person whatever
nor did I Ever receive any mark of
Letter written by Mr Pickens had been shown
to me, or had the Chief spoken to me, I should
have recollected the not having approved
the Board Through him of the negligence of the
Secret. and I am conscious that I never brought
any Lyings into the Garrison of Stygeyan for
to reinforce it in any such as were not
Works arising from the Service, as those
mentioned, and others which the Board
not mentioned, which occasioned the Rejection
Brother Officers as Officers upon the
They brought, and which remained with
at one time two Companies and an Half
formed a Picket at Night between
Fort and the Fort, and were always on
Muster Rolls as none of these Men of any
were objected to by the Chief Commissary
whom I lived daily. I suppose they were
It is urged that on the 6th
August I took the Command of the Garrison
day meant. as I believe the 9th as that of the
4th July are the only days on which any military
orders were given that I was concerned in
to my going to Church to muster all the Troops
of a determined Resolution to reduce the Rajah
every thing was done to give things that appearance
France. the Guns were got without the Lake

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and the Bullocks encreased in drawing them
every day, and to convince any Spies the Rajah
might have that things were be coming
forwards the day before I went to Camp, I sent
Lieut Forbe to the Chief to shew him the
following Order, which being seen & given
a Parole to, was issued. The manner of making
this order was as I recollect dictated by the
Chief himself Lieut. Forbe having dated it
Pegagapatam only

Head Quarters Pegagapatam Aug. 9th 1761

Lieutenant Fearn of the Artillery
arrived from Masulipatam with the two
twenty four Pounders, is to take the Command
of the Artillery in Camp, and is to hold himself
in readiness to march for that purpose on the
shortest notice.

If I have done wrong in this
manner of speaking the Military orders it was
not intentionally, on the contrary Lieut. Forbe
told me that the Chief very favorably said
more than once that I knew how to conduct
these matters so well it was almost an unnec-
-essary form the shewing him these orders.
I am very sensible that afterwards, when the
large Detachment was delivered over to me
in Pegagapatam which of Necessity became the
Garrison from the impossibility of having
them all in the quarters allotted to them there

by

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by the Chief. They not being required with the Field
and the independant Troops to decide just these
Troops under me. The Chief thought his conjuncture
much hard, and complained some of disagreeably
but never that I know of, of me. I continued to
lay before him every proposal order as before
and the details also as soon as possibly I hope to
procure the European troops and European Gunners
were placed at the Chiefs but none allotted to
me, though usually given to Officers Commanding
European troops, and the Chief as I have to
so hired as to continue the same Language
me to Lieut Forde although he expressed
dislike to the situation in which things
by accident involved

If I have been wrong, I
have not I am sure I shall never forfeit
maintain. I hope there very uncommon
particular situation of our circumstances
plead my excuse, and will evince that no
Man might have acted in such a situation
without being culpable of any arrogant
disrespectful intention.

The source of procuring the
Rajah Vizieram I owe to an entire subjection
to and dependance on the Head Company
not only began but almost completed. The
Company had made a Motion towards Vizianagrum
and a detachment of it had taken Possession

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of the Fort of Anakapalle and I had brought
the Rajah down by the approbation of the
Chief and Council to make his Submission
at Vizagapatam where I stood as his Mediator
and Guarantee. The Service was now converted into
a Negotiation, in which as Guarantee & Mediator
for the Rajah I bore a considerable part when Captain
De Morgan delivered over to me the Troops sent from
the Honble Presidency, at Vizagapatam. I arranged or
dispatched in detail such as were not necessary for the
Field, and set apart those (the Grenadiers) whom were to
move out as I thought my duty in Consequence of the
Powers from the Honble Presidency. Those delivered to me
by the Chief and Council to whom they had been sent
open, which also charged me if the Service was begun
to bring the private matter to a speedy Conclusion
and if possible without military force, & authorised me
to hold out promises to the Rajah in order to effect it
to hold out promises to the Rajah in order to effect it
and hold out the most flattering prospects to me,
to induce me by all ways to avoid the disagreeable Consequences
-ences of war. In this extraordinary & critical Situation,
which entirely arose from my being in Vizagapatam
(an event unforeseen) when I received both the Troops
and the Orders. I acted to the best of my Judgement,
and had the Board of Vizagapatam thought proper
to overrule that Judgement I should have submitted
to their Resolution, leaving it to the Honble Presidency
to determine. no sort of objection whatever offered
by them to any part of my Military Conduct

and

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and on other Matters the Difference of opinion
which arose between us, arose from my not thinking
it absolutely necessary for me to justify my
Honble Presidency under an order which I
positive and unlike, but which to them
Chief and Council appeared of a different
Character, nor did this difference of our
Opinion, as I have before observed, affect
the Harmony which subsisted between us, nor
as asked according to the opinions which each
from our stations, and as I know of neither
a private Judgement on the other, as the Hon
Presidency resolved unanimously to determine
meant the same thing. They on a larger
extensive scale. I on a more positive
and this difference arose from the different
publick Characters & Council might be
to deliberate. I could only obey they might
with very material reasons for their Conduct
authorised a delay, but I could have none
bers of Council I should very probably
as they did, as an individual unanimous
I could not extend my thoughts beyond the
prescribed in the Letter, namely the Boundary
Rajah and his Military, and the Dispersion of
Pyanaghum if possible without having recourse
to Arms, and the arguments held forth to them
that event if practicable about, where they
from the nature of their situation thought it

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necessary to separate from the Circuit Lasie in justifica-
=tion of myself. I thought it necessary to shew
that I was enamoured to keep back and I had all the
Reason to think from the manner in which I
parted from the Chief and the several Members
of that Board at the time of our several Separations
that they did not entertain in me the effect which a
very uncommon & partly accidental Cause not
depending upon me had produced. I am desirous
to remove any imputation which inevitable circumstances
and Circumstances have thrown upon me. That
I could dwell much longer upon the Subject, but
that I feel myself ashamed of the length of this
Letter, which nothing could excuse but an earnest
desire to remove the only objections which have
ever been made to any part of my Conduct
since I have been in the Honble Companys Service, at
least that I know of; or which have had the Sanc-
-tion of the Honble the President and Council
-tion of the Honble Courts. I will trespass no longer on your
Time than to request you will
use that Candour towards this Letter which seems
to have dictated that from you to me, and to
assure you that I shall pay implicit obedience
to those parts of your Letter relative to the Conduct
of Military Officers in the Circars, and to
acknowledge your Letter of the 31st Ultimo, which
I have this moment received, and according

to

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to which I shall confine myself.

I have the honor to be with

Masulipatam
Thursday 6th Nov 1774

the greatest Regard
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedt Servt
John Braithwaite

Read the following Letters from

Captain Kelly.

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

From Captain Kelly his Business being finished he proposes returning to Conjeveram.

I agreeable to the Request of Boats Plan on which I shall the Evening proceed to your Fort Troops at Pagadapuram are to Cuda Cuddah, and thence to Tadlaveedoo, to be more joined by the Pollams Detachment Day are made the Head of Irgavaram for Chiefs Pollams, without Loading, and at Gummapauroy where I first Letters that the Pollams had been unmasked. Pummapauroy Pollam I can give no certain account of, as I have not seen it, but am informed that the Inhabitants of that place followed the example of their Neighbours. He and the Irgavaram Men are to be in Camp with Rajah Boor but the Malabary Troops are in Possession of their Pollams together with

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with those of Hoodiapa Naib. Sabel Naig. Tombas
=Chary & Loga Chary. Bom Lauzes Troops in
Conjunction with those of his Highness the Nabob,
are in Pursuit of Hussanna Naigs Bad Naigs,
Peons and those Vellaburs upon Naigs & Vellaur
Pollams. but in Wallapaw Naigs I have left an
Officer with a Company of my Battalion, by
desire of Rajah Burbur. till your pleasure
is known.

The Rajah having signified to
me to day, that the business of the Campaign is
fully and satisfactorily accomplished, and that
he has no further service at present for the Noble
Lords Troops under my Command. I therefore
purpose in obedience to your last orders returning
with my Battalion to Conjeveram without loss of
time; and ordering the Vellaur Sepoys to join their
respective Corps in like manner. but the Rajah
Men. I will take the liberty of keeping with the
Guns of the Battalion. in consequence of a person=
late on which the Rajah has made both. Nabob
of the necessity of its being in readiness to march
at the shortest notice. in case of any disturbances
in the new conquered Countries. which representa=
tion. he says, will most probably be productive
of orders from the Honble the Governor and
Council to that effect.

In hopes that what appears
on me of this expedition. may have met
with

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with your approbation.

I am with the utmost respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most faithful and
most obedient humble Servant
Robert Kelly

Camp
near Poolaon
13th Nov.r 1777

To Charles Oakeley Esqre
Secretary
Fort

From the Same

In the Morning I have received the orders of The Honble the President & Council relative to continuing my Detachment. In the Letter of yesterday you will observe that I had taken that Resolution. The St. Peter now lies off the Mouth of the River Hoogly with the Remainder of the Detachment on board. The Garrison of my Battalion remain to mount Guard

Camp
near Tuckoolum
14th Nov.r 1777

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
Robt. Kelly

On receipt of the foregoing Letters the Secretary was directed to write to Captain Kelly as appears in the Diary of this Consultation

The Board think it necessary to

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Minute of the Board thereon

to remark here that Captain Kelly in his Letter of the 27th Ulto. acquainted them that at the Request of the Rajah Beer Bur he should continue the Detachment in the Field to act against some Polygars in the Neighbourhood of Sattavedo until he received their orders to the Contrary - The Board observing in their Letter of the 29th Ulto. directed Captain Kelly to return to Conjeveram after reducing to obedience the Polygars against whom they authorized him to act, it was very improper in him to continue in the Field & march against other Polygars at the Request of the Rajah Beer Bur without any authority from them. Resolved that a Letter be written to inform him of these Sentiments of the Board.

Read the following Letter from Mr. James Call

Mr. Secretary Barkley

Sir

From Mr James Call Agent of Seapoys

I have received your Letter of the 3d Instant and also the extract from General Stuarts Letter that accompanied it relative to the Sepoy half Mounters. The delay therein complained of, is owing to my not having received any Accounts of Cash from the Treasury in

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on the beginning of the year, as has ever been
customary. Who I made repeated applications
for the same, and this I communicated to Samuel
Stuart, before he made his Representation
to the President and Council

I am Sir

your most obedient Servant

James Call

Agent for Lefroy, Halfmoon &c.

Fort St George
18th Nov.r 1770

Read the following Petition

To the Gentlemen Resident & Counsellors
of the Council of
Fort St George

Gentlemen

Petition from Le
Marquis De Valory

Furnished with a Passport
from your Governor of Massulapatnam
rode in that part of the country called
the Warrant I arrived at Madrass. I
came to the late Council and begg'd
to be heard enough to favour me with the
Protections towards Arcot which
they did with all the good nature imaginable
to my first Requisition: in the mean
time Mr Whitehill arrived from Europe,
and at the recommendation of the Hon.ble Lord D
de Bellecombe, and at my desire was heard
enough to introduce me to the Nabob. to
whom

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whom Mr de Billecombe has wrote about me
just before since all that is two Months & what
is resulted from it. a Letter from the Inhabitants
of Tiechinapatam to the Nabob, who after severally
owning the robery committed upon me in their dis-
trict, have laid it on a European that travelled with
me, and a European which They accuse only two
Months after the Complaint I made against them.
I have evidently proved the falsities & contradictions
which are in that Letter, as well as their recrimination
against Mr de Burges as well by European oaths in
the Mayors Court of this Colony, as by the Witnesses of
40 Black People what can there be wanting
to obtain Justice in every Country that
has Laws, and the continuation of your Protections
towards the Nabob. Should you doubt of the quantity
of Effects robb'd, & should you desire to see the invoice
of them, it is in the hand of Mr Oakeley to convey
of War. I'll pawn my oath upon the veracity of all I
say in it. Should you desire an enquiry upon my truth
my Sentiments, you are at hand to do it. by enquiring
at Pondichery, as some times those motives dictate
the quantity of Interest that one takes for Persons
I believe that as my Chiefs & all the honest People
of our Colony are willing to take for what con-
-cerns me, proves enough that I am esteemed by my
Nation, and the honor I shall soon have to command
a body of 4000 Europeans ought to show you that
I must always have behaved well enough. but the

extinction

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intention of all this is because to one single Point
which is the prayers Gentlemen that I have had
the honor to make you to be kind enough to con-
-sence me your Protection towards the Patab in
obtaining me an answer just clear and definitive
always after having confronted my sayings with
those of the People of Pedaw (Jordan) sayings
that I have given in Persian to Upon Cawa
Bahadour this Morning with a correct Plan of
the Place where I was robb'd

Gentlemen in engaging the
Patab to be animated in regard to me with
some Sentiments of justice as your Court is
prone here before all European Nations
established on this Coast, and that knows the
Tebery committed upon me. I say you should
that you are sincerely his friends if that
Reputation is dear to you, and in endeavoring your-
-selves for me in this occasion, you will have the
Sentiments of humanity that constitutes the
honest Heart.

I have the honor to repeat to
Gentlemen, it is only Justice I beg of you to ask
the Patab Y Justice that is due to me by the laws
of Indostan, which say that the Chiefs obliged
to watch to the Police and Guard, are obliged
to pay the Deberies committed in their districts,
and that of Thickonapatam is more in that
case than another, for if this Warches has kept

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a good guard I should not have been robd. &
if you hear talk of me in your tribunal, and
that I come to ask your Protection it is because
when I was robd I was bearer of a Passport &
your Protection.

I have the Honor to be with respect
Gentlemen,
your most obedient and
humble Servant.
Le Marquis de Valory

Major en Service de Roy de France.

NB. if you should chuse to see my papers, party
them are with your Secretary of war, part in the
hand of Mr Johnston, & part in the hand of
my Advocate.

Ordered that a Copy be sent
to the Nabob

Read the following Letter
from the acting Military Paymaster.

From the acting
Military Paymaster
with an Account of the
Expence of Sepoy Clothing

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

Honble Sir & Sirs.

I have the honor to lay before
your Honor &c Statements of the Expences of
Cloathing

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Clothing the Sepoys with the allowance to the Captains upon the Establishments by the former of which it appears that the Sepoys are barely sufficient for those Purposes & by the latter that there is a deficiency of P. 22.32.70 each Battalion amounting on the whole to P. 35 60.29.30 which arises from two causes first by the Reduction of the number of Men in each Battalion second by the increase of Expence making the clothing. On Account of the deficiency Mr. Brooks late Military Paymr. depos'd praying any allowance for off Reckonings to the Captains Commanding the eleven native Battalions would sustain as by his Letter accompanying Statements to the Board. That their Question on that head was superseded by the Arrival of the Fleet. I am therefore to request your Honor & the Board respecting those Captains, as some of them have been appointed since December last and the Returns of knowing your determination thereon, especially, as the first Payment of this year has already become due Viz. from 1st May to the 31st October.

I am respectfully.
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt & most humble Servt
Wm Hamilton
Actg M.P.

Fort St George
15th Nov. 1777

Expences of Cloathing a Battalion of Sepoys on the old Establishment

To Cloth for making 1032 Coats	1183 10 60	By the offreckonings of a compleat Battalion of Sepoys	1979 6 –
Making Silver lace binding Cotton lace &c.	206 41 40		
Charges Packing & Godown Rent	10 38 70		
Commission on Pag. 1390 10 20 p 5 p Cent	69 21 42		
Allowance for offreckonings to the Captains	500 – –		
Ballance in favor of the Company	8 19 28		
Pagodas	1979 6 –	Pagodas	1979 6 –

Expences of Cloathing a Battalion of Sepoys on the new Establishment

To Cloth for making 792 Coats	897 11 70	By the offreckonings of a compleat Battalion of Sepoys	1539 6 –
Making Silver lace Cotton lace binding &c.	20 1 29	By the Deficiency	122 32 70
Charges Packing & Godown Rent	8 – –		
Commission on Pag. 1098 40 70 at 5 p Cent	54 40 –		
Allowance for offreckonings to the Captns	500 – –		
Pagodas	1661 38 70	Pagodas	1661 38 70

NB. It is seldom all the Battalions are compleat by which means the offreckonings fall short of the above Calculation.

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Measures to be taken against the Zemindar of Gorrour in Case he proves refractory.

Orderes to be on the Table for the Board or Consultation this Instant / Revenue Department / Orderd to be call'd upon the Zemindar of Gorrour in the Sick Chair as soon as he arrives at Fort St. George

For his arrears of Peshcush and to march a force against him in case of Refusal or delay in the Payment of them. For this purpose in addition to the two Battalions now in that district, ordered, That the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam do forward to Ganjam whatever Companies of Sepoys at Vizagapatam with two Three Pounders a Subaltern & Serjeant & proportd # 20 Artillery Men - Detachment to remain at Ganjam which is to be made in the Zemindars relaying payment of

As the Country of Gorrour is represented to be difficult of access from the Sea which is very woody. The Zemindar it may be supposed has taken advantage of this Situation to strengthen the different Passes as much as possible. - With Sanctn the late Chief of Ganjam acquaints the Board that the principal Officers now employed on the Ganjam District being newly appointed have had no opportunity as yet of informing themselves sufficiently of the Nature of the Country - but that Capt. Hunt who was ordered on Service there for several Years

Captain Hunt appointed to take the Command of Six Grenadiers Companies

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years at Ganjam, would be a proper Person from the Experience he has had to be employed on the Expedition. Agreed in consequence that Captain Grant be directed to take the Command of the six Grenadier Companies directed to assemble at Ponany.

Read the following Letter from

From the Nabob enclosing the Copy of a Letter from Mons.r Bellecombe

the Nabob C. Cor. N.o 728 enclosing Copies of Letters from Mons.r Bellecombe & his Packet requesting that the Fisscadrks from and to Tonaverry and the Malabar-Coast may meet no Interruption and requesting the opinion of the President on the answer to be returned.

The President requested by the Board to advise the Nabob in this case to do what has been customary.

Read also Letter from the

Sion. the Nabob returning thanks for the Detention of the Polygars

Nabob C. Cor. N.o 729 returning Thanks for one of his Battalions of Sepoys that is under the Company having been appointed to punish the Polygars

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Heard Commanding at Permacoil

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

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Hond.le Sirs & Sirs

From Lieutenant Hurst calculating the Expence of Barracks at Pulicat

I have been honored with your Letter and calculated the expence of building Sepoy Quarters which including the Materials on the Spot will amount to three hundred Pagodas. An Addition of fifty Pagodas more will be sufficient to erect Sentry Boxes round the Garrison

I am
Hond.le Sirs &c &c
with the greatest Esteem
your most obedient
most humble Servant
H. Wm Hodgson
Lt Commandg Engrs

To be Built

Proper Work the
immediately necessary be built for
Expence do not exceed the Sum
in the above Letter

D. Pirrie

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Dispatches the following Letters

To

To Mr Robert Maunsell
Jr Council at
Ganjam

Gentlemen

In consequence of the Letter we
wrote you from the other Department concerning
the Gumsur Rajah, We have this day sent orders
to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, to dispatch 6
Grenadier Companies of Sepoys at Ponday with a
proper number of artillery Men & two Three Pound-
=ers. the whole to be put under the orders of Captain
Trent who will proceed from hence immediately
to take the Command. - should it be necessary
you are to make your Requisition immediately
to Captain Trent to march those Troops into
your district. We have dispatched the necessary
Orders on this Subject to Vizagapatam and the
Gentlemen there are directed to supply you with
such military Stores as you may Require and
apply for.

Ganjam ad
vising that Capt.n
Trent will com-
mand against the
Gumsur Rajah

We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
Jr Council

Fort St George
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To

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To Mr Morgan Williams
Jr Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Advt Vizagapatam Six Grenadier Companies to be held in Readiness for Ganjam

Advt is receivable from the Contract of the Zemindar of Ganjam that may shortly be obliged to call him to an Account for Military Force. We desire you will order the compleat Grenadier Companies of the Sepoys [illegible] going to your District to assemble at Pudaty with two 3 Pounders an Officer Serjeant Corporal 20 effective Artillery Men. Captain Thom[illegible] Detachment will proceed from hence to take the Command of these Troops and having done so you will desire him to hold himself in readiness to march into the Ganjam District on the Application of the Chief & Council there who we have directed to apply to him in case of Necessity - you will be pleased also to furnish those Gentlemen with such Military Stores as they may desire from You

We direct that Lieutenant Fenwicke Sutcliffe may proceed with the Artillery in this Service.

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We are
Gentlemen
your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
Jr Council

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To Colonel William Flint

Commanding at

Fredenopoly

Fiji

We have received your Letters

To Colonel Flint
remarking the
Impropriety of
Captain Muirhead's
Conduct.

of the 8th & 10th Instant.

It affords us satisfaction to find
that all the Troops under Captain Muirhead are
returned to Fredenopoly. We observe in your
Letter of the 8th That Captain Muirhead instead
of marching directly to Fredenopoly went at
the desire of the Natives Manager round by
Manapour, to intimidate the Polygars to a
Compliance with his demands. This Deviation
tho' it made a difference of only two or three
days was improper, and We take notice of it here,
That in all future Services of this kind, nothing
more may be done than is consistent with
our express Orders and Authority

We are

Sir

Your most humble Servants
John Whitehill
&c Council

Fort St George
18th Novr 1771

To Captain Robert Kelly

Fiji

We have received your Letters
of

1782 Fort St George 23d Nov.r 1779

To Captain
Shelby answering
him for acting
without authority.

Sir I have this day received your Letter of the 13th Instant. the Secretary has also laid before us your Letter to him of the 14th.

In your Letter of the 31st Ulto you acquainted us that at the Request of Rajah Bur Bur you should continue the Detachment in the Field to act against some Polygurs in the Neighbourhood of Sattavaram unless you received Orders from us to the contrary.

Having in our Letter of the 27th Ulto directed you to return to Tanjore after receiving to the Answer the Polygurs against whom we authorized you to proceed it was very unexpected in you to continue in the Field and march against other Polygurs at the Request of Rajah Beer Bur without any Authority from us. you should have waited for our Order before you took any Step of this Kind.

We are

Sir

your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
P.r Council

23d

Copies the following Letter from Captain Collins

To Charles Oakley Esqr
Military Secretary

Sept

1983 Fort St George 24th Novr 1774

Sir

From Captain Collins Lieut Alexander Dies

I am sorry to acquaint You of the decease of my Adjutant Lieut James Alexander who died at Vizagapatam the 11th Instant.

Vizianagrum 13th November 1774

I am
Sir
your obedient Servant
Wilm Collins

At a Consultation Present

Monday 24th Novr

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President
Charles Smith Peter Perring

Mr Johnson indisposed.

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Baillie Commandant at Ponamalle

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President & Governor & the rest of the Council of Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs

I am your deputy Secretary W Burn has transmitted to me the Report of the Committee of Accounts & two Orders of the Board in consequence relative to the Charge of Oil for Ponamalle Garrison. This Article is furnished by the Military Pay-master

More Lamps necessary for the Barracks at Ponamalee —

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Pay master to the amount Monthly as far as I can learn of three hundred and ninety three Years. The Number of Lamps thirty seven to the Officers Barracks & forty three to the Soldiers the last in proportion when the whole European Battalion is present & for twenty five Men Sergeants and Drummers inclusive - for the Officers the Allowance Six of Spermaceti is supposed but for the Serverals to remain the Barracks and Lighter & Commissaries twenty Lamps more will be requisite

I am most respectfully

Poonamallee
17th Nov.r 1779

Honble Sir
Your most obedient
most humble Servt
Wm Baillie

Ask the Charge for Oil and Lamps
Officers always too extravagant, Entered in the
Company's Books the Sum specified and that nothing
but the allowance for the use of that Garrison shou
may appear to be charged for other Seasons
considering the same Number of Men.

The following Letter from
Captain Clifton to the Secretary answered.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

Secretary

Sir

I am favored with your

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From Captain Clifton upon the Expediency of an Acting Major of Artillery.

Letter of the 13th Instant in which informs me of the Honble President & Councils having considered my Application to them for the Rank of Major on the Circumstances & Grounds of my Solicitation but see neither the Use or propriety of such Appointment. Tho they are willing on all occasions to grant every reasonable Indulgence.

Upon an Answer so undecent, I am led to believe I shall not trespass in endeavouring to point out the Necessity or expediency for an Acting Major to the Corps of Artillery. at present there is a body of Men here with Officers exceeding of near three hundred & when the Detachments return to Cantonment near four hundred. there is only Five Officer attending whose Duty & Connection with the Committee of Stores & Laboratory frequently require his presence in Garrison. the Major of the Corps, an Old Officer, & nominated to the Rank of Lieut.t Colonel holds the Command of Fort St. George this particular Duty as Major to the Corps should be the disciplining of it, for which he should be answerable, but as his Services entitle him to the advantage of a Command & his Duty of Major being thereby dispensed with, it opens a prospect for the next Officer in Rank to act in that Station. the Senior Captain then in absence of the Lieutenant Colonel / who as an Artillery Officer has more

duties

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duties than the most Minute & exact Discipline
of the Corps to attend to can possibly
the Commanding Officer should not in the
Place of Major but without that consequence
& rank his Command is deficient in the
Weight and Authority it should have over
a Number of Men and Officers nor can he
enforce such Discipline as is necessary, and
with the rank of Captain is often suppose[d]
by that of Major.

Having now spoke as
I humbly think the propriety of Adding a
Major to the Corps of Artillery, I shall only
to add That should I meet with the
The Honble President and Council
they are on all occasions ready to
I should gratefully acknowledge the
they would thereby confer on me.

I am Sir
your most obedient humble Servant
Charles Clifton

St Thomas Mount
17th Nov 1777

Minute

The Board have always paid
much upon Captain Cliftons Request and do
not think proper to alter their Resolutions

Read the following Letter
from the Paymaster at Madura and also one
to him from the Commandant of that Garrison

To

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To M.r Duncan Baird

Deputy Military Secretary at

Fort St George

Sir

From the Pay-
master at Madura
with Letter from
Captain Rofsell
desiring to be repaid
for the repair of
his house.

I have been favored with your
Letter of the 19th Instant & shall agreeable thereto
pay Captain Livingston on his returns to his
Command at Palamcotah the Sum of 500 Pags
for the Repair of his Quarters.

I have to request the favor of
M.r Secretary Oakeley to lay the enclosed Letter
before the Honble President & Council. & have
only to add that the Repairs Captain Rofsell
has made, were absolutely necessary, & were
done with the greatest Economy.

I am
Sir
your very humble Servant
William Cuming
Paymaster

Madura
19th Novr 1747

M.r William Cuming Esq.r
Paymaster at
Madura

Sir

In the Conversation I had with
you this Morning I learnt that the Honble
the President and Council have been pleased
to order the Sum of five hundred Pagodas to be
paid

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[illegible] to the Commanding Officer of Palamcottah
to be laid out in building him a pucka house
upon taking this into consideration it appears
to me that the Honble Board will also be pleased
to give directions for my being reimbursed the Sum
of One hundred & sixty three Pagodas five
Fanams & forty Cash when they are made
acquainted with the following Circumstances
I arrived here the 18th of September 1786 and
found a large house about half finished
so much soaked by the heavy Rains that
the greatest Reason to apprehend one end
would not have stood the Monsoon by
down of which would have endanger
whole House: so as there was no ti
I immediately set about finishing
most frugal Measure - on the other
Offices were all very old & in a
of disrepair, in so much that parts
were daily tumbling down so that
the absolute Necessity of either repa
or letting them go entirely to ruin
not chuse to give the Honble Board any
trouble, or at least as little as possible
a thing of this sort I shall thank myself
very much obliged to you. Sir if you will
be so good as to transmit this Letter to the
Honble Board, the first time you have
occasion to address them on business of

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this Fund.

Madura
17th Nov 1777

Sam Sir
your most obedt
humble Servant
William Russell

Agreed that Capt. Russell be
reimbursed the Sum he has laid out on the
Repair of this House and informed that in
future no Allowance will be made for Repairs
undertaken without the express permission
of the Board.

Letter from the Commandant
at Dindigul read as follows.

To The Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Governor & Council

Honble Sir & Sirs

A European a native of Holland
Captain
From Cg
Barry a Straggling
European urged.

I am
to Publicate The Account he gives of himself is
That he was a Soldier in the Dutch Service. &
was taken by Hyder, last year in one of the
small Forts depending on the Dutch Settlement
of Cochin. since he has been in his Service still
very closely. he deserted and went to Aroore.
where he says he was about Fortnight & but
from

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from the many answers he has made to the
different questions I have put to him. I cannot
but think he must be one of Lallys Soldats.
He says that Lally has about three hundred
Europeans, mostly French. That one hundred
of them are Cavalry, and that there is like-
=wise attached to his Corps one hundred
Marratta Horse, one hundred Topasses, and
two thousand Sepoys. That they have
Europeans who casts Cannon, that Lally
has two Eight Pounders, four four Pounders
and two two Pounders, all Brass. His ac-
=count so much for all the information
I have been able to obtain respecting
Corps. That I shall endeavour to
learn one of my Interpreters, who is
and discretion. I have a good opinion
on & I instruct him to see him
and to get the best information he
respecting the discipline and Situation
of it. his Cannon & Stores. now I send
this Letter I have this moment receive
Intelligence that Lally was on the 16th
Instant at Tanjore in the Gunner Carriage
he will this night be at Pondicherry about twenty
Cos from this. my informant says that he
has with him one hundred of the European Troops
one hundred Marratta horse, five hundred Topasses
three hundred Sepoys. I suppose he is come with
Gunner

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Guardoor Circar for the purpose of raising Money from
the Zemeendars. I suspect the Acct. makes more Troops
than are actually with him. I shall this Night
dispatch a Hircarrah to Pedtavaram or wherever he
may be to see if the Number reported to me are
really with him. and to learn what has brought
him into the Circar. and whether his stay will
be long or short.

I have observed the Dutch Soldiers
to the Main Guard, and I now suspect that he must
be a spy sent by Lally, and perhaps to entice other
Europeans, or Sepoys, and directed the Subadar
of the Guard not to allow him to hold any Con-
versation with any of the Europeans nor with the
Sepoys, both in his hearing. I beg to have the Bearer
Orders how they will have him disposed of.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir Yr &c &c
your most obedt and
very humble Servant
P Barclay Capt.

Ongole
16th Nov.r 1777

To be sent to
Madrass.

Ordered. That the Person mentioned
by Captain Barclay be sent to Madrass

Read the following Letter from

Ensign Benson

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr
President & Council
Fort St George
Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ensign Brower on the Subject of French Party in the Guntoor Circar —

I beg leave to acquaint you that Messrs Lally. Aprol and two other French Officers are now encamped at Porto Nuvo / for. 600 from Chilaw with three field Pieces and the following Troops. One Troop of European Cavalry. One of Seapoys consisting of one hundred each. two Companies of Topasses two hundred regular Sepoys, and four hundred Peons M.r Lally is at present collecting the annual Rents from the different Zemindaries in and contiguous to the Guntoor Circar. but as it has not been customary hitherto for such a number of Sepoys to assemble so near to the Company's Territories I am rather apprehensive at present that the intentions must be extended further than settling the Revenue business and indeed from the Accounts that I have received this evening by one of my Havildars Sepoys, of which the following are the particulars. That the Europeans and Sepoys assembled at Porto Nuvo are ordered to be in readiness in order to escort some warlike Stores daily expected at Masulipatam in boats a French Vessell from Pondicherry and that Mr Lally means to give every assistance that his Party will admit of. to forward the transporting these Succours into the interior Parts of Bezapt Gungs Country. I make no doubt but I shall be able against tomorrow to transmit you further

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Particulars relative to the authenticity of the above
at the same time notice every movement that he
makes with the whole or any part of this Body.
Monsieur Revest has concealed
in a Garden at Pettah Gopaum ninety Pegs of
Lead which are meant for the use of Mr Lally
and Party. I have for the present detached a
Guard in order to intercept it when offer'd for
Conveyance, or until such times as I receive your
further Instructions on that Head. I have at the
same time advised the Board of Marine Peaston
as also the Commanding Officer of Cangole with
every disposition relative to the French Party
and Sepoys encamped at the Village Porto-
Lanoa.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedient Servant
Thomas Bonser

Fort St George
24th Novr 1777

Ordered to Lye on the Table till
the Board hear further from him.

The President Lays before the Board
a Bill signed by the Master Bricklayer containing
a new monthly Charge for looking after the Pitbuck
Towers of the Fort, cleaning Locks & Keys of the Gates
&c. amounting in all to 6 Pagodas. The Board are of
Opinion that the Charge is unnecessary and
cannot therefore be admitted.

The Master Bricklayer's Charge of ten Pag.s P Month not allowed.

Read

1794 Fort St George 24th Novr 1794

From the Nabob alledging that He had paid his ready money by Desire of Lord Pigot to certain Persons.

Read a Letter from the Nabob.

N° 130. Imputing to the oppressions of Lord Pigot the present destroyed State of his Finances alledging that by desire of Lord Pigot he has given to certain persons the ready Money with which he has endeavoured to discharge the Debts on Account of the Company's Ingager. and also that Lord Pigot by listening to the Complaints of the Inhabitants of the Ingar was the occasion of great Injuries to them. and enclosing an Account of the Ballance due to the Company & the Mode in which he proposes to discharge it.

Ordered. That the Draft of a Letter to the Nabob be prepared and that he be requested to explain that part of his Letter wherein he mentions having given his ready Money to certain Persons at the Desire of Lord Pigot

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Minute thereon.

B. Torriano

1795 Fort St George 24th Novr 1795

Dispatched the following Letters

2d To Mr James Hodges
Jr Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

The President having written
to Vizianagauze desiring him to come to the
Presidency, you will be pleased in consequence to
hold in readiness a Company of Sepoys at
Samalcotah to escort Vizianagauze on the
way from thence to Madras

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Friends
John Whitehill
J Council

To Masulipatam
to escort Vizianam
Gauze.

Fort St George
24th Novr 1795

3d To Mr Morgan Williams
Jr Council at
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

Upon Receipt hereof you will be
pleased to furnish the Rajah Vizianagauze with
an Escort consisting of one Company of Sepoys which
is to join him immediately and proceed to Madras
If the Duty of Vizagapatam
should require it you will order a Company of Sepoys
from Vizianagauze in the room of that which may
attend the Rajah, and We shall order another
Company from Masulipatam to supply the

Place

To Vizagapatam
to escort Vizianam
Gauze.

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place of that which is to leave your District.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Servts

John Whitehill

Jr. Council

Fort S. George

27th Nov. 1774

To Mr. James Hodges

Jr. Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam to send a Company of Sepoys into the Visagapatam District.

A Company of Sepoys having been ordered to escort the Royal Figurants up to the Presidency, We think proper to desire that a Company of Sepoys be detached by you with the Vizagapatam district with orders to remain there until the return of that which is appointed to attend the Royals.

We are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate Servts

John Whitehill

Jr. Council

Fort S. George

27th Nov. 1774

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Enclosed the following Letter from the Chief Engineer.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Council of

Fort S. George

Honble

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Honble Sir & Gentlemen

Report of Persons employed on the Works.

We have now employed upon

the Works ——— 30
Bricklayers ——— 81 1/4
Sunkeroggies ——— 34
Lascars ——— 138
Coolies ——— 2
Stone Cutters ———

Amounting in all to 1018 People

I have the honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedt & most humble Servt
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col.o & Chief Engineer

Fort S.t George
30.th Nov.r 1774

Dec.r 1.st

Came in the following Letter from
the Marquis de Valory.
English Translation of the French Petition

From Le Marquis De Valory on the Subject of his Loss

Gentlemen

I have a very simple & honest way to finish my affair under 24 hours & although none of the Rules & Rights, it is that the Prince consents that my Sayings be contradictorily confronted with those of the Chief & Council of Cassimbazar by a Lawyer of this Colony, & that after his advice, it be referred to the Chief & return me

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me my effects, or the amount, or else for me to
give up all demands on that Subject the appro-
-val of the Nabob on that short and simple Quest-
-ion will prove his love for Justice & will
render easy the making myself understood &
make my Grief reach him, to whom they are
been hard till now the I gave them in Person
to his Minister the same as I did the Last
Memorial.

Gentlemen this the most sacred
Right that has been violated in my Person that
I reclaim this day, it is the right of the People
respected & provided by the most venal, Tyrannic
by that Reason & by honor for your Passport
ought to record on your Protection I
to Take Notice That I have not
of them only for your State to the Nabob
to serve me for the States of Bazaar
where you have the Post of Respect
Palaam and on those of Madura they
have that of Negate and many others
I beg daily those all strangers by your Nation &
particularly the French who are not provided
with your Passports in the just reason that
Gentlemen are that many Europeans go to
in a party to, there is at present
of any Sojourn at Nagapatam in July last
Even four French Merchants in the Prisons
of that place that had been arrested by the
Commandant

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Commencement of Persecution on our Refusal of their
going to the above mentioned Port by the Hog having
known since by the English themselves to have
been going to Pondicherry. it is what engaged me
to take a Passport for fear of the like accident
I hope Gentlemen that you will continue me
your Protections. to make the Nabob give his
approbation to the short and simple way I
have indicated to finish that affair as I presume
for you as it is for me my acknowledgements
will equal the Respect I have for you.

Gentlemen

your obedient Servant

The Marquis de Tilly

Major in French King's Service in
Mauritius Island.

Madras
1st Dec. 1777

Gentlemen

The Letter you have received from
the Nabob is not an answer to my Petition. that
I had the Honor to present you. it is answer to my
Complaint against the People of Trichinopatam
in the time of Mr. Stratton. Answer which I have
proved the falsity of by the witnesses of the
black People of the Boths of the white. Gentlemen
I can represent you.

I beseech you then Gentlemen
to engage the Nabob to let me putmy Reasons
in the Hands of an Advocate of those of the People
of

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of Thitchenpatam for them to accede to any Copit
and make a Report of it to the Board it is the
only way to punish that of fact, where there is
some misapprehending of the Articles it rectifies
and where I give you my word I have a right
& where my delicacy & my Honour & my fortune
are interested. I have all proofs in my favor
and I hope to have the Countenance of your
Protection

I have the honor to be with the Respect
Gentlemen
your most obedient Servant
The Marquis de Valois
Major in the French Service

Fort St George
1st Decr 1777

Sentence of a 2d Sepoy G. Court Martial approved

The Proceedings of a General
Court Martial held on this Garrison on
of November on a Sepoy for Desertion
been sent round to the Members of Council
Sentence thereof is approved but the Pu
remitted from 1000 to 500 Lashes and
is ordered to be drummed out of the Battalion

Monday 8th December

At a Consultation Present
The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Peter Perring

Minutes of last Consultation read.

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Read the following Letter

From the Nabob

From the Nabob on the Subject of his Title to Tanjore.

N.° 136 Representing his Distresses arising from the loss of Tanjore drawing a Comparison between Vizeram Lauze and the Rajah of Tanjore & claiming the same Right over the one as the Company exercise over the other - proposing that a part of the Coop of Tanjore Country be secured until the Companys pleasure be known Enclosing Copies of Papers in proof of the Subjection of Tanjore to the Nabob of the Carnatick.

Ordered to lie on the Table

From D.° respecting the Robbery of the Marquis De Valory.

N.° 136 In reply to a Letter from the Resident enclosing the Representation of the Marquis de Valory.

As it does not appear that the Marquis de Valory can prove the Theft upon any particular Person or Persons the Board cannot require from the Nabob any Satisfaction for the Loss. agreed therefore that a Letter be written to the Nabob leaving it entirely to himself to act as he may think proper.

From D.° with Cash and Bills

N.° 138 With Pag.° 3500 on account of the Detention of Tanjore.

Ditto for Pronamalee.

N.° 139 With Pag.° 8300 for a Bill for 6000 on account of Current Charges.

Read the following Letters from

2002 Fort St George 8th Decr 1797

from the Rajah of Tanjore.

From the Rajah of Tanjore

Read a Cowcauy of having paid Pags 24000 on account of the Kist for Decr to Mr Jones's Gomastah at Tanjore

From Do with Bills in advance of January Kist

Read with Bills for the Ballance of Decr Kist & for 1/2 on in advance for January

The Rajah of Tanjore Prefers accordingly

The Resident requests the Board that the Rajahs Packet has requested in his Masters Name that 5 Companies of Sepoys may be allowed to assist the Rajahs People in the Collection of the Revenues accordingly and that the Commandant of Tanjore be written to for this purpose.

The Chief Engineer to lay before the Board a State of the Works and the Expence of finishing them.

Ordered that the Chief Engineer be directed to lay before the Board a State of the Works to acquaint them what is farther necessary to be done with the probable estimate of the Cost and to be careful that no part of the Parapet be taken down or touched until the work now carrying on be finished and our Engrs have obtained for any new alteration or addition they may be judged requisite.

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam

To

From Vizaga
patam Lieut
Alexander Dies.
Desire leave to
Build a Godown
for Stores and to
have a Conductor

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are sorry to acquaint your
Honors &c with the Death of Lieutenant Alexander
of the 5th Circar Battalion, who dies here after
a lingering illness the 13th Instant.

As We have a great quantity of
good and valuable Stores which are liable to perish
for want of a proper Godown, to contain them, we request
your permission, to erect a building for that purpose
and that you will be pleased at the same time to
appoint a Conductor for the better taking care of
them, being in great want of so necessary a Person to
keep them in order & to arrange them properly.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
Wm Williams
W. Cranford
Nath Barton

Vizagapatam
16th Novr 1777

Masulipatam
and Ganjam
to be supplied
with Stores from
Vizagapatam

As there is a much greater Quantity
of Military Stores than can be wanted for Vizagapa-
tam - Resolved, That the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
& Ganjam be desired to send up their Indents for the
ensuing year as soon as possible in order that We
may

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may direct the necessary Supplies of Military Stores
to be sent them from Fitzgerpadam after those
Demands are made from thence there will be no
occasion for any additional Sums to contain
the Quantity that will then be necessary.

Incl. the following Letter from
Colonel Flint.

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

From Colonel Flint advises of five Persons whom he has confined as Spies.

I have five Men Persons that
were taken up three days ago, four of them
have been about here some time to encourage
away for Hyder Ally's Service which has
the other a Sepoy discharged the Company
ago upon which he had a Piece with the
People to go to Hyder & persuaded to get
the different Corps there and has prevailed
one of which informed his Captain of what
going on by which means we discovered the
As an Example is very necessary
to deter others from coming here on the same
I shall be much obliged to you to let me know
for I may proceed as I do not choose to undertake
without first obtaining your Permission

I am with the greatest Respect

Honble

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Duchunopoly
30th Nov. 1744

your most obedient and
very humble Servant
Wm Flint

Opinion of the
Board thereon

The Board think such an example
as Colonel Flint points at would have been very
necessary with the Offences mentioned in his Letter,
but then it should have been more immediately
after Detection. so much time having now
elapsed the Example would have little Effect,
and the Board are therefore of opinion that
Colonel Flint be desired to inflict such other
Corporal Punishment as he shall think proper
changing the Offenders never to appear again within
the Nabob's or Company's Dominions.

Read the following Letter from

Negapatam.

To

Translate

John Whitehill Esqr.
President & Council at
Fort St George

Sirs,

From Negapa
tam complaining
of the Interference
of this Government
in the Disputes
between the Dutch
and the Nabob.

We have grounded Reasons to show
our Surprise with Regard to the Contents of your
Letter of the 13th Instant, received here the 17th of
ditto, wherein it has pleased you to write thus
concerning a Complaint, which as you say has
been brought to you by his Excellency the Soubah
of

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of the Coromandel coast regard to answers of the Chief, who manages the affairs of the Dutch Company at Tuticorin, that were contrary to the Conditions because many years since we are accustomed to receive, concerning all Matters that occur between his Excellence and the Dutch Company, direct Letters from his Excellence, to us also by Letters of the 4th and 8th of November 1774 concerning that same affair, maliciously spread it has had Place upon which the Governor signed below has by Letters of the 11th November 1774 and 27th of January 1775 answered what was necessary, informing His Excellence, that that Charge consisted of nothing else but a malicious Talk, spread by People which sought nor desired nothing else but the Friendship subsisting between his Excellence and our Nation, wherefore Then also Excellence by the before mentioned Letter of the 27th January has been desired to punish those Slanderous People so as they deserved, to an Example of others.

Upon this the whole affair of Dispute has remained silent and this Excellency as Lawful Lord of the Malabarish Territories has afterwards never applied to us for it wherefore we have thought hitherto, that that Matter has already been adjusted with the Lord of the Country.

We are then the more surprised to

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to receive concerning it again a Letter from you,
who accordeing to our opinion have not the least
Concern with it. We wish very much, Sirs, that you
would not trouble with affairs that arose between
His Excellence and the Dutch Company, as it is not
in our power to acknowledge you as Judges in
such like Matters. yet we shall send your Letter
and the Copy of the Complaint thereto annexed
tho' the real Person that has drawn it up, or
written it, seemeth not to have signed it, to the
Governor of Ceylon, accompanied by our Letter, and
Governor of Ceylon, accompanied by our Letter, and
expect what answer from that Government may
come to us upon the Nabob's Complaints, of which
we shall then give a perfect answer to his Excellence
the Lords of the Coromandel, as the present Lord
over the Marawa Territories. in the meanwhile

We remain Sirs.

your very obedient and
humble Servants

Negapatam
in the Castle
the 20th Nov. 1777

Van Vlysingen
Ph. J. Bonneaux
Haselman
Koning
Mosel
Duijnevelt
Simons
Appengh
Stoffenberg

Agreed

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Minute thereon

Agreed to take notice to the Governor and Council at Negapatnam of the extraordinary Stile of their Letter, in which We conceive us no Degree warranted or justified by ours to them, or which was only to request in a friendly Manner that they would give Satisfaction to the Nabob relative to the Complaints which he had transmitted to us against their Servants. Therefore so far as this was not impropper, but as the Gentlemen at Negapatnam are desirous of leaving immediately from the Nabob himself on the Subject of these Complaints. it is agreed to communicate to his Highness the purport of their Letter. and to recommend it to him to take such Consequence as he shall think consistent with Justice and the Rights of this our Government

Read the following Letter from the Engineer with an Account of Expences warking to the Company's Houses & Bungalows within the Fort.

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

Honble Sirs Gentlemen

I herewith lay before you an Account of the annual Expences together with

The

From the Chief Engineer with Estimate of Annual Repairs.

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The expence that will attend completing the
Drains that are wanted within the Fort.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Fort St George
27th Nov.r 1774

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

From Colonel
Ross with Letter
from Major
Burghall.

Fort St George
30th Nov.r 1774

At the request of Major Burghall
I lay before you his Letter to me of the 27th Instant and
am most respectfully

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

To Lieut. Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

I take this earliest opportunity to
acquaint

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acquaint you that as the Chains are nearly over, & that I have in the mean time accommodated some private affairs which prevented my going just before they set in, I am ready to repair to Pruchenapoly, and to desire that you will be pleased to represent the same to the Honble the President and Council, and that I may be favored with your Commands.

Fort St George
2nd Nov. 1775

Sam. Sep
your obedt Servant
(Copies) George Burghall
a true Copy Mayor & Director of Engineers
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Major Burghall
to proceed to
Tuticorin poly

The Board approve of Mr Burghall's proceeding to Tuticorin poly & greatly to his former Approbation

Read the following Letter from
Mr George Baker

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Mr George Baker on the Subject of his Contract.—

It is with much concern that I find myself after a Residence of five Years & half at this Place, under an indispensable Necessity of troubling your Honble Board on the Subject of the Contract which I entered into with the Honble Company

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Company in 1772. for furnishing this Garrison &c.
with fresh Water.

The Copy of that Covenant, and of the
Honble Company's Orders Dr. Buttenham of the year
1772, or of some other Ship of that Season respecting
the same, are on your Consultations. if there appears to you
to be any breach of Contract on my part, or that
any unfair or indirect means have been used by me
relative to that business, or if there be any thing
doubtful or obscure in it, I am willing to refer to the
Honble Company for their explicit determination
thereon, and in that case, I beg the favor of your Honble
Board, to state the matter to them clearly & at large,
in the light that you behold it. by the first conveyance.
I favor me with a Copy of that Contract, to enable
me to make to them Decision, on that and my answer.
For which is my time of life, state of Health, & situation
respecting this Contract, that I must fear my ever
to England by some early Opportunity.

The true intent and meaning of the
Contract is (in brief) I am persuaded, that I should
for the Sum of two hundred Pagodas to be paid me
Monthly, deliver daily from a Reservoir in the
Fort a Quantity of Water sufficient for six thousand
Men, at three Quarts p Man p Day, for the use of
the Factory and Garrison; which is twenty two
Hogsheads, or about twice as much as the Company
were furnished with before, for that purpose, for
the same Sum, and that I should be paid for

all

all such other Water as I shall direct the Company with for their Fortifications, or other Uses. the Inhabitants, or Ships, at the same Rate, or Price, that was then usually paid for the same. In lieu for which I was kept in Reserve on a Deposite, to be prepared at my expence, for the use of the Company, in case of a Siege, a Quantity of Water sufficient for six thousand Men for four Months at three Pints per Man, for one day of twenty four hours. / That is about two thousand four hundred and sixty Tons. /— for soon before my Arrival here, I used every means in my power to procure a place in the Fort, to construct such Reservoir or Receptacle without success. The Hon.ble President and Council, and every other Board of Administration since that time by their own Choice, as you will see on Reference to the Minutes of Consultations on their dates and time between 22d. and 28th. July & 4th August, and 2d October 1772. — 21st March and 25th April 1775. — 23d July and 19th July 1776. Copys of which I have been given to me/ Resolved to construct such Reservoirs Boards/ proof, as should answer the purposes of my Contract, or Account of the Company, or any Saving or Proportion of the Expence, but to this day nothing has been done towards it.

What I would at this time intreat the favor of your Honble Board to do. is.

1st. to cause the Barrack hut to be removed

removed, and kept at a reasonable distance from
our Wells. so hereby to preserve the Purity of the Water
in them, / they having been long concerned for, for
that express purpose. / and to convert such Spot of
Ground to my Case.

2d To cause the Reservoirs to be
erected as soon as you can.

3d To determine whether I shall
or not proceed in any Attempt of conveying fresh
Water to the Beach, or without the Surf, for the
use of Ships: with an assurance of reaping, undis-
turbed, such advantages (if any) as may arise there-
from, if I succeed in it.

4th To ascertain Right unto
that my Works are the Companys Property, and the
Water free for perpetual use. Just as the favor of you
to declare, / and thereby prevent such altercations
as have sometimes happened / that the Works are /
as you must know them to be / my Property, without
other Condition or restraint. than is in the Covenant
of Agreement contained.

5th That you will please to declare
/ as the Standard Rate, that I am to be paid for such
Water, as I may furnish the Company or others
with, exclusive of that for the use of the Factory
and Garrison / what Price the Company paid
for this Article at the time I entered into
Covenant with them. Colonel Roy has told me
it was four Farrams for one hundred Gallons

for

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for such as was used for the Fortifications. Whether it might be so, your Records will ascertain it past a doubt.

Your kind Compliance with those Requests, will fix things on clear Grounds. I am much obliged Sir, who is, and who is practically desirous of continuing to be,

with great Respect
Honble Sir &c &c
your most obedt and
most humble Servt
George Baker

Fort St George
8th December 1772

P.S. of the above mentioned Minutes of Consultation.

That of sometime between the 22d and 29th July 1772 expresses an Order to the Committee of Buildings to present me with Estimates & Descriptions &c— upon which the Board came to the Resolution of [illegible] thereupon themselves.

That of the 1st August 1772 contains the first Resolution of building Bomb proofs by the Company. I have Colonel Ross's Estimate by me. The expences on my part of the Expence will amount to Pags 3728.11— I am willing to pay that Sum towards Bomb proofs of a proper size and Height, to stand between the inner Fort Square and the Church where the Ground has been marked out for it.

As to that of 2 October 1772 it appears to me to be absurd

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NB. The above I have contrary both to the civil & the following of the Military Department.

That of 27 March 1775 confirms the former Resolution of the Board to build the Reservoirs where the other Works will admit of it.

That of the 25th April 1775 contains something to the same purpose.

That of the 23d February 1776 is to the same effect, and confirms the Board's Resolution to preserve the Water in the Wells from Impurities.

That of the 19th July 1776 contains the Report of the Committee as to the Preservation of the Water in the Wells from Nuisances, and the Board's Determination thereon. NB. Plans to be inspected.

That all the Reservoirs, Cisterns or Receptacles for Water in the Fort, except the small one at the S.E. corner of the Inner First Square which is lately built, leak more or less, some of them, are altogether useless, it is for this reason, still more necessary that the intended Reservoirs, should be built soon, and sufficiently capacious to contain the whole Quantity of two thousand, one hundred and sixty Tons of Water at least, a clear interior Space of about two hundred and ten feet in Length, by forty five feet in Breadth and nine feet perpendicular Depth, from the top of the Iron Stone Work of the inner Fort Square will answer both this, and every purpose, and the Area of the ground there is nearly suited to these Dimensions

George Baker
Estimate

2016 Fort St George 7th Decr 1774

Estimate of a Cistern intended to be built on the South Side of the Fort Square:

Plain Brick Work 4800 @ P. 21 — 1008 —

Arched D.o — 1850 @ 3 — 5550 —

Chunamming on both Sides with Shell Coats 5145 Sq.r at P. 2 Sq.r — 2997-21 —

Pumps, Doors, Hooks, Hinges &c.a — 450 —

Pagodas 16197-21

Fort St George
22d. March 1775

a true Copy

Patrick Ross

Lieut.t Colonel & Chief Engineer

Minute of the Board and Resolutions thereon

The Board are concerned at the difficulties which Mr. Baker has met with in fulfilling his Engagements with the Company and being desirous to render him every assistance and support towards enabling him to execute the remainder of his Contract, they now proceed in that Intention to pass their Resolutions upon the several Requests contained in his Letter.

1.st Resolved that Orders be immediately given for the removal of the Huts or Sheds near the Wells so that there may be a convenient Space round them that the purity of the Water may be preserved. & that this Space of Ground be put under the Care of Mr. Baker.

2.d Resolved that the Cistern which is to contain Water for the supply of the Garrison agreeably to Mr. Baker's Contracts and which is to be made

Board's Order

2017 Fort St George 8th Decr 1797

Company, be immediately begun, and finished
with as much Expedition as the nature of their mode
of Burial Works now carrying on, will admit. Mr Bakers
Share of the Expence to be first at Pags 3720.11.—

3d The Board being of opinion, that
many inconveniencies will arise from the escape of the
Bakers Attempts to carry fresh Water to the Beach, and
if possible, without the Fort, it is agreed to afford him
every Encouragement in our power, and to assure him
that he shall reap unadulterated, whatever advantage
may accrue to him from the design, with respect to the
Supplies of Water for the Garrison, Governors Garden
Stores &c. they must be furnished, as they were formerly
by the Paymaster.

4th Ordered to remove any Piers that
may be encroached of the Works constructed by Mr
Baker being the Property of the Company The Board
have declare that those Works are the Property
of Mr Baker under the limitations & restrictions
expressed in his Covenant with the Company & that
none other, except those mentioned in the Contract,
to the use of the Water, without paying Him a just
consideration for it.

5th The Price charged to the Company
for Water supplied the Fortifications, previous to the
Commencement of Mr Bakers Contract, was 4½
Fanams for each hundred Gallons.

Read the following Letter from
the

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Estimate of a Cistern intended to be built on the South Side of the Fort Square:

Plain Brick Work 4600 @ 1.21 — 7200—

Arched D.o — 1850 @ 3 — 5550—

Chamfering on both Sides with Horse Buts 545 Sqr at 5. 1/2 Sqr — 2997-21—

Pumps. Doors. Hooks. Hinges &c — 450—

Pagodas 16197-21

Fort St George
22d March 1775

A true Copy

Patrick Ross

Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Minute of the Board and Resolutions thereon

The Board are concerned at the difficulties which Mr Baker has met with in fulfilling his Engagements with the Company and being desirous to render him their assistance and support towards enabling him to execute the Remainder of his Contract, they now proceed on that Intention to pass their Resolutions upon the several Requests contained in his Letter.

1st Resolved that Brass be immediately given for the Removal of the Shots & Shells near the Well so that there may be a convenient Space round them that the purity of the Water may be preserved. & that this Space of Ground be put under the Care of Mr Baker.

2d Resolved that the Cistern which is to contain Water for the supply of the Garrison agreeable to Mr Bakers Contracts and which is to be made

Board goes

2017 Fort St George 8th Dec.r 1794

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that he shall reap no disadvantage, whatever advantage
may accrue to him from the design, with respect to the
Supplies of Water for the Garrison, Governors Garden
Stores &c. they must be furnished, as they were formerly
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In order to remove any Doubts that
4th
may be entertained of the Works constructed by Mr
Baker being the Property of the Company The Board
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Commencement of Mr Bakers Contract, was 4/
Fanams for one Hundred Gallons.

Upon the following Letter from
the

late

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the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery on this Establishment

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the Captain Lieutenants of Artillery respecting their Rank in the Army.

Some time since the Captains Lieutenants of Artillery, gave in seperate Representations to the Late Government, setting forth, the very disagreeable situation they were in, from constant supercession by Officers junior to themselves in the other Corps of the Service, and praying for the redress, has been pleased to indulge his Captain Lieutenants with by his Warrant bearing date the 10th August one Thousand seven hundred and 1777 as much as the Gentlemen at Bengal thought proper on a similar occasion. to grant upon that Establishment to Date from the seventeenth, One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five Vizt. Rank in the Army as Captains from the date of their Captain Lieutenants Commissions.

That there was a propriety in doing this, appeared evident, from the Orders given out by the former Governor and Council, but it was managed in such a way before, they were released to give the Order, giving us Rank in the Army as Captains, as to dispute it upon one account or other, till such time as every Lieutenant of Infantry was made Captain

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Captain, that the late very great increase to the
Establishment, could possibly bring my pretensions
Without taking up too much of
your time Gentlemen, we apprehend it will be suffi-
-cient, to mark the Hardship of this, by only observing
to you, that our youngest Captain Lieutenant was
this time superseded by Lieutenants who were not in
the Service until one Thousand seven hundred & seventy
when he had attained that Rank in one Thousand
seven hundred and sixty eight, and that all of us
have been Captain Lieutenants the least two Years
and others so long as seven or eight, by the usual
rise of the Service.

It will not be amiss to remark
further, that when the Honble Company in 1770 took
off Field Officers of Infantry in Companies from them
and which the Governments of Bengal & Bombay
continued to extend to the Artillery - they gave the
Captain Lieutenants Reading, Rowley & Powel
Rank of all the Captains who arrived from England that
Year, whereas by the Orders of the 24th June last many
of the Lieutenants of the same year have got Rank of all
our Captain Lieutenants who are, as has been said
before - of from Five to eight years standing.

All we wish for is, that the
Honble Board will reconsider this matter, and does
that common Justice every Servant of the Company
is entitled to, and which we make no doubt of receiving
at their Hands. However, should it not be agreeable,

to

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to your first Lieut, to decide in this business. we have
next to entreat you will represent our grievance
in such a manner to the Hond to the Court of Directrs
as will procure us redress, and be a further incouragemt
for them to put their Artillery, on this Coast upon
such a footing with that at Bengal, that when
we come to do duty together, they may not in point
of Rank, have an advantage over us, in other respects
we challenge that Establishment, or even His
Majestys Service, to produce a Senior or better appoin-
-ted Body of Men.

We have the Honor to be
Hond Sir & Sirs
your obedient humble Servants
John Braithwaite
Wm Topham
J. Mansonby
Thomas Wells
Geo. Fodder

N.B. Notwithstanding This
Majestys warrant bears date as before-
mentioned, yet it directs the Captain
Lieutenants to take Rank from the
25th of May preceding.

Extract from the Minutes of Council at
Bengal 17th April 1775.

"Agreed That the Captain Lieut.
"of Artillery do take Rank as Captains in the Army
"from this day, and that any Officers of Artillery
"who may hereafter be appointed Captain Lieuts
"shall take Rank as Captains upon the Establish-
-ment from the date of their Capt Lieutenants
"Commissions."

Hes

2021 Fort St. George 7th Decr 1774

His Majesty has been pleased
"by his warrant bearing date the 19th August
"1773 to declare his pleasure, that the Captains
"Lieutenants in the Royal Regiment of Artillery
"and Corps of Engineers shall take Rank in the
"Army, as well as in their respective Corps as Captains
"of Foot from the 25th day of May 1773 in the same
"manner as the Captains Lieutenants & Ensigns
"Infy and Cavalry."

Minute thereon

The Board are disposed to grant
to the Gentlemen who have subscribed the above
Letter every reasonable Indulgence in respect to their
Rank, but it is necessary they should know from
proper authority what is referred relative to the
Captain Lieutenants on the Bengal Establishment
before they take any final resolution upon the
Letter before them. Agreed therefore that the
Governor General and Council of Bengal be
requested to give us that information.

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 of the 25th of 27th Ult. in consequence
of

From Masulipatam
the Detachment
at Pottapilly
withdrawn

2022 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

Of the latter a Company of Sepoys has been ordered
to march into the Vizigapatam District.

The intermediate parts of those districts
proving very unhealthy this Season, and the united
state of Hyder & Tippoo's affairs giving us no reason
to apprehend a sudden renewal of disturbances in
the Tobpellee District, we judged it adviseable to recall
the Detachment which has been continued thereon
at the Request of Jaggapetty Lauze, ever since its
Reduction, to withdraw into the Fort of Samulcotah
having previously acquainted that Zemindar
with our intention, in order that he might send
a proper number of armed Peons for the Protection
of the Country, and we are encouraged to hope
Your Honor &c will approve of this Measure
when you will be pleased to consider the risk
it would have run under the Cessation of
Hostilities by sickness, had it been kept longer in so
unhealthy a Climate at this unfavorable Season
of the Year.

We are very respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
James Hodgs
John Peter Boddam
Alexander Pringle

Masulipatam
3d Decr 1777

Approved

The Board approve of the
detachment

2023 Fort St George 4th Decr 1777

Detachment being ordered to leave the Polygulles
District for the Reasons specified in the above Letter.
The following Letter read.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having been ordered from
our respective Stations to the Presidency to attend
the Quarter Sessions, we beg leave to lay before you
the inclosed account of our expences which the nature of
the business rendered necessary, and we hope you will
take into consideration how unequal our pay is there
and order us to be reimbursed.

From Captain
Rigault Lieut
Sinnarther Spec:
Dimant & Cox
Desiring to be
reimbursed certain
expenses.

Honble Sir & Sirs
We are
your most obedient and
most humble Servants
John Rigault Captain
R. Speedman 1st
Robt Cox 2d

Fort St George
5th Decr 1777

Ordered that the Account inclosed
Granted. —
in the above Letter be discharged.

Letter from Captain Thomas
Bruce read as follows

To

2024 Fort St. George 7th Dec.r 1799

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r

Sir

From Captain Bruce applying for Moor & Persian Masters for the Officers of his Battalion

As several of the young Gentlemen of my Battalion are very desirous of improving them=selves in the Moor, and Persian Languages, they would willingly embrace the Indulgence of a Master, as mentioned in the late General Orders on that Subject I am therefore to request you'll mention it to the Honble the President, and Council, and should it be their pleasure to allow me, beg to know, what pay he is to receive, and how it is to be drawn.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Thos. Bruce

Amboor

7th Dec.r 1799

Promotion in the Sepoy Corps an established Encouragement

The Court of Directors having ex==pressed no other Encouragement to be given to the Natives learning the Country Languages than a Suspension of Promotion in the Seapoy Corps the Board are of Opinion that they cannot consistently grant any Allowance for Masters, particularly as they do not perceive upon what Ground the late Board recommended such an Indulgence.

Read the following Letter from

Mr. John Doveton

To the Honble John Whitehill Esq.r

President and Governor &c.a Council of

Fort St. George

Honble

2025 Fort St George 8th Dec: 1777

Honble Sir & Sirs

My Presence being necessary
in England to settle my private Affairs I request
that your Honor &c will permit me to resign my
Appointment of Cadet in the Honble Companys Service.

I have the Honor to be.
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt and
most humble Servant
John Torin

From Mr Torin
resigns the Service

Agreed That Mr Torin be permitted
to resign the Service agreeably to his Request.
Read the following Letter from
Captain Chefskye. Commanding at Aska.

Fort St George
29th Novr 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have received your Letter of the 5th
Inst. and in obedience to your Orders have sent all the
Sick of the European & Foreign Legion, to Bengal, & shall
from time to time, send such as may be taken ill except
with slight Complaints, to the same place.

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect.
Honble Sir & Sirs.
your very obedt and
most humble Servant.
Robt Chefskyll

From Capt.
Chefskie at
Aska.

Aska
Novr 16th 1777

Read

2026 Fort St. George 8th Dec.r 1775

Read the following Report from the Chief Engineer

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

We have now employed upon the

Report of Persons employed on the Works—

Works.	
Bricklayers	9
Taskriggers	972
Coolies	21
Lascars	36
Stone Cutters	6
Sundry Artificers	13
Amounting in all to	1057 People

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

Read the following Letter from
Captain Barclay at Negapatam Dated at
Tranquebar.

Fort St. George
7th Dec.r 1775

The Honble John Whitehill Esq.r
President &.c Council
Fort St. George
Honble

2027 Fort St George 8th Dec. 1775

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ensign Bowser.

No Movements nor nothing worthy observation has happened in Mr Talbys Camp since my Letter of the 20th Instant - except that two or three Jemindars have been with him settled their accounts and returned to their different Corps.

I am with the greatest Respect Honble Sir & Sirs your most obedient Servant Thomas Bowser Ens.

Vantapollam 21st Nov. 1775

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President & Council Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Do.

In the evening of the 20th Instant Mr Talby accompanied by all the Europeans and Sepoys marched and encamped under the Walls of Pulney Veeram Fort with no further intention at present than the convenience of supplying his People with Provisions / Pulney Veeram is four Miles Northward of Porto Nuvo and much the same distance from this Station / He is extorting enormous Sums of Money from the different Jemindars which for want of their annual Tribute he threatens them that he is justifiable having Brigade Guns to use relative thereto.

Yrs

2028 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

As the Contents and Views are contrary to the expected Repell at present I am induced to suppose, that Mr Lally means persevering the expedition of some part of his intentions until such time as he receives Information of the Repells arrival. I shall however take the same precaution in every particular, and if any Supposition was really a fact, by that means any circumstance he may think to avail himself of will be noticed in its infancy. His People in disguise are posted in most of Bazalut Jungs Villages contiguous to this Vicinity and a daily correspondence subsists between them and the Manager for Mr Rous of the two contiguous Villages that I mentioned in my Letters under date 20th & 27th August 1777

I am
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient Servant
Thomas Bowser

Pantapollam
24th Novr 1777

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Barclay with Letters from Lieut Phillips and Ensign Bowser

Two days since I acquainted the Board with the sudden arrival of Mr Lally with the Gundoor Escort by this days Peppal I received a Letter.

2029 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

Letter from Ensign Brown Commanding Company
of Sepoys at Pantapollam a Copy of which I have
enclose the Circumstances I dispatched to Pantapollam
and to Mutapollee to get intelligence of Sallys Troops
and of anything that occurred on the Coast. are not
yet returned when they do I shall acquaint the
Board of their information Letters from what I
have already written should a Ship arrive with
Stores at Mutapollee or any of the Ports belonging
to the Gundoor Circar I do not find in all the Boards
Letters to Captain Duncan instructions how he was
to have acted. but I have acquainted Ensign Brown
that should a Ship arrive with Military Stores that
I will reinforce him with some Companies from my
Battalion and should that not exceed Seven
Companies I will march with the whole
Battalion I have just written to Mr Sally to know
his Reasons for coming contrary to Treaty between
the Company the Rajah and Bazel Jung into
the Gundoor Circar with his French Corps and so
large a force in the time of Peace on the Frontiers
of the Company and Nabobs Territories.

I am with much Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt and
very humble Servant
P. Barclay

Ongole
21st Novr 1777

To Captain Barclay
Commanding
Ongole

2030 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

Sir

I received this Morning a Letter from my Serjeant giving the following account from Indian Creek that on the 4th in the Morning Mons. Tolly arrived at that Place with eighty european Horse fifty black Horse, two hundred Topasses, two hundred Sepoys and twenty European Artillery Men with four field Pieces, halted there on that day - then struck his Camp at 2 o'clock on the Morning and sent on for Guides, that they give out they are going to enforce the Payment of some Money due from the Circar. I learn further from them that a good deal of Horses is Landed or to be Landed at Porto Novo on Monsieur Tolly's Account.

I am Sir
your most obedt
humble Servant
James Phillips

Tuesday 6 o'clock
Despatched at 10 o'clock in the Morning
19th Novr 1777 Copy

To Captain Patrick Barclay
Commanding
Ongole

Sir

Agreeable to Instructions from the Presidency under date 15th Septr 1775 I beg leave to inform you that Monsieur Tolly's Division and two other French Officers are now encamped at Porto Novo (ten Coss from hence) with three field Pieces and the following Troops - one Troop of European

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European Cavalry now in Service consisting of
one hundred each. two Companies of Topasses two
one hundred each. two Companies of Topasses two
Thousand Sepoys and four hundred Peons. Mr
Lally is at present collecting the annual Revenues
from the different Zemindars in and contiguous
to the Guntoor Circar. but as it has not been custo-
=mary hitherto for such a Number of Europeans
to assemble so near to the Company's Territories
I am rather induced to think at present. that
his Intentions must be extended further than
settling the Revenue-business and as soon as I receive
account I have received this evening by one of my
Hircarrahs Sepoys of which the following are the
Particulars. That the Europeans & Sepoys I wrote
at Porto Novo are meant to be on board in order
to escort some warlike Stores daily expected at
Mustapalle on board a French Ship from
Pondicherry and that Mr Lally means to give
every assistance his Party will admit of, to favour the
transporting these succours into the interior
part of Bazalat Jungs Country. I shall take care
to give you every minute circumstance relative
to his further intentions and movements. I have
advised the Presidency and the Board of Masulipa
=patam with every particular

I am Sir,
your most obedt humble Servant
Tho: Bonsor

Tantapollam
20th Nov. 1777

Copy

Lawson
To

2032 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President and Governor &c Council

Honble Sirs & Sirs

From Captain Barclay with Letter from Mons. De Lally

I have the honor of acquainting you in my Letter to the Board of the 21st Instant that I had written to Mr. Lally and had sent it by a Jemidar of my Battalion - inclosed is Copys of two Letters which I have received from him, one in English and the other in Tellinga - the Jemidar says that he has with him in his Camp, one Troop of European, and one of black Cavalry, about three hundred Topasses, and about the same number of Sepoys - The Jemidar says that the Topasses, are the very lowest sort of Portuguese Christians that the Arms of War to be except the European Troops are in very bad order. He has Troops with the different Zemindars collecting money.

He has two eighteen Pounders and five three pounders - is making new Carriages for the eighteen Pounders - and is making up large quantities of Shot as the Jemidar informs me - The Report still prevails that he expects a Ship with Stores from Pondicherry and he has numbers of Guns at the different Ports belonging to the Circar. I beg leave to observe to the Honble Board as a Ship cannot well arrive at Hurry Pollee from Pondicherry at this Season of the year - if it is not probable that a Ship with Stores might

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might have sailed to the Eastward before the Winds
were - and may now easily get on the Coast.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt and
very humble Servant
P Barclay Captain

Angole
2 6br Novr 1777

To the Captain Commandant
of Angole

Sir

I had the honor of receiving your
Letter wrote in Tellegu you desire to satisfy
you on the Rabob's sending one here the reason
is as follows

As the Rabob Bazulet Jung
has a great Sum of Money due to him from
this place he thought it proper to order me to
collect the Sum that is due to him from here
to prevent you mention that your Topoys are
detached on our Country on Service. I have given
positive orders to my Topoys on that occasion. If they
you will be so good as to give the same orders to
yours.

As my Master the Rabob
has to this present time been in alliance with
Hyder & consequently I desire no further than we
do our utmost in keeping the same.

Sept

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Sir

Pondicherry
24th Nov. 1777

I am with all Consideration
your most humble & obedient Servant
De Lalle

(a Copy

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Ensign
Brasier

In the beginning of July last
Mr. Lallys Agent passed thro Tranquebar on his way to Pondi-
cherry in the disguised character of a Marchand and I
believe it is generally imagined that his views are only
commercial I shall however endeavour to convince you
of this fraudulent character by pointing out his late
arrival at Mr. Lallys Camp. on the night of the 5th Instant
Monsieur Brasier Agent to Mr. Lally joined the French
Camp at Tiby Veeram accompanied by one Serjeant
and fifty private Europeans that he embarked at
Pondicherry and conducted from thence by Land and
Through part of the Tolnad Country. on my first
receiving this intelligence I scarcely gave credit to so
glaring and unprecedented a Step. until I dispatched
different Hircarrahs on and contiguous to Mr. Lallys
Camp in order to convince me of the certainty of this
Reinforcement. the Hircarrahs are returned and
have corroborated every circumstance without the
least deviation. they further assure me that on the
evening of the succeeding day Mr. Lally together with
his

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This Officers received their Men and seemed to express great satisfaction on their appearance. In the morning of the 3d Instant one European officer one Sergeant and twenty five artillery Men also joined him. They were ordered away from Roome in consequence of Mr Sullys receiving four Pieces of Canaveral Station Pounders from the Fort Louis Duly the Carriages of these Pieces are much damaged and his People at present are employed in cutting Timber in order to make new ones. The names of the officers are Mr Donal Morrisby. Moore and Campbell the latter receives Money and carrying Reports of the Europeans and acts as Adjutant to the whole I understand that Moore and Campbell are both Deserters from the Company but cannot destinctly learn the time of their desertion.

I am
with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir &c &c
your most obedient Servant
Thomas Bowsor
Ensign

Fantapollam
6th Decr 1777

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Receipt of this Letter be acknowledged, and that Captain Barclay and Ensign Bowser be directed to make diligent Enquiry & Census such further Particulars as they may be able to ascertain concerning the French Party in Bazaars Journ Service.

Read the following Letter from Lieut.

2036 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

Lieut. Colonel James to Brigadier General Stuart dated
the 27th August with a Memorial from Lt Fairweather
Gibson to the Court of Directors.

To Brigadier General James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir,

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel James enclosing

Lieut.t James Gibson having presented me a Copy of a Memorial which he has permission to address the Court of Directors setting forth a grievance he labours under, knowing himself impressed by four young Men in the Artillery not subject by the Honble Company. I have carefully perused the said address, and looked very attentively to his Duty. The little knowledge I have of the Gentleman will not admit a doubt his Veracity. Therefore beg leave to offer my Opinion, that it appears to me he is much injured, and has great reason to be dissatisfied with his Situation, and the disappointment he has met with may be the means to deprive the Honble Company of many young Gentlemen of abilities on our Coast offering themselves from Woolwich Academy, which the Honble Company has not been able to obtain any one for some years, owing to a Representation of a similar nature to Lieut.t Gibsons, which I am certain proves a prejudice to the Corps of Artillery, for we have been obliged to fill up Vacancies, from the most respectable

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respectable footing we wish to be held in by every other Corps tho' I have mentioned this circumstance believe me, Sir, I have no thing to offer against any of those Officers, as they prove Men of Merit and on all occasions will conduct themselves to the Satisfaction of their Superiors. yet I could wish this mode of filling up Vacancies in some degree abolish'd, and that a Number of Cadets be nominated to the Artillery equal with other Corps

As Lieutenant Gibson was appointed by the Honble Company to the Corps of Artillery I cannot but pronounce his Struggles to supplant those Gentlemen in Rank, who only arrived a few Weeks before him, and not in the Service to be just and fair, but your Superior Judgment will best point out the Impropriety or Improperiety of the Claim made by Lt Gibson and of his pretensions. You will therefore excuse the Liberty I have taken in passing my Opinion of last Year's

I remain Sir
your very respectful and
most obedient Servant
Ed James

Mount
28th August 1777

To the Honble the Court of Directors for
Affairs of the Honble East India Company

The Memorial of James Gibson
Lieut. Fireworker on the Fort
St George Establishment
Humbly

2038 Fort St George 8th Decr 1777

Humbly Sheweth

Memorial from Lieutenant Fisher Gibson respecting his Rank —

That your Memorialist in order to qualify himself for an appointment in your Corps of Artillery attended the Royal Artillery at Woolwich eleven Months and having laid before your Honors Certificates of his Qualifications, signed by General Pattison, your Honors were pleased in February 1775. to appoint Your Memorialist to be a Lieutenant Fire-worker, immediately upon his Arrival at your Presidency of Fort St George, there being at that time four Vacancies in the Artillery Corps on that Establishment.

That to the unexpected disappointment of your Memorialist, he found that those Vacancies had been filled up a few Weeks before his Arrival by four Young Men Viz.t Mr. Baillie Hockey, Spurrman and Winbolt, who had made their way to India without the Permission or even the Knowledge of your Honors, & your Memorialist notwithstanding the Term of Years which he had employed in England to qualify himself for your Service, had the Mortification of seeing only as a Supernumerary two Months under these young Men, while they were yet learning the Rudiments of their Profession from a Serjeant.

Your Memorialist finding himself so unhappily circumstanced made application to your President and Council and received for answer,

that

2039 Fort St George 7th Decr 1797

that as the Commission which the Honble Court of Directors was pleased to grant him, expressly said that his Rank was to commence from his arrival. It was not in their power to grant one of a prior date. Your Memorialist begs leave further to represent to your Honors, that he was informed by his worthy Friend Mr Wheler, that there were four Vacancies in the Artillery Corps on that Establishment, and that your Memorialist, had sufficient Reason to expect he should immediately on Landing succeed to one of them.— Your Memorialist does not by any means regret his long attendance in London and at Woolwich, as it was from this alone he thought himself qualified to bear a Commission in the Service of your Honors. It is the Misfortune he labours under in so limited a Corps as the Artillery, of being superceded by those Young Men. Notwithstanding the order which Brigadier General Sir Robert Fletcher, was pleased to issue. That no Young Man proceeding after promoted by your Honors, should be entitled to a Commission till he has first served four Months a Cadet on the Duty of a private Centinel.— For these weighty, and to your Memorialist, most important Considerations. He humbly begs leave, herein to represent what he thinks a grievance and having suffered a considerable Loss of Rank in your Service, by means which he conceives to be entirely unknown to your Honors and directly contrary to your Intention in his Appointment.— He humbly submits his hopes

of

2d. Fort St. George 7th Dec.r 1774

of Us steps to your Justice and impartiality and
your Memorialist as in duty bound.

Will ever Pray —

James Gibson

Lewis Fitzmorris

Ordered to lye on the Table

S. Perring

2045 Fort St. George 9th Dec.r 1777

Sent the following Letter to the
Governor General & Council of Fort William

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &.c Council at
Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the honor to receive
your Letters of the 1.st & 17th Sept.r the last we shall
reply to, in a short time.

To Bengal in reply to their Letter of Return of the Troops and respecting the Rank granted to Cap.n Lieut.s of Artillery

Agreeably to your Request, We have
ordered the Commanding Officer of our Troops to
send you Monthly Returns of the Forces on this
Establishment in the same manner as those Returns
were made to the late Commander in Chief of the
Company's Forces in India

Having lately received a Memorial
from our Captain Lieutenants of Artillery, setting
forth the Hardships they have suffered from
constant supercession by Officers junior to themselves
in the other Corps of the Service, and praying to be
put on the same footing as the Captain Lieutenants
on your Establishment, that is to say to have rank
in the army as Captains from the date of their
Captain Lieutenants Commissions. We request you
will be pleased to inform us what Resolution
may have been taken by you to this effect
that We may be enabled to judge with more

Properly

2042 Fort St George 10th Decr 1779

Fort St George
9th Decr 1779

Respecting on the Heads of their application

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedient
humble Servants
John Whitehill
& Council

18 Dispatches the following Letters

To Colonel William Flint
Commanding at
Trichinopoly

Sir

The 30th Ulto

We have received your Letters of

To Colonel Flint
respecting Spies
taken by him

Regret to assure you & gives us pain with
respect to the five Men whom you have taken up
for attempting to investigate our Signals for the Siege
of Hyder Ally. We think it necessary to impress
that severe Examples in these cases are forgot,
but when they should be made immediately after
detection. Whereas the Effect will be in a great
Measure lost, as soon much time has elapsed since
the People you mention were taken up. We are
of opinion that some disgraceful corporal Punish
-ment should be inflicted upon them and that
they should be turned out of the Garrison with
strict Injunctions never to appear again within

the

2043 Fort St George 14th Decr 1774

Nabobs or Company Territories

Wms Sir

Fort St George
10th Decr 1774

your most obedt humble Servant
John Whitehill
Dy Council

To Lieut. Colonel Horne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

The Rajah of Tanjore having
requested that 5 Companies of Seapoys may be appoint-
-ted to assist the Peishcar collecting the Revenues
We desire you will give the necessary Orders for that
Purpose

Major Stevens having applied
for Permission to come to Madras, you will
inform him that he has our leave accordingly.

We are

Sir

your most obedt humble Servants
John Whitehill
Dy Council

To Colonel Horne
Directing him to
assist the Rajah
with five Comps
Companies of Sepoys

Fort St George
10th Decr 1774

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Received a Letter from the Nabob
as entered in Cons 14th 45 mentioning the Measures
taken by Them to ascertain the Truth of the Nabobs
Complaint.

Read the following Report
from

2044 Fort S. George 15th Decr 1777

from the Chief Engineer.

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I have now to inform you

Report of Persons employed on the Works.

The Works.	
Pariahs	796
Coolies	14
Smiths	32
Sundry Artificers	8
Amounting in all to	840 People

I have the Honor to be with Respect
Honble Sir & Gentlemen
your most obedt most
humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colo Engineer

Fort S. George
14th Decr 1777

Dispatches the following Letter
15th
to Negapatam.

To the Honble Reinier Van Vlissingen Esqr
Counsellor Extraordinary & Director for affairs
of the Dutch Company on the Coast of
Choromandel & Governor of the Council
thereof at Negapatam
Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letter

2045 Fort St. George 15th Decr 1777

To Negapatam
expecting the
Nabobs Complaints

of the 25th November

We wrote you on the 15th November
in consequence of a Complaint transmitted us by his
Highness the Nabob, and we thought our Letter was con-
=ceived in the most favourable terms. You are pleased to say
that we had no authority to interfere between the Nabob
and you, in this affair. As Friends and Allies to the
Nabob. We think we had a right to request that you
could cause enquiry to be made into the Just Grounds of
his Complaint, and give him every satisfaction in your
power. The more of Opinion also that by our mediation
this matter might be the more easily accommodated, but
since you have judged it improper to reject the part We
had taken with so friendly view. We shall interfere
no further, but leave the Nabob to act as he may
think proper in support of his own Rights.

We cannot conclude without
remarking that the Style of your address to us is
such as We have never been accustomed to receive and
such as We apprehend our Letter to you did by no
means warrant.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt Servants
John Whitehill
p.r Council

Fort St George
15th Decr 1777

Sent the following Letter to

Wm George Baker Esq.

To

2050 Fort St George 22d Decr 1773

The Board having taken under
mature Consideration that part of the Nabob's
Letter which respects his own embarrassments and
the Situation of the Raja of Tanjore. The following
Reflections occur to them on those Subjects which
they think of sufficient importance to deserve the
Attendance of the Court of Directors

Reflexions of the Board thereon

That the Nabob's Affairs are
much out of repair can admit of no doubt, nor do
we see great Difficulties in making his Payments
to the Company and what is still more he is drawn
deeper with a private debt to Europeans amounting
to 30 or 60 Lacks of Pagodas which of course
prevent his exertions in their favour. In this
Situation of the Nabob on whom we are almost
totally dependant for Money, the Company have not
Revenues enough to defray the ordinary Charges of
their Settlement, carry on their usual Investment
and compleat the Fortifications on that early Plan
we might say almost hourly. We have Demands upon
us which we are unable to satisfy, nor the Company
Investment not only suffers by this Scarcity, but the
Servants are sometimes often disappointed in our Bargains at
at a loss to procure for the ordinary Pay of the
Troops - under Circumstances thus interesting to the
immediate well being of the Company in this Coast
We think it a duty strictly incumbent upon us to com-
municate into what Situation We might be brought by
your

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War with France, which from the present unhappy
Troubles in America, is probably at no great distance
and which whenever it happens will come upon
us here with very little if any previous notice.

Incapable as we are at this time of
defraying our ordinary Charges and having no certainty
of assistance from the Nabob. We should not in such
an event, be able to put our Troops in the Field, much
less to act with that vigour and spirit which might
be necessary to ensure success. The Governor General &
Council at Bengal were applied to some Months ago
for a Sum of Money to be kept here in reserve & employd
only in case of War, at that time they they declined
sending any, and it is doubtful whether they might
now be induced to comply with a Request of this nature
so that we are actually at present in a State of utter
Inability, to defray any extraordinary Charges, in case
none the Gentlemen there ever so willing to assist us
it would be six Weeks or two Months at least before
We could benefit by it.

In this Situation were We to be
involved in a War We should be put to the greatest
Difficulties before any Relief could reach us. We are
therefore clearly and unanimously of opinion that
We should use our best endeavours to procure immediate-
-ly a sufficient Sum of Money to assist us in case
of Emergency until We could obtain succours
from Bengal and We think that Sum may be
got at this Time from the Raja of Tanjore.

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The Claims of the Nabob upon

that Country in consequence of a Decision passed

in his favor during Lord Pigots Administration

which has been fully explained to the Company

affords good Grounds for this Government to require

from the Raja a Sum of Money by way of Deposit

until the Orders of the Court of Directors upon

those Claims shall arrive. as the Raja however

has shewn himself very averse upon a former Demand

of this kind, from paying any thing on account of

those Claims. the Board are of opinion that the

Sum proposed for which is by Cadds of Pagoda should

first be requested of the Raja upon the Grounds of the

Company's Necessities and recourse be had to the

Claims of the Nabob only in case of the Rajas refusal

to assist the Company upon that Ground.

Opinion of the President

On this last Point of the Nabobs

Claims however the President is of opinion that

nothing should be done until the arrival of the

next Dawn from the Company which may be

positively brought out by Mr. Rumbold in a

few Weeks. but he agrees with the other Gentlemen

in thinking that the Raja should be requested

by Letter to advance a Sum of Money to the Company

which he has reason to believe from the Services

he has been with Success the Raja will comply

with. and the President proposes accordingly

that the following Letter which he has prepared

for that purpose be sent to the Raja.

To

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To the Rajah of Tanjore

To the Rajah of Tanjour representing the Company's necessities & desiring him to assist them with four Lacks of Pagodas.

The great favor shown you by the Company in restoring you to the full Possession of the Tanjore Country cannot but make you sensible of the highest Sense & Gratitude towards them. You with the highest Sense & Gratitude towards them. The Welfare & Prosperity of their Affairs should be the object of your most fervent wish & your whole attention should be employed in convincing them of the strength of your Attachment by such means as are most likely to be agreable to them.

The Company are at present under great difficulties for want of Money to defray their Military Charges and carrying on the Investment and their expected Receipts for some Months to come supposing they meet with no disappointment will be but barely sufficient for these Purposes, so that if any failure should happen they will be put to great Distrip. You are sensible, for that for the Security of the Company's Affairs and the general defence of the Carnatick, there should be always a Reserve of Money to answer any Failure in the Revenues or to defray any extraordinary charges that may arise from troubles in the Country and the Thing most by of Consideration is that the Company may have more drawn on themselves on additional Bastion and Credit by undertaking the particular Defence & Protection of the Tanjore Country from which they receive no more from you than will be found sufficient

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sufficient to answer that Expence in clearing the
Charges of Fortifications Stores &c.

Having mentioned these things
to you I cannot entertain a doubt but that you
will contribute as far as in you lies to remove the
Inconveniences that may arise from the want of
a sufficient Resource to protect the Country in case
of Troubles. Your Policy requires it and the
obligations you owe to the Company should
stimulate you to exert yourself for the Benefit of their
affairs in general remembering that you can
only reserve their future favor by showing a due
sense of what they have already done for you.

The Request I have to make of
You is that you would out of the Cropsions on
the Ground or in any other way you shall think
proper a Remittance into their Treasury at least the
Sum of 4 Lacks of Pagodas which I am certain
you can well spare, to be kept therein Deposit,
and not touched but in case of absolute Necessity
or until the arrival of further orders from the
Company relative to Tanjore, when whatever
Monies may be then there shall be regularly
accounted for with you

I have not made this request
upon the presence of the Nabobs Demands, but
upon the Exigency of the Companys Affairs. I
flatter myself this will be with you a sufficient
motive for compliance, and remain with
for

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for me to write you upon the Subject of those
Claims, which I would willingly suspend for the
present if I can avoid it, however as the year is
advancing fast I must request your answer
immediately that I may take such Measures
in consequence as shall appear proper.

What can I say more?

John Whitehill

Messrs. Smith, Johnson, & Perring

Messrs. Smith Johnson & Perring object to the foregoing.

object to the foregoing Letter as not sufficiently strong and expressive of the Board's sentiments in favor of the Nabob's Claims upon which the Point of obtaining Money must ultimately rest. They are of opinion too from the Conduct of the Raja in the Negotiation carried on with him during Mr. Sheaffe's Residence at Arcot, that he would be glad of the opportunity which a Correspondence by Letter would afford him, to procrastinate, and avoid coming to any Conclusion until the present Harvest was gathered in and disposed of, when the Board would find it very difficult more than they ever so inclined to procure any Money from him for this Reason, & because the Governor General & Council of Bengal have clearly declared in favor of the Nabob's Claims they purpose to send a Member of the Board immediately to the Raja with proper Instructions to finish this Business without loss of time. The President objecting to this Mode and the Question being put whether a Member of the Board should proceed, it was

and propose the Deputation of a Member of the Board.

The President objects.

carried

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Carried in the Affirmative

carried in the affirmative the President dissenting.

Presidents Dissent.

I dissent to the Resolution of sending a Member of the Board to Tegnapore

1st Because I am of opinion as I have said before the Business proposed to be transacted with the Raja may be as well and as speedily effected by writing a Letter to them, as by sending a Member of the Board, and that at least the matter should be first tried, as the Expence which the Raja incurrs to procure, can only be attended with the loss of a few days which are of no Consequence, and it may afterwards be determined if necessary to send a Member of the Board.

2d Because the Council at present consists of so few Members that I think it improper and inconsistent with the Interests of the Company that the Number should be lessened tho it were but for a few days.

3d Because I am of opinion that the Board should not prosecute this Business immediately upon the Grounds of the Articles drawn out by them but rather wait for the Companys Orders by the Packet which may probably put an end to all the Points in Controversy between the Nabob and the Raja of Tanjore.

Pendarves

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Resolved that Mr Perring be deputed to Tanjore.

Resolved agreeably to the opinion of the Majority that a Member of the Board do proceed to Tanjore and Mr Perring being named for that purpose, ordered that a Letter to the Raja, and a Letter of Instructions for Mr Perring be immediately prepared for the Approbation of the Board.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Butler to the Secretary.

To Charles Bakeley Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

Lieutenant Mr Gill & Ensign Pattillo

I am extremely sorry to inform you that Lieut. Mr Gill of the 5th Battn 29th Regt and Ensign Pattillo of the 5th paid their last Instant

Samuel Cobb
6th Decr 1774

I am Sir
your obedient Servant
J. H. Butler

Read the following Letter from Captain Barclay

To Charles Bakeley Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

Capn Barclay applying for Moor Masters Discharge

I have received the Honble the President & Council's Order by the Deputy Secretary directing me to send the Dutch Sloop to the Presidency within three days & Phillips commanding at Tranquebar in the Pallanah.

sent

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I sent an Englishman for to look after those to me
sent on Engineer duty to the Presidency.
I have sent both under a Mugues Guard to the President
My Intention was to send them to the Adjutant General
who will acquaint the Commander in Chief and
he will acquaint the Commanders in Chief and
the Board. If I have any wrong I beg you will
acquaint me and I will follow such instructions
as I may receive.

Two of my Officers have applyd
to me to be allowed a Master to instruct them in
the Moorish Language. agreable to the General
Orders some time since given out. I beg you will
acquaint the Board with their application and what this
if I may order them a Master and what his
allowance will be. The Officers who have applyd
are Lieutenants Fleming and Shaffoe

I am Sir
your most obedient & very humble Servant
D. BARCLAY

Ongole
9th Dec.r 1777

Agreed that the Secretary do inform
Minute Thereon.
Captain Barclay, conformably to the opinion of the Board
as expressed on last Consultation that the Request contained
in his Letter cannot be complied with.

Ordered that Mr Lawrie Assistant
Mr Lawrie removed Surgeon at Tannah be removed to Masulipatam.
to Masulipatam

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At a Consultation Present

Wednesday the 24th

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

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read the following Draft of a Letter to Mr Perring approved in last Consultation to go to Tanjore.

To Peter Perring Esqr

Sir

S. Mr Perring containing instructions for his Guidance at Tanjore

1st Having determined that you shall proceed immediately to Tanjore, We shall here explain to you what We wish to obtain from the Raja, and in what manner We would have you proceed in your Negotiation with him.

2d In the Month of June 1776 the Bonds came to the Resolution that the Government Share of the Corps of the Tanjore Country for 1775 was the Property of the Nabob and that any Mortgages he might have given on the same were good. The Raja has been several times applied to on the Subject of this Claim. He is to make some Payments into the Company's Treasury by way of Deposit, until the Orders of the Court of Directors could be obtained on the above Decision.

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The Nabob also wrote to the Governor General & Council of Bengal and obtained a clear opinion from them in favor of his Claims which is expressed in their Letter to the Gentlemen of the late Administration from Date the 7th April last

3 Notwithstanding these decisions the Raja has hitherto appeared so averse to any Payments in favor of the Nabob that neither the Remainders, nor even the Interest which were used by the late Government could induce him to make the least Payment whatever.

4 In the present Situation of Affairs when our Treasury is at so low an Ebb when the Nabob is vacated from the Embarrassments he is under to fulfill his Engagements & when from the Intimation of Affairs at home We have reason to apprehend that a War may soon happen, it becomes an object of great Consequence to procure such a Sum of Money as may enable us in case of Necessity to employ the Force of the Company to advantage until We can obtain Succours from Bengal. The Treasury only can well afford to supply that Money and the Claims of the Nabob yield an ample ground of Necessity to enforce obedience to the Decisions which have passed upon them. Whatever We can or must do to take any Measure disagreeable to the Raja of We can avoid as We apprehend

apprehend he would shell oppose the Nabobs Claims
to the utmost. We have on this account chosen
rather to make our Requisition of a Sum of Money
from him, on the Ground of the Company's Neces-
-sities, without touching upon the Claims: and if
we can obtain it by this means We shall be
satisfied.

5. From what is above written
you will perceive it is not our intention to press the
Raja avowedly upon the Nabobs Claims but as the
last Resource in case of his declining a Compliance
with our desire in behalf of the Company you will
therefore not touch upon them at first if you
find from the Rajas Conversation that the
Subject would be disagreeable to him but confine
yourself entirely to the point of obtaining the
Money for the Company in the manner prescribed
in the Presidents Letter to the Raja of which you
have a Copy inclosed for your Guidance.

6. Your Object must be to procure
the 6 Lacks required in Bills payable at Madras
in the course of the next and the two following
Months. if the Raja be not able to procure
Bills immediately you must endeavour to get
Sowcar Security if possible; but should it be totally
impracticable to obtain such Security, you
must take his written Promise to pay the
Money within the Term aforementioned.

Should

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Should the Rajah refuse to
can scarcely think proper to call Arguments
in behalf of the Company and of the Subahs
& Cawns, you will immediately return to
Where are Presents at Tanjore
in the Charge of the Paymaster who is more
purchased some time ago for the Raja We
would have you deliver them the first favorable
Opportunity in such Manner as you may think
suitable to the Rajahs Dignity, but must warn
you from any Disposition to comply
with our desire.

9.

We enclose you a Copy of our
Letter to Lieut Colonel Harris the Commander
of Tanjore, and also of our Letter to the Paymaster
relative to the Presents.

We wish you success &c.

Sir

Your affectionate Friends

John Whitehill

Fort St George
23d Dec. 1777

Council.

Mess. Smith & Johnson
upon the 6th Page. That instead of sometimes
to obtain Security from the Raja if possible
otherwise to take his written Promise they are of opinion
that some Security as a Point which should be thought
by negotiation and not given up for any pecuniary
Interest as such Payment may the purposes as not

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according to circumstances hereafter; and they think in a matter of such consequence it is leaving too much to the Discretion of the Raja.

The President and all the Persons being of Opinion that the above Passage as it stands in the Instructions is proper and that a written Engagement from the Raja will be very satisfactory in case Security cannot be obtained. The Objection made by Mess.rs Smith and Sohoson is overruled, and the Letter approved as it stands above.

Read a Draft of a Letter to the Raja of Tanjore as entered in C. Corr. N.o 149 which is approved.

Read also the following Letters to Lieut.t Colonel Horne Commandant, and Mr. Jones Paymaster at Tanjore.

To Lieut.t Colonel Horne
Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

Mr. Perring having been directed to proceed to Tanjore upon publick Business with the Raja, We desire you will receive him with the Military Honors due to his Rank, and comply with such Requisitions as he may think proper to make of you.

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

To Colonel Horne
to comply with
any Requisition
from Mr Perring

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To Mr Charles Edward Jones

Paymaster at

Tanjore

Sir

Mr Perring having been from

To Mr Jones
to Deliver the
Presents to Mr
Perring.

the receipt of the Presents which were sometime ago
purchased for the Raja, We desire you will deliver
them to him upon his application

We are
Sir
your most obedient Servants
John Whitehill
for Council

Consider that all Expences be set
out for Tanjore as soon as possible.

S Perring

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To the Rajah of Tanjore Issuing from the pay 24000 Pag.s to Mr Jones.

Dispatched a Letter to the Raja of Tanjore, as entered in Country Correspondence N.o 152 desiring that he will pay 24000 Pagodas, to the Paymaster at Tanjore for the Disbursements of January. In consequence of which the following Letter was written & sent to Mr Jones.

To Mr Charles Edward Jones
Paymaster at
Tanjore

Sir

The Governor has written this day to the Raja to pay the Sum of 24000 Pagodas to you for your disbursements the ensuing Month, you will be pleased to acquaint the Boors when you have received it, and advise them regularly what you shall be in want of for the Charges of the Garrison.

I am
Sir
your most obedient Servant
Charles Oakeley
Secy

Mr Jones
Paymaster at
Tanjore

Fort St George
29th Dec.r 1774

At a Consultation Present

Monday
the 29th

The Honble John Whitehill Esqr President
Charles Smith Samuel Johnson
Mr Benning absent on Service

Minutes of last Consultation read.

Read

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Sir at the following Letter from

the Chief Engineer

To the Honble John Hill Esqr

President and Governor &c Council of

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Colonel Pope giving an account of the Present State of the Works and particularly giving those which are most necessary to be compleated with Estimate of the Expence

I have rec[eived] your Honrs

in the Letter from your Secretary

The Works from

Bastion / inclosing to the North West

and to the South West as far as the Esplanade

Bastion, are in a perfect good state, & capable of

defence, and to compleat them nothing are wanting

some Buildings of Stone to the Westward, with

the Palisades and making Banquets in the Curtains

Thos People are employed upon

The Curtains of the Bastions

opposite, and their Ravines & Counter ports wanted

something.

The Wall for the Security upon

the Sea at the South East Angle, is established for

Groyne, but more easy to carry the Wall over

over that Angle.

The East Front towards the

Town wanted Stone, the stones formerly appointed

for that Service got from over the North

Angle.

The Embrasures to cover

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North East Angle requires our particular Attention,
as the South East Angle can soon be put in a State of
Security in the present State of the Works, my fears
an Attack to be apprehended it certainly would be towards
against the North East or South East Angle. at the
South East the Work to cover the Angle is so far
in forwardness that in a short time it may be secured
but under all Circumstances, and considering the advantages
to an Enemy in an Attack to the North East I am clearly
of opinion that he would not hesitate to direct it
against the North East Angle, in preference to any
other part, as in the present State of those Works
This Angle is not capable of sustaining such an Attack
as we must expect would be brought against it, whereas
an European Enemy is in a Situation to invest the
place. I therefore cannot too warmly recommend to
your serious Consideration the Necessity of securing
this Angle with all Expedition. The present is a favorable
Season for commencing this Work, it cannot be prosecuted
at all times from its nearness to the Sea, and the
interruptions of the Surf, nor will the carrying it on
in remove any of the present Fortifications that
are material to the Defence of this part.

You have herewith a Copy of my
Estimate of the Expence of all the Works requisite to
compleat the Fortifications of Fort St George

What I conceive to be immediately
necessary for the present defence, are in the first place
the North East Works, the South East Works and as
much

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mark of the Sea Line as is requisite to establish the
Flanks Habase to protect the Angles

Sir with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
your most obedt
Humble Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Colo. & Engineer

Estimate of the Expence of the Works to
the N. E. Eastward and South East.
Fort St George 5th April 1775

North East Curtain

Plain Brick Work	1032	p 36	37152
	1016	32	32512
Wall Work			
	385	320	123264
Earth Work			
1613 Cubic Rods of Earth to			
be moved & raised in the Work		14	47782
3946 Cubic Rods of Earth			
to be moved & raised in the Work		30	118380
Redoubts in the North East Way			
Plain Brick Work	6329	36	1145244
	1169	32	37408
Wall Work			
333 ½ Cubical Rods of Earth to be moved			
& raised in the Work		14	10458
1776 Cubic Rods of Earth to be moved			
& raised in the Work		30	53280

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Wall for Defence against the Sea

Plain Brick Work ..... 19333 ☐ 3 — 57999

Arch Work ..... 1160 ☐ 2½ — 28510

Removing Earth in front ..... — 10000 — 9659

East Line of advanced Redubts

Plain Brick Work ..... 25730 ☐ 1.34 — 46559 2

Earth as 1/4 Fascine Cubs — 24993 ..... 8332.40 54892.40

South East Bogonet.

Plain Brick Work ..... 5411 ☐ 1.34 — 07914

Arch Work ..... 760 ☐ 1.38 — 1000

Arch Work ..... 152 ☐ 3.10 — 4928

3482 Cubic Rods of Earth more
or less wanted in the Work ..... ☐ — 14 — 14754

1721 D° of Earth to be removed
& measured in the Work ..... ☐ 20 — 819.22 13850.16

Repairs of the Tenaillons in front 12000

Construction & facing of Glacis
before Tenaillons

Plain Brick Work ..... 6233 ☐ 1.34 — 112732

Arch Work ..... 453 ☐ 3.10 — 146636

21300 Rods of Earth made use
and measured in the
Plans of Work ..... ☐ - 14 — 710 — 198536

Lunette & Berme to the Southward
before the Body of the Place

Plain Brick Work ..... 1040 ☐ 1.34 — 36918

2500 Rods of Earth filled in
made use of & measured ..... 3334 — 4534.32

South

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South Curtain

Plan Brick Work ..... 1253. 0. 136 — 1496 —

4500 Rocs of Earth in Effort ..... 1500 — 1656 —

A true Copy

Patrick Ross

Lieut Colonel & Chief Engineer

Delineation of the Bounds

Subject /

The Bounds taking into Consideration the important Works which have been always carried on the East Front, and which have cost the Company so large a Sum of Money, considering also the Works now in Hand on the South Front in case the first should be attacked in the East Front and the last Siege they unfortunately with much reluctance they are now brought by the foregoing Letter to determine upon a Subject which is likely to involve the Company in more Charges — on account of their Fortifications. They seriously wish that a Stop could be immediately put to such Expences, & they declare for themselves that they are heartily disposed to save the Company of the Bounds here. the Moment it can be done with the least Propriety, but they must observe in Justification of any extraordinary Expence which has been already incurred on the Works, every Step of Mistake in that on taking Charge of the Government they found the Fortifications on the South Front in such an unfinished State, that they could not stop them without exposing the Fort consequently on that side. the Engineers have therefore been permitted to go on with these Works until they are put in a State of Security

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Security with respect to the Countersunk of the proposed
to the N.E Angle, which Colonel Roy mentions in his
Letter to be so necessary in its present State, as that as a
new Work, it be deemed the duty of the Board to consider
the propriety of undertaking it at this time, as far as
they can judge the Work is necessary. But as this point
they rest chiefly upon the Judgment of the Chief Engineer
whose opinion with regard to the Propriety of Works
must always have great weight. Shall remain for the Board
principally to consider the Expence of the proposed Works
and whether in the present Situation of affairs the
Company can afford such Expence consistently with the
Demands requisite for the other Branches of the Service.

Besides the Works now carrying on to
the Southward it appears by the Estimate that there for
the N.E Angle will require near £4000 Pagodas. The
Company are at this time under great difficulty in
Revolutions Hanover defraying their ordinary Expences and the Board would
not on any Account, put the Company to any additional
Charge at this time for Fortifications were they not of
opinion considering the Situation of affairs at home
that a war may probably soon happen, and that
they ought to be prepared in the best manner possible
for such an Event. It is on this ground principally
that the Board are anxious to put the Fort in the best
state of Defence possible, and the Chief Engineer repre-
senting the N.E Angle as incapable of resisting such
an Attack as would probably be brought against it,
whenever an European Enemy is in a Situation to invest

the

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the place. Resolved therefore that a Sum of £2000
Pagodas monthly or such as much as the Board
can spare may be applied to the Expence of the Fortifica-
tions and that Colonel Roy be permitted to go on
the Works proposed to the N.E. confining Expences
to the above monthly Sum with respect to the last
Front it is resolved that nothing be done on that
side at present.

Read the following Letter from

Colonel Lang.

To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Council &

Fort St George

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having the honour to inform you that I have received
from Colonel Lang a Letter recommending the Pro-
motion of Officers to the Vacancies occasioned by the
Arrangement of Field and other Officers which forth
goes of the Service, I beg leave to recommend to your
immediate approbation.

You will see thereby the necessity
of appointing one additional Major three Captains
and four Lieutenants, whose Names I have therein
specified, according to their several Recommenda-
tions.

I also beg leave to recommend that Capt.
Charles Lucas be appointed to the Command of the Fort St
George in the room of Captain Hopkins, lately promoted.

I am Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedient Servt
Rob Lang

Fort St George
1st Decr 1777

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Lieutenant Colonels Commissions as such

How disposed of

To supply the Places pro. Now vacancy only with regimentally of those you have the four Battalions

Bo. you to dispose

Bellingham Do

Harper 2d Batt. 1 Regiment

Lt Col. Fitzgerald
Lt Col. Baillie
Lt Col. Nixon

Lt Col. Fitzgerald
Lt Col. Baillie
Lt Col. Harper
Lt Col. Nixon

Majors Commissions as such

How disposed of

Bowyer 1 Batt. 1 Regt.

To supply the Places there will then be of the Battys already the four following named Lt Colonels Majors to the four Batts.

Brown
Marcel
Sears
Hopkins

Marcel 2 Batt. 1 Regt.
Sears 1 D. 2 Do.
Hopkins in the
room of Cockrisque.

Brown
Marcel
Sears
Hopkins

Captains

The Establishment of Captains consist of ---- 65

And there are now on the List ---- 68

But in that Number the following are included.

Majr. Henry Marcel
Samuel Sears
} already Brevetted as Majors

Charles Hopkins

Richard Matthews — gone Home

Robert Wood --- Do

Robert Long --- Do.

Deducting the above there will be three vacant Companies. — The Establishment of Lieutenants wants one to compleat and of these Companys are filled up by the three last Lieutenants who are as follows

George Clarke
Robert Temple
John Walker

There will be four Lieutenants wanting

The

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The Establishment of Lascars have now four Jemmadars
—meaning the first for Promotion are as follows

David Campbell
Peter Wright
John Fortes
Robert Lowe.

Captain Hopkins
To act as Major

Resolved that Captain Hopkins
be appointed to act as Major with Marshal Rank
in the room of Major Wedderburn who was appointed
in Consultation the December 1775 to go only in
the Room of those absent in England with leave.

The 1st Battalion of Sepoys being
vacant by the promotion of Captain Hopkins and
Colonel Lang having recommended Captain Edwards
Lucas to succeed Edwards. the following Letter from
Captain George Smith relating for the Jemmadars
to that Battalion is now read

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

From Captain Smith applying for the 1st Battalion of Sepoys

The probability there is of promoting
Jemadars of Captain Hopkins Corps prompted me to write
How the Channel of the Conveyance in a Brief to lay this
Before you for an Appointment to the Command
of the 1st Carnatick Battalion which thereby become
vacant. I shall first advise of this Honble Board
my

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my Request is not supported by the Recommendation
of the Commander in Chief in preference to any Captains
my Juniors that he may be desired to offer his objections
if any are after to entreat they will please to consider
my pretensions - The time I may be allowed to have
served the Company is sixteen Years, including that I
served in India in his Majesty's 79th Regiment in which
I was Ensign in 1762, consequently has not been
unfortunate or contrary to my Inclinations carried to
Europe, by passing - Months in my passage from China
whose I proposed Landing I should now have been
one of the Senior Captains on the Coast, waving this
Consideration of Loss of Rank, which I must consider
as a Misfortune I have since my being in the Pay of
the Honble Company, served as a Subaltern in the
Sepoy Corps eight Years have been near four Years
Captain, Younger Captains have Battalions, and
Captains, Younger Captains have a knowledge of the Country
the Troops not perfect, have a knowledge of the Country
Languages - These Considerations I hope will have
sufficient weight to counterpoise any Juniors applic-
-ation that may be brought before this Honble
Board on whose Candor I rely, and have the Honor
to subscribe myself

Honble Sirs &c &c
your most obedient and
very humble Servant
George Smith
Capt. in 1st Batt. 2 Regiment.

Fort St George
29th Dec. 1777

&c

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Minute thereon

The Court of Directors having on
their late Military Instructions expressly required
that proper Attestations be found to the Commendations
of the Commander in Chief for Promotions in the
Foreign Corps, the Board are of opinion that they
cannot consistently with those Instructions found a
negative upon the Recommendation of the Commander
in Chief unless perhaps in some extraordinary Cases
and must consequently leave it to the Commander in Chief
as by his Station responsible for the Discipline of the
Army in general it seems reasonable that it should
be so. In the present case the Board know of no other
objection to Captain Lucas who is recommended by
Colonel Long to succeed to the 1st Battalion of Sepoys
upon that he is very low upon the List of Captains
and that many of his Juniors who are very respectable
Officers remain unpromoted for, as this objection
however may be applied in some degree to almost
every Promotion that has been made
in the Sepoy Corps the Board mention it here only
because it is particularly strong in the case of
Captain Lucas, and were they not desirous of using
their Authority very tenderly, they might with great
Propriety except to Col. Longs Recommendation as
injurious to so many of Captain Lucas Juniors, but
this being the first Vacancy of a Battalion that has
happened since Colonel Long received the Commander
of the Army, the Board thereby inclined to
Colonel Long (if there were no other Reason) they

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cannot do otherwise than approve his recommendation. Resolved, therefore that Captain Lucas be appointed to Command the 1st Battalion of Sepoys.

Captain Lucas appointed to the 1st Battalion

The following Promotions are made.

Promotions and appointments

Lieut George Clarke to be Captain in date of Rank 29th Decr 1777
Lieut Robert Temple to be D. date of Rank 30 Decr 1777
Lieut John Walker to be D. date of Rank 31 Decr —
Ensign David Campbell to be Lieutenant date of Rank 25th Decr —
Ensign Peter Wright to be D. — date of Rank 26th D. —
Ensign John Forbes to be D. date of Rank 27th D. —
Ensign Robert Lowe to be D. — date of Rank — 28th D. —
Ensign Alexr M.Pherson to be D. date of Rank 29th D.
Ensign William Nesbit to be D. date of Rank 30th D.
Ensign Stephen Towns is appointed Fort Adjutant at Masulipatam.

Read the following Letters from

Colonel Lang.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

The inclosed Letter from Captain Powell
From Colonel Lang with Letter from Capt. Powell claiming the Command of Samplecha

I beg leave to submit to your consideration
I am, Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedt Servant
Jas Lang.

Fort St. George
17th Decr 1777

To

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To Colol. Ross Lang

Commander of the Troops on the Coast of
Choromandel

Sir

As the points on which the completion
for the Command of Sumatra rests, are various
and may not have been richelly represented to the
Honble the President and Council with that perspicuity
they require - I must beg leave to take the liberty
to request that you will take an early Opportunity
of laying them before the Board for their consider-
ation.

The three Battalions being ready on
the Division of the Troops were destined one at Masu-
lipatam, one at Samulcotta, and the other at Ellore &
were to be relieved annually, but Captain Lysaght
who Commanded at Samulcotta in 1774 was ordered to
remain another year, which Captain Collins Corps
considered an injury as he was junior to both. For that
account might not, we conceived, be taken into consideration
We therefore represented the unmerited hardship we
sustained to our Friends in Council, and were assured
by them that the alteration was meant for the good
of the Service, and not to affect either our Seniority
or, or as a preference to Captain Lysaght. It followed
that we should have our turn therein successively
and for the same reason Captain Collins whenever
in rotation succeeds both Commanders of Samulcotta or
the beginning of the year 1776 agreably to that

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Arrangement, and as this two years tour is now nearly at an end, I beg leave to solicit the Succession, upon the promotion that what the Honble Board at that time were pleased to think my right in the line of the Service is not less so now, notwithstanding it has been thought expedient to raise an additional Battalion in the District.

I am not conscious, that I have not been upon duty at Masulipatam; and that my Presents are thereby invalidated; but I trust, that when I observe, that I was absent from Masulipatam when Captain Collins went to Samulcotah; that I remained perfectly satisfied with my station there, that my removal from thence to Allore was without my desire or solicitation; and that I was removed again in less than twelve months to Conjeevilly without any application or inclination; my Claim will be strengthened rather than weakened, because it is very obvious that the removals were the effect of the expediencies of the Service, and not from any choice of mine, and therefore I humbly conceive, that it would be peculiarly hard upon me to be superseded by the Commander I have been so long promised on in the fullest expectation of, and that too, by a younger Captain who has only served nine Months in the District, I have about half the time, I have in the Service.

With these Circumstances before you, I flatter myself that you will think my Claim so consistent as to merit your approbation & support,

and

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and, in consequence that you will recommend it in
such manner to the Honble the President & Council
as may induce them to comply with my request.

I am with much regard
Sir
your most obedient and
very humble Servant
James Powell

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St George
17th Dec. 1775

At the request of Capt. Bridges,
I beg leave to present you with the accompanying letter
from Do with
Letter from Capt.
Bridges claiming
the Pamalcottah
Fort St George
22d Dec. 1775

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
your very obedt Servant
R S Lang

Honble Sir & Sirs

At the time of removing the Battalion
of Sepoys in the Marudypatam District is removing
as yet; I beg leave there my humble offers to
represent my Sentiments and flatter myself that no
alteration will be made from the usual Mode of
Relief, but that my Battalion will take its Post
in the Garrison of Pamalcottah, which has been their
post in the Center, and to which place I was first

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of going with the arrangement of Battalions were settled. Notwithstanding that Captain Powell who now commands in the Garrison of Conjeveram whose Battalion has never been in Masulipatam since he was appointed to the Command of it, has applied for his removal to Samulcotah against every accustomed Custom, is my reason for thus troubling the Honble Board.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Fort S. George
22d Decr 1794

Honble Sirs & Sirs
your most obedient and
very humble Servant
Tho. Bridges

Captain Powell to command Samulcotta Capt Bridges Conjeveram Capt Johnson removed to Masulipatam

Resolution with respect to the removal of the Cis. Batt. in future

Resolved that the Garrison of Samulcotah be relieved by Captain Powells Battalion from Conjeveram That Captain Bridges Battalion now at Masulipatam be removed to Conjeveram that Captain Johnsons Battalion at Ellore be removed to Masulipatam, and Ellore garrisoned for the present by 2 Companies from Captain Powells Battalion.

Resolved also in order to prevent any further Changes hereafter similar to those above entered from Captain Powell & Captain Bridges that the general Removes of the Battalions in the District of Masulipatam be in future from Masulipatam to Ellore, from Ellore to Conjeveram from Conjeveram to Samulcotah & from Samulcotah to Masulipatam.

Read

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Duplt of Letter from the Nabob

From the Nabob with Capt

dated the 25th Instant and entered in 6 Cons. N.° 950

severing of his owning 2,660 Pags which compleats the Sum to be paid in December also on the 6th entered the 26th Instant, advice in Cowdry Correspondence N.° 151 severing of his having authorized a considerable part of his Troops and accompanying to Servants, a Guard agreeable with the arrangement proposed to his Creditors, and enclosing Copy of the Orders of Government regulateing his intercourse and regarding future Payments to his Creditors and proposing to leave a Lack of Pagodas in Security for the Consolidated Debt in 1767 on the 31st Instant.

Ordered to lye on the Table.

D.° on the State of his Affairs Re-specting his Troops Servants and Creditors

Duplt of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore Dated 8th Instant

From the Rajah of Tanjore desiring Permission to ap-ply to the Dutch Danish & Danes for their Assis-tance against Porto Novo

Tanjore, enclosed in Cowdry Correspondence N.° 146, complaineing that the Dutch Danish & Danes have not, during the last two years, fulfilled the usual Duties, and that the Dutch & Danes at Porto Novo behaved to his Disadvantage, and others wholly to them, who they have behaved ill, desiring leave to apply to the Subject to Legislation, Consent and Approbation and requesting the Assistance of the Company to reduce these inconveniences applying of the Black People and Inhabitants inhabiting the Pattacot Country. & Villages.

Minute Thereon

Agreed to inform the Rajah that he may Imploy the Dutch of Porto Novo whenever he shall behave and that he is averse to apply to the Dutch

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Dutch French and Danes, desiring them not to afford
Protection to any of his people, who fly to them.

The President is desired to speak
to the Nabob concerning the Complaints exhibited by the
Raja of Tondeman and the Nabobs People enclosing the
Paweot Coverdy and plundering the Villages

Agreed that the Raja be informed
that the Commandant of Tanjore has received directions
to assist him with Sepoys in making his Collections,
and that the Sepoys should be employed in such manner
as to prevent any trouble or disturbances.

Read the following Letter from
Mr. Angelbeck at Tutucorin.

Translate

To the Honble Sohn Whitehill Esqr.
President at Fort S.t George

Honble Sir,

From the Dutch Chief at Tuti: :coreen on the Subject of the Nabobs com= :plaints

The Governor of Negapatnam has
sent the letter of your Honor and the Council, also the
13.th of November a. c. along with the Complaints of
the Leader of Tiannavelloah, to be Comde. because Tuticu=
reen stands under Ceylon, and he has also been so good
as to communicate them to me in Copy. The answer
from Colombo will not come soon, as the North
Monsoon hinders the Passage from thence to the
Coast of Coromandel: therefore I take the Liberty.
hereby to inform your Honor privately of the affair.
and I hope your Honor will take it well as the
Complaints

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Complaints concern me personally.

The Number complains that I put
Grains on to have used them paying the Toll to the
Company - This is entirely false, there is no Duty.
Rice or other Grain sold without paying the Toll
of it. neither has there at any time been any request
about it, and the own Toll Books or Accounts of the
Farmer can best prove it: but the Number seems that
I should prohibit them to all others except the
importers of Grain which at all times has been open
to every one and that I should purpose only to have
to sell this Paddy at arbitrary Prices

The same Complaint is that I
do take strong by upon the Grains of the Farmer this
is likewise a Fiction, the truth of it is this there
Company both Grain etc taxes or Corgue Mow &
Grass, but in the Polygram of a Town, called Chep[illegible]
situated a Kos's walk from the Fort, in which there
have from etc Taxes been standing two Store Boats
=hings covered with Tiles which became of their
always great ruinous. These Years I have bought
from the Company, and getting field upon the
old Buildings, build a new Habitation thereon &
completed it with a Mud Wall instead of a Thorn
Hedge. That can at all times appear at an easier
Inspection, and this last I can also verify by many
long look Gentlemen, which have been here as
Major Hart, Major Hughes, the Captains Byrne
Campbell, Sitherville, Odam and many others who

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we have must nothing that it is but a Country House
we have must nothing that it is but a Country House
with a few Dead Walls round about, and that
there is nothing in it that resembles a Fort, yet
the Renter aims with these Complements to soar things
else Manager of Metore hath got flogg'd a
Patroah Inhabitant of our Village almost to death
upon the Report of which the people of the Village
are fallen to in great Crowds and have beaten the
Manager, and in that trouble the Cur of the
Manager has been broken, and no body can say
who has done it. The Renter has desired I should com-
-mand for it the Purports of Subscription in a Penal-
ty of five thousand Pagodas, and to preserve the
Friendship with him, I have offered four hundred
Pagodas but he is not content with it, and endeavors
on his Demand of 5,000 Pagodas and for to compel me
to it, he has feigned these and more other Chicanes,
and also hinted the delivering of the Cloths of the
Company, to stopping thereby our Trade, which is
now already of
he is now afraid, that the Ceylon Government
will bring a Complaint to his Highness the Nabob
of the Carnatick, over it and above more other Vexa-
-tions which the Manager of Bobbery reputation
Seven Months ya Perumal Pully has used against
the Company's Merchants & Inhabetants, and
wherein the Renter supports him, he endeavours
to give such a Color to the Things, as if he for the
Interest of the Nabob had prohibited and stopt

the

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the importing of Cloths and Bullion. The Nabobs can do no better thing than to write an Inquiry to be made into all these things by some impartial Persons Gentlemen recommended for Example, by the former Governor Rous Commander in Chief and the Governor Rous Secretary, or by any other Persons in whom the Nabob may have a particular Confidence. I can therefore wish pursuit that in order the Nabob may be taken a Draught of Eyes Engineer at Tanjore to take a Draught of the Buildings &c. belonging to the Fortress, and that he consequently order the Ground that belongs thereto, to be measured, for to prevent further Disputes with the Marattas. yet I add this one more, that His Highness personally give the strictest Order to let the Way be shewn for the importing of Cloths & Bullion that the Persons which come to the Frontiers of this Kingdom may not be taken up & stopt any where on.

I have the Honor to be
Honble Sir
your very obedient
humble Servant
S. G Van Angelbeek

Futtecoreen
the Dec 1777

Here the following Letter from Lieut
Spencer Cockburn Fortifications at Tanjore
Charles Oakeley Esqr
Military Secretary Fort

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Sir

From Lieut. Cochrane requesting an allowance of oil & Candles

Having applyed to the Paymaster for the customary allowance of Oil, and Candles, He informed me, that it was necessary for him to have your order, before He cou'd issue any such allowance

I must now beg leave to request you'll be so good as to give directions to the Paymaster, for my receiving the usual allowance granted to a Town Major, for going this towns &c.

I am Sir

your very obedient

humble Servant

Spencer Cochrane

Town Major

Tanjore
12th Dec. 1777

Agreed that Lieut. Cochrane be permitted to draw the customary allowance of Oil & Candles, and that the Paymaster of Tanjore be advised thereof

Granted

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honor &c. Commands of the 18th Ultimo, wherein we are directed to draw six compleat Grenadier Companies of the Sepoys

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From Nagapatam a Detachment sent into the Gan jam District under Lieut Davis commanding the Artillery Lieut Rogers & Ensign Fitzgerald

Sepoys belonging to our District to assemble at Poney. with two three Pounders, and some Artillery Men and ships to be fitted themselves in readiness for marching into the Ganjam District, under the Command of Captain Thomas Front. but, as we have since received a Letter from the Chief and Council of Ganjam, requesting us to furnish them with the above number of Artillery and four Companies of Grenadiers, we have complied with their Requisition so far as relates our Power, which was only three Companies, having no more in the District belonging to Captain Rindes Battalion that are at present employed in protecting the Northern Country from the Ravages of Hyder Ayaly and his Adherents. who have lately come down from the Hills and committed Hostilities on Captain Collins Grenadier Company is still in the Chauy Ga-tam District, as well as a Company of his Battalion Sepoys, which we have requested the Gentlemen at Ganjam, to relieve as soon as possible, for we are apprehensive the State People will take advantage of the absence of so large a Force as we ordered to Ganjam, to create more trouble and thereby greatly distress that as we understand there are a considerable Number of Captain Rindes Battalion sick at Vizagapatam and of course that is so much weakened. That we can be spared from that Battalion till these Troops are settled in the Country. We have directed Captain Rogers to detain part only a Company of his Battalion Sepoys to join those of the Grenadiers at Poney should the Ships

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Chief of Council of Goa are apply to him for more
Troops.

As Lieutenant Sutcliffe Thompson
and Suite, has left this place, in order to attend the
Quarter Sessions at Madrass, before we received your
Honourable Letter, wherein the former was
appointed to command the Artillery which were
ordered by your Honor &c. to Goa. This Corps became
thereby destitute of Officers & we were obliged to appoint
Mr. Lindsay, a Cadet, to act as Lieutenant Fireworker,
and to do duty as such, till your pleasure was known,
which we hope will be approved of, as we believe him
to be truly deserving of your notice; but as he has
never seen real Service, and the Artillery may be like-
ly to be employed in an Expedition against Gonsoor,
without a proper Officer to command them; We
have therefore directed Lieutenant Davis to take charge of
this Detachment in consequence of his having offered
his Services in a publick Letter addressed to our
Board, a Copy of which, we herewith inclose for
your perusal as we think it merited some attention
from us.

We are sorry to acquaint you with
the Deaths of Ensign Richard Fitzgerald and Lt.
Samuel Rogers of the 1st Circar Battalion of
Sepoys. The Latter died last Night of a Hill
Fever.

We are with great Respect
Honble

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Hond.le Sir & Sirs

your most obed.t
humble Servants
W. Williams
H. Crawford
Jah. Barlow

Vizagapatam
31st Dec.r 1777

To M. Morgan Williams Esq.r
Provincial Chief & Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

I beg leave to acquaint you, having
been informed that there will be shortly a Detach-
ment of Artillery in order to March, and shall pro-
ceed diligently on immediate Service, and the Corps appointed
having no Commissioned Officer to take Charge of them
on the Expedition. I beg leave to offer myself to go
on the Command, if you should approve of the same
I have the Honor to be respectfully
Gentlemen
your most obedient
humble Servant
George Davis
Lt.

Vizagapatam
30th Nov.r 1777

A true Copy
A. Barlow Secy

Read the following Letter from
the Chief and Council of Gingee.

To

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To the Honble John Whitehill Esqr

President and Governor &c.a Council &c.a

Fort St. George

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favored with your

Letter of the 29th October enclosing one to Captain

Lysaght which was forwarded to Captain Chesshyre

at Ostia.

We herewith transmit your

Honr &c.a Copy of a Letter which We received a

few days since from Captain Chesshyre, and request

your Orders on the Contents, as We do not conceive

Captain Chesshyre's having appointed Mr. Parsons

Armstrong to act as Surgeon to be sufficient to the

purpose for us to allow him the pay & Emoluments

annexed to that Rank.

We have the honor to be very

respectfully

Honble Sir & Sirs

your most obedient humble Servants

R.t Maunsell

Tho.s Dyneley

Rob.t Hughes

J. Ludlestone

Ganjam

9th Dec.r 1777

From Ganjam with Copy of a Letter from Capt.n Chesshyre

To Robert Maunsell Esqr

Provisional Chief &c.a Council at

Ganjam

Sir & Sirs

The present scarcity of Officers

for

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Sir

I am with Respect

Sir & Sirs

your very obedt and

most humble Servant

Robt Chefshyre

Aska
24th Nov. 1777

(Signed)

A true Copy

J Hudleston Sy

Pay to Mr Thomas
Staing not allowd
to

Lieut Fraser
Gibson to rank
next to Lieut
Fraser Sutcliffe

The Board cannot allow Ensign Chefshyre to Mr Brownes appointed by Captain Chefshyre to act in that Rank.

The Petition of Lieut Fraser Gibson setting forth that he has been misled by Conversation and the Books kept at the Pay Office of this Presidency into a Belief that he was entitled to rank as Lieut from the 9th August 1775 the next senior Lieut to Fraser Sutcliffe.

Read the following Letter from Major Browne dated the 25th Decr enclosing a Power of the Nabob.

Mcastle

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Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

From Major Browne with a Sunna on the Nabob—

In conformity to the general orders I have the Honor of transmitting to your Honors & Sunnd from his Highness the Nabob to me for a Debt contracted in the year 1772 by his eldest Son on account of Provisions for the Army then going against Rumma conjeram under the Command of General Smith by whose desire it was I sent the Sunnd with the knowledge and approbation of Mr. Dupre!

I have troubled your Honors with Copy of the Sunnd in preference to sending a Statement of the Account as it more plainly proves the nature of the Debt and the Interest it has all along run at

As this is a just Debt contracted for the Honble Service. may I pray the indulgence of the Continuance of your Honors with his Highness for the immediate discharge of the Debt.

I beg your forgiveness for thus presuming to use so much freedom & have the Honor to be with the most profound respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient and most humble Servant.

George Browne

Sangore
25th Dec. 1777

Translation

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Translation of a Persian Copy of a Purwanna under the Seal of His Highness the Nawab Walla Jah Ameer ul Hind

This to be paid from the revenues of Chittoor in the Jaghire of Vellore for the year of Khazeg 1187. and a Copy to be taken for the Amount

LS

Directed To Annaver Aly Cawn

Dated 11 Jemmaudee Awul 1190 Hegyra
or 29th June 1776.

Formerly my Faithful Son Amaut ul Umra Bahauder granted a Tomaundar his dated to Jumaudee ul Awul 1190 Hegyra on account of Captain Browne for the Sum of Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Sixteen Star Pagodas 10516 eight Fanams being the amount of Pauy Cuttoo Store for the use of the Fort of Ramnaut of the above mentioned Sum, five Thousand Pagodas were part of the collections of the Ramnaut district for the year of Khazeg 1184 and for the ballance together with interest as specific in the annexed account given by the Mutsuddees & Juncan is now granted to be in the district of Baramgeroor in the Jaghire of Vellore being six thousand two hundred & seven Star Pagodas 6207 32/42 which is to be paid to Captain Browne from

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from the Collections of the Shazly year 1186. upon the
delivering up my Sons bond above mentioned & granting
a separate receipt for the amount both of which shall be sent
to the Presidency.

On Account of Bond granted
by Omdut ul Omrah dated 24
Ramzan 1188 - for the
amount of 8818.18 ½
Pago --- Pags 8520.19

Interest thereon from
1st August 1772 to 1st Dec.r
at the rate of 10 p.Cent p.Annum
being 2 Years 5 Months 1090.9

Pags 10510.28

5519.28

Balance --
Interest from 1st December
1774 to 1st May 1776. at
the rate of 10 p.Cent p.Annum
being 17 Months - 1490 -

Pagodas 7009.28

Paid out of the Revenues
of Shaumant for the Year of
Shazly 1184 - on the
14th July 1775 - 5000 ----
Balance due - 5519.28

Pags 10510.28

Deduct Interest on Pags
5000 - at the rate of 10 p.C.t
p.Annum from 14th July 1775
to 1st May 1776 --- 398 ---
Balance --- 6611.28

Pagodas 7009.28

D. Burning

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List of Military Offices in the Honble Compans Service on the Coast of Choromandel

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Ra
Hector Munro				
James Stuart				
Ros Lang	Colonel	12 Octr 1772	Ensign	6 Apl 17
William Flint	Do	12 Febry 73	Do	5 Sept 5
Abram Bonjour	Lieut Colonel	27 Augt 70.	Do	11 Do
John Braithwaite	Do	22 Octr 72.	Major	21 June 7
John Bellingham	Do	12 Apl 73.	Ensign	31 May 7
Hump.y Harper	Do	21 Febry 74	Do	3 June
Jn.o Fitzgerald	Major	22 Octr 72	Do	3 July
William Baillie	Do	12 Apl	Do Lieutenant	18 Octr
Peeles Nixon	Do	21 Febry 74	Captain	4 July
George Brown	Do	22	Do Do	By Brevet 2 July 17 13 Sept 7
Henry Marcell	Captain	4 9 July 1765. 14 Sept 1763		
Samuel Sears		14 Nov 1765	Ensign	11 Sept
Charles Hopkins	Do	17 Sept 1763		
Macclellan				
Richd Mathews	Do	16 Nov 1765 19 Sept 1763	Do	15 July 7
Hy A. M.c Cosby	Do	16 Nov 1765 20 Sept 1763	Do	28 July
Robert Kelly	Do	12 Dy Nov 1765	Do	6 Octr
John Short	Do	12 Do	Do	7 Do

Names.	Present Rank	Date of Post Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
John Colgrave	Captain	7th May 1762	Ensign	29th Dec.r
Robert Godfrey	Do.	29th Do.	Lieutenant	11th Jan.y
William Collins	Do.	28th Oct.r 62	Do.	10th July
Richard Nelson	Do.	5th May 62	Do.	7th Do.
Matthias Calvert	Do.	2d Do.		
Alex.r M.c Kenzie	Do.	3d Do.	Do.	2d Sept.r 62
Hugh Rob.t Alcock	Do.	4th May		
Thomas Bruce	Do.	16th June 62.	Do.	5th July 64
George Burrington	Do.	17th Do.		
Wm.m Murphy	Do.	8th July	Do.	25th July 65
William Hunting	Do.	20th June 70.	Do.	9th Oct.r
Charles Rumley	Do.	25th Do.	Do.	2d Feb.y 65
James Powell	Do.	22d Do.	Do.	3d Do.
Charles Frazer	Do.	28th Do.		
Arthur Lysaght	Do.	30th Do.		
Robert Wood	Do.	5th July		
William Russell	Do.	2d Do.		
Robert Chesshyre	Do.	6th Do.		
Robert Gibbings	Do.	7th Do.		
Patrick Barclay	Do.	9th Do.		
Thomas Bridges	Do.	11th Do.		
Robert Long	Do.	14th Do.		

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Res.d Rank	Finish Rank	Date Finish
James Johnston	Captain	17. July 1770.		
George Nixon	Do	12 Augt 71.	Resign	6 Febry
Donald Campbell	Do	13 Do.	Do	8 Do.
John Davis	Do	14. Do.	Do	9. Do
Alex.r Duncan	Do.	5. Do.		
Robert Watts	Do	17. Febry 72	Do	11. Do.
James Hughes	Do.	26. Nov.r	Do.	4 March
Thomas Rowles.	Do.	27. Do	Do.	18 June
James Galbraith	Do.	12 Febry 73.	Do.	27 July
George Smith	Do.	12 Apl.	Do.	29 Do
Henry La Motte	Do.	16. May	Do.	13 Do
Edward Edmonds	Do.	13 Do.	Do.	16 Do
Thomas Lane	Do	18 Augt	Do	15. Do.
Fran.s Swain Ward	Do.	6. Sept.r		
Edward Collins	Do	15. Octr	Do.	30. Decr
Joseph Billcliffe	Do	8. Novr	Do.	27. Jany 66.
David Muirhead	Do.	12. Do.	Do.	8. June
Thomas Bagot	Do.	13 Do.	Do	13 Do.
William Phillips	Do.	22. Febry 74.	Do.	20 Do.
Alex.r Patterson	Do	19. June 75.	Do.	31. Do
John Ja.s Durand.	Do	8 Do. 76.	Do.	15 Apl 63.
Walterhouse Adair	Do	21. Sept.r	Do	15 Novr 66.
George Conyngham	Do.	18 Novr	Do	2 Decr

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Rec.d Rank	First Rank	Date of first Rank
Charles Lucas	Captain	20 Nov.r 1776	Ensign	26 Aug.t 67.
Thomas Burrows	Do.	22 Do.	Do.	21 Sept.r
Oldham	Do.	23 Do.	Do.	24 Octo.r
Thomas Locke	Do.	24 Do.	Do.	30. Do.
Com.d Baker Evance	Do.	25 Do.	Do.	31. Do.
Dugald Campbell	Do.	26 Do.	Do.	3 Nov.r
Robert Ferrier	Do.	27 Do.	Do.	3 Do.
Thomas Walker	Lieutenant	9 May 68	Do.	5 January
David Dwar	Captain	3 July 77	Lieutenant	15 Dec.r
Thomas Trent	Do.	5 Do.	Ensign	14 January
Donald McLeod	Do.	13 April 77	Do.	16 Nov.r
John Mordaunt	Do.	14. Do.	Do.	2 Do.
Samuel Hoare	Do.	16. Do.	Lieutenant	5 July
John Fletcher	Do.	16. Do.	Do.	7 Do.
John Patterson	Do.	17 Do.	Do.	9 Do.
George Campbell	Do.	26. Do.	Do.	9 Do.
Thomas Prendergast	Do.	27 Do.	Do.	10 Do.
George Clarke	Do.	29 Dec.r	Do.	13 Do.
Robert Temple	Do.	30 Do.	Do.	15. Do.
John Walker	Do.	31. Do.	Do.	17. Do.
Sal. Philips	Lieutenant	12 July 78.		
Henry Hearst	Do.	20. Do.		
John Darell	Do.	23 Do.		

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Names.	Present Rank	Date of Brev.t Rank	Prev.s Rank	Date of first Rank
Harcourt Woodhouse	Lieutenant	27th July 70.		
John Du Pont	Do	31st Do		
James O Hara,	Do	1st Augt		
Clotworthy Thompson	Do	2d Do		
Hugh Montgomery	Do	3d Do		
John Cuppage.	Do	4 Do		
George Lavey	Do	29th Do	Ensign	7th Janry 6[illegible]
Robert Sale	Do	31st Do	Do	10th Do
George Moore.	Do	2d Do	Do	11th Do
Richard Scott	Do	3d Do	Do	15th Do
Peter Bonneveaux	Do	3d Do	Do	16th Do
Francis Wragg.	Do	5th Do	Do	16 Oct
Cornelius Grant.	Do	6th Sept	Do	17th Do
Samuel Welsford	Do	7th Do	Do	19th Do
John Campbell	Do	8th Do	Do	20th Do
Alexander Wynch	Do	12th Do	Do	26th Do
Robert Scouler	Do	16 Do	Do	31st Do
William Blacker	Do	19th Do	Do	3d Nov.r
Daniel Burr.	Do	20th Do	Do	4th Do
Francis Gowdie	Do	21st Do	Do	5th Do
Michael Crobie	Do	22d Do	Do	6th Do
Thomas Mosley	Do	23d Do	Do	7th Do
Henry Malcolm	Do	26th Do	Do	10th Do
Archer Arnold Langley				

Names	Present Rank	Date of Rec.d Rank	First Rank	Date of first Rank
David McClintock	Lieutenant	27th Sept.r 70.	Ensign	12th Nov.r 68.
William Champeneys	Do.	1st Capt.n	Do.	19th Do
James Gee	Do.	2d Do.	Do.	21st May 69
Donald Campbell	Do.	6th Do.	Do.	9th Do
David Marishall	Do.	11th Nov.r	Do.	17th Do
Hugh Delks Harding	Do	19th Do	Do	4th June 71
George Mackay	Do	28th Sept.r 71.	Do.	6th Do.
Benj.n Bowen Bishop	Do	5th May.	Do.	11th Do
George Roberts	Do	5th July	Do.	17th Do
Edmund Brown	Do.	2d Do	Do	18th Do.
Francis Maxwell	Do.	17th Do	Do	24th Do.
Thomas Monhouse	Do	21st Aug.t.	Do	22d July
James Stewart	Do	10th Dec.r	Do.	26th Do
Edmund Woodward	Do	20th Sept.r 72	Do.	21st Do
John Baillie	Do	3d Feby	Do	29th Do.
Urban Vigors	Do	7th Do	Do	2d Aug.t
Francis Skyrme	Do	13th Do	Do	3d Do
George Muat	Do	14th Month	Do	4th Do
Edmund Nelson	Do	22d April	Do	5th Do
John Taylor	Do	13th May	Do	6th Do
Edward Sourdan	Do	18th Do	Do	7th Do
Richd Anderson	Do	23d Do	Do	8th Do
Joseph Butler	Do	23d Dec.r	Do	19th Do

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Barth.w Vigors	Lieutenant	11th Apl. 1778	Ensign	15th Aug.t 77
William Bruce	Do.	12th Do.	Do.	16th Do.
William Brand	Do.	6th June	Do.	22d Do.
Archib.d Brown	Do.	14th July	Do.	23d Do.
Philip Mayne	Do.	24 Do.	Do.	25th Do.
Wm. Aug.s Le Grand	Do.	2d Sept.r	Do.	27th Do.
Noble Jn.o Wright Abbot	Do.	13th Do.	Do.	1st Sept.r
John Watkins	Do.	14th Do.	Do.	3d Do.
John North	Do.	9th Nov.r	Do.	6th Do.
Thomas Cotton	Do.	13th Do.	Do.	8th Do.
Henry Fowke	Do.	8th Dec.r	Do.	10th Do.
Thomas Meeke	Do.	12 Do.	Do.	11th Do.
Walter Douglass	Do.	13th Do.	Do.	16th Do.
Joseph Roberts	Do.	26 Do.	Do.	17th Do.
John Snelling	Do.	27th Do.	Do.	19th Do.
Henry Quin	Do.	29 Do.	Do.	22d Do.
Alex.r Montgomery	Do.	22d Feb.y 78	Do.	24th Do.
Arthur Dunkin	Do.	1st March	Do.	26th Do.
Arthur Crawford	Do.	1st Apl.	Do.	28th Do.
Will.m Flint	Do.	5th May	Do.	30th Do.
James Trail	Do.	25th July	Do.	1st Oct.r
John Clarke	Do.	8th Augt.	Do.	5th Do.
William Goddard	Do.	9th Sept.r	Do.	7 Do.
Tho.s Townsend.	Do.	12th Do.	Do.	8th Do.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	Joint Rank	Date of Joint Rank
Tho.s Dunwoody	Lieutenant	1st Nov.r 1774.	Ensign	13th Oct.r 75
Robert Croker	Do.	16th June 75.	Do	16th Do
Lauchlin M.c Kennon	Do	1st July	Do	17th Do
Thomas Douglas	Do	2d Do	Do	22d Do
Geo. Tetheringham	Do	27th March	Do	31st Do.
Camill.s Marmeon	Do	25th Apl	Do	2d Nov.r
Thomas Knox	Do	27th Do	Do	3d Do
Stephen Towns	Do	5th June	Do	4th Do
John Cox	Do	27th Do.	Do	8 Do.
George Wahab	Do	28 July	Do	9th Do.
Archib.d Eagle	Do	7th Augt	Do	10th Do.
Robert Hope	Do	5th Sept.r	Do	11th Do
George Waight	Do	21st Do	Do	12th Do
Arthur Stewart	Do	21st Oct.r	Do	13th Do
Nathaniel Dawes	Do	26th Dec.r		
Thomas Leighton	Do	29th June 1776.	Do	21st Do.
James Oliver	Do	5. Feby	Do	22d Do.
Rich.d Eastland	Do	6th Do.	Do	26th Do
James Russell	Do	7th Do	Do	27th Do
George Stewart	Do	6 March	Do	28th Do
James Burn	Do	18th Do	Do	29th Do
Rich.d Greaves	Do	27th Apl	Do	4th Dec.r
John Pringle	Do	1st June	Do	7th Do

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Names	Present Rank	Date of Rank	Finish Rank	Date of Rank
Caleb Pearson	Lieutenant	26th Aug. 1776	Captain	10th Dec.r
James Pearson	Do	2d Sept.r	Do	13th Do.
Francis Torrens	Do	10th Do.	Do	14th Do.
Edward White	Do	11th Do.	Do	15th Do.
Robert Brounker	Do	12th Do.	Do	16th Do.
Cary Lalande	Do	21st Do.	Do	19th Do.
Morris Alex.r Lind	Do	22d Do.	Do	20th Do.
Oliver Wheeler	Do	16th Oct.r	Do	22d Do.
James Foster	Do	17th Do.	Do	23d Do.
Francis Cookson	Do	18th Do.	Do	24th Do.
Thomas Smith	Do	18th Nov.r	Do	25th Do.
Cromwell Mapsey	Do	19th Do.	Do	26th Do.
Savage Bowden	Do	20th Do.	Do	27th Do.
Charles Dale Ashby	Do	21st Do.	Do	29th Do.
Richard Chase	Do	24th Do.	Do	15th June 71.
Mat.w Chr.r Preidel	Do	25th Do.	Do	16th Do.
Jonath.n Doveton	Do	3d Febr.y 77	Do	17th Do.
Tho.s Underwood	Do	4th Do.	Do	19 Do.
Rich.d Wilkinson	Do	13th Apl.	Do	21st Do.
Thomas Young	Do	14th Do.	Do	22d Do.
James Walter	Do	15th Do.	Do	23d Do.
Alex.r Watson	Do	16th Do.	Do	25th Do.
Æneas Mackay	Do	17th Do.	Do	26th Do.
Walter Anderson	Do	26th Do.	Do	29th Do.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	Foreign Rank	Date of first Rank
David Willson	Lieutenant	17th Aug.t 1777	Ensign	3d July 1771
And.w Read	Do.	19th Do.	Do.	3d Do.
David Campbell	Do.	25th Dit.o	Do.	4th Do.
Peter Wright	Do.	26th Do.	Do.	7th Do.
John Forbes	Do.	27th Do.	Do.	10th Do.
Robert Lowe	Do.	28th Do.	Do.	11th Do.
Alex.r M.c Pherson	Do.	29th Do.	Do.	21st Dec.r 77
William Meath	Do.	30th Do.	Do.	3d Feb.y
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James Jenkins	Do.	16th Mar.h 78	Do.	5th Do.
Stephen Swain	Ensign	17th Feb.y 78		
James Dalrymple	Do.	22d Do.		
John Richardson	Do.	15th March		
Alex.r Frazer	Do.	15th May		
Alex.r Read	Do.	17th Do.		
Theobald Stafford	Do.	11th Feb.y		
John Scudamore	Do.	21st Aug.t		
George Baker	Do.	13th Sept.r		
Daniel M.c Neal	Do.	23d Oct.r		
Thomas Cumb.d Ross	Do.	10th Nov.r		
Thomas Hallcott	Do.	21st Do.		
Blick Sand.s Bate	Do.	8th Feb.y 79		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	First Rank	Date of first Rank
Thomas Parr	Ensign	5th Feby 1773		
Peter Campbell	Do.	9th March		
James Campbell	Do.	6th Apl.		
James Turing	Do.	1st May		
Mitchell B.re Knox	Do.	16th Do		
Lionel Westropp	Do.	17th Do.		
Joseph Little	Do	18th Do.		
Henry Rice	Do	6th June		
Jos.h Porter Eyton	Do.	7th Do.		
William Henzie	Do	8th Do.		
Michael Flemings	Do.	20th July		
James Mitchell	Do.	26th Do.		
Henry Deveaux	Do.	9th Augt.		
John Spencer	Do.	18th Do.		
Thomas Bonser	Do	20th Do.		
John Glover	Do	2d Sept.r		
Barry Close	Do	3d Do.		
William Terry	Do	6th Do.		
John Browne	Do	6th Do.		
Samuel Jacobs	Do	10th Do		
Thomas Williams	Do	18 Octr.		
James Cram	Do	5th Novr.		
Charles Grant	Do.	8th Do		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Present Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
George Aubery	Ensign	9th Nov.r 1775		
John Grant	Do.	10th Do.		
John Tabbiner	Do.	12th Do.		
John Halliburton	Do.	13th Do.		
Charles Smart	Do.	14th Do.		
William Andrews	Do.	8th Do.		
John Crisp	Do.	17th Do.		
George Ure	Do.	18th Do.		
William Jones	Do.	26th Do.		
Willm Brocket Stevens	Do.	28th Do.		
Jas. Bagshaw Butler	Do.	29th Do.		
Samuel Pictet	Do.	30th Do.		
William Godfrey	Do.	31st Do.		
Eccles Smith	Do.	1st Feby 74.		
John Weller	Do.	3d Do.		
Patk Alexr Agnew	Do.	20th Apl.		
Johnston Kennedy	Do.	5th May		
Edwd Gibbings	Do.	6th Do.		
Robert Ogilvy	Do.	7th Do.		
John Granwell	Do.	8th June		
Archd Gillon	Do.	10th Do.		
Jos. Aug.s Rogers	Do.	11th Augt		
James Mackay	Do.	22d Do.		

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Names	Present Rank.	Date of Pres.t Rank	Last Rank	Date of first Rank
Lewis Grant	Ensign	3d June 75.		
Robert Mackay	Do.	4. Do.		
Thomas Sampson	Do.	5. Do.		
John Stevens	Do	9 Do.		
Edward Bridges	Do.	13. July		
John Tindel Evans	Do.	18. Do.		
Thomas Moore	Do.	24 Do.		
Francis Cumine	Do.	31. Do.		
Ranjot Jackson	Do.	1. Augt.		
William Johnston	Do.	3 Sept.r		
Thomas Fisher	Do.	2. Do.		
Walter Thompson	Do.	11. Do.		
Thomas Brisbane	Do.	15. Do.		
Matthew Hill	Do.	16 Do.		
Parke Pepper	Do.	17 Do.		
John Prendergast	Do.	18. Do.		
Charles De Castros	Do.	19 Do.		
Andrew Boswell	Do.	20 Do.		
Simon Baillie	Do.	10. Decr 75.		
Willm Forbes	Do.	11 Do.		
Thomas Mylne	Do.	12 Do.		
Hector McLean	Do.	13 Do.		
Saml. Stewart Hall	Do	14 Do.		
Robert Cameron	Do	15. Do.		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Com.n Rank	First Rank	Date of First Rank
Hector Dominecetty	Ensign	16th Decr 1775.		
Alexr Radford	Do.	7th June 1776.		
Jas. Minimr Macomichy	Do.	13th Do.		
Thos. Coke	Do.	19th Do.		
Lescombe Stretch	Do.	21st Apl.		
Chris. Eastabrooke	Do.	29th Do.		
Thomas Gordon	Do.	6th May.		
Gabl. Doveton	Do.	7th Do.		
Willm Hammond	Do.	8th Do.		
John Grun	Do.	20th Augt.		
Jnº Barker Bonsanquet	Do.	24th Do.		
Alexr Cosprage	Do.	26th Do.		
Aldwell Taylor	Do.	26th Do.		
Patk. Campbell	Do.	26th Do.		
Thos. Livingston	Do.	27th Do.		
Walter Herbert Lloyd	Do.	28th Do.		
Benjamin Lucas	Do.	29th Do.		
Thomas Carey	Do.	30th Do.		
William Dick	Do.	30th Do.		
Edward Tolfrey	Do.	31st Do.		
James Pennicuick	Do.	31st Do.		
Samuel Geanrel	Do.	5th Sept.		

Names	Present Rank	Date of Pres.t Rank	Firth Date of Rank	Firth
John Elphinston Dundas	Ensign	3d	Sept.r 1796.	
John Bamber	Do.	4th	Do.	
Will.m Duncanson	Do.	6.	Do.	
Thomas Davis	Do.	21st	Do.	
Thomas Price	Do.	23d	Do.	
Edw.d Ferguson	Do.	24th	Do.	
Anthony Beale	Do.	25th	Do.	
Thomas Nash	Do.	26th	Do.	
George Clarke	Do.	28th	Do.	
Alex.r Dyce	Do.	18th	Nov.r	
Rich.d Rarce Orton	Do.	19th	Do.	
John Wood	Do.	20th	Do.	
Alex.r Beatson	Do.	21st	Do.	
Lt. M.c Donald	Do.	22d	Do.	
Will.m Grant	Do.	23d	Do.	
Henry Keating	Do.	24th	Do.	
Chas.r Corner	Do.	25th	Do.	
William Kennedy	Do.	28th	Do.	
John Croley	Do.	29th	Do.	
Philip Walton	Do.	30th	Do.	
Will.m Langham	Do.	1st	Dec.r	
Robert Macklin	Do.	2d	Do.	
George Innis	Do.	5th	Febry	97.

Names	Present Rank	Date of Prov.l Rank	First Rank	Date of First Com.n
James Innis	Ensign	6th Feby 1777		
Wm Boyle Sullivan	Do	3 May 76		
Robt Baillie	Do	2d Feby 77		
Robt McTerrand	Do	9th Do		
James Forbes	Do	10th Do		
John Lee	Do	11th Do		
Robert Sheddan	Do	5th March		
William Adlam	Do	15th June		
John Orr	Do	1st Augt		
John Willson	Do	19th Do		
Thomas Birrell	Do	20th Do		
Livingston Callender	Do	26th Do		

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Edward Ferne	Lieutenant	2.d Apl. 1776,	Lieut.t Ft. Wm	15.th Sept.r
Joseph Johnston	Lieut.t Ft. Wm	20.th Janry 1772		
David Smith	Lieutenant	2 May 77	D.o	9.th March 7.
Henry Hagan	Lieut.t Ft. Wm	25.th May 72		
Richard Jones	D.o	27.th May 72.		
Robert Tutt	D.o	17.th Augst 72.		
John Slipper	D.o	22 Novr 72		
Charles Webb	D.o	26.th Augst 73.		
Andrew Thomson	D.o	13.th Febry 74		
Thomas Sutliffe	D.o	8.th Augst 74		
James Gibson	D.o	9.th Augst 74		
John Baillie	D.o	10.th June 75.		
Robert Speedman	D.o	11.th June 75.		
Thomas Winbalt	D.o	12.th June 75.		
Robert Cox	D.o	22 Decr 75.		
Hugh Mallet	D.o	5.th May 76		
Charles Lucas	D.o	21.st July 77		
Tho.s Bedford	D.o	22 July 77		

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William Stevens	Director & Engineer	11th March 1774	Practitioner Engineer & Lieu.t	7th January 17
George Burghall	D.o	12th March 74	by Brevet	
George Maule	Sub Director & Captain	26th Augst 70.	Brevet Lieu.t & Capt.n	3d Augst 7
Alex.r Mitchell	D.o	11th March 1774	D.o	11th Ma
Alex.r Dugood	D.o	20th June 1775	D.o	5th May
John Throbald	Sub Engineer & Lieutenant	12th April 1774	D.o	12th June 7
James Johnston	D.o	20th June 1775	D.o	12 April
George Banks	Practitioner Engineer & Ensign	6th June 1774		
William Gent	D.o	20th June 1775		
Digby Brooke	D.o	6th June 1777		

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